



MARKET RELEASE

1 November 2004

Pharmaxis Ltd

TRADING HALT

The securities of Pharmaxis Ltd (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, 3 November 2004 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: PXS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Barnett', is written over a white background.

David Barnett
Assistant Manager, Companies Sydney

pharmaxis

1 November 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Ltd
20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Attention: David Barnett

Dear David,

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Pharmaxis Ltd (**Pharmaxis**) requests an immediate two day trading halt.

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

- a) Pharmaxis is proposing to undertake a placement and a share purchase plan. Pharmaxis is requesting the trading halt to enable the company to conduct an investor bookbuild and to prevent trading in its securities in an uninformed market.
- b) Pharmaxis requests that the trading halt commence pre-open on 1 November 2004 and to continue until the commencement of trading on 3 November 2004.
- c) Prior to the end of the trading halt, Pharmaxis will make a further announcement to the market.
- d) Pharmaxis is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

David McGarvey



Chief Financial Officer/Company Secretary