

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

17 August 2005

Wentworth Mutual Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Wentworth Mutual 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, 19 August 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **WWM**

Anthony Walsh

Assistant Manager Companies



16 August 2005

Mr Anthony Walsh
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Trading Halt

Dear Anthony

Could you please place a 'Trading Halt' on the securities of Wentworth Mutual Limited, before the commencement of trading on Wednesday 17 August 2005, pending the release of an announcement by the Company of a significant transaction.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Begovich', written in a cursive style.

Anthony Begovich
(Company Secretary/CFO)