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Ashburton Minerals Ltd ("Ashburton" or "the Company")

Dear Sir/Madam

NON-RENOUNCEABLE PRO RATA RIGHTS ISSUE – DESPATCH OF PROSPECTUS

The Company advises that it has completed the despatch of its non-renounceable pro rata rights issue prospectus to shareholders. The offer is intended to raise approximately \$809,253 by inviting eligible shareholders to acquire one new share for every five shares held at an issue price of \$0.005, and receive one free option for every two new shares acquired. The options have an exercise price of \$0.01 and expire on 30 April 2014.

As previously advised the closing date for receipt of acceptances is 5.00 pm (AWST) on 4 May 2012.

Yours Faithfully

Rodney Dunn Company Secretary

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