



MARKET RELEASE

22 January 2003

LAFAYETTE MINING LIMITED

TRADING HALT

The securities of Lafayette Mining Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Friday, 24 January 2003 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: LAF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan O'Hara', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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**Ms Marian Tang
Account Manager
ASX**

Dear Marian

Lafayette Mining Limited

Lafayette Mining Limited hereby requests a trading halt on its securities pending an announcement to the market. The Company expects this announcement to take place tomorrow morning.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours faithfully

 **TIM HICKMAN
Company Secretary
Lafayette Mining Limited**