# **Market Announcement**



1 February 2024

## Metcash Limited (ASX: MTS) – Trading Halt

#### Description

The securities of Metcash Limited ('MTS') will be placed in trading halt at the request of MTS, 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, 5 February 2024 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Elvis

### **Request for trading halt**

Metcash Limited (ASX:MTS) (**Metcash**) requests that its securities be placed in a trading halt with immediate effect pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1.

Metcash refers to the article in the Street Talk section of today's Australian Financial Review speculating that Metcash may be in advanced discussions in relation to the acquisition of Superior Food Group.

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

- (1) Metcash confirms that it is in discussions with the vendors concerning the potential acquisition of Superior Food Group, however, at this stage the discussions are incomplete and there is no certainty that they will lead to a transaction. The trading halt is requested pending an announcement relating to the potential acquisition and is required to ensure that Metcash securities are not trading on a misinformed basis.
- (2) Metcash requests that the trading halt remain in place until the earlier of:
  - (a) the commencement of trading on Monday, 5 February 2024; or
  - (b) an announcement being made about the potential acquisition.
- (3) Metcash is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or any other information necessary to inform the market about this trading halt.

Please contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

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