

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

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Lawson Gold Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Lawson Gold 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 8 August 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: LSN

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Dear Shannon

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT – LAWSON GOLD LIMITED

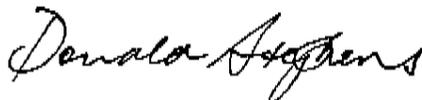
Lawson Gold Limited formally requests a trading halt on the entity's securities and in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1 the following information is provided.

The Company requests a trading halt pending an announcement concerning the execution of formal documentation in respect of the Saudi Arabia transaction announced to the market on 2 April 2012

The Company further requests that the trading halt be granted for the maximum allowable period permissible under the ASX's market rules.

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

Yours sincerely,



DONALD STEPHENS
COMPANY SECRETARY