

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

17 January 2011

**Forte Energy NL****TRADING HALT**

The securities of Forte Energy 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 Wednesday, 19 January 2011 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: **FTE**

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16 January 2010

Mr Nicholas Ong  
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Dear Nicholas,

### TRADING HALT

I advise that Forte Energy NL (the Company) requests an immediate trading halt, for the period up to the commencement of trading on 19 January 2011, or the earlier release of an announcement to the ASX regarding the finalisation of plans for raising new capital. The Company confirms that the monetary amounts, the subject of the plans, are material to the Company.

The Company expects to be in a position to make an announcement before commencement of trading on Wednesday 19 January 2011 and is not aware of any reason why this trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

Murray Wylie  
Company Secretary