



# MARKET RELEASE

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## EQUATORIAL COAL LTD

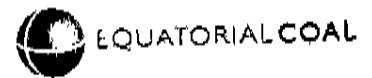
### TRADING HALT

The securities of Equatorial Coal 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, 6 February 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: EQX

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Jenny Cutri  
**Assistant Manager, Issuers**



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Dear Greg

**REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT**

The Directors of Equatorial Coal Limited (EQX) ("the Company") request an immediate halt on the trading of its securities for a period of two trading days pending an announcement regarding the operations of Alam Duta.

The Company expects to release the announcement prior to the commencement of trading on Friday 6 February 2009.

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

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Mison".

**SCOTT MISON**  
COMPANY SECRETARY