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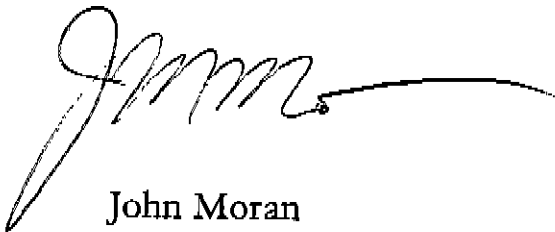
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Fortescue Metal Group Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Fortescue Metal 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, 17 September 2003 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: FMG



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