

Market Announcement

30 March 2020

Benitec Biopharma Limited (ASX: BLT) – Trading Halt

Description

The securities of Benitec Biopharma Limited ('BLT') will be placed in trading halt at the request of BLT, pending it releasing an announcement. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in trading halt until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 1 April 2020 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Corey

Request for trading halt

Benitec Biopharma Limited ACN 068 943 662 (**Company**) (ASX: BLT) requests that ASX grants an immediate trading halt of its securities pending obtaining legal advice in relation to the changes to foreign investment laws announced last night by the Government and whether an application to the Foreign Investment Review Board is now required in relation to the scheme of arrangement approved by the Supreme Court of Queensland this morning.

The Company requests the trading halt remain in place until the earlier of the commencement of normal market trading on Wednesday, 1 April 2020 or when an announcement is released to ASX regarding the above matter. The Company notes however that the Company's shares are expected to enter into voluntary suspension from close of trading today as previously communicated to shareholders in its Scheme Booklet.

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours faithfully

Benitec Biopharma Limited

Oliver Kidd
Company Secretary