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The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Level 4
20 Bridge Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

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 period ended 31 December 2005.

Yours faithfully

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COMPANY SECRETARY

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WESFARMERS LIMITED

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DECEMBER 2005

PREMIER

PRODUCTION

Overburden movement was 7 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

Coal production for the quarter was 991,000 tonnes, 8.3 per cent higher than the previous quarter, to meet increased customer requirements.

DEVELOPMENT

There were no development activities during the quarter.

EXPLORATION

There was no significant exploration activity during the quarter.

CURRAGH

PRODUCTION

Overburden removal for the quarter was 8.1 per cent lower than the previous quarter due primarily to lower production from contractors as a result of a planned Christmas shutdown period.

Coal production for the quarter was 2,184,000 tonnes (comprising 1,457,000 tonnes of metallurgical coal - the term “metallurgical” replaces “coking” in the production report from this quarter to reflect the increasing production of PCI coal - and 727,000 tonnes of steaming coal). This was 1.2 per cent lower than the previous quarter, due mainly to a seven day CHPP shutdown in October to upgrade the train load-out system.

Expectations for production of metallurgical coal at Curragh for the full year ending 30 June 2006 remain in the range of 6.4 – 6.8 million tonnes subject to satisfactory mine, rail and shipment performance.

DEVELOPMENT

The development of Curragh North progressed to plan during the quarter.

Key project development activities during the quarter included the completion of the levee bank construction and commissioning of the fuel facility, workshop, sewerage treatment plant and potable water treatment plant. The train load-out upgrade at Curragh was also completed during the quarter.

Development activities included the continuation of the Curragh North Materials Handling Project (CNMHP) design, procurement and construction.

EXPLORATION

Exploration drilling to further delineate the resource at Curragh North was ongoing through the quarter.

BENGALLA

PRODUCTION

Coal production for the quarter was 821,000 tonnes, 70 per cent higher than the previous quarter, due to mining in a more productive region of the mine where the coal seams were thicker than those mined in previous quarters.

DEVELOPMENT

There were no development activities finalised during the quarter.

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		
				Dec 04	Sept 05	Dec 05	Dec 03	Dec 04	Dec 05	Dec Qtr 05 v Dec Qtr 04	Dec Qtr 05 v Sep Qtr 05	Yr to Dec 05 vs Yr to Dec 04
Premier	Wesfarmers Premier Limited	100%	Steaming	879	915	991	3,243	3,565	3,454	12.7%	8.3%	(3.1)%
Curragh	Wesfarmers Curragh Pty Ltd	100%	Metallurgical	694	1,531	1,457	4,551	4,345	5,661	109.9%	(4.8)%	30.3%
			Steaming	425	679	727	2,286	2,293	2,817	71.1%	7.1%	22.9%
Bengalla	Wesfarmers Bengalla Limited	40%	Steaming	390	483	821	2,481	2,125	2,386	110.5%	70.0%	12.3%