



**Wesfarmers**  
**NEWS**

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**QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT  
AND EXPLORATION**

**1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2012**

## **CURRAGH**

### **Production**

Overburden removal was 8.5 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to a scheduled three week mine shutdown over the December/January period (two week impact in December) consistent with Curragh's focus during the quarter on cost control and operational efficiency.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,673,000 tonnes (comprising 1,814,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 859,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 6.4 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to the utilisation of lower yielding feed stocks and the scheduled mine shutdown. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 11.6 per cent and steaming coal production, in line with domestic contractual requirements, increased by 7.0 per cent compared to the previous quarter.

For the 12 months to 31 December 2012, metallurgical coal production increased 49.5 per cent to 7,997,000 tonnes, reflecting the practical completion of Curragh's new coal handling and preparation plant in June 2012.

### **Development**

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

### **Exploration**

The Curragh North drilling program continued with 52 holes drilled during the quarter. The primary objectives were infill structural definition and coal quality analysis.

## BENGALLA

### Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 827,000 tonnes, 25.1 per cent higher than the previous quarter due to operating in a more productive section of the mining sequence.

### Development

There was no significant construction activity during the quarter.

### Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

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## ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

Mine	Ownership	Beneficial Interest	Coal Type	Quarter ended ('000 tonnes)			Full year ended ('000 tonnes)			% Change		
				Dec-11	Sep-12	Dec-12	Dec-10	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec Qtr 2012 V Dec Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2012 V Sep Qtr 2012	Yr to Dec 2012 V Yr to Dec 2011
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,567	2,053	1,814	6,272	5,350	7,997	15.8%	(11.6%)	49.5%
			Steaming	640	803	859	2,648	2,493	3,182	34.2%	7.0%	27.6%
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	493	661	827	2,191	2,147	2,811	67.7%	25.1%	30.9%