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CURRAGH MINE SECURES ADDITIONAL EXPORT CAPACITY

The Wesfarmers owned Curragh mine has secured 1.5 million tonnes per annum of export capacity through a take or pay contract for port capacity in Stage One of the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal. This port capacity is supported by a contract for below-track rail capacity with QR Network, a subsidiary of QR National Limited.

As previously announced, Curragh is undertaking a feasibility study to evaluate the potential to increase metallurgical coal exports to 10 million tonnes per annum. The port capacity secured at the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal, which is expected to commence exports in 2014, would support this expansion.

The Wiggins Island Coal Terminal is being developed by an industry owned consortium, WICET Holdings Pty Ltd, in which Curragh is a minority shareholder.

Wesfarmers Resources Managing Director, Mr Stewart Butel said securing an additional 1.5 million tonnes of export capacity at Wiggins Island is a key step to underpin a further expansion at our Curragh Mine.

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