



MARKET RELEASE

20 July 2004

Origin Energy Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Origin Energy 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 Thursday, 22 July 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **ORG**

Kim-Ly Nguyen
Companies Adviser



20 July 2004

Ms Kim-Ly Nguyen
Australian Stock Exchange
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

By facsimile: 9241 7620

Dear Ms Nguyen

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Origin Energy hereby requests a trading halt of its shares. The halt is requested pending the announcement of a significant investment.

The halt is requested to last until the announcement of the investment is made. 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 "Bill Hundy".

Bill Hundy
Company Secretary

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