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13 August 2009

Fortescue Metals Group Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Fortescue Metals Group 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 Monday, 17 August 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: FMG

Nicholas Ong
Principal Adviser, Issuers

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The Companies Officer
Australian Securities Exchange Ltd.
Exchange Plaza
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Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir

Trading Halt Request

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ("Fortescue") seeks a trading halt for its shares pending an expected release next Monday August 17, regarding the completion of a commercial negotiation.

Yours sincerely

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Rod Campbell

Company Secretary

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