

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

17 June 2004

Buka Minerals Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Buka Minerals 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, 18 June 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: BKA

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