



MARKET RELEASE

20 February 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 Wednesday, 22 February 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: AKK

Justin Nelson
Manager, Listings (Adelaide)



Austin Exploration Limited ACN 114 198 471

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

20 February, 2012

Mr Justin Nelson
State Manager SA
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ASX Compliance Pty Ltd
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Dear Justin,

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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 a significant capital raising. Austin requests that the trading halt remains in place until the earlier of the commencement of trading on Wednesday 22 February 2012 or Austin making an announcement to the market concerning the capital raising.

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

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