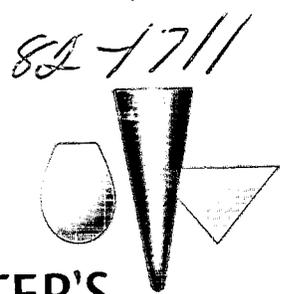


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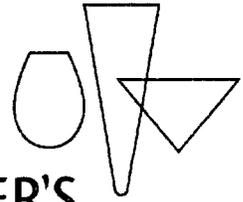
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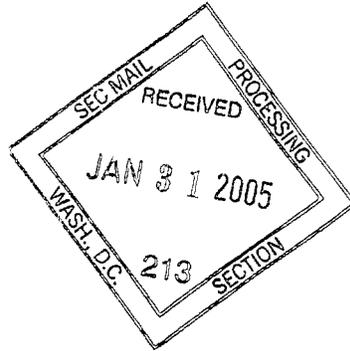
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Foster's Group - Trading Halt

Foster's Group ("Foster's" or "the Company") today entered a trading halt.

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The Company is unable to comment on the reason for the trading halt, or on market speculation generally.

Foster's is mindful of its disclosure obligations as a listed company and will keep the market informed as appropriate.

Attached is a letter sent from the Company to the Australian Stock Exchange dated the 13 January 2005.

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Thursday, 13 January 2005

By email : justin.nelson@asx.com.au

Mr Justin Nelson
Manager Companies, Adelaide
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
91 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Justin

Request for Trading Halt

On behalf of Foster's Group Limited (**Company**), I request a trading halt in all securities of the company effective immediately.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, I advise that:

1. The Company has acquired 18.8% of the issued capital of Southcorp Limited at \$4.17 per share.
2. The trading halt is being requested because the Company is currently in discussions which may lead to a major corporate announcement.
3. The Company is not yet in a position to make an announcement regarding those discussions.
4. The Company requests that the trading halt continue until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday 17 January 2005, or when an announcement is made by the Company regarding the above discussions. The Company expects to be able to make an announcement prior to the commencement of normal trading on Monday 17 January 2005.
5. The Company is not aware of any reason why a trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully
Foster's Group Limited



Peter Bobeff
Company Secretary