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Dear Sir,

**Request for trading halt**

Lihir Gold Limited (**LGL**) requests an immediate trading halt be granted by the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) with respect to its securities.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, we advise:

- The trading halt is requested to allow for LGL to announce and conduct an institutional placement (Placement) of ordinary shares. A further announcement will be made to the market advising of details regarding the Placement.
- The trading halt is not expected to last beyond the commencement of trading on Friday 6 March 2009; and
- LGL is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S MacKenzie'.

**Stuart MacKenzie**  
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