



MARKET RELEASE

20 July 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 Thursday, 22 July 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: SBM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan O'Hara', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brendan O'Hara
Manager Companies