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The Companies Officer  
Australian Stock Exchange Ltd  
Exchange Plaza  
2 The Esplanade  
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir,

**Trading Halt Request**

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ("FMG") requests a trading halt on its securities with immediate effect.

In accordance with listing rule 17.1, FMG advises that:

- a) It requests a trading halt because it has an announcement regarding an institutional equity capital raising;
- b) It wishes to advise that the trading halt is expected to be in place until the commencement of normal trading on Tuesday 17 July 2007 when the company expects that it will seek from ASX a voluntary suspension of trading in securities for one day;
- c) The voluntary suspension is expected to be in place for only Tuesday 17 July 2007 to allow the capital raising to be completed. Trading in FMG's securities is expected to recommence from commencement of normal trading on Wednesday 18 July 2007
- d) FMG is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted;

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

**Fortescue Metals Group Ltd**

**Rod Campbell**

Company Secretary

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