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James Gerraty
The Manager
Issues
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear James,

Application for Trading Halt – Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd (ASX code: BAS)

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules, the Company applies for a trading halt in relation to its securities.

The securities in question are shares trading under the code BAS.

The reason the trading halt is requested is that the Company is seeking to raise funds by way of a placement of shares and options. The grant of a trading halt will ensure that this information is released to the market in an orderly manner so that no opportunity exists for any inappropriate trading.

The Company requests that the trading halt extend until the issue of an ASX announcement by Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd, or in any event, to no later than 10 am on Tuesday 4 October 2005.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Regards,

Andrew Adams
Chief Executive Officer