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20 March 2007

Carnaryon Petroleum Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Carnarvon Petroleum Limited (the "Company") will be placed in preopen 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 Thursday, 22 March 2007 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:

CVN

Jill Hewitt

Adviser, Issuers (Perth)

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CARNARVON PETROLEUM LIMITED ABN 60 002 688 851

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Australian Stock Exchange Limited Exchange Plaza 2 The Esplanade PERTH WA 60000

By Facsimile: 9221 2020

Attention: Jill Hewitt

Dear Jill

REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

Carnarvon Petroleum Limited hereby requests a trading halt of its securities pending the release of an announcement by the Company.

For and on behalf of the Board

RA Anderson

Company Secretary

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