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# AMERICAN VANADIUM ANNOUNCES SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

December 24, 2012 - AMERICAN VANADIUM CORP. ("American Vanadium" or the "Company") (TSX.V: AVC) (OTCQX: AVCVF) announces the submission of the Plan of Operations for the Gibellini Project in Nevada to the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which, upon the agency's determination of completeness, initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. Additionally, the Company has submitted a Reclamation Plan to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

"This is a major step forward in our mine permitting process," said Bill Radvak, President & CEO of American Vanadium. "The BLM, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Eureka County have all been very supportive and a pleasure to work with on this project, providing both regulatory and technical direction to enhance the project's environmental protection measures and streamline the permitting process."

The Plan of Operations details the plan for the Gibellini Project from mine design, to processing facilities, to reclamation plan. Importantly, the Plan of Operations incorporates numerous product outputs for high purity vanadium products for the titanium alloying industry as well as electrolyte for the vanadium flow battery market. In addition, the Plan of Operations incorporates a micro grid design utilizing solar power generation and a vanadium battery which will be capable of powering the mine off-grid.

#### 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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