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ASX Limited  
Att: Marta Kielich  
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Dear Ms Kielich

**REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT**

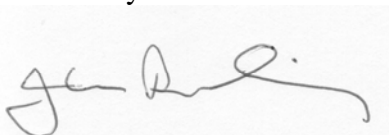
On behalf of Benitec Limited (“the Company”), I request a trading halt in all securities of the Company (ASX codes: BLT and BLTOA) immediately.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, I advise that:

- The reason for the trading halt is to allow the Company time to prepare an announcement for release to the ASX. The Company has just been advised that the USPTO has issued a Non-Final Action on Application 90/007,247 which relates to the US Patent Reexamination. At this time, the Company is in the process of obtaining the details of the Non-Final Action;
- The trading halt is to last until the earlier of the Company releasing an announcement or the commencement of trading on Wednesday 16 April 2008;
- We expect that the trading halt 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 trading halt should not be granted.

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

Yours faithfully



**John Rawling**  
Company Secretary