



MARKET RELEASE

17 September 2012

Exco Resources Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Exco 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 Wednesday 19 September 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Mr Sebastian Bednarczyk
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ASX Markets Supervision Pty Ltd
Level 8 Exchange Plaza
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Dear Mr Bednarczyk,

Request for a Trading Halt

Exco Resources Ltd (ASX:EXS) requests an immediate halt in the trading of its securities pending the earlier of an announcement in relation to the takeover bid by Washington H Soul Pattinson & Co Ltd (ASX:SOL) or Wednesday 19 September 2012.

In accordance with listing rule 17.1 the Company advises that:

1. The trading halt is necessary as the Company expects to make an announcement in relation to the takeover bid by Washington H Soul Pattinson & Co Ltd.
2. The Company wishes the trading halt to last until such time as it makes an announcement to the market concerning the bid or the commencement of trading on Wednesday 19 September 2012, whichever is the earlier.
3. The Company is unaware of any reason why the halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully
Exco Resources Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eamon Byrne".

Eamon Byrne
Company Secretary