

**ASX**

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Mount Gibson Iron Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Mount Gibson 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 Monday, 23 October 2006 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: MGX
 MGXOA

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Vickrem Naicker
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Dear Sir

Mount Gibson Iron Limited – Request for trading halt

As discussed, Mount Gibson Iron Limited (**Mount Gibson**) (ASX Code: **MGX**) requests an immediate trading halt on Mount Gibson securities.

Mount Gibson's reasons for requesting the trading halt are:

1. Mount Gibson has made a takeover offer of Aztec Resources Limited (**Aztec**) which, unless extended, is due to close on 27 October 2006.
2. Aztec has indicated to Mount Gibson that it is likely to seek a trading halt this morning pending release of information which Mount Gibson considers may have a material effect on the price of Aztec's securities.
3. In these circumstances, unless Mount Gibson is also placed into trading halt, it is likely that trading in Mount Gibson securities will take place in an uninformed market until such time as Aztec makes its announcement and Mount Gibson has an opportunity to respond to that statement.

Mount Gibson is not aware of any reason why a trading halt should not be granted.

If you have any questions, please call me on 9426 7500.

Yours faithfully
MOUNT GIBSON IRON LIMITED

Alan Rule
Director