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Dear Ms Pigdon

Slater & Gordon Limited – Request for Immediate Trading Halt

Slater & Gordon Limited (ACN 097 297 400)(ASX: SGH) requests a trading halt be put in place from the commencement of trading on 11 May 2012.

The trading halt is requested pending the High Court of Australia handing down its decision on the application for special leave to appeal to the High Court in the Vioxx class action run by the Company on behalf of clients against the Australian subsidiary of the international pharmaceutical company Merck. The decision is expected on the morning of Friday 11 May 2012.

As previously disclosed, Slater & Gordon has conducted the Vioxx litigation on a No Win No Fee TM basis. This means that if the proceedings are ultimately unsuccessful, the Company will not be entitled to recover professional costs for the work performed or the disbursements (out of pocket expenses) incurred on behalf of its clients.

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

1. The trading halt is necessary as otherwise trading in the Company's shares may take place in an uninformed market;
2. The trading halt should remain in place until the earlier of the commencement of trading on 14 May 2012 or when the Company makes an announcement regarding the outcome of the special leave application;
3. The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
4. The Company is not aware of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours sincerely

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