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Aqua Metals Attending Upcoming Investor Conferences in March

ALAMEDA, Calif., March 01, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aqua Metals, Inc. (NASDAQ:AQMS) ("Aqua Metals" or the "Company"), which is commercializing a non-pollutive electrochemical lead recycling technology called AquaRefining™, will be attending two investment conferences in March 2016.

Aqua Metals management will present and host one-on-one meetings with institutional investors as noted below.

Northland Capital Markets Growth Conference

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Omni Berkshire Place, 21 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022

Format: Aqua Metals management will host 1-on-1 meetings throughout the day

28th Annual ROTH Conference

Date: March 15, 2016

Location: The Ritz Carlton, 1 Ritz Carlton Dr., Dana Point, CA 92629

Presentation: 10:30 a.m. PST in Salon 1 – Purple.

The presentation will be webcast live and available for replay at <http://wsw.com/webcast/roth30/aqms>, as well as on the company's investor relations website at www.aquametals.com. Aqua Metals management will also host 1-on-1 meetings throughout the day.

For more information about the conferences or to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Aqua Metals management, please contact your Northland Capital Markets or ROTH Capital Markets representatives.

About Aqua Metals

Aqua Metals is reinventing lead recycling with its patented AquaRefining technology. Unlike smelting, AquaRefining is a modular, 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 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 letter contains forward-looking statements concerning Aqua Metals, Inc., including statements regarding the prospects for 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 expand the lead output at its initial facility from 80 tonnes to 160 tonnes per day and develop and operate additional its recycling facilities; (3) risks that Aqua Metals may be unable to reach positive cash flow from operations with its cash on hand; (4) changes in the federal, state and foreign laws regulating the recycling of lead acid batteries; (5) the Company's ability to protect its proprietary technology, trade secrets and know-how and (6) those other risks disclosed in the section "Risk Factors" included in the final prospectus filed by Aqua Metals with the SEC on July 31, 2015. 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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The logo for AquaMetals, featuring the word "Aqua" in a light blue font and "Metals" in a dark blue font, with a reflection effect below the text.

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