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Mauro Piccini
Australian Securities Exchange
Exchange Plaza
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Dear Mauro

Chalice Gold Mines Limited requests a trading halt in its securities pending the release of an announcement in relation to the sale of Chalice's 60% interest in the Zara Gold Project in Eritrea.

We anticipate being in a position to make an announcement prior to commencement of trading on Thursday 19 April 2012.

We are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leanne Forgione', written over a horizontal line.

Leanne Forgione
Joint Company Secretary