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ASX Limited  
Stock Exchange Centre  
530 Collins Street  
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**(By email: [dean.litis@asx.com.au](mailto:dean.litis@asx.com.au))**

Attention: Mr Dean Litis

Dear Mr Litis

**Request for trading halt**

MacarthurCook Limited ABN 64 009 110 463 (**MacarthurCook**) requests a trading halt for a total of two trading days in respect of MacarthurCook's ordinary securities listed on the ASX with immediate effect.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, MacarthurCook provides the following information:

- MacarthurCook is seeking the trading halt in anticipation of an announcement to be made to the market concerning the AIMS Securities Holdings Pty Ltd's takeover bid for MacarthurCook;
- MacarthurCook requests that the trading halt remain in place until the opening of trading on Thursday, 27 August 2009, unless an announcement is made before that time; and
- MacarthurCook is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely



**Sarah Christensen**  
Head of Legal and Compliance