

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

24 May 2012

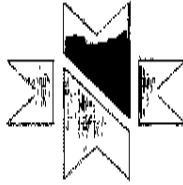
Northern Star Resources Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Northern Star Resources 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 Monday 28 May 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: NST

Jill Hewitt

Senior Adviser, Listings (Perth)



NORTHERN STAR
RESOURCES LIMITED

24 May 2012

Manager Companies
ASX Ltd
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

Attn: Jill Hewitt

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Dear Jill,

**Trading Halt Notice ("Notice")
Northern Star Resources Ltd ("NST")**

Northern Star Resources Ltd ("NST") requests its securities be placed in a trading halt immediately pending an announcement regarding a corporate transaction and updated growth strategy.

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.1, NST provides the following information:

- a) NST requests that the trading halt continues until an announcement is made by the Company. NST presently anticipates this announcement will be made prior to commencement of trading on Monday, 28 May 2012.
- b) NST is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted

Yours faithfully,
for **NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD**

Bill Beament
Managing Director