Market Announcement



16 February 2024

Symbio Holdings Limited (ASX: SYM) – Trading Halt

Description

The securities of Symbio Holdings Limited ('SYM') will be placed in trading halt at the request of SYM, pending it releasing an announcement. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in trading halt until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 19 February 2024 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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TRADING HALT REQUEST - ASX Code: SYM

Symbio Holdings Limited (**Symbio**) requests that a trading halt be granted by the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) in respect of its ordinary shares (ASX Code: SYM) pursuant to Listing Rule 17.1, prior to the commencement of trading today.

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.1, Symbio provides the following information:

- 1 Symbio makes this request pending the outcome of today's court hearing (**Second Court Hearing**), at which Symbio will seek orders of the Federal Court of Australia approving the scheme of arrangement under which Aussie Broadband Limited has agreed to acquire 100% of the issued shares in Symbio (**Scheme**), which was approved at the meeting of Symbio shareholders held on 7 February 2024;
- 2 The trading halt is necessary as:
 - a) today is the ex-dividend date for the special dividend which the Symbio board determined to pay on 5 February 2024, conditional on the Scheme becoming effective; and
 - b) the Scheme becoming effective (and, accordingly, the payment of the special dividend) remains conditional on the outcome of the Second Court Hearing;

Accordingly, it will only be confirmed whether the special dividend will become payable after the outcome of the Second Court Hearing is known. If there was no trading halt, there is potential for investors to be confused as to whether Symbio's shares are trading cumdividend or ex-dividend at the beginning of trading today;

- 3 Symbio expects to announce the outcome of the Second Court Hearing to the ASX later today;
- 4 Symbio requests that the trading halt continue until the earlier of Symbio releasing an announcement in relation to the outcome of the Second Court Hearing, or until the open of trading on Monday, 19 February 2024, whichever is earlier;
- 5 Symbio expects that the trading halt will be ended by it making an announcement to the ASX in relation to the outcome of the Second Court Hearing; and
- 6 Symbio is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any other information available at this stage that is necessary to inform the market about the requested trading halt.

Yours faithfully,

Nicholas Elvin

Company Secretary