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CURRAGH COAL SALES OUTCOMES

Wesfarmers today released the June quarter Statement of Production, Development and Exploration for its coal mining activities. This shows a 39 per cent increase in production of metallurgical coal from the Curragh mine in Queensland during the 2005/06 financial year.

As previously advised, rail and port capacity constraints have had an adverse impact on Curragh metallurgical coal sales which were, as anticipated, below production levels for the year ended 30 June.

Sales from Curragh for that period comprised:

- Metallurgical coal 6.0 million tonnes
- Steaming coal 2.6 million tonnes

Rail performance shortfalls and port congestion resulted in the loading of some coal included in the previously-advised full year estimate of 6.2 million tonnes slipping into the first week of July.

The production and sales outlook for the current financial year will continue to be affected by the rail and port issues referred to above.

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