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AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

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Northern Iron Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Northern Iron 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 Friday, 22 January 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: NFE

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By fax: to 08 9221 2020

Dear Peter

TRADING HALT REQUEST

Northern Iron Limited (ASX: NFE, "Company") requests an immediate voluntary trading halt on its securities pending an announcement by the Company regarding a proposed capital-raising.

The Company requests that the trading halt be lifted on the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Friday 22 January 2010, or when the anticipated announcement is released to the market.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

NORTHERN IRON LIMITED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Neuling", followed by a horizontal line.

Alex Neuling
Secretary