

15 April 2008

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 31 March 2008.

Yours faithfully,



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COMPANY SECRETARY

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## Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

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### **Premier**

#### **Production**

Overburden movement was 3.2 per cent higher than for the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 890,000 tonnes, 58.9 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, reflecting increased demand by Verve Energy. The previous quarter had been impacted by Verve Energy's scheduled 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 8.5 per cent lower than for the previous quarter due to weather constraints, including the significant rainfall and flood events affecting central Queensland in January 2008; as well as unplanned maintenance of Curragh Dragline 303.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,256,000 tonnes (comprising 1,638,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 618,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 0.2 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production increased by 0.7 per cent compared to the December 2007 quarter, despite the impact of rain and flooding. Steaming coal production decreased by 1.3 per cent in line with contractual requirements.

### **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 421,000 tonnes, 23.5 per cent lower than for the previous quarter, due to changes in the mining sequence resulting from the effects of wet weather in the prior quarter, and variations in coal seam thicknesses as operations move through the normal mining 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		
				Mar-07	Dec-07	Mar-08	Mar-06	Mar-07	Mar-08	Mar Qtr 2008 V Mar Qtr 2007	Mar Qtr 2008 V Dec Qtr 2007	Yr to Mar 2008 V Yr to Mar 2007
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	738	560	890	3,600	3,270	2,803	20.6%	58.9%	(14.3%)
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,640	1,626	1,638	5,848	6,633	6,367	(0.1%)	0.7%	(4.0%)
			Steaming	571	626	618	2,842	2,213	2,548	8.2%	(1.3%)	15.1%
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	526	550	421	2,249	2,308	1,957	(20.0%)	(23.5%)	(15.2%)