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WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

TRADING HALT

The securities of Westpac Banking Corporation (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 Friday, 4 November 2005 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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