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INCIDENT AT CURRAGH COAL MINE

Wesfarmers Limited today reported that an incident occurred at its Curragh coal mine in central Queensland yesterday.

The incident involved one of the mine's five draglines which was undergoing scheduled maintenance at the time. The boom of the dragline was being lowered by four cranes and, as a result of winch failure with one of the cranes, the boom fell around 30 metres. One of the crane operators received minor injuries as a result of the incident. The incident caused major structural damage to the dragline's boom.

A full investigation into the cause of the incident has been initiated by the mine's management and independent assessors, including government work safety authorities.

An estimate of costs associated with repairing the dragline and the impact on the mine's operations will be provided when available.

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