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AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

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Western Areas NL**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Western Areas NL (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 Monday 5 March 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: WSA

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WESTERN AREAS NL



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Attention: Kerrie Papamihail

Dear Kerry

TRADING HALT

Western Areas NL (ASX and TSX: WSA or "the Company") requests the ASX apply a trading halt to its shares effective immediately, pending an announcement to be made by the Company regarding a corporate transaction.

The trading halt is requested until the commencement of trade on 5th March 2012 or earlier once an announcement has been made by the Company.

The Company is not aware of any reason as to why the ASX should not grant the trading halt.

Regards

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