

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

25 July 2005

**BEACH PETROLEUM LIMITED****TRADING HALT**

The securities of Beach Petroleum 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 ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 27 July 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: BPT

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