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## **COAL PRICE NEGOTIATIONS**

Annual price negotiations for metallurgical coal exports from Wesfarmers Resources Curragh mine in Queensland's Bowen Basin have now been concluded with the majority of customers.

Contract prices will decline in the coming year with the weighted average US\$FOB price for Curragh metallurgical coal (hard coking, semi-hard coking and PCI) declining by approximately 59 per cent.

The Managing Director of Wesfarmers Resources, Stewart Butel, said outcomes were in line with publically-reported settlements by other exporters of similar quality products.

Mr Butel said the company was satisfied with the result of the major company negotiations with Curragh's metallurgical coal prices maintaining market price relativity.

"Curragh metallurgical sales volumes for the 2008/09 financial year are expected to be at the lower end of the previously stated range of 6.5 to 6.9 million tonnes with demand from customers in the second half reduced due to the global economic crisis," he said.

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