

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

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23 May 2008

Wesfarmers Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Wesfarmers Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 26 May 2008 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: WES
 WESN

Elizabeth Harris

Senior Adviser, Issuers (Perth)



Wesfarmers Limited

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Ms Elizabeth Harris
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Dear Ms Harris,

Request for Trading Halt

I request a trading halt in both the ordinary shares (ASX Code: WES) and partially protected shares (ASX Code: WESN) of Wesfarmers Limited (*Wesfarmers*) from the commencement of trading on Friday, 23 May 2008.

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.1, Wesfarmers provides the following information.

1. A retail bookbuild will be conducted during the course of Friday, 23 May 2008 following the completion of Wesfarmers retail entitlement offer on Tuesday, 20 May 2008. A trading halt is necessary to ensure an orderly market during the course of the bookbuild.
2. Wesfarmers requests that the trading halt continue until the opening of trading on Monday, 26 May 2008, unless Wesfarmers requests that the trading halt be lifted before that time.
3. Wesfarmers is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any other information available at this stage that is relevant to the trading halt.

Yours sincerely,

LINDA KENYON
Company Secretary

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