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The Canadian Rare Earth Elements Network or 'CREEN' was launched at the Rare Earth Symposium at MetSoc – COM13 on October 28th. Ms. Marian Campbell Jarvis, Assistant Deputy Minister for Natural Resources Canada at the Symposium described CREEN as an industry-led, multi-stakeholder network focused on providing collaborative solutions that will advance Canada's REE sector to produce and secure 20 percent of the global demand for separated critical rare earth products by 2018. This network is led by companies with REE projects under development and is supported by universities, engineering firms, and national and commercial laboratories.

It aims to:

- Accelerate the development and delivery of timely solutions to technical and economic issues specifically facing Canada's emerging rare earth sector.
- Facilitate partnerships with other national and international organizations to leverage existing research initiatives and identify funding opportunities.
- Support training and education to provide the qualified human resources needed to achieve the sector's goals.

On November 19, 2013, the Steering Committee held its inaugural meeting in Toronto. The purpose of that meeting was to further define, develop and outline specific initiatives that will enable CREEN to deliver on its articulated goals. The Committee members are:

- Ian London, Avalon Rare Metals Inc. (Chair)
- Richard Boudreault, Orbite Aluminae Inc.
- Peter Cashin, Quest Rare Minerals Ltd.
- Boyd Davis, Kingston Process Metallurgy
- Gareth Hatch, Innovation Metals Corp
- In-Ho Jung, McGill University
- Luisa Moreno, EuroPacific Canada
- Dave Willick, GE Canada
- Steve Wilson, SGS Canada
- Janice Zinck, CanmetMINING, NRCan

Key issues discussed included the opportunities and challenges of collaboration, including intellectual property protection, information sharing and disclosure, governance, membership and project R&D funding models. Importantly, several sub-committees were struck to address these issues. The Board is scheduled to meet again on December 16th, at the offices of Kingston Process Metallurgy to review the proposals and plans proposed by the individual Committees, and to address other key opportunities to secure CREEN's success. Stay tuned for more developments.