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Avista Labs Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

John D. Werderman joins Avista Labs as President and CEO

Spokane, Wash.: Avista Labs, soon to be ReliOn, the leading provider of high reliability fuel cell solutions for backup power applications, today announced the appointment of a new President and Chief Executive Officer. In joining Avista Labs, John D. Werderman brings a strong background of over 25 years experience in senior management. His addition is part of a continuing plan to strengthen the company and increase its long-term growth potential.

Werderman's recent experience includes service as Corporate Vice President of Maxwell Technologies, Inc. and President of IBUS/Phoenix, Inc., a subsidiary of Maxwell Technologies, focused on high-reliability applied computer and power quality systems for the telecommunications industry. Prior to that, he was President and General Manager of M/A-Com Government Products, a subsidiary of M/A-Com, Inc., a fortune 500 manufacturer of electronic components, wireless communications and subsystems.

John Werderman stated, "I am very impressed with the advancements Avista Labs has made in fuel cell technology. As we move forward with our name change and growth plans for the future, I am thrilled to be working with such a talented group of employees. My job is to accelerate the commercialization of this exciting technology, thereby ensuring our position as the dominant player in the supply of backup power for critical systems applications."

Mike Davis, former President and CEO, will be transitioning to the role of Chief Technology Officer. He will continue to provide key leadership as the company moves forward.

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About Avista Labs:

Avista Labs is a leader in the development and marketing of modular Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) fuel cell products. The company markets a variety of commercially available fuel cells using its patented Modular Cartridge Technology®. Avista Labs products are available domestically and internationally for commercial and industrial backup applications in the 500-watt to 5-kilowatt range. Avista Labs fuel cells are certified to US and international safety and performance standards. www.avistalabs.com .

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