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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the guarter ended 30 September 2003.

- ➤ Record quarterly Western Australian Iron Ore production of 22.0 million tonnes and record quarterly despatches of 21.5 million tonnes (100 per cent basis).
- Record quarterly Aluminium production resulting from early commissioning of the Mozal 2 expansion in Mozambique.
- Copper production lower than June 2003 quarter due to processing of higher grade ore during the June 2003 quarter at Escondida (Chile) and a lower quantity of ore milled at Antamina (Peru).
- > Escondida to return to its normal mine plan and production profile commencing January 2004.
- Richards Bay Minerals (South Africa) sales volumes materially lower than the June 2003 quarter due to significantly weaker market conditions.
 - **Total Petroleum Products** Total production for the September 2003 quarter was 32 million barrels of oil equivalent, six per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter and three per cent lower than the September 2002 quarter.
 - Oil and Condensate Production for the September 2003 quarter was 15.5 million barrels, 16 per cent lower than the 18.6 million barrels produced in the September 2002 quarter, mainly due to natural field decline in Laminaria (Australia), Bass Strait and Griffin (Australia). This was partly offset by increased production at Liverpool Bay (UK) and the Bruce and Keith fields (UK) due to scheduled maintenance shutdowns in the September 2002 quarter. Production was in line with the 15.6 million barrels produced in the June 2003 quarter, reflecting natural field decline across the portfolio which was largely offset by increased condensate production from Bass Strait (Australia) as a result of increased gas demand.

- Natural Gas Production for the September 2003 quarter was 85.2 billion cubic feet, 19 per cent higher than the 71.9 billion cubic feet produced in the September 2002 quarter due to the commissioning of Zamzama Phase 1, along with increased production at Liverpool Bay and the Bruce and Keith fields due to scheduled maintenance shutdowns in the September 2002 quarter. Production for the quarter was 17 per cent higher than the 72.9 billion cubic feet produced in the June 2003 quarter. This was due to seasonally driven increased demand for Bass Strait natural gas plus increased production from Zamzama (Pakistan) following the successful commissioning of the Phase 1 project. This was partly offset by seasonally lower demand of Liverpool Bay gas.
- Alumina Production for the September 2003 quarter was 1.1 million tonnes, in line with both the September 2002 and June 2003 quarters. Higher production at Alumar (Brazil) following scheduled maintenance during the June 2003 quarter, was offset by lower production at Worsley (Australia), where stockpiled hydrate was processed in the June 2003 quarter.
- Aluminium Production for the September 2003 quarter was a record 282,000 tonnes, compared with 268,000 tonnes in the September 2002 quarter and 273,000 tonnes in the June 2003 quarter. The increase mainly reflects the ramp up of production from the Mozal 2 (Mozambique) expansion, which reached full commissioning in August 2003, seven months ahead of schedule. This was partly offset by lower production at Alumar (Brazil) following an electrical outage in July 2003.
- Copper Production for the September 2003 quarter was 214,500 tonnes, 16 per cent higher than in the September 2002 quarter, reflecting additional production from the Escondida (Chile) Phase IV expansion, which commenced commercial production in October 2002. This was partly offset by processing a lower quantity of material at Antamina (Peru) while access to ore is restricted to the flanks of the deposit. This situation is likely to continue for the next six to nine months. Production was six per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter, mainly a result of higher head grades at Escondida during the June 2003 quarter.
- **Silver** Silver sales volumes of 6.7 million ounces from Cannington (Australia) during the quarter, was 28 and 20 per cent lower than the September 2002 and June 2003 quarters respectively. This primarily reflects timing of lead concentrate shipments containing payable silver.
- Iron Ore Record quarterly Western Australian production of 22.0 million tonnes (100 per cent basis) was 14 per cent higher than the September 2002 quarter and eight per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter, a reflection of ongoing strong customer demand in all Asian markets, particularly China. A new quarterly despatch record of 21.5 million tonnes (100% basis) was also set in Western Australia during the September 2003 quarter. Total iron ore production for the September 2003 quarter was 20.9 million tonnes (BHP Billiton share), 12 and eight per cent higher than the September 2002 and June 2003 quarters, respectively.

