



PRESS RELEASE

AMERICAN VANADIUM ANNOUNCES A PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF UP TO \$2 MILLION

August 21, 2012 - AMERICAN VANADIUM CORP. (“American Vanadium” or the “Company”) (TSX.V: AVC) (OTCQX: AVCVF) announces a non-brokered private placement (the “Private Placement”) of up to CDN\$2,000,000 at the price of CDN\$0.62 per unit (a “Unit”). Each Unit consists of one common share (“Common Share”) in the capital of the Company and one-half of a share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a “Warrant”). Each whole Warrant will entitle the holder therefor to purchase one Common Share at the price of CDN\$1.00 each for a period of 18 months from closing.

On closing, the Company will pay up to a 7% finder’s fee in cash. The net proceeds of the Private Placement will be used for mine design, environmental permitting and general working capital.

Closing of the Private Placement is subject to the receipt of all applicable regulatory approvals.

About American Vanadium Corp.

American Vanadium is developing the only vanadium mine in the United States. The Company’s Gibellini Project, located in Nevada, is being designed to economically produce vanadium products for the chemical and titanium alloying industries, as well as vanadium electrolyte for the energy storage industry.

This strategic asset gives American Vanadium the opportunity to vertically integrate into the highest value market, mass energy storage. The Company will focus on producing vanadium electrolyte, powders, crystals and oxide pellets for premium markets such as grid scale flow battery systems, chemical and pollution control applications as well as for the aerospace and defense industry.

A positive Feasibility Study and updated National Instrument 43-101 on the Gibellini Project were completed by AMEC E&C Services in 2011.

American Vanadium trades on the TSX Venture Exchange as a tier-one company under the symbol “AVC”, the OTCQX Market under the symbol “AVCVF” and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange under the symbol “OUA”.

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