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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 30 September 2007.

Yours faithfully



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COMPANY SECRETARY

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QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION

SEPTEMBER 2007

PREMIER

PRODUCTION

Overburden removal was 33.6 per cent lower than for the previous quarter, as production was interrupted by weather conditions.

Coal production for the quarter was 763,000 tonnes, 29.3 per cent higher than for the previous quarter. The previous quarter was affected by Verve taking less product in order to reduce its coal stockpiles.

DEVELOPMENT

Commissioning of the Research and Development Char Plant continued during the quarter.

EXPLORATION

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

CURRAGH

PRODUCTION

Overburden removal was 14.0 per cent lower than for the previous quarter, mainly due to a planned 10 week major dragline shutdown.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,280,000 tonnes (comprising 1,558,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 722,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 7.2 per cent higher than for the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 2.1 per cent and steaming coal production increased by 38.0 per cent compared to the September 2006 quarter. Coal production was constrained by the coal handling and preparation plant availability in July and a planned six day shutdown in August.

Expectations for full year production of export metallurgical coal at Curragh remain in the range of 6.5 to 6.9 million tonnes, subject to satisfactory mine, rail and port performance.

DEVELOPMENT

Curragh has commenced 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 558,000 tonnes, 30.4 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, due to a catch up of lost production, which had resulted from severe flooding across the Hunter Valley during the previous quarter.

DEVELOPMENT

A Development Consent Modification Application is being prepared for the extension of mining operations south into the Wantana pit area. Feasibility studies to determine the viability of increasing ROM production from 8.7 million tonnes to 10.7 million tonnes per annum are continuing.

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		
				Sep-06	Jun-07	Sep-07	Sep-05	Sep-06	Sep-07	Sep Qtr 2007 V Sep Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2007 V Jun Qtr 2007	Yr to Sep 2007 V Yr to Sep 2006
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	917	590	763	3,341	3,714	2,835	(16.8%)	29.3%	(23.7%)
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,591	1,545	1,558	4,898	6,360	6,355	(2.1%)	0.8%	(0.1%)
			Steaming	523	582	722	2,515	2,489	2,401	38.0%	24.1%	(3.5%)
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	647	428	558	1,955	2,466	2,085	(13.8%)	30.4%	(15.5%)