

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

14 August 2009

**STUART PETROLEUM LIMITED****TRADING HALT**

The securities of STUART 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 Tuesday, 18 August 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:       STU



Justin Nelson

**Manager, Issuers (Adelaide)**



14 August 2009

The Manager  
Companies, Adelaide  
ASX Limited  
Level 25  
91 King William Street  
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Dear Sir

**Request for Trading Halt**

Stuart Petroleum Limited (ASX Code: **STU** – the “Company”) requests its securities be placed in pre-open status until the later of the commencement of normal trading on Monday 17 August 2009, or the release of an announcement by the Company relating to estimated recoverable hydrocarbons for the Oliver oilfield in AC/P33 in the Timor Sea.

The Company is not aware of any reason this request should not be granted.

Yours faithfully

John McRae  
Company Secretary  
Stuart Petroleum Limited