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## WESFARMERS COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF LINDE GAS PTY LTD

Wesfarmers Limited today announced that it had completed the purchase of Linde Gas Pty Ltd, a major participant in the Australian industrial gas market, for $500 million, subject to completion adjustments.

Under Wesfarmers ownership, Linde Gas Pty Ltd will be re-named Coregas Pty Ltd ("Coregas") and will operate as a stand-alone business alongside existing gas and power business units within the Wesfarmers Energy Division.

The Managing Director of Wesfarmers Energy, Mr Tim Bult, said that a business integration plan had been developed and would now be implemented.

"We very much look forward to welcoming the employees of the Coregas business into Wesfarmers Energy and as part of the broader Wesfarmers group of companies."

Mr Dieter Krupp, who has led the business through a period of steady growth over a number of years, will continue as Chief Executive Officer, reporting to Mr Bult.

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