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14 September 2012

Fortescue Metals Group Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Fortescue Metals Group 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 Tuesday, 18 September 2012, or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: FMG

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Principal Adviser, Listings (Perth)

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The Companies Officer
Australian Stock Exchange
Exchange Plaza
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Dear Sir

Trading Halt Request

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) requests a trading halt effective from commencement of trading on Friday 14 September 2012.

Fortescue remains concerned about continued rumours and speculation in respect of its bank related facilities. Discussions with its banks have progressed significantly overnight and it is in the best interests of shareholders to halt trading in Fortescue's securities.

Fortescue re-iterates its announcement from yesterday that it is in compliance with its banking covenants and is conducting discussions with its supportive banking group.

It is the Company's intention to be able to make an announcement in respect of the restructure of its bank related facilities on or before commencement of trading on Tuesday 18 September 2012.

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

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Mark Thomas
Company Secretary