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**AMERICAN VANADIUM ANNOUNCES  
\$4.5 MILLION PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

**AMERICAN VANADIUM CORP.** (the “Company”) (AVC:TSX-V) is pleased to announce a private placement of up to 3,335,000 units at the price of CDN\$1.35 per unit (the “Unit”) for total gross proceeds of up to CDN\$4,502,250 (the “Offering”). The Offering will be led by Dundee Securities Corporation as sole bookrunner, co-led by Byron Capital Markets Ltd. and will include Casimir Capital Ltd. (the “Agents”).

Each Unit will consist of one common share and one-half non-transferable common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one common share at a price of CDN\$1.95 per common share for a period of 18 months from the date of issuance. The securities issued under the Offering will be subject to a four-month hold period from the date of issuance and subject to regulatory approvals.

The net proceeds from the Offering will be used to fund additional exploration at or in close proximity to the Company’s Gibellini Vanadium Project in Nevada and for general corporate purposes.

In addition, the Company will grant the Agents an over-allotment option, exercisable at any time up to 48 hours prior to the closing of the Offering, to purchase from the Company up to an additional 15% of the Units issued through the Offering, at the same price as is applicable to the Offering.

On closing of the Offering, the Company will pay the Agents a cash commission equal to 7% of the gross proceeds of the Units sold and will issue the Agents non-transferable warrants (the “Agents’ Warrants”) equal to 7% of the Units sold. Each Agents’ Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one common share of the Company at a price of CDN\$1.35 per common share for a period of 12 months from the closing.

Closing of the Offering is expected on or about February 10, 2011.

About American Vanadium Corp.

American Vanadium is currently developing the Gibellini Vanadium Project, a vanadium resource in the state of Nevada, U.S.A. Vanadium is growing in importance as an alloying metal used to strengthen steel as well as the emerging uses with mass storage cells and lithium vanadium batteries for renewable energy. The Company’s Gibellini Vanadium Project is unique in its ability to have economic production of vanadium for the steel industry as well as vanadium electrolyte for the mass storage industry.

A Scoping Study and NI 43-101 have been completed by AMEC E&C Services and are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Company’s website [www.americanvanadium.com](http://www.americanvanadium.com).

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