



Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

DECEMBER 2007

Premier

Production

Overburden movement was 37.1 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, which had been adversely effected by weather conditions.

Coal production for the quarter was 560,000 tonnes, 26.6 per cent lower than for the previous quarter. Deliveries to Verve continue to fluctuate significantly within the overall delivery schedule. The reduction in this quarter was due to planned maintenance, and upgrade work at the Muja Power Station.

Development

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Curragh

Production

Overburden removal was 6.1 per cent higher than for the previous quarter due to increased truck and shovel contractor activity and dragline availability at both Curragh and Curragh North.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,252,000 tonnes (comprising 1,626,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 626,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 1.2 per cent lower than for the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production increased by 4.4 per cent compared to the previous quarter and 0.9 per cent compared to the December 2006 quarter. Steaming coal production increased by 19.0 per cent over the December 2006 quarter to meet contract volumes. Coal production in December was reduced due to wet weather conditions.

Development

Curragh continues a feasibility study into expanding the mine to achieve annual export tonnages of between 8.0 and 8.5 million tonnes of metallurgical coal.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Bengalla

Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 550,000 tonnes. This was 1.4 per cent lower than for the previous quarter, due largely to the effects of wet weather in November.

Development

Development Consent Modification Approval from the NSW Minister of Planning for mining the Wantana Pit was granted on 6 December 2007. Feasibility studies to determine the viability of increasing ROM production from 8.7 to 10.7 million tonnes per annum are continuing.

Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

Attributable Production

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended (‘000 tonnes)			Full year ended (‘000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Dec-06	Sep-07	Dec-07	Dec-05	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec Qtr 2007 V Dec Qtr 2006	Dec Qtr 2007 V Sep Qtr 2007	Yr to Dec 2007 V Yr to Dec 2006
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	744	763	560	3,454	3,467	2,651	(24.7%)	(26.6%)	(23.5%)
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,612	1,558	1,626	5,661	6,514	6,369	0.9%	4.4%	(2.2%)
			Steaming	526	722	626	2,817	2,288	2,501	19.0%	(13.3%)	9.3%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	573	558	550	2,386	2,218	2,062	(4.0%)	(1.4%)	(7.0%)