UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before the SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Administrative Proceeding File No. 3-18095

In the Matter of

AV Therapeutics, Inc.,
Balqon Corporation,
Empress Mining Inc. (f/k/a
Penola, Inc.), and
Passport Potash, Inc.

Order Scheduling Hearing and Designating Presiding Judge

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing in this matter commence at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2017, in the Commission Headquarters Offices, Hearing Room 2, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Administrative Law Judge Cameron Elliot preside at the hearing in these proceedings and perform other and related duties in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties confer and notify the presiding judge of a suggested date and time for a prehearing conference which will be conducted telephonically unless the parties prefer otherwise.

Service of all orders and rulings on parties is made by the Commission's Office of the Secretary, or other duly authorized Commission officer, pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice 141, 17 C.F.R. § 201.141. All issuances by administrative law judges are posted on the Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov/alj.

For the Commission, by its Chief Administrative Law Judge, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brenda P. Murray Chief Administrative Law Judge