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POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF LINDE GAS PTY LTD

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has advised, in response to Wesfarmers' application for informal clearance, that it does not intend to oppose the proposed acquisition by Wesfarmers of Linde Gas Pty Ltd. The proposed acquisition was announced by Wesfarmers on 27 November 2006.

The agreement relating to the transaction has now been finalised with Linde AG, and completion is subject only to the ACCC formally approving Wesfarmers as purchaser under the terms of the undertaking that Linde AG has agreed with the ACCC and there being no material adverse change to the business. The outstanding ACCC approval is to be determined on substantially the same basis as the clearance already granted by the ACCC.

Subject to receipt of this approval, Wesfarmers expects to be able to complete the transaction at the beginning of February 2007.

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