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PRESS RELEASE

AMERICAN VANADIUM CLOSES FIRST TRANCHE

September 30, 2013- AMERICAN VANADIUM CORP. ("American Vanadium" or the "Company") (TSX.V: AVC) (OTCQX: AVCVF) is pleased to report that it has closed its previously announced non-brokered private placement (the "Private Placement"). It has completed the first tranche and has issued a total of 8,130,000 units at the price of CDN\$0.50 per unit (a "Unit") for total gross proceeds to the Company of approximately CDN\$4,065,000.

Each Unit consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (a "Common Share"), one half of one warrant exercisable at \$0.60 ("\$0.60 Warrant") and one half of one warrant exercisable at \$0.80 ("\$0.80 Warrant"). Each whole \$0.60 Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Common Share (a "Warrant Share") at a price of \$0.60 until March 30, 2014 and each whole \$0.80 Warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one Warrant Share at a price of \$0.80 until September 30, 2015.

Contemporaneously with the closing of the Private Placement, Brett Whalen, a nominee of Dundee Corporation ("Dundee"), has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Company.

The Company paid a finder's fee of up to 6% cash and the issuance of up to 6% Warrants on 1,020,000 Units sold.

The net proceeds of the Private Placement will be used for sales and marketing activities of the CellCube vanadium redox flow batteries, mine design, environmental permitting and general working capital.

Dundee and the Company have executed a term sheet pursuant to which it is expected that Dundee shall subscribe for up to an additional 6 million Units for aggregate gross proceeds of \$3,000,000, subject to the completion of additional due diligence, definitive documentation and other conditions, including shareholders' approval of Dundee becoming a "control person"

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of the Company (holding over 20% of the Company's shares) after the expected completion of the second tranche of the Private Placement.

All securities issued in connection with the Private Placement will be subject to a statutory hold period of four months plus a day from the date hereof in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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About American Vanadium Corp.

American Vanadium is an integrated energy storage company that markets and sells GILDEMEISTER'S CellCube vanadium redox flow batteries in North America. American Vanadium is developing the only vanadium mine in the United States, providing a critical source of vanadium electrolyte for CellCube energy storage systems. The Company's Gibellini Vanadium Project, located in Nevada, is being designed to economically produce vanadium electrolyte for the energy storage industry, as well as vanadium products for the steel and alloying industries.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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