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AMERICAN VANADIUM SECURES WATER RIGHTS

AMERICAN VANADIUM CORP. (AVC - TSX Venture)(or the "Company") announces that it has secured water rights for the Company's construction and production of the Gibellini Vanadium Project, located in Nevada.

"Obtaining these water rights was a critical step towards gaining environmental permitting and completing our feasibility study which is due in this third quarter of 2011," stated Bill Radvak, President & CEO of American Vanadium.

The water rights now under lease represent over 100% of the American Vanadium's expected water requirement over the life of the mine. As part of the lease, the leaser will receive 50,000 shares of the Company's common stock, subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

About American Vanadium Corp.

American Vanadium is currently developing the Gibellini Vanadium Project, a vanadium resource located in Nevada, USA. Vanadium is a critical alloying metal used to strengthen steel and titanium; and is also growing in importance in the emerging uses of mass energy storage and next generation lithium-vanadium batteries. The Company's Gibellini Vanadium Project is unique in its ability to have economic production of vanadium for the steel and alloying industries 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 or the Company's website www.americanvanadium.com.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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