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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Avalon Appoints New Corporate Secretary

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**Avalon Ventures Ltd.**, (TSX-V: AVL) (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Marie D. Thorne to the position of Corporate Secretary of the Company.

Ms. Thorne has over 25 years of relevant business experience and over the past 5 years served as Assistant Secretary and Executive Assistant to the President for a TSX-listed junior mining company. Ms. Thorne is commencing her duties on a full-time basis effective today.

Ms. Thorne’s appointment follows the resignation of Mr. Ralph Dalgarno, who served the Company as Corporate Secretary for the past two years on a part-time basis, during a period of reduced business activity. The Board thanks Mr. Dalgarno for his service.

As part of her compensation package, Ms. Thorne was granted 200,000 incentive stock options exercisable at a price of \$0.69 for a period of five years from the date of grant of the option, as disclosed in the Company’s news release dated March 13, 2006. The options will vest at the rate of 50,000 per year with the first 25,000 vesting six months from the date of grant of the option. Any shares issuable on exercise of the options will be subject to a four month hold period beginning on the date of grant of the options.

#### **About Avalon Ventures Ltd.**

Avalon Ventures Ltd. (TSX-V: AVL) is a Canadian junior mineral exploration and development company, with a primary focus on industrial minerals and rare metals with high technology applications. Avalon currently holds a valuable portfolio of advanced stage projects, including two projects at the feasibility stage, that have received considerable interest from around the world. To find out more about Avalon Ventures Ltd. (TSX-V: AVL), please visit our website at [www.avalonventures.com](http://www.avalonventures.com).

This news release is available on the Company’s official on-line investor relations site for investor commentary, feedback and questions. Investors are invited to visit the “Avalon Ventures” IR Hub at <http://www.agoracom.com/ir/avalon>. In addition, investors are invited to e-

mail their questions and correspondence to [AVL@agoracom.com](mailto:AVL@agoracom.com) or phone Don Bubar, P.Geo. President, at 416-364-4938.

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