- Metallurgical Coal Production for the September 2003 quarter of 9.1 million tonnes was
 five per cent higher than the September 2002 quarter due to increased customer demand
 from Queensland Coal (Australia), and adverse roof conditions at Crinum mine (Australia)
 in the September 2002 quarter. This was partly offset by lower production at Illawarra Coal
 (Australia) following the closure of Tower Colliery in December 2002. Production was in
 line with the June 2003 quarter.
- Manganese alloys Production for the September 2003 quarter of 147,000 tonnes was 16 per cent lower than the September 2002 quarter and 25 per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter. This was due to an electrical fault at the Metalloys facility in South Africa in August 2003, which resulted in operations being suspended for a period of 48 days.
- Ekati™ Diamonds Production of 1.55 million carats was 63 per cent higher than the September 2002 quarter, which reflects the processing of a pocket of high grade but lower quality material from the Koala pit, along with sustained benefits from the processing plant de-bottlenecking program. Production was also 19 per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter for the same reasons.
- **Titanium Minerals** Sales volumes at Richards Bay Minerals were materially lower than both the September 2002 and June 2003 quarters due to significantly weaker market conditions. (Note: Due to confidentiality agreements with joint venture partners, production figures for Richards Bay Minerals are not contained in this report.)
- Energy Coal Production for the September 2003 quarter was 21.2 million tonnes, compared with 19.3 million tonnes in the September 2002 quarter. The increase mainly reflects higher production at Mount Arthur North (Australia) where deliveries to both the export and domestic thermal coal markets are in accordance with the ramp up plan, higher production at Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) largely reflecting stronger demand from the European market and maintenance on two draglines at New Mexico Coal in the September 2002 quarter. Export sales from Ingwe decreased by five per cent, to 38 per cent of total sales volumes during the September quarter. This reflects lower export tonnage availability from Koornfontein following a fatal accident at that mine and subsequent safety interventions during the September 2003 quarter, and shipment timing.
- Nickel Production for the quarter of 20,600 tonnes was eight per cent higher than the September 2002 quarter mainly reflecting scheduled maintenance activities in the September 2002 quarter, along with benefits in the current quarter of processing enhancements arising from operating excellence initiatives at both Cerro Matoso (Colombia) and Yabulu (Australia). Production was in line with the June 2003 quarter, although sales were 18 per cent lower as a result of timing of shipments.
- **Ferrochrome** Production of 227,000 tonnes for the quarter was five per cent lower than the September 2002 quarter and 12 per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter. This reduction is mainly due to scheduled maintenance shut downs in the current quarter, coinciding with the high winter electricity tariff period in South Africa.

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		QUA	RTER END	ED	QUARTER	R ENDED		ANGE	
	-				-		SEP Q03	SEP Q03	
		SEPT	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT	vs	VS	
		2002	2003	2003	2003	2002	SEP Q02	JUN Q03	
ETROLEUM									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	18,550	15,635	15,512	15,512	18,550	-16%	-1%	
Natural gas	(bcf)	71.86	72.91	85.19	85.19	71.86	19%	17%	
LPG	('000 tonnes)	208.96	205.57	199.33	199.33	208.96	-5%	-3%	
Ethane	('000 tonnes)	27.67	24.97	27.32	27.32	27.67	-1%	9%	
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	33	30	32	32	33	-3%	6%	
LUMINIUM									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,031	1,060	1,053	1,053	1,031	2%	-1%	
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	268	273	282	282	268	5%	3%	
ASE METALS									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	184.5	229.2	214.5	214.5	184.5	16%	-6%	
Lead	(tonnes)	63,243	59,389	59,364	59,364	63,243	-6%	0%	
Zinc	(tonnes)	48,542	54,396	49,094	49,094	48,542	1%	-10%	
Gold	(ounces)	55,153	25,752	29,170	29,170	55,153	-47%	13%	
Silver	('000 ounces)	11,260	9,643	10,596	10,596	11,260	-6%	10%	
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	314	301	325	325	314	4%	8%	
ARBON STEEL MATERIALS									
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	18,628	19,420	20,922	20,922	18,628	12%	8%	
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	8,650	9,026	9,099	9,099	8,650	5%	1%	
Manganese ores	('000 tonnes)	1,095	1,058	1,153	1,153	1,095	5%	9%	
Manganese alloys	('000 tonnes)	175	195	147	147	175	-16%	-25%	
Hot briquetted iron	('000 tonnes)	333	458	496	496	333	49%	8%	
IAMONDS AND SPECIALTY F									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	954	1,300	1,552	1,552	954	63%	19%	
NERGY COAL	(1000.1	40.000	04.004	04.450	04.450	40.000	60/		
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	19,329	21,991	21,156	21,156	19,329	9%	-4%	
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('000 tonnes) ('000 tonnes)

