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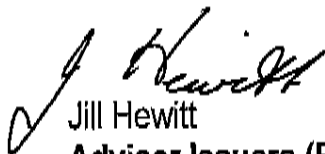
AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

21 January 2009

Apex Minerals NL**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Apex Minerals NL (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 Friday, 23 January 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **AXM**

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21 January 2009

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Attention: Ms Kerrie Papamihail

Dear Ms Papamihail

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Apex Minerals NL requests a halt to the trading of the Company's securities on the ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1 pending an announcement to the market regarding a proposed capital raising.

It is requested that the trading halt continue until the earlier of two trading days from the date of this letter or when a market release is made by the Company.

Apex Minerals NL is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

