# **News Release**



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

### **CURRAGH**

#### **Production**

Overburden removal for the quarter ended 31 March 2017 was 2.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter, driven by improved performance of the overburden removal fleet.

Coal production for the quarter was 3,155,000 tonnes, 1.5 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production of 2,268,000 tonnes was in line with the previous quarter and steaming coal production of 887,000 tonnes was 4.7 per cent lower than the previous quarter. For the 12 months to 31 March 2017, metallurgical coal production increased by 11.2 per cent to 8,326,000 tonnes and steaming coal production increased by 10.8 per cent to 3,612,000 tonnes.

Production and sales volumes for the fourth quarter ended 30 June 2017 are expected to be affected by the impacts of Cyclone Debbie on mine and rail operations. As a result, export metallurgical coal sales volumes for the 2017 financial year are expected to be at the lower end of the previously guided range of 8.0 to 8.5 million tonnes, subject to production, rail availability and shipping.

### **Development**

There was no significant development activity during the guarter.

### **Exploration**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

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## **BENGALLA**

#### **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 764,000 tonnes, 15.3 per cent below the previous quarter as the operations progressed through a less productive area of the mine sequence. For the 12 months to 31 March 2017, Wesfarmers' share of coal production decreased by 1.3 per cent to 3,264,000 tonnes.

### **Development**

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

### **Exploration**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

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# ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

# **Quarterly Production**

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				Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Change	
Mine	Ownership	Equity Interest	Coal Type	Mar 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	3Q17 v 3Q16	3Q17 v 2Q17
Curragh	Wesfarmers	100%	Metallurgical	1,191	2,272	2,268	90.4%	(0.2)%
	Curragh Pty Ltd		Steaming	646	931	887	37.3%	(4.7)%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	918	902	764	(16.8)%	(15.3)%

# **Rolling-Twelve Month Production**

				Year ended ('000 tonnes)			Change	
Mine	Ownership	Equity Interest	Coal Type	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Yr to Mar 17 v Yr to Mar 16	
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	9,163	7,486	8,326	11.2%	
			Steaming	3,293	3,259	3,612	10.8%	
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	3,412	3,308	3,264	(1.3)%	