Nickel

Ferrochrome

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTA	BLE PRODUCTIO	N						
	_		QUA	ARTER ENDE			QUARTER	ENDED
	BHP Billiton Interest	SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002
PETROLEUM								
Production								
Crude oil & condensate	(000 bbl)	18,550	16,398	15,310	15,635	15,512	15,512	18,550
Natural gas	(bcf)	71.86	69.41	66.99	72.91	85.19	85.19	71.86
LPG	('000 tonnes)	208.96	167.97	160.62	205.57	199.33	199.33	208.96
Ethane	('000 tonnes)	27.67	19.91	22.35	24.97	27.32	27.32	27.67
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	33	30	28	30	32	32	33
ALUMINIUM								
ALUMINA								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Worsley	86%	698	662	658	724	699	699	698
Suriname	45%	221	213	222	223	227	227	221
Alumar	36%	112	123	123	113	127	127	112
Total	_	1,031	998	1,003	1,060	1,053	1,053	1,031
ALUMINIUM								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Hillside	100%	135	134	133	132	135	135	135
Bayside	100%	46	45	48	46	47	47	46
Alumar	46.3%	44	44	45	45	31	31	44
Valesul	45.5%	11	11	10	11	11	11	11
Mozal Total	47%	32 268	32 266	31 267	39 273	58 282	58 282	32 268
Total	-	200	200	207	213	202	202	200
BASE METALS (a)								
COPPER	'1000 tonnes)							
Payable metal in concentrate (Escondida (b)	57.5%	68.4	105.6	118.5	126.6	115.9	115.9	68.4
Tintaya (b)	100%	-	105.0	-	120.0	115.5	113.3	00.4
Antamina	33.8%	- 25.7	26.4	23.6	21.2	- 16.9	- 16.9	- 25.7
Alumbrera (c)	25%	11.1	13.4	9.9	-	10.9	-	11.1
Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	14.9	14.3	13.2	13.8	14.1	14.1	14.9
Selbaie	100%	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.8
Total	10070	122.9	161.8	166.9	163.4	148.5	148.5	122.9
Cathode ('000 tonnes)								
Escondida	57.5%	17.9	19.1	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.4	17.9
Cerro Colorado	100%	32.5	33.1	32.5	33.0	33.1	33.1	32.5
Tintaya (b)	100%	8.4	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.4
Pinto Valley	100%	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8
Total	=	61.6	63.8	64.4	65.8	66.0	66.0	61.6
LEAD								
Payable metal in concentrate (
Cannington	100%	61,676	57,651	58,711	59,389	59,364	59,364	61,676
Pering (d)	100%	1,567	694	354		-		1,567
Total	_	63,243	58,345	59,065	59,389	59,364	59,364	63,243

