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Dear Mr Douglass,



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Trading Halt Pending release of Half Yearly Financial Report

The NSX will place Cosmedics Australia Limited ("CMA") into a trading halt pending release of the Half Year Financial report for period ended 31st December 2003 effective from start of trading 16 March 2004.

As advised by your Nominated Adviser, CMA expects to be in a position to lodge this report within the next 48 hours.

The NSX will review the trading halt status once the relevant information has been provided to the NSX.

Yours Sincerely

Scott Evans
General Manager