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BIG INCREASE IN CURRAGH COAL PRICES

Annual price negotiations for metallurgical coal exports from Wesfarmers Resources Curragh mine in Queensland's Bowen Basin have now been concluded with all major customers.

The weighted average US\$FOB contract price for Curragh's metallurgical coal sales – hard coking, semi-hard coking and PCI – has increased by almost 230 per cent.

The sales mix remains unchanged from advice previously given.

The Managing Director of Wesfarmers Resources, Stewart Butel, said outcomes were in line with publicly-reported settlements by other exporters of similar quality products.

Mr Butel said the company was satisfied with the result of the major customer negotiations. They included Curragh's hard coking coal prices improving market price relativity with settlements up to US\$300 per metric tonne.

“Curragh metallurgical sales volumes for 2007/08 are expected to be in the previously stated range of 6.1 to 6.5 million tonnes, with demand from customers in the second half remaining very strong,” he said.

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