

Market Announcement

16 February 2026

Contact Energy Limited (ASX: CEN) – Trading Halt

Trading in the securities of Contact Energy Limited ('CEN') will be halted at the request of CEN, pending the release of an announcement by CEN.

Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in trading halt until the earlier of:

- the commencement of normal trading on Tuesday, 17 February 2026; or
- the release of the announcement to the market.

CEN's request for a trading halt is attached below for the information of the market.

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Request for trading halt: Contact Energy Limited (ASX Code: CEN and CENHA; NZX Codes: CEN, CEN060, CEN070, CEN080 and CEN090)

We request a trading halt to be applied to Contact Energy Limited's (**Contact**) (i) ordinary shares (ISIN: NZCENE0001S6) on NZX and ASX; its quoted bonds (being CEN060, CEN070, CEN080 and CEN090) on NZX; and its quoted EMTN (ISIN XS3216289663) on ASX, under ASX Listing Rule 17.1 and NZX Listing Rule 9.9.1(a) and set out below details of the request as per the rules of each of ASX and NZX.

We would like the trading halt to commence immediately and be lifted at the earlier of: (i) announcement of completion of the Placement described below; and (ii) opening of trading on the NZX Main Board and ASX on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

Reasons for trading halt:

Contact is proposing to undertake an equity raising of \$525 million, comprising an offer of NZ\$450 million of ordinary shares to institutional and other select investors (the **Placement**) to be conducted by UBS New Zealand Limited (**UBS**), followed by a non-underwritten retail offer of up to NZ\$75 million of ordinary shares (with the ability to accept oversubscriptions at Contact's discretion) to Contact's eligible existing shareholders in New Zealand and Australia (the **Retail Offer**). The Placement is fully underwritten by UBS.

Contact considers that the trading halt is desirable to enable Contact and UBS to conduct the Placement and determine the allocation of shares. Contact considers that, but for the trading halt, the Placement process would impact a fair, orderly or transparent market as information about the Placement or take-up by investors may be known by some market participants and not others, so the market would not be trading on a fully informed basis.

As soon as the trading halt is applied, Contact expects to be in a position to announce to the market that the Placement is occurring and is proposed to be followed by the Retail Offer.

As soon as the Placement and the allocation of shares is completed, Contact will be in a position to release details of the results of the Placement to the market. Contact believes that such information will be price sensitive.

How long we want the trading halt to last:

We would like the trading halt to last one trading day, commencing immediately today, 16 February 2026 and being lifted at the earlier of: (i) announcement of completion of the Placement; and (ii) opening of trading on the NZX Main Board and ASX on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

The event we expect to happen that will end the trading halt:

We expect the trading halt to end once we are in a position to announce the outcome of the Placement on the NZX and the ASX. We expect this to occur before market open on the NZX and ASX on Tuesday, 17 February 2026.

Other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt or that ASX or NZ RegCo have requested:

We do not believe that there is any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

We confirm that we are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely



Kirsten Clayton

General Counsel and Company Secretary