

# Avanti's Kitsault Environmental Assessment Application Accepted After Screening Review

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VANCOUVER, 02/22/12 - [Avanti Mining Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: AVT) (PINKSHEETS: AVNMF) ('Avanti' or the 'Company') is pleased to announce that its Environmental Assessment (EA) Application for the Kitsault Mine Project ('Project') in northern BC, has been accepted by the Province for formal review after the Screening Assessment. The Province has concluded that the draft EA Application meets the application requirements as stated in the Project Application Information Requirements (AIR). All members of the Project Technical Working Group participated in the Screening Assessment, including Provincial and Federal regulators as well as First Nations. Avanti will assess and finalize its EA Application over the next 30 days and when completed, the 180-day legislated review of the document will commence.

'Acceptance of the Kitsault Mine Project EA is a significant milestone within the Environmental Assessment process,' Mr. Craig J. Nelsen, President and CEO, stated. 'With its acceptance, the Kitsault Mine Project can officially move to the formal review stage of the Environmental Assessment process, which includes legislated timelines for review and decision making.'

The BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO), in a letter dated February 17, 2012, concluded that the 'Application provides an appropriately meaningful treatment of the information set out in the AIR and has decided to accept the Application for formal detailed review.' The AIR is posted on the EAO's Project Information Center website at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca).

The Canadian Environmental Assessment (CEA) Agency, responsible for managing the Federal CEA process, has indicated that more time is needed to complete their independent Screening Assessment.

[Avanti Mining Inc.](#) is focused on the development of the past producing Kitsault Mine Project located north of Prince Rupert in British Columbia. In late 2010, Avanti completed the Kitsault Feasibility Study on the Kitsault Mine Project, dated December 15, 2010, prepared by AMEC Americas Limited that showed Proven and Probable Reserves of 232.5 million tonnes averaging 0.081% molybdenum. Ken Collison, P.ENG., senior vice president, project development and a Qualified Persons as defined by NI43-101, is responsible for the technical information in this press release.

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