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Southern Pacific Petroleum NL**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Southern Pacific Petroleum 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, 24 June 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: SPP



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Attention: James Rowe, Manager Issuers (Perth)

Dear Sir

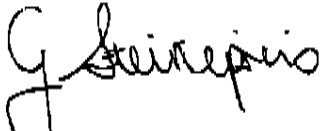
TRADING HALT REQUEST

The Directors of Southern Pacific Petroleum NL (ASX Code: SPP) hereby request a trading halt of the Company's securities.

The trading halt is requested until an announcement is made to the market with respect to a proposed acquisition and is expected to be made before the opening of trading on Wednesday, 23 June 2009.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully



Gary Steinepreis
Director

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