



MARKET RELEASE

14 October 2015

Westpac Banking Corporation

TRADING HALT (2 + 1 BUSINESS DAYS)

The securities of Westpac Banking Corporation (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 Monday 19 October 2015.

Security Code: WBC

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Dear Luxmy

Request for Trading Halt – Westpac Banking Corporation (ASX Code: WBC)

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1, Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) requests the immediate implementation of a trading halt in its ordinary shares (ASX Code: WBC), to apply from the commencement of trading today, 14 October 2015, until the commencement of trading on Monday, 19 October 2015.

For the purpose of ASX Listing Rule 17.1, Westpac provides the following information:

- (a) the trading halt is requested pending the announcement by Westpac to ASX of a proposed pro rata accelerated renounceable entitlement offer (with retail rights trading) (the Offer).
- (b) Westpac requests that the trading halt remain in place until the earlier of Westpac making an announcement to the market regarding the completion of the institutional component of the Offer, or the commencement of trading on Monday, 19 October 2015.
- (c) Westpac expects that the trading halt will be ended by it making an announcement to ASX in relation to the completion of the institutional component of the Offer.
- (d) Westpac is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Please contact me on (02) 8253 0390 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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