



Market Announcement

2 May 2018

New Hope Corporation Limited – Trading Halt

Description

The securities of New Hope Corporation Limited (the 'Company') will be placed in trading halt at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in trading halt until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Friday, 4 May 2018 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:	NHC
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Issued by

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1 May 2018

Mr Chris Dobbs
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Dear Chris,

Trading Halt Request

New Hope Corporation Limited (**New Hope**) requests a trading halt be applied to its securities (ASX Code: NHC) under ASX Listing Rule 17.1. During the course of trading hours on the ASX on Wednesday 2 May 2018, the Queensland Supreme Court is expected to deliver its judgment on the judicial review of the Queensland Land Court's recommendation to refuse the applications for mining leases and an amended environmental authority for the New Acland Stage 3 project, made by the Company's wholly owned subsidiary.

The trading halt is requested from immediately prior to the opening of the market on Wednesday, 2 May 2018 pending the release of the Court's judgment and an announcement to the market regarding the Company's position on it.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, we provide the following information:

- (a) the trading halt is necessary as otherwise there is a material risk that trading in the Company's securities might occur during the course of Wednesday, 2 May 2018 while the market as a whole is not reasonably informed given both:
 - (i) the uncertainty surrounding the timing of general public access to the Court's judgment on Wednesday 2 May 2018; and
 - (ii) the time required to review the judgment before the Company makes an announcement regarding it;
- (b) we request the trading halt from market open on Wednesday 2 May 2018 and continuing until we are in a position to make an announcement to the market concerning this matter;
- (c) we expect the further announcement regarding this matter will be made prior to the commencement of trading on Thursday 3 May 2018; and
- (d) we confirm we are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully,
NEW HOPE CORPORATION LIMITED

Janelle Moody
Company Secretary

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