

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
before the  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Release No. 84803 / December 11, 2018

Admin. Proc. File No. 3-18095

BALQON CORPORATION,  
EMPRESS MINING INC. (f/k/a PENOLA, INC.), and  
PASSPORT POTASH, INC.

NOTICE THAT INITIAL DECISION HAS BECOME FINAL

The time for filing a petition for review of the initial decision in this proceeding has expired. No such petition has been filed by Balqon Corporation, Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a/ Penola, Inc.), or Passport Potash, Inc., and the Commission has not chosen to review the decision on its own initiative.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 360(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice,<sup>1</sup> that the initial decision of the administrative law judge has become the final decision of the Commission with respect to Balqon Corporation, Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a/ Penola, Inc.), and Passport Potash, Inc.<sup>2</sup> The order contained in that decision is hereby declared final. The initial decision ordered that, pursuant to Section 12(j) of the Securities Exchange Act

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<sup>1</sup> 17 C.F.R. § 201.360(d).

<sup>2</sup> *AV Therapeutics, Inc., Balqon Corp., Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a/ Penola, Inc.), and Passport Potash, Inc.*, Initial Decision Release No. 1266 (Oct. 24, 2018), 2018 WL 5292013. The stock symbols and Central Index Key numbers are: BLQN and 1169440 for Balqon Corporation; EMPC and 1524774 for Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a Penola, Inc.); and PPRTF and 1508128 for Passport Potash, Inc.

of 1934, the registrations of the registered securities of Balqon Corporation, Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a Penola, Inc.), and Passport Potash, Inc., are revoked. The revocation is effective as of December 12, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Office of the General Counsel, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields  
Secretary