

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

23 February 2009

**Fortescue Metals Group Limited****TRADING HALT**

The securities of Fortescue Metals Group 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 Wednesday, 25 February 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: FMG

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