



MARKET RELEASE

31 July 2006

Carnarvon Petroleum Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Carnarvon Petroleum 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 Thursday, 3 August 2006 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: CVN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Donovan', is written over a horizontal line.

Ben Donovan
Advisor, Issuers