



MARKET RELEASE

26 August 2004

Elixir Petroleum Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Elixir 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, 30 August 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: EXR

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Anthony Walsh

Assistant Manager Companies



26 August 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
PERTH WA 6000

Attention: Tony Walsh

Facsimile No.: 9221 2020

Dear Mr Walsh,

Trading Halt Request

Elixir Petroleum Limited ("Elixir") hereby requests a trading halt from ASX effective immediately, prior to commencement of trading, Thursday 26 August 2004, pending an announcement relating to a placement of the Company's securities to several UK Based institutions.

Elixir requests the trading halt last from receipt of the request until the release of the announcement, in any case no later than the commencement of trading Monday 30 August 2004.

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

Elixir is not aware of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Should you have any queries regarding the above I will be happy to discuss such matters with you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Hunter", is written over the typed name.

Kent Hunter
Director