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Following is the text of a letter provided by PaperlinX to the Australian Stock Exchange today:

“In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, PaperlinX Limited hereby requests a trading halt for its securities. PaperlinX is currently in discussions with its 42% owned associate, Spicers Paper Limited, and expects to announce a merger proposal shortly.

PaperlinX requests this trading halt to commence immediately and remain in place until commencement of trading on 15 November, or until a further announcement can be made.

PaperlinX is not aware of any reason why this trading halt should not be granted.

At this time, PaperlinX is not in a position to disclose any additional information which would inform the market about the trading halt.”

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