



Wesfarmers Limited

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BOARD CHANGES

Dr Bob Every has been appointed to the Board of Wesfarmers Limited with effect from 14 February 2006.

The Chairman of Wesfarmers, Mr Trevor Eastwood AM, said Dr Every was well placed to make a valuable contribution to the company.

“Bob Every has had a distinguished career in industry and as a recently-retired chief executive officer of a significant Australian public company has a very good understanding of both senior managerial and directorial responsibilities,” said Mr Eastwood.

Dr Every holds Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of New South Wales. He held positions including Managing Director of Tubemakers of Australia and President of BHP Steel before being appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of OneSteel Limited in 2000. He retired from that position in May 2005.

Dr Every is also a director of Iluka Resources Limited, Sims Group Limited and CARE Australia.

Mr Eastwood said that the Board had resolved to increase the maximum number of directors to 13 to accommodate Dr Every's appointment but its intention was to revert to the current level of 12 on the retirement at the 2006 annual general meeting of long-serving director Mr Lou Giglia.

“Lou Giglia has made an immense contribution to Wesfarmers Limited and its predecessor, Westralian Farmers Co-operative Limited, over the past 35 years,” said Mr Eastwood.

“He has indicated that when his current term expires later this year he does not intend standing for re-election. In that event, the appointment of Dr Every effectively fills the vacancy which will arise with Mr Giglia’s departure.

"I want to take this opportunity to welcome Bob Every and to acknowledge the great service the company has received from Lou Giglia over such a long time."

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