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

1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2012

CURRAGH

Production

Overburden removal was 11.2 per cent lower than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 3,055,000 tonnes (comprising 2,345,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 710,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 17.8 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production increased by 31.4 per cent, while steaming coal production decreased by 12.2 per cent compared to the previous quarter.

Commissioning of the new coal handling and preparation plant was successfully completed during the period. Metallurgical coal production averaged 780,000 tonnes per month during the quarter, a record for the mine.

Development

Project completion of the \$286 million Curragh mine expansion up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical coal capacity was achieved during the quarter.

Exploration

The Curragh North drilling program continued with 86 holes drilled during the quarter. The primary objectives of the drilling were infill structural definition and coal quality analysis.

BENGALLA

Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 760,000 tonnes, 35 per cent higher than the previous quarter, reflecting expansion completion.

Development

Construction work for the expansion of the mine's production from 7.8 million to 9.3 million tonnes per annum of ROM coal was completed during the quarter.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

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ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Full year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Jun-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Jun-10	Jun-11	Jun-12	Jun Qtr 2012 V Jun Qtr 2011	Jun Qtr 2012 V Mar Qtr 2012	Yr to Jun 2012 V Yr to Jun 2011
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,253	1,785	2,345	6,613	5,383	7,217	87.2%	31.4%	34.1%
			Steaming	653	809	710	2,470	2,470	2,884	8.7%	(12.2%)	16.8%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	536	563	760	2,243	2,243	2,335	41.8%	35.0%	4.1%