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

Dear Sir

Trading Halt Request

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (“Fortescue”) seeks a trading halt for its shares pending an expected announcement in connection with media speculation related to its US\$2.040bn offering of Senior Unsecured Notes.

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Mark Thomas
Company Secretary