

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

# MARKET RELEASE

23 May 2005

**Arafura Resources NL****TRADING HALT**

The securities of Arafura Resources NL (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, 25 May 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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ATTN: Jill Hewitt

Dear Jill

RE: TRADING HALT

The Company requests a trading halt pending an announcement.

Yours sincerely

**ROSS ARANCINI**  
**COMPANY SECRETARY**