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Dear Sir,

WESFARMERS RESOURCES - MEDIA RELEASE

Please find attached a media release from the Wesfarmers Resources division.

Yours faithfully,

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COMPANY SECRETARY



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Wesfarmers to look at options for Premier Coal mine

Following recent interest in its Premier Coal business Wesfarmers has announced that it is exploring options for the future of the Premier Coal mine in Collie, 200 kilometres south of Perth.

Wesfarmers Resources Managing Director, Stewart Butel, said interest in the Collie Coal Basin has increased since the announcement early last year that Griffin coal would be sold and there have been a number of enquiries regarding the purchase of the Premier Coal operation.

"We feel that this is the right time to look at all options for the business ranging from business as usual to building an export-based operation to a joint venture with another party right through to the potential sale of Premier Coal," Mr Butel said.

While expressions of interest in the mine have been called for, all options will be fully investigated before any final decision is made.

"By considering a range of options, we hope to find out how other parties see the Premier Coal value proposition. The results of this process will then be evaluated in light of the options identified." Mr Butel said.

Premier Coal has an excellent workforce and modern facilities and infrastructure that produces approximately four million tonnes of coal each year from the Collie Coal Basin. The unique qualities of Premier's Collie coal are ideal for reliable, efficient electricity generation using both conventional and new low emissions coal technologies.

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