

20 April 2009

The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Securities Exchange

Dear Sir,

**QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND
EXPLORATION**

Please find attached a copy of the quarterly statement covering the production, development and exploration mining activities within the Wesfarmers group for the quarter ended 31 March 2009.

Yours faithfully,



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COMPANY SECRETARY

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Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

MARCH 2009

Premier

Production

Overburden removal was 5.1 per cent higher than for the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 880,000 tonnes, 4.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter. This quarter's production was positively impacted by increased coal demand from Verve during the summer months.

Development

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Curragh

Production

Overburden removal was 9.7 per cent lower than for the previous quarter due to unplanned maintenance on draglines 303 and 304.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,157,000 tonnes (comprising 1,451,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 706,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 13.5 per cent lower than the previous quarter, largely as a result of wet weather conditions in January and February 2009. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 17.4 per cent compared to the December 2008 quarter, in part due to changes in plant feed mix. Steaming coal production decreased by 4.2 per cent.

Development

Curragh continues a feasibility study into expanding the mine to achieve annual export tonnages of between 8.0 and 8.5 million tonnes of metallurgical coal.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Bengalla

Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 450,000 tonnes, 19.6 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due to the impact of wet weather as well as operating in a less productive part of the mine sequence.

Development

The ROM hopper relocation project is scheduled to commence tie-in activities in mid May, in line with the original project timetable.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Attributable Production

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended (‘000 tonnes)			Full year ended (‘000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Mar-08	Dec-08	Mar-09	Mar-07	Mar-08	Mar-09	Mar Qtr 2009 V Mar Qtr 2008	Mar Qtr 2009 V Dec Qtr 2008	Yr to Mar 2009 V Yr to Mar 2008
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	890	845	880	3,270	2,803	3,224	(1.1%)	4.1%	15.0%
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,638	1,756	1,451	6,633	6,367	7,082	(11.4%)	(17.4%)	11.2%
			Steaming	618	737	706	2,213	2,548	2,735	14.2%	(4.2%)	7.3%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	421	560	450	2,308	1,957	2,172	6.9%	(19.6%)	11.0%