



MARKET RELEASE

10 February 2010

Healthscope Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Healthscope 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 Friday, 12 February 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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By email

Dear Kate

Request for Trading Halt

Pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1, Healthscope Limited (*Healthscope*) requests the immediate implementation of a trading halt in the ordinary shares of Healthscope, to apply from the commencement of trading today until the commencement of trading on 12 February 2010, unless Healthscope requests that it be lifted before that time.

The trading halt is requested pending the announcement by Healthscope of the outcome of late stage negotiations regarding a potential acquisition.

For the purpose of Listing Rule 17.1, Healthscope provides the following information:

- (a) the trading halt is necessary for Healthscope to make an announcement to the market in relation to that potential acquisition;
- (b) the trading halt should remain in place until the commencement of trading on 12 February 2010, unless Healthscope requests that the trading halt be lifted; and
- (c) Healthscope is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

Ingrid Player
Company Secretary