

WESFARMERS LIMITED

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION

SEPTEMBER 2005

PREMIER

PRODUCTION

Overburden movement was 52 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Coal production for the quarter was 915,000 tonnes, 20.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter. These improvements reflect the return to normal mine operations after the previous quarter's industrial disruptions.

DEVELOPMENT

During the quarter, Wesfarmers Premier Coal was named as the successful bidder to supply Western Power Corporation's coal requirements from 2010 for its existing coal fired power stations at Muja C and D and Collie A, potentially through to 2030.

EXPLORATION

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

CURRAGH

PRODUCTION

Overburden removal for the quarter was 14.5 per cent higher than the previous quarter due primarily to improved productivity from draglines and contractor truck and shovel operations.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,210,000 tonnes (comprising 1,531,000 tonnes of export coking coal, including PCI, and 679,000 tonnes of domestic steaming coal), 3.5 per cent higher than the previous quarter and 21 per cent higher than the previous corresponding period (September 2004 quarter).

Higher than expected levels of low quality oxidised coal and fines resulting from the initial phases of coal mining and transport, and residual coal handling and preparation plant performance issues combined to reduce plant yield.

At this stage it is anticipated that full year production of export coking coal at Curragh will be in the range of 6.4 - 6.8 million tonnes subject to satisfactory mine, rail and shipment performance.

Annual production capacity of export coking coal from January 2006 is expected to be at least 7 million tonnes.

DEVELOPMENT

The development of Curragh North progressed to plan during the quarter.

Key project development activities included continuation of design work for the Curragh North Materials Handling Project (CNMHP) together with contractor mobilisation to site; continuation of works relating to the Curragh North industrial area, flood levees and water management system; and completion of contracts for major procurement items for the Train Load Out Upgrade.

EXPLORATION

Exploration drilling to produce core samples for further evaluation of long term product mix was ongoing through the quarter.

BENGALLA

PRODUCTION

Coal production for the quarter was 483,000 tonnes, 5.3 per cent lower than the previous quarter.

Saleable production was below the June 2005 quarter due to mining in a less productive region of the mine where the coal seams were thinner than those mined in previous quarters.

DEVELOPMENT

There were no development activities finalised during the quarter.

EXPLORATION

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Sept 04	Jun 05	Sept 05	Sept 03	Sept 04	Sept 05	Q1 2006 v Q1 2005	Q1 2006 v Q4 2005	Yr to Sept 05 v Yr to Sept 04
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Limited	100%	Steaming	882	758	915	3,391	3,402	3,341	3.7%	20.7%	(1.8%)
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Coking	1,169	1,338	1,531	4,439	4,796	4,898	31.0%	14.4%	2.1%
			Steaming	657	797	679	2,219	2,424	2,515	3.3%	(14.8%)	3.7%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	695	510	483	2,285	2,538	1,955	(30.5%)	(5.3%)	(23.0%)