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6 August 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Australian Stock Exchange 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 ASIC decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Tuesday, 10 August 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: ASX

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Lyons'.

Tracey Lyons

Markets Regulation

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