



MARKET RELEASE

5 December 2005

ABC Learning Centres Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of ABC Learning Centres 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, 7 December 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: ABS
 ABSPA

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RE: TRADING HALT REQUEST

A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited (A.B.C.) requests a trading halt of its securities from the ASX.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1 – Trading Halts, A.B.C. hereby provides the following information:

1. The reason for the trading halt is that ABC intends undertaking a capital raising in conjunction with the US merger transaction involving Learning Care Group Inc announced to the market on 16 November 2005.
2. A.B.C. expects the trading halt to last until pre-open of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday, 7 December 2005.
3. A.B.C. expects the trading halt to be ended by the announcement of the completion of the capital raising.
4. The Directors of A.B.C. are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
5. There does not exist any other information to inform the market about regarding the trading halt request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3906 2000 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

Jillian Bannan
Company Secretary
A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited