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SWIFTEL LIMITED**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Swiftel Limited (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 Thursday, 14 August 2003 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Sir

Swiftel Limited wishes to place a trading halt on its securities effective immediately. The company is currently in negotiations with parties seeking to acquire a substantial shareholding in Swiftel Limited.

We expect the negotiations to be completed within the next two days.

Yours sincerely
SWIFTEL LIMITED

GRAEME BODEN
Company Secretary