



MARKET RELEASE

20 December 2012

OM Holdings Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of OM Holdings 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: OMH

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Dear Jill

OM Holdings Limited (ASX: OMH) – Request for trading halt

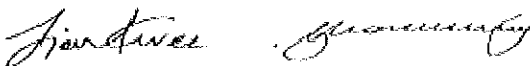
Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1, OM Holdings Limited (**Company**) requests a trading halt be granted by ASX with respect to its ordinary shares.

The trading halt is requested pending an announcement in relation to agreements relating to the development of the Company's Ferro Alloy Smelting Project in Sarawak, Malaysia.

The Company anticipates making an announcement in relation to these agreements before the commencement of trading on Monday, 24 December 2012 and is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

OM HOLDINGS LIMITED



Heng Siow Kwee/Julie Wolseley
Company Secretary



BACKGROUND PROFILE OF OM HOLDINGS LIMITED

OMH listed on the ASX in March 1998 and has its foundations in metals trading – incorporating the sourcing and distribution of manganese ore products and subsequently in processing ores into ferro-manganese intermediate products. The OMH Group now operates commercial mining operations – leading to a fully integrated operation covering Australia, China and Singapore.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, OM (Manganese) Ltd, OMH controls 100% of the Bootu Creek Manganese Mine (“Bootu Creek”) located 110km north of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory.

Bootu Creek has the capacity to produce 1,000,000 tonnes of manganese product annually. Bootu Creek has further exploration potential given that its tenement holdings extend over 2,400km².

Bootu Creek’s manganese product is exclusively marketed by the OMH Group’s own trading division with a proportion of the product consumed by the OMH Group’s wholly-owned Qinzhou smelter located in south west China.

Through its Singapore based commodity trading activities, OMH has established itself as a significant manganese supplier to the Chinese market. Product from Bootu Creek has strengthened OMH’s position in this market.

OMH is a constituent of the S&P/ASX 300, a leading securities index.

OMH holds a 26% investment in Ntsimbintle Mining (Proprietary) Ltd, which holds a 50.1% interest in the world class Tshipi Borwa manganese project in South Africa.

OMH also holds the following strategic shareholding interests in ASX listed entities:

- 11% shareholding in Northern Iron Limited (ASX Code: NFE), a company presently producing iron ore from its Sydvaranger iron ore mine located in northern Norway; and
 - 4% shareholding in Shaw River Manganese Limited (ASX Code: SRR), a company presently exploring for manganese in Namibia, Western Australia and Ghana.
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