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Adelaide Brighton Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Adelaide Brighton 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, 9 January 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: ABC



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BY FACSIMILE: 8216 5099

Dear Mr White

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Adelaide Brighton Ltd confirms it is requesting a trading halt in its securities with immediate effect.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, Adelaide Brighton advises:

- a) The reason for the trading halt is that Adelaide Brighton expects to make a significant announcement in relation to the unsolicited takeover bid by Boral Limited.
- b) Adelaide Brighton wishes the trading halt to last until it is in a position to make that announcement. This is expected to be today or tomorrow.
- c) The trading halt will end when that announcement is made.
- d) Adelaide Brighton is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Signed

Marcus Clayton
Company Secretary