19 February 2009

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Wesfarmers Limited Wesfarmers House 11th floor, 40 The Esplanade Perth 6000 Western Australia

# Re: Notice of Interests of Substantial Shareholder under Section 671B

Company Secretary:

Enclosed is a Form 603 dated 18 February 2009. Please note that a copy of this report has been sent to the Australian Stock Exchange.

The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CGC") is the parent company of Capital Research and Management Company ("CRMC"). CRMC is a U.S.-based investment management company that manages The American Funds family of mutual funds. CGC is also the parent company of Capital Group International, Inc. ("CGII"), which in turn is the parent company of five investment management companies: Capital Guardian Trust Company, Capital International, Inc., Capital International Limited, Capital International S.A. and Capital International K.K. Each of these investment management companies acts separately from the others and from CGC in exercising investment discretion over its managed accounts.

Neither CGC nor any of its affiliates own shares of your company for its own account. Rather, the shares reported on Form 603 are owned by accounts under the discretionary investment management of one or more of the investment management companies described above.

For the purposes of this Notice an outstanding share balance of 726,726,819 shares was used to calculate the percentages of holdings of the relevant share capital. We believe this outstanding share balance is current; however, if this number is not accurate, please contact us as soon as possible so that we may make the necessary revisions to this Notice.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Gina Martinez or Vivien Tan at (213) 615-0469 or send a fax message to (213) 486-9698. Alternatively, you may contact us via E-mail at GRGroup@capgroup.com.

Regards,

Vivien Tan Compliance Specialist

## Form 603

## Corporations Act 2001 Section 671B

### Notice of initial substantial holder

To Company Name/Scheme	Wesfarmers Limited
ACN/ARSN	
1. Details of substantial holder (1)	
Name	The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	n/a

The holder became a substantial holder on

18 February 2009

#### 2. Details of voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
Ordinary Shares	36,943,719	36,943,719	5.08%

### 3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.		36,943,719 Ordinary Shares

The shares being reported under this section are owned by accounts under the discretionary investment management of 1 investment management company (Capital Research and Management Company) which is a direct or indirect subsidiary of The Capital Group Companies, Inc., 333 South Hope Street, 55th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071.

#### 4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
		none	
See Annexure A dated 18 February 2009 (copy attached)			

### 5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of
		Cash	Non-cash	securities
The Capital Group	18/10/2008 to 18/02/2008	Average price	of 14.3332	36,943,719
Companies, Inc.				Ordinary Shares

# 6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
N/A	N/A

The company (Capital Research and Management Company) referred to in paragraph 1(a) is a wholly owned direct or indirect subsidiary of The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

## 7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
The Capital Group Companies, Inc.	333 South Hope Street, 55 <sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071

## Signature

print name: David M. Givner

Capacity: Associate Counsel

sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 19 February 2009

# Annexure "A"

This is the Annexure of 1 page marked Annexure "A" referred to in Form 603 (initial) signed by this corporation dated 18 February 2009.

The Capital Group Companies, Inc.

By:

David M. Givner Associate Counsel

# Australia Annexure Wesfarmers Limited 18 February 2009

Capital Research and Management Company

Account Number	Number of Shares	<u>% Held</u>
11000012	4,774,098	
11000016	1,240,000	
11000033	30,902,621	
11000054	27,000	
	36,943,719	

# **GRAND TOTAL**

36,943,719 5.08%

Nominee List

# **Wesfarmers Limited**

# 18 February 2009

# Nominee Name

Chase Manhattan Bank Australia Limited Level 36 World Trade Centre Jamison Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia 11000012 11000016 11000033

	Total Shares:	36,916,719
State Street Bank & Trus	t Co.	
11000054		27,000

**Total Shares:** 

27,000

4,774,098

1,240,000 30,902,621