

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

24 May 2004

ST BARBARA MINES LIMITED

TRADING HALT

The securities of St Barbara Mines 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 Wednesday, 26 May 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: SBM

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Request for Trading Halt

St Barbara Mines Limited requests a trading halt prior to the opening of business on Monday, 24 May 2004 pending a further announcement from the Company.

Stephen W. Miller
Executive Chairman

23 May 2004