

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

October 9, 2013

Via E-mail
Mr. R. James Anderson
Chief Financial Officer
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**Re:** Avalon Rare Metals Inc.

Form 40-F for Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2012

Filed November 29, 2012

File No. 001-35001

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rufus Decker for

Tia L. Jenkins Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Beverages, Apparel, and Mining