



MARKET RELEASE

20 December 2012

St Barbara Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of St Barbara 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, 24 December 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: SBM

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Dear Alexandra

**St Barbara Limited (ASX:SBM)
Request for Trading Halt**

St Barbara Limited (ASX Code: SBM) requests a trading halt in its shares from the commencement of trading today, 20 December 2012.

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

- a) the trading halt is necessary as SBM expects to make an announcement to the market in relation to guidance for its Pacific Operations for the second half of FY 13 and related matters;
- b) SBM requests that the trading halt remains in place until it is in a position to make an announcement to the market concerning this guidance. SBM anticipates that an announcement concerning the guidance will be made prior to commencement of normal trading on Friday, 21 December 2012 and the trading halt will cease from that time; and
- c) SBM is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

Ross Kennedy
Executive General Manager Corporate Services
Company Secretary