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ASX Limited  
Att: Marta Kielich  
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Dear Ms Kielich

**REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION**

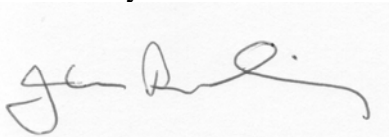
On behalf of Benitec Limited (“the Company”), I request that all securities of the Company (ASX codes: BLT and BLTOA) be placed into voluntary suspension immediately.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.2, I advise that:

- The reason for the suspension is to allow the Company time to prepare an announcement for release to the ASX. The Company has this morning received from the US Patents and Trademarks Office a Non-Final Office Action on Application 90/007,247 which relates to the US Patent Reexamination. This 140 page document includes detailed arguments from the examiner in response to the Company’s submission on 24 April 2007 and documents submitted subsequently. Before the Company is able to make an informed disclosure to the market, a full review of the material will be undertaken along with further discussions with our partners CSIRO and our legal representatives. The Company expects that the Non-Final Office Action document will be posted on USPTO PAIRS within the next 24 hours;
- The suspension is to last until the earlier of the Company releasing an announcement or the commencement of trading on Monday 21 April 2008;
- We expect that the suspension will be ended by Company making an announcement of the kind referred to above; and
- The Company is not aware of any reason why the suspension should not be granted.

Please call me if you have any queries in respect of the above.

Yours faithfully



**John Rawling**  
Company Secretary