



MARKET RELEASE

13 May 2009

Macmahon Holdings Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Macmahon Holdings 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, 15 May 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: MAH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Cutri', is positioned above the printed name.

Jenny Cutri
Assistant Manager, Issuers



13 May 2009

Mr N Ong
Australian Securities Exchange
Via Email: nicholas.ong@asx.com.au

Dear Mr Ong,

Macmahon Holdings Limited – Request for Trading Halt

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1 Macmahon Holdings Limited ("the Company") requests a trading halt in respect of its shares (ASX: MAH) from the commencement of trading on Wednesday, 13 May 2009.

The trading halt is requested pending an announcement of a capital raising.

The Company requests that the trading halt remain in place until the opening of trading on Friday, 15 May 2009, or the time that the Company makes an announcement concerning the capital raising.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours faithfully

Katina Gunellas
Company Secretary