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The Manager Company Announcements Office Australian Securities Exchange

Dear Sir,

# QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION

Please find attached a copy of the quarterly statement covering the production, development and exploration mining activities within the Wesfarmers group for the quarter ended 30 September 2008.

Yours faithfully,

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**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

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#### **Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2008**

## **Premier**

#### **Production**

Overburden movement was 16.0 per cent lower than in the previous quarter, due to seasonal wet weather and allocation of equipment to increased coal production in the quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 938,000 tonnes, 67.2 per cent higher than for the previous quarter. The previous quarter's deliveries were constrained by lower orders from Verve due to planned maintenance at Muja Power Station and an unplanned outage at Collie A 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 4.6 per cent lower than for the previous quarter due to planned maintenance on draglines 301 and 302.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,583,000 tonnes (comprising 1,809,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 774,000 tonnes of steaming coal). Metallurgical coal production decreased by 12.4 per cent compared to the previous quarter as a result of a planned 10 day coal handling and preparation plant shutdown in July. Steaming coal production was almost 50% above that for the previous quarter, when production had been constrained due to mine sequencing.

## **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 519,000 tonnes, 19.3 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due to operating in a less productive part of the mine sequence.

# **Development**

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		
				Sep-07	Jun-08	Sep-08	Sep-06	Sep-07	Sep-08	Sep Qtr 2008 V Sep Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2008 V Jun Qtr 2008	Yr to Sep 2008 V Yr to Sep 2007
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	763	561	938	3,714	2,835	2,949	22.9%	67.2%	4.0%
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,558	2,066	1,809	6,360	6,355	7,139	16.1%	(12.4)%	12.3%
			Steaming	722	518	774	2,489	2,401	2,536	7.2%	49.4%	5.6%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	558	643	519	2,466	2,085	2,132	(7.0%)	(19.3%)	2.3%