## **News Release**



# **Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration 1 January to 31 March 2015**

29 April 2015

#### **CURRAGH**

#### **Production**

Overburden removal was 2.0 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,999,000 tonnes (comprising 2,177,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 822,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 0.3 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production was 4.9 per cent lower than the previous quarter due mainly to wet weather impacts in January. Steaming coal production increased by 17.3 per cent compared to the previous quarter due to higher demand for steaming coal during the period.

For the 12 months to 31 March 2015, metallurgical coal production increased by 9.3 per cent to 9,163,000 tonnes and steaming coal production decreased by 4.0 per cent to 3,293,000 tonnes.

#### **Development**

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

#### **Exploration**

During the March quarter, 16 exploration boreholes were drilled on Mineral Development Licence 162 (MDL162), which is located between and adjacent to the Curragh and Curragh North mining leases. This is part of ongoing work to determine the optimum mine plan for potential future development of MDL162.

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#### **BENGALLA**

#### **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 936,000 tonnes, 13.5 per cent above the previous quarter due to operations moving into a more productive section of the mining sequence. For the 12 months to 31 March 2015, Wesfarmers' share of coal production decreased by 3.5 per cent to 3,412,000 tonnes.

#### **Development**

There was no significant development activity during the guarter.

As announced on 4 March 2015, the New South Wales Government gave approval for a new Development Consent that will allow the Bengalla mine to continue mining until 2039. The Development Consent provides for a maximum approved production limit of 15 million Run of Mine (ROM) tonnes per year.

#### **Exploration**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

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### **ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

Mine	Ownership	Equity Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Full year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Mar-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	Mar-13	Mar-14	Mar-15	Mar Qtr 2015 V Mar Qtr 2014	Mar Qtr 2015 V Dec Qtr 2014	Yr to Mar 2015 V Yr to Mar 2014
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	2,375	2,290	2,177	7,747	8,382	9,163	(8.3)%	(4.9)%	9.3%
			Steaming	830	701	822	3,104	3,430	3,293	(1.0)%	17.3%	(4.0)%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	948	825	936	2,954	3,535	3,412	(1.3)%	13.5%	(3.5)%