

20 February 2012

Mr Ian Craig
Companies Manager
National Stock Exchange of Australia
Level 3
45 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Ian

Request for Trading Halt

African Petroleum Corporation Limited (**African Petroleum**) (NSX: **AOQ**) requests that a trading halt be granted by the National Stock Exchange of Australia (**NSX**) with respect to its ordinary shares effective pre-open on Monday, 20 February 2012 and provides the following information in relation to that request:

- African Petroleum seeks a trading halt pending an announcement to be made to the market regarding the results from the Company's drilling of the Narina 1 Well on Block LB-09, Offshore Liberia;
- African Petroleum requests the trading halt end on the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 22 February 2012, or when an announcement advising completion of the above is released to the market; and
- African Petroleum is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

African Petroleum Corporation Limited



Claire Tolcon
Company Secretary