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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited
Trading halt request – Australia

ANZ requests that an immediate trading halt be granted by the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) with respect to its ordinary shares and the ANZ Convertible Preference Shares.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, I advise that:

- ANZ is seeking the trading halt pending the making of an announcement by ANZ to the market in relation to an ordinary share placement process involving institutional and sophisticated investors. The placement will commence today and is being conducted for the purpose of raising equity capital for general corporate purposes;
- ANZ wishes the trading halt to last until such time as it makes an announcement to the market concerning the outcome of the placement but, in any event, the trading halt will not last beyond the commencement of trading on Thursday 28 May 2009; and
- ANZ is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Santamaria
Group General Counsel and Company Secretary

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