



27 July 2010

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 June 2010.

Yours faithfully,

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COMPANY SECRETARY



## Quarterly Statement of Production, Development and Exploration

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### **Premier**

#### **Production**

Overburden removal was 3.6 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Coal production for the quarter was 619,000 tonnes, 7.6 per cent lower than for the previous quarter. Both reductions were due to lower demand from Verve Energy.

#### **Development**

Final preparations were completed for Premier to become the sole supplier of coal to Verve Energy from 1 July 2010. There was no other significant development activity during the quarter.

#### **Exploration**

Exploration work was undertaken at the Wilga coal deposit located approximately 20 kilometres south of the Premier mine.

## **Curragh**

### **Production**

Overburden removal was 6.0 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due to planned major maintenance on two draglines partially offset by increased truck and shovel operations.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,298,000 tonnes (comprising 1,612,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 686,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 6.4 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production increased by 4.7 per cent compared to the March 2010 quarter, which had been affected by wet weather and force majeure events. Steaming coal production was 10.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter due mainly to higher contracted demand.

### **Development**

As previously announced, the expansion of Curragh Mine up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical coal was approved by the Wesfarmers Limited Board on 10 November 2009. Expansion works are underway, with the project scheduled for completion late calendar year 2011.

### **Exploration**

A drilling program was completed during the period at Curragh and Curragh North, comprising 142 chip holes and 14 core holes. The program was designed to target infill structural definition.

## **Bengalla**

### **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 591,000 tonnes, 20.4 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 coal production from 8.7 to 10.7 million tonnes per annum are continuing.

### **Exploration**

There was no exploration activity during the quarter.

## Attributable Production

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Full year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Jun-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	Jun-08	Jun-09	Jun-10	Jun Qtr 2010 V Jun Qtr 2009	Jun Qtr 2010 V Mar Qtr 2010	Yr to Jun 2010 V Yr to Jun 2009
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	703	670	619	2,774	3,366	2,781	(11.9%)	(7.6%)	(17.4%)
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,695	1,540	1,612	6,888	6,711	6,613	(4.9%)	4.7%	(1.5%)
			Steaming	708	620	686	2,484	2,925	2,470	(3.1%)	10.6%	(15.6%)
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	576	491	591	2,172	2,105	2,243	2.6%	20.4%	6.6%