

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

8 August 2005

**PRECIOUS METALS AUSTRALIA LIMITED****TRADING HALT**

The securities of Precious Metals Australia 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, 11 August 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: PMA

Brendan O'Hara  
Manager Companies



8 August 2005

Company Announcements Officer  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Level 8, Exchange Plaza  
2 The Esplanade, Perth, WA 6000

Dear Sir

**REQUEST FOR TRADING HOLT**

The Company requests and immediate halt in the trading of its securities pending an announcement to the market.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Fry', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Fry  
Director