

**WESFARMERS LIMITED**

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

**SEPTEMBER 2006**

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**PREMIER**

**PRODUCTION**

Overburden movement was 28 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to a lower overall rate of operations in line with forecast deliveries to customers over the full year. All coal sale contracts were met during the quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 917,000 tonnes, 5.4 per cent above the previous quarter due to higher demand from customers.

**DEVELOPMENT**

The construction of the Research and Development 50,000 tpa Char Plant continues and commissioning is scheduled for December 2006.

**EXPLORATION**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

## **CURRAGH**

### **PRODUCTION**

Overburden removal was 10.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter due to increased production from draglines as well as increased contractor truck and shovel activity due to the availability of additional earthmoving equipment.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,114,000 tonnes (comprising 1,591,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 523,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 11.3 per cent lower than the previous quarter, primarily due to the planned five day shutdown in the Coal Handling & Preparation Plant in July 2006.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Key project development activities included the continuation of the Curragh North Materials Handling Project procurement and construction. At the end of the quarter the project was approximately 89 per cent complete with commissioning expected to be in December 2006. The forecast total cost for the Curragh North Project remains within the budgeted \$360 million.

### **EXPLORATION**

Exploration drilling to further delineate the resource at Curragh North continued through the quarter.

## **BENGALLA**

### **PRODUCTION**

Coal production for the quarter was 647,000 tonnes, 15.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter as mining operations remained in a productive section of the mine sequence categorised by thicker coal seams.

### **DEVELOPMENT**

Planning and evaluation continued with a view to obtaining approvals necessary to increase the maximum annual run of mine production from 8.7 million tonnes to 10.7 million tonnes.

### **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 05	Jun 06	Sep 06	Sep 04	Sep 05	Sep 06	Sep Qtr 2006 v Sep Qtr 2005	Sep Qtr 2006 v Jun Qtr 2006	Yr to Sep 2006 v Yr to Sep 2005
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Limited	100%	Steaming	915	870	917	3,402	3,341	3,714	0.2%	5.4%	11.2%
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,531	1,790	1,591	4,796	4,898	6,360	3.9%	(11.1%)	29.8%
			Steaming	679	593	523	2,424	2,515	2,489	(23.0%)	(11.8%)	(1.0%)
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	483	562	647	2,538	1,955	2,466	34.0%	15.1%	26.1%