

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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ARAFURA RESOURCES NL**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Arafura Resources NL (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 Friday, 6 August 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Marian

Trading Halt

I request ASX grant a trading halt for the Company's securities pending an announcement.

Yours faithfully,

Ross Arancini
Company Secretary