

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

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Fortescue Metals Group Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Fortescue Metals Group Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 21 May 2007 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **FMG**

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The Companies Officer
Australian Stock Exchange Ltd.
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Dear Sir

Trading Halt Request

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ("Fortescue") requests a trading halt pending an announcement expected to be made later today.

Yours sincerely

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Rod Campbell

Company Secretary