

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

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AUSTIN ENGINEERING LIMITED**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Austin Engineering 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 Friday, 20 August 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Sirs

Austin Engineering (ANG) – Request for a Trading Halt

Further to our telephone conversations of this afternoon, I would like to request a trading halt on the Company's shares with effect of tomorrow morning, 18 August 2004. The halt is:

- Requested pending the imminent issue of an announcement by the Company
- Expected to last until the issue of an announcement by the Company or as directed by ASX

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

If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of Austin Engineering Ltd



Colin Anderson
Company Secretary