

MARKET RELEASE

20 July 2012

Austin Exploration Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Austin Exploration Limited (the "Company") will be placed in Trading Halt Session State at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in Trading Halt Session State until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Tuesday, 24 July 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: AKK

Adrian Smythe Manager, Listings



Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("AKK") and the OTC-QX International in the USA (AUN-XY)

ACN 114 198 471

20 July, 2012

Mr Adrian Smythe Manager, Listings ASX Compliance Pty Ltd 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Adrian,

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Austin Exploration Limited ("Austin") (ASX:AKK) requests an immediate trading halt on its securities pending the release of an announcement to the market in relation to results at 3rd well in Mississippi, USA. Austin requests that the trading halt remains in place until the earlier of the commencement of trading on Tuesday 24 July 2012 or Austin making an announcement to the market concerning the results.

AKK is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted by the ASX. The Company is in compliance with the Listing Rules of the ASX, and in particular Listing Rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully

Name: David Nairn

Title: Company Secretary

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