



MARKET RELEASE

15 February 2017

Ruralco Holdings Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Ruralco Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be placed in Trading Halt Session State at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in Trading Halt Session State until the commencement of normal trading on Friday 17 February 2017.

Security Code: RHL

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Dear **Dean**,

Ruralco Holdings Limited (ASX: RHL) – Request for trading halt

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1, Ruralco Holdings Limited ACN 009 660 879 (Ruralco) requests that the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) grant a trading halt in Ruralco's ordinary shares with immediate effect.

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.1, Ruralco provides the following information:

- (a) Ruralco is seeking the trading halt as it expects to make an announcement to the ASX in connection with a capital raising comprising an accelerated non-renounceable entitlement offer of ordinary shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders (Entitlement Offer) and an institutional placement (Placement).
- (b) Ruralco requests that the trading halt last until the earlier of Ruralco making an announcement to the market about the completion of the institutional component of the Entitlement Offer and the Placement, and the commencement of normal trading on 17 February 2017;
- (c) Ruralco is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any other information available at this stage that is relevant to the trading halt.

Should you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Ilona Alsters
General Counsel and Company Secretary

Ruralco Holdings Limited