

21 January 2009

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 December 2008.

Yours faithfully,



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COMPANY SECRETARY

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Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

DECEMBER 2008

Premier

Production

Overburden removal was 31.3 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, during which seasonal wet weather had constrained operations.

Coal production for the quarter was 845,000 tonnes, 9.9 per cent lower than for the previous quarter. This reflected lower demand from Verve Energy, primarily due to a major scheduled upgrade at Verve's 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 1.7 per cent higher than for the previous quarter, due to increased truck and shovel activity.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,493,000 tonnes (comprising 1,756,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 737,000 tonnes of steaming coal). Metallurgical coal production decreased by 2.9 per cent compared to the previous quarter as a result of changes to the mining sequence and product mix. Steaming coal production decreased by 4.8 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 560,000 tonnes, 7.9 per cent higher than the previous quarter, due to operating in a more 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		
				Dec-07	Sep-08	Dec-08	Dec-06	Dec-07	Dec-08	Dec Qtr 2008 V Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2008 V Sep Qtr 2008	Yr to Dec 2008 V Yr to Dec 2007
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	560	938	845	3,467	2,651	3,234	50.9%	(9.9%)	22.0%
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,626	1,809	1,756	6,514	6,369	7,269	8.0%	(2.9%)	14.1%
			Steaming	626	774	737	2,288	2,501	2,647	17.7%	(4.8%)	5.8%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	550	519	560	2,218	2,062	2,143	1.8%	7.9%	3.9%