



MARKET RELEASE

27 August 2009

RAMSAY HEALTH CARE LIMITED

TRADING HALT

The securities of Ramsay Health Care Limited (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 Monday, 31 August 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: RHC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Yong', is positioned above the printed name.

Stephanie Yong
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Attention: Ms Stephanie Yong

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By email: stephanie.yong@asx.com.au

Dear Ms Yong

Ramsay Health Care Limited (ASX Code: RHC) - Trading Halt Request

Ramsay Health Care Limited (**RHC**) requests that an immediate trading halt be granted by the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) with respect to its ordinary shares and its Convertible Adjustable Rate Equity Securities (**CARES**).

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, RHC advises that:

- RHC is seeking the trading halt pending the making of an announcement by RHC to the market in relation to the outcome of an institutional share placement process, which will be announced and commence today;
- RHC requests the trading halt to last until such time as it makes an announcement to the market concerning the outcome of the institutional share placement but, in any event, the trading halt will not last beyond the commencement of trading on Friday, 28 August; and
- RHC is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely

John O'Grady
Group General Counsel and Company Secretary

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