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Dear Kobe

re: Hawthorn Resources Limited

TRADING HALT

Hawthorn Resources Limited ("HAW") requests a trading halt in accordance with Listing Rule 17.1.

The reason for the trading halt request is that the Company, as announced in the June 2012 Quarterly Activities Report, has been conducting " ... *discussions and negotiations with a significant international party with substantial existing mining operations and investments in Australia in respect of all of the Company's assets. These discussions and negotiations are targeting the optimum way of maximizing the wealth of the Company's shareholders through the development of both the iron ore and gold projects of the Company ...* ".

HAW expects to be able to make an announcement during trading tomorrow, Thursday 23 August 2012 but, in any event, no later than before the market opening on Friday 24 August 2012.

HAW is not aware of any other reason why the trading halt should not be granted by the ASX nor is it aware of any other relevant information in relation to this request.

Yours faithfully
Hawthorn Resources Limited

per Mourice Garbutt
Company Secretary
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