



MARKET RELEASE

26 July 2011

Drillsearch Energy Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Drillsearch Energy Limited (the "Company") will be placed in Trading Halt Session State at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in Trading Halt Session State until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Thursday, 28 July 2011 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: DLS

Stephanie Yong
Senior Advisor, Listings (Sydney)

26 July 2011

The Manager, Issuers (Sydney)
Company Announcements
ASX Limited
20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir / Madam

Request for trading halt

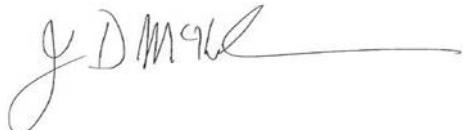
Drillsearch Energy Limited ABN 73 006 474 844 (**Drillsearch**) requests that an immediate trading halt be granted by the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) in respect of Drillsearch's ordinary securities listed on the ASX.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, Drillsearch provides the following information:

- Drillsearch is seeking the trading halt in advance of an announcement to be made to the market concerning a significant transaction in relation to a farm-in;
- Drillsearch requests that the trading halt remain in place until the opening of trading on 28 July 2011, unless Drillsearch requests that the trading halt be lifted before that time; and
- Drillsearch is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any other information available at this stage that is relevant to the trading halt.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jim McKerlie
Chairman
Drillsearch Energy Limited