



# MARKET RELEASE

21 December 2009

**Oil Basins Limited**

**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Oil Basins 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 Wednesday, 23 December 2009 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:       OBL  
                          OBLOA

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**REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT**

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1 the company requests an immediate trading halt on its securities (OBL and OBLOA) pending the release of an announcement to the market regarding a material capital raising.

The trading halt is requested until the earlier of the release of the announcement or prior to commencement of trading on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours faithfully  
**OIL BASINS LIMITED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Leydin', is written over a horizontal line.

**MELANIE LEYDIN**  
Company Secretary