# **News Release**



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

### **CURRAGH**

#### **Production**

Overburden removal for the quarter ended 31 December 2017 was 14.6 per cent below the previous quarter, due to the mining sequence and high overburden removal volumes recorded in the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,973,000 tonnes, in line with the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production of 1,987,000 tonnes was 6.2 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Steaming coal production of 986,000 tonnes was 11.2 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

For the 12 months to 31 December 2017, metallurgical coal production increased by 16.1 per cent to 8,414,000 tonnes and steaming coal production increased by 12.0 per cent to 3,775,000 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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## **BENGALLA**

# **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 984,000 tonnes, 9.8 per cent above the previous quarter as the mine progressed through a more productive area of the mining sequence. For the 12 months to 31 December 2017, Wesfarmers' share of coal production increased by 5.4 per cent to 3,603,000 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	Dec 16	Sep 17	Dec 17	2Q18 v 2Q17	2Q18 v 1Q18
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	2,272	2,119	1,987	(12.5)%	(6.2)%
			Steaming	931	887	986	5.9%	11.2%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	902	896	984	9.1%	9.8%

# **Rolling-Twelve Month Production**

				Year ended ('000 tonnes)			Change
Mine	Ownership	Equity Interest	Coal Type	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17	Yr to Dec 17 v Yr to Dec 16
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	8,472	7,249	8,414	16.1%
			Steaming	3,435	3,371	3,775	12.0%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	3,326	3,417	3,603	5.4%