



20 April 2011

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 31 March 2011.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L J Kenyon".

L J KENYON  
COMPANY SECRETARY

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**PREMIER**

**Production**

Overburden removal was 2.1 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Coal production for the quarter was 1,051,000 tonnes, 29.6 per cent higher than for the previous quarter due to increased demand from Verve Energy.

**Development**

There was no significant development activity during the quarter.

**Exploration**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

## **CURRAGH**

### **Production**

Overburden removal was 7.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 1,485,000 tonnes (comprising 1,010,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal and 475,000 tonnes of steaming coal), 37.6 per cent lower than the previous quarter. Metallurgical coal production decreased by 41.8 per cent and steaming coal production decreased by 26.2 per cent compared to the previous quarter as a result of the impact of severe flooding in Central Queensland, further heavy rainfall during the period, and subsequent groundwater inflow into mining areas affecting the availability of coal.

### **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 on 16 February 2011 and comprised 18 chips and 13 core holes. The program was designed to target infill structural definition and for coal quality analysis.

## **BENGALLA**

### **Production**

Wesfarmers' share of coal production for the quarter was 598,000 tonnes, 9.9 per cent lower than the previous quarter due to operating in a less productive part of the mine 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.

### **Exploration**

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

## ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| Mine            | Ownership                       | Beneficial Interest | Coal Type     | Quarter ended ('000 tonnes) |        |        | Full year ended ('000 tonnes) |        |        | % Change                          |                                   |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                 |                                 |                     |               | Mar-10                      | Dec-10 | Mar-11 | Mar-09                        | Mar-10 | Mar-11 | Mar Qtr 2011<br>V<br>Mar Qtr 2010 | Mar Qtr 2011<br>V<br>Dec Qtr 2010 | Yr to Mar 2011<br>V<br>Yr to Mar 2010 |
| <b>Premier</b>  | Wesfarmers Premier Coal Limited | 100%                | Steaming      | 670                         | 811    | 1,051  | 3,224                         | 2,865  | 3,180  | 56.9%                             | 29.6%                             | 11.0%                                 |
| <b>Curragh</b>  | Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd      | 100%                | Metallurgical | 1,540                       | 1,736  | 1,010  | 7,082                         | 6,696  | 5,742  | (34.4%)                           | (41.8%)                           | (14.2%)                               |
|                 |                                 |                     | Steaming      | 620                         | 644    | 475    | 2,735                         | 2,492  | 2,503  | (23.4%)                           | (26.2%)                           | 0.4%                                  |
| <b>Bengalla</b> | Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited     | 40%                 | Steaming      | 491                         | 664    | 598    | 2,172                         | 2,228  | 2,298  | 21.8%                             | (9.9%)                            | 3.1%                                  |