



MARKET RELEASE

31 August 2006

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 Monday, 4 September 2006 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: BPT
 BPTOB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Nelson'.

Justin Nelson

Manager, (Issuers) Adelaide



31 August 2006

Ref: #208/06

Australian Stock Exchange Ltd
Companies Announcement Office
Electronic Lodgement System

Dear Sir,

***ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX
REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT***

Beach Petroleum Ltd request that ASX grant a Trading Halt pending an announcement.

The Company is not aware of any reason that a Trading Halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully,

Reg Nelson
Managing Director, FAusIMM