

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

23 July 2009

Murchison Metals Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Murchison Metals 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 Monday, 27 July 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **MMX**

Jill Hewitt

Adviser Issuers (Perth)



23 July 2009

Ms J Hewitt
Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

Dear Ms Hewitt

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Murchison Metals Limited ("Murchison", ASX: MMX) requests a trading halt on its securities pending an announcement to the market regarding the Oakajee Port and Rail joint venture.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Matthews', written over a horizontal line.

Trevor Matthews
Managing Director
Murchison Metals