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7 September 2010

Central Petroleum Limited

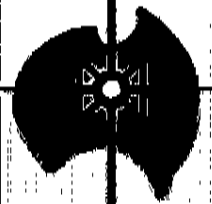
TRADING HALT

The securities of Central Petroleum 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 Thursday, 9 September 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hewitt'.

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Company Announcements Officer
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Dear Sir/Madam,

CTP requests a trading halt pending further evaluation and announcement of results obtained overnight at the Johnstone West-1 drilling site. The Company anticipates making an announcement by or before the opening of trading on Thursday 9th September 2010.

Sincerely

John Heugh
Managing Director