



21 October 2010

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 2010.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L J Kenyon".

L J KENYON  
COMPANY SECRETARY



## Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

SEPTEMBER 2010

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### **Premier**

#### **Production**

Overburden removal was 2.5 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Coal production for the quarter was 699,000 tonnes, 12.9 per cent higher than for the previous quarter due to becoming sole supplier to Verve Energy from 1 July 2010.

#### **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 2.8 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,082,000 tonnes (comprising 1,384,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 698,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 9.4 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 14.1 per cent compared to the previous quarter, as a result of unseasonal wet weather impacting coal mining out of pits. Steaming coal production was 1.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter due mainly to higher contracted demand.

### **Development**

As previously announced, the expansion of Curragh Mine up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical coal was approved by the Wesfarmers Limited Board on 10 November 2009. Expansion works are underway, with the project scheduled for completion in late calendar year 2011.

### **Exploration**

A drilling program was completed during the period at Curragh and Curragh North comprising 182 chip holes. The program was designed to target infill structural definition.

## **Bengalla**

### **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 445,000 tonnes, 24.7 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to operating in a less productive part of the mine sequence and wet weather.

### **Development**

Feasibility studies to determine the viability of increasing ROM coal production from 8.7 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-09	Jun-10	Sep-10	Sep-08	Sep-09	Sep-10	Sep Qtr 2010 V Sep Qtr 2009	Sep Qtr 2010 V Jun Qtr 2010	Yr to Sep 2010 V Yr to Sep 2009
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	802	619	699	2,949	3,230	2,678	(12.8%)	12.9%	(17.1%)
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,711	1,612	1,384	7,139	6,613	6,286	(19.1%)	(14.1%)	(4.9%)
			Steaming	618	686	698	2,536	2,769	2,550	12.9%	1.7%	(7.9%)
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	587	591	445	2,133	2,173	2,101	(24.2%)	(24.7%)	(3.3%)