



MARKET RELEASE

30 October 2009

Highlands Pacific Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Highlands Pacific Limited (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 Tuesday, 3 November 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: HIG

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Dear Sirs

TRADING HALT REQUEST

We request a trading halt for Highlands Pacific Limited shares.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, we advise:

- a) The trading halt is requested pending an announcement after Highlands has received information from its Joint Venture partner on the results of the drilling from a deep hole at its Frieda River project. As indicated by the Company in past announcements a drill rig capable of drilling greater depths was being commissioned by the project manager and Highlands requires additional time to confirm the results and release the results to the market in the appropriate form.
- b) It is anticipated that an announcement will be made prior to the commencement of trading on Tuesday, 3rd November, 2009.
- c) We expect that an announcement to the market as noted in (a) above will result in an end to the trading halt.
- d) We are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
- e) We are not aware of any other information that is necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0417 720 081.

Yours faithfully



Craig Lennon
Company Secretary
Highlands Pacific Limited