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Dear Ms Kidson

Essential Petroleum Resources Limited
Request for a trading halt – Listing Rule 17.1

Essential Petroleum Resources Limited (*the Company*) requests a trading halt pending the release of a clarifying announcement regarding a proposal for the restructure of the Company's liability to Beach Petroleum Limited and Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd in respect of the drilling of Fermat-1 in offshore VIC/P46. The Company expects to be in a position to make a clarifying announcement by the opening of normal trading on **Tuesday, 11 August 2009**. The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully

Alfonso Grillo
Company Secretary