

27 April 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 31 March 2010.

Yours faithfully,



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ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

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Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

MARCH 2010

Premier

Production

Overburden removal was 4.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter, due to favourable weather conditions and the increased allocation of equipment to overburden removal in line with reduced coal production requirements.

Coal production for the quarter was 670,000 tonnes, 2.9 per cent lower than for the previous quarter in response to reduced demand from Verve Energy.

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 12.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter due predominately to increased dozer push activity to accelerate coal exposure and the introduction of additional contractors at the Curragh North operation.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,160,000 tonnes (comprising 1,540,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 620,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 5.9 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 12.0 per cent compared to the December 2009 quarter due primarily to seasonal wet weather conditions. Steaming coal production was 13.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter due to higher contracted demand.

Development

As previously advised, approval for the expansion of the Curragh Mine up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical was granted by the Wesfarmers Limited Board on 10 November 2009. Works pursuant to this approval are underway for the construction of Curragh's second coal handling and preparation plant, including site mobilisation plus ordering of long-lead items.

Exploration

A drilling program was implemented during the period comprising sixty-eight chip holes both at Curragh and Curragh North. The program was designed to target infill structural definition.

Bengalla

Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 491,000 tonnes, 14.5 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due to operating in a less productive section of the mining sequence.

Development

Feasibility studies to determine the viability of increasing ROM 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		
				Mar-09	Dec-09	Mar-10	Mar-08	Mar-09	Mar-10	Mar Qtr 2010 V Mar Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010 V Dec Qtr 2009	Yr to Mar 2010 V Yr to Mar 2009
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	880	690	670	2,803	3,224	2,865	(23.9%)	(2.9%)	(11.1%)
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,451	1,750	1,540	6,367	7,082	6,696	6.1%	(12.0%)	(5.5%)
			Steaming	706	546	620	2,548	2,735	2,492	(12.2%)	13.6%	(8.9%)
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	450	574	491	1,957	2,172	2,228	9.1%	(14.5%)	2.6%