



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUSTRALIA'S LEADING AUTOMOTIVE METALS COMPONENT MANUFACTURER FACES AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

1 November 2012- Autodom Limited is closing the doors of its South Australian (aiAutomotive) and Victorian (Dair) facilities for an indefinite period. Autodom Limited (ASX:AIE) has also announced a trading suspension of the company's securities on the ASX as it continues to negotiate a restructure proposal with key automotive stakeholders to enable it to swiftly recommence business at those facilities.

Autodom Limited has been forced to make this difficult decision following a failure, after several months of negotiations, to come to an agreement with the key automotive stakeholders that would see the company be sustainable and allow it to diversify into new markets.

The closure of the facilities, which collectively employ 400 people, is indefinite while all stakeholders consider their position on the proposed funding agreement put forward.

Autodom Limited CEO, Calvin Stead, has emphasised his disappointment in the lack of support from key players in the industry which could potentially result in significant direct cost burdens to both the industry and Government should the business fail completely.

"Our company is constrained by high fixed costs that cannot easily be aligned to the pace of the current volume reduction in the local car manufacturing sector. We need time and assistance to reorganise ourselves and structurally change the direction in which we are headed. We have made excellent progress in this regard."

As the automotive industry in Australia has more than halved its build rates in less than four years, Mr. Stead said that it can't be sustainable without mutual cooperation between the car companies and the component sector, with Government having an important role to facilitate that cooperation.

"Unfortunately we have no choice but to make this very difficult decision whilst we work together with all stakeholders in the hope that a solution can be found. We trust that the car companies and stakeholders will see the benefits of the restructure plan put forward and how their support will allow the company to develop a more robust and sustainable business."

"During this very difficult time for the company, we sympathise with our valuable employees who, are not only being directly affected by these actions, but also facing an uncertain future," concluded Mr. Stead.

- ENDS -

|

**About Autodom:**

Autodom is an Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) listed company that designs, manufactures and supplies complex metal and plastic assemblies solutions to the Australian automotive industry and selected non-automotive customers.

Autodom commenced operations in 1985 utilising specialised automated welding technology to develop products for the local market, and has grown to become Australia's largest press metal manufacturer in the automotive component industry.

Autodom serves a diverse customer base across most states of Australia and products it manufactures are also exported to Brazil, China, the Middle East and US.

For media enquiries please contact:

Professional Public Relations (PPR) | Natalia Totsikas | 0431 022 655 | natalia.totsikas@ppr.com.au

Professional Public Relations (PPR) | Dena Vassallo | 0404 595 884 | dena.vassallo@ppr.com.au