



MARKET RELEASE

2 May 2016

Australian Rural Capital Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Australian Rural Capital 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 earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 4 May 2016 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: ARC

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2 May 2016

Dear Mr Onyura

**REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT : AUSTRALIAN RURAL CAPITAL LIMITED
(ASX : ARC and ARCO)**

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1, Australian Rural Capital Limited (**ARC**) requests the securities of the Company be placed in a trading halt with effect from the commencement of trading on Monday 2 May 2016.

For the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 17.1, and in support of its request, ARC advises that:

- (a) Further to ARC's announcement on 29 April 2016 and the Treasurer's statement of same date, ARC intends to make an announcement to the market in respect of the joint bid by ARC and Dakang Australia Pty Ltd for S Kidman & Co Ltd;
- (b) ARC wishes the trading halt should remain in place until such time as it makes an announcement to the market in relation to the matters referred to in (a) above or the commencement of trading on Wednesday 4 May 2016, whichever is earlier; and
- (c) ARC is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or any other information necessary to inform the market in relation to the trading halt.

Yours sincerely



James Jackson
Executive Chairman