

# Avalon's Don Bubar on the first regional lithium battery materials refinery in Ontario

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In this InvestorIntel interview with host Tracy Weslosky, [Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.](#)'s (TSX: AVL | OTCQB: AVLNF) President, CEO and Director, Don Bubar talks about Avalon's recent [partnership agreement](#) with an Essar Group company to co-develop Ontario's first regional lithium battery materials refinery in Thunder Bay, Canada.

In the interview, which can also be viewed in full on the InvestorIntel YouTube channel ([click here](#)), Don Bubar says that the setting up of the refinery is the key step in establishing a domestic battery materials supply chain to serve the needs of future electric vehicle and battery manufacturers in North America. Touching upon the Ontario government's Critical Minerals Strategy to support a domestic electric vehicle supply chain, Don provides an update on the feasibility studies for both the refinery operations and lithium mineral concentrate production at Avalon's Separation Rapids, Ontario, Project. With the Canadian Federal government also signaling strong support to the domestic critical minerals industry in the 2022 Canadian Federal Budget, Don talks about the renewed interest for Avalon petalite lithium mineral concentrates from high strength, high temperature capable, glass and ceramic manufacturers.

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