ASX
AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

17 February 2009

Focus Minerals Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Focus Minerals 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, 20 February 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: FML

Wade Baggott
Adviser, Issuers (Perth)

Focus Minerals Ltd.

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Attention: Mr Nicholas Ong

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Dear Nicholas,

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

The Directors request the ASX to grant a trading halt in the securities of the Company under Listing Rule 17.1 pending an announcement regarding a capital raising that is material to the Company. It is expected that an announcement on the capital raising will be made no later than close of business on Thursday 19 February 2009.

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

Yours sincerely,

Jon Grygorcewicz
Company Secretary