

Aqua Metals Announces Closing of \$6 Million Convertible Note Offering

OAKLAND, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 11/10/14 -- Aqua Metals, Inc. ("AquaMetals" or the "Company"), a developer of an electrochemical refining process that has the potential to transform the \$24 billion lead industry, today announced it has closed a private placement of \$6 million in convertible notes (the "Notes").

AquaMetals intends to use the proceeds of the Notes to accelerate the development of its AquaRefining technology, which recycles lead-acid batteries in a manner that is more efficient, scalable, environmentally-friendly and affordable than smelting (the incumbent lead recycling technology). The Company will also use the proceeds of the Notes to strengthen its strategic intellectual property portfolio.

AquaMetals intends to complete an initial public offering ("IPO") in 2015. The Notes will automatically convert into the IPO at a conversion price of between \$1.52 and \$2.27, depending on the offering price of the IPO. Until the Company completes the IPO, the Notes will accrue interest at an annual rate of 6%. Liquid Venture Partners acted as sole placement agent for the offering.

"This funding enables us to build a strong company that can transform the lead industry," said AquaMetals CEO Dr. Stephen Clarke. "Liquid Venture Partners' unique mix of skills and experience was invaluable in helping us refine our business model and communicate our value proposition to investors."

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ABOUT AQUA METALS, INC.

Aqua Metals, Inc. (<u>www.aqmetals.com</u>) has developed AquaRefining, which is a new approach to lead-acid battery recycling that is less expensive, more efficient and produces a purer product than conventional smelting. AquaRefining also eliminates all of the toxic waste issues generated by smelting. AquaMetals has engineering offices in Oakland, California and is in the process of establishing commercial lead production AquaRefining facilities.

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