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Reason for Trading Halt

Earlier today, Macmahon's General Manager, Investor Relations was contacted by a leading media outlet which had received a copy of an email chain that purported to comprise emails between directors of Macmahon and the Chief Executive Officer. The email chain discussed a supposed approach from a Chinese joint venture about a formal takeover offer for Macmahon at a substantial premium.

The media outlet sought comment from Macmahon's Chief Executive Officer and provided a copy of the email chain.

After making internal enquiries the media outlet in question was advised that there was no truth to the matters referred to in the emails and that the emails themselves were false. In a subsequent phone call from the same media outlet, Macmahon was advised that other media outlets had been provided with the same false information.

At that point, Macmahon requested a trading halt given the heightened risk of trading occurring on the back of false information.

Macmahon confirms to the market that no such discussions about a possible offer have taken place.

Macmahon has no knowledge of who created the false emails and has instructed its lawyers to raise this matter with the ASX and ASIC.

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About Macmahon

Macmahon is a leading Australian contract mining and construction company with major projects throughout Australia, in New Zealand, Asia, Mongolia and Africa.

An ASX/S&P 200 company, Macmahon has played a major role in the delivery of many of Australia's largest multi-disciplinary mining and construction projects throughout its 49 year history.

Directly employing more than 4500 people, Macmahon offers the full range of underground and surface mining services and comprehensive construction capabilities spanning transport, marine, water and resource infrastructure services.

With a commitment to providing end to end services, Macmahon's reputation for outstanding teamwork, integrity and commitment to the environment is underpinned by the company's core value - safety.

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