



# MARKET RELEASE

4 December 2012

**Ashburton Minerals Limited**

**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Ashburton Minerals 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 Thursday 6 December 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:       ATN  
                              ATNO

Dale Allen  
**Adviser, Listings Compliance (Perth)**

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Dave Filov  
Australian Securities Exchange Limited  
Level 8, 2 The Esplanade  
PERTH WA 6000

*by email*

**Ashburton Minerals Ltd  
("Ashburton" or "the Company")**

Dear Dave

**REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT**

I confirm that Ashburton wishes to request a trading halt in its securities, effective immediately. We provide the following information in accordance with Listing Rule 17.1.

The reason for the trading halt is to allow the Company time to consider and prepare an announcement on the Mt Webb project.

The trading halt is to last until the earlier of the Company releasing an announcement or the commencement of trade on Thursday, 6 December 2012.

We expect that the trading halt will be ended by the Company making an announcement of the kind referred to above.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Please call the undersigned if you have any queries in relation to this request.

Yours faithfully,

Rodney Dunn  
Company Secretary

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