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Aqua Metals to Attend Investor Conferences in December

ALAMEDA, Calif., Nov. 22, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aqua Metals (AQMS), which is commercializing a non-polluting electrochemical lead recycling technology called AquaRefining™, today announced that management will attend the Benchmark Micro Cap Discovery Company One-on-One Conference in Chicago on December 1, 2016, and the 4th Annual ROTH New Industrials Corporate Access Day in New York on December 13, 2016.

Aqua Metals management will host meetings throughout the day at each of the one-on-one conferences, with no group presentations.

Benchmark Micro Cap Discovery Company One-on-One Conference

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Location: The Palmer House Hilton – Chicago

4th Annual ROTH New Industrials Corporate Access Day

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Location: Lotte New York Palace – New York

About Aqua Metals, Inc.

Aqua Metals (NASDAQ:AQMS) is reinventing lead recycling with its patent-pending AquaRefining™ technology. Unlike smelting, AquaRefining is a room temperature, water-based process that is fundamentally non-polluting. Aqua Metals expects its modular AquaRefining systems to allow the lead-acid battery industry to simultaneously reduce negative environmental impacts and increase production to meet rapidly growing demand. Aqua Metals is based in Alameda, California and built its first recycling facility in Nevada's Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. To learn more, please visit www.aquametals.com.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements concerning Aqua Metals, Inc., the lead-acid battery recycling industry, the future of lead-acid battery recycling via traditional smelters, the Company's development of its commercial lead-acid battery recycling facilities and the quality, efficiency and profitability of the Company's proposed lead-acid battery recycling operations. Those forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially. Among those factors are: (1) the fact that the Company has only recently commenced lead-producing operations and completed its initial commercial recycling facility, thus subjecting the Company to all of the risks inherent in a pre-revenue start-up; (2) risks related to Aqua Metals' ability to raise sufficient capital, as and when needed, to develop and operate its additional recycling facilities; (3) changes in the federal, state and foreign laws regulating the recycling of lead-acid batteries; (4) the Company's ability to protect its proprietary technology, trade secrets and know-how and (5) those other risks disclosed in the section "Risk Factors" included in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on

November 7, 2016. Aqua Metals cautions readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. The Company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to update or revise such statements to reflect new circumstances or unanticipated events as they occur.

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