



MARKET RELEASE

1 October 2012

Mothercare Australia Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Mothercare Australia 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, 3 October 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: MLC

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Cameron Bill
Senior Adviser, Listings



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Ms Kimberley Brown
Adviser, Listings
Australian Securities Exchange
Exchange Centre
Level 6, 20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Brown,

Request for Trading Halt

The directors of Mothercare Australia Limited request that the ASX grant a trading halt in the securities of the Company under ASX Listing Rule 17.1 pending an announcement regarding the negotiation of a material transaction that would involve the contribution of additional capital to the Company.

The Company intends making an announcement as to the outcome of the negotiations before the commencement of trading on Wednesday 3 October 2012.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the Trading Halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

David James
Company Secretary