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Aqua Metals to Host First Quarter 2016 Conference Call on Tuesday, May 24th at 8:30 a.m. PT

ALAMEDA, Calif., May 17, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aqua Metals, Inc. (NASDAQ:AQMS) ("Aqua Metals" or the "Company"), which is commercializing a non-polluting electrochemical lead recycling technology called AquaRefining™, will host a conference call on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Pacific time (11:30 a.m. Eastern time) to discuss its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016.

A press release detailing these results will be issued just prior to the call. Dr. Stephen Clarke, Chairman and CEO, and Thomas Murphy, Chief Financial Officer, will host the call followed by a question and answer session.

To access the call, please use the following information:

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m. Pacific time (11:30 a.m. Eastern time)

Dial-in: 1-888-455-2296

International Dial-in: 1-719-325-2420

Passcode: 8954447

Webcast: <http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=119505>

A telephone replay will be available approximately two hours after the call and will run through June 24, 2016 by dialing 1-877-870-5176 from the U.S., or 1-858-384-5517 from international locations, and entering replay pin number: 8954447.

The webcast will be available for replay for 60 days at <http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=119505> and on the investor relations section of the company's website at www.aquametals.com.

The Company also announced that it has filed a Form 12b-25, Notification of Late Filing, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) with regard to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016. This provides the Company with an additional five calendar days to file its Form 10-Q, and Aqua Metals expects to file its Form 10-Q prior to the expiration of the extension. The Company has chosen to extend its filing date to complete the financial statements and related disclosures, which could not be accomplished by the original filing date without incurring unreasonable effort and expense. Aqua Metals does not currently anticipate that its statement of operations for the first quarter ended March 31, 2016 will differ materially from its statements of operations previously filed with the SEC for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2015.

About Aqua Metals

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. These modular systems allow the lead acid battery industry to simultaneously improve environmental impact and scale production to meet rapidly growing demand. Aqua Metals is based in Alameda, California, and is building its first recycling facility in Nevada's Tahoe Reno Industrial Complex. To learn more, please visit www.aquametals.com.

Safe Harbor

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 Company has not yet commenced revenue producing operations or developed 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 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 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 28, 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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