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## **Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd to visit the Manono Lithium Project**

**AVZ Minerals Limited** (ASX: AVZ) (“AVZ” or “Company”) is pleased to advise that it is actively progressing the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd (“BNB”) for potential investment and off-take opportunities.

As previously advised, discussions with BNB have been on-going for a number of months, and as part of BNB’s already-in-progress due diligence, the Company extended an invitation to visit the Manono Lithium Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (“DRC”). Discussions have recently been held between BNB’s Chairman and AVZ Executive Management around working together to accelerate the development and production of the Manono Lithium Project. AVZ is pleased to confirm that the Chairman of BNB and their due diligence team will be attending site at Manono in the DRC next week with AVZ Management and its strategic advisor, Airguide International Pte Limited.

Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd ([www.nationalpower.com.cn](http://www.nationalpower.com.cn)) is headquartered in Beijing, China, and holds the dominant market position for the supply of batteries to China’s bus industry and is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest battery maker globally with a focus on rapidly expanding its production facilities.

AVZ’s Executive Chairman Klaus Eckhof commented: *“We are very excited by the pace and professionalism demonstrated by BNB as they move through their due diligence process with AVZ. Their ambition to be a dominant player in the global battery market is an excellent match for AVZ given the size of Manono. The continued level of interest we are seeing in the Company following our recent record drill results, confirms once again the Manono Lithium Project as a world-class asset.”*

AVZ also advises that discussions with other memoranda of understanding parties, Guangzhou Tinci Materials Technology Co. and Shanghai GreatPower Industry Co. remain ongoing.

### **About Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd**

Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd. engages in the research and development, production, and sales of lithium batteries. It offers lithium iron phosphate series of batteries for use in buses and cars. The company was founded in 2011 and is based in Beijing, China.

Beijing National Battery Technology Co., Ltd. operates as a subsidiary of State Power Group, Ltd ([www.eng.spic.com.cn](http://www.eng.spic.com.cn)).

BNB has its own in-house team of more than 200 technical staff, with over 15-years of experience in China's lithium-ion battery sector, with the principals of BNB involved with the creation of BYD. The company holds more than 300 patents and has established production bases in Zhengzhou of Henan Province, Haining of Zhejiang Province, Xiangyang of Hubei Province, Nanchang of Jiangxi Province and Xinyu City of Jiangxi Province.

BNB has developed the next generation of lithium iron phosphate batteries with energy densities of 220 Wh/kg, and for its lithium nickel cobalt manganese (LiNiCoMn)O<sub>2</sub> batteries, energy densities of 330 Wh/kg have been reached, both of these battery series are planned for mass production in 2020.

BNB holds the dominant market position for the supply of batteries to China's bus industry. The company has strategic supply agreements with Yutong Bus, Zhongtong Bus, King Long Bus, Yaxing Bus, Higer bus and Wuzhou Long Bus, with purchase orders in excess of 2 million kWh, and 5 billion yuan.

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