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

**1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**CURRAGH**

**Production**

Overburden removal was 11.6 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,245,000 tonnes (comprising 1,520,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 725,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 17.8 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production increased by 21.3 per cent compared to the previous quarter due to improved mining conditions and coal yield. Steaming coal production was 11.0 per cent lower than the previous quarter.

During September, Curragh underwent a four day full site power outage to upgrade power connections to the site as part of the expansion up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical coal. This affected overburden removal and coal production for the quarter.

**Development**

Construction works are ongoing for the expansion of the Curragh mine up to 8.5 million tonnes per annum of export metallurgical coal capacity. Project completion is expected in the first quarter of calendar year 2012.

**Exploration**

A drilling program at Curragh North commenced during 4Q FY2011 and comprised 84 holes. The primary objectives of the drilling were infill structural definition and coal quality analysis.

## PREMIER

### Production

Overburden removal was 21.2 per cent higher than the previous quarter. Coal production for the quarter was 840,000 tonnes, 10.8 per cent lower than for the previous quarter due to lower demand from Premier Coal's major customer Verve Energy.

### Development

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

### Exploration

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

## BENGALLA

### Production

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 520,000 tonnes, 3.0 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to operating in a less productive section of the mining sequence.

### Development

Construction work for the expansion of the mine's production from 7.8 to 9.3 million tonnes per annum of run of mine (ROM) coal is underway. Project completion is expected in the first quarter of calendar year 2012.

### 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		
				Sep-10	Jun-11	Sep-11	Sep-09	Sep-10	Sep-11	Sep Qtr 2011 V Sep Qtr 2010	Sep Qtr 2011 V Jun Qtr 2011	Yr to Sep 2011 V Yr to Sep 2010
<b>Curragh</b>	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	1,384	1,253	1,520	6,613	6,286	5,519	9.8%	21.3%	(12.2%)
			Steaming	698	653	725	2,769	2,550	2,497	3.9%	11.0%	(2.1%)
<b>Premier</b>	Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited	100%	Steaming	699	942	840	3,230	2,678	3,644	20.2%	(10.8%)	36.1%
<b>Bengalla</b>	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	445	536	520	2,173	2,101	2,318	16.9%	(3.0%)	10.3%