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Trading Halt Imposed

Dear Mr Hill,



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Announcement	Delay in release of financial information to the Market. Listing Rule 6.8 and 6.25. The issuer is unable to release its Annual Accounts by 30 th September 2004.
Trading Halt Imposed:	10:30 am
Pre-Open:	Not applicable
Normal Trading:	Normal trading will resume as soon as the required information is available from the company.

Yours Sincerely

Scott Evans
General Manager