



MARKET RELEASE

19 March 2012

DAVID JONES LIMITED

TRADING HALT

The securities of David Jones 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, 21 March 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: DJS

Stephanie Yong
Senior Adviser, Listings (Sydney)



19 March 2012

Ms Stephanie Yong
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Dear Stephanie

David Jones Limited
Trading halt request

David Jones Limited (ASX: DJS) (**David Jones**) requests a trading halt in the quotation of its ordinary shares effectively immediately.

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1, David Jones provides the following information:

- (a) in light of speculation in the media this morning, a trading halt is requested pending a board meeting tomorrow to consider the company's strategic plan following which the company will make an announcement. While the Company does not believe that there has been any leak of confidential information by the Company and that the speculation is based on publicly available information, the Company considers a trading halt to be appropriate in the circumstances;
- (b) David Jones requests that the trading halt continues for a maximum of two trading days, unless David Jones requests that the trading halt be lifted earlier; and
- (c) David Jones is not aware of any reasons why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any other information available at this stage that is relevant to the trading halt.

Yours sincerely

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