MARKET RELEASE

12 August 2009

WHL Energy Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of WHL 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 Friday, 14 August 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

The Company requests that its shares be placed in trading halt.

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1 the Company advises:

1. Reasons for request
   The Company is in the course of finalising contractual documentation for the purchase of a significant asset and the financing of such purchase.

2. Duration of trading halt
   Until close of business on 14 August 2009.

3. Event expect to end trading halt
   Announcement of the acquisition of a significant asset and method of financing such acquisition

4. The Company is not aware of any reason why the requested trading halt should not be granted.

Yours Faithfully,

Ian Mitchell
Company Secretary
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