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			QU	ARTER ENDE	QUARTER ENDED			
	BHP Billiton	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
	Interest	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002
BASE METALS (continued)								
ZINC Payable metal in concentate (ton	nnes)							
Cannington	100%	15,182	14,721	15,480	18,479	14,850	14,850	15,182
Antamina	33.8%	18,189	15,424	20,519	28,553	27,933	27,933	18,189
Selbaie	100%	9,840	6,540	6,421	7,364	6,311	6,311	9,840
Pering (d)	100%	5,331	7,430	4,335	7,304	0,311	0,311	5,331
Total	100 /6	48,542	44,115	46,755	54,396	49,094	49,094	48,542
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GOLD								
Payable metal in concentrate (or	,							
Escondida (b)	57.5%	10,074	15,936	17,458	20,664	25,016	25,016	10,074
Tintaya (b)	100%	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	-	
Alumbrera (c)	25%	39,279	46,940	35,084	-	-	-	39,279
Selbaie	100%	4,486	5,069	4,146	4,081	3,129	3,129	4,486
Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	1,314	1,230	1,114	1,007	1,025	1,025	1,314
Total	-	55,153	69,175	57,802	25,752	29,170	29,170	55,153
CILVED								
SILVER Payable metal in concentrate ('00	00 ounces)							
Cannington	100%	9,612	8,326	8,773	8,161	9,177	9,177	9,612
Escondida	57.5%	304	387	471	538	561	561	304
Antamina	33.8%	536	557	617	517	435	435	536
Alumbrera (c)	25.0%	53	72	75	-	-	-	53
Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	162	159	140	143	160	160	162
Selbaie	100%	593	369	279	284	263	263	
Total	100%	11,260	9,870	10,355	9,643	10,596	10,596	593 11,260
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MOLYBDENUM Payable metal in concentrate (to	nnes)							
Antamina	33.8%	94	115	113	21	25	25	94
Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	220	250	260	280	300	300	220
Total	_	314	365	373	301	325	325	314
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CARBON STEEL MATERIALS IRON ORE								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	5,486	5,287	4,964	6,221	6,639	6,639	5,486
Goldsworthy Joint Venture (e)	85%	1,891	1,808	1,497	1,497	1,633	1,633	1,891
Area C Joint Venture (f)	85%	-	-	-	19	341	341	-
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	7,796	8,187	7,452	8,353	8,679	8,679	7,796
Jimblebar	100%	1,433	1,186	1,371	1,428	1,622	1,622	1,433
Samarco	50%	2,022	1,979	1,953	1,902	2,008	2,008	2,022
Total	-	18,628	18,447	17,237	19,420	20,922	20,922	18,628
METALLURGICAL COAL (g)								
Production ('000 tonnes)	E00/	4 GEO	E 022	E 020	E 760	E E04	F E04	4.650
BMA	50%	4,652	5,032	5,838	5,769	5,591	5,591	4,652
BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	1,863	1,472	1,200	2,033	1,926	1,926	1,863
Illawarra	100%	2,135	1,886	1,518	1,224	1,582	1,582	2,135 8,650
Total		8,650	8,390	8,556	9,026	9,099	9,099	8,050

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE	E PRODUCTIO	N						
		<u> </u>	QUA	ARTER ENDE	D		QUARTER	ENDED
	BHP Billiton	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
	Interest	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (con	it'd)							
MANGANESE ORES								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)	000/	504	500	504				504
South Africa (i)	60%	581 544	560	534	574	600		581
Australia (i) Total	60%	514 1.095	499 1,059	356 890	484 1,058	553 1,153		514 1,095
Total	-	1,095	1,059	690	1,056	1,155	1,155	1,095
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (i)	60%	124	125	117	137	93	93	124
Australia (i)	60%	51	65	60	58	54	54	51
Total	-	175	190	177	195	147	147	175
HOT BRIQUETTED IRON								
Production ('000 tonnes) Boodarie™ Iron	100%	333	414	465	458	496	496	333
DIAMONDS Production ('000 carats) Ekati™	80%	954	1,071	1,015	1,300	1,552	1,552	954
ENERGY COAL Production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa	100%	13,838	13,333	13,256	13,812	13,782	13.782	13,838
USA	100%	2,800	4,339	3,147	3,877	3,582	•	2,800
Australia	100%	1,244	1,234	1,922	2,041	1,756	•	1,244
Indonesia (j)	80%	216	29	28	-	´-	´-	216
Colombia	33%	1,231	1,713	1,382	2,261	2,036	2,036	1,231
Total	-	19,329	20,648	19,735	21,991	21,156	2003 600 553 1,153 93 54 147 496 1,552 13,782 3,582 1,756	19,329
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
NICKEL								
Production ('000 tonnes)	00.007							
CMSA	99.8%	11.7	11.9	11.1	12.2	12.4		11.7
Yabulu	100%	7.4	7.5	7.5	8.8	8.2		7.4
Total	-	19.1	19.4	18.6	21.0	20.6	20.6	19.1
FERROCHROME								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes) South Africa (i)	60%	238	230	263	259	227	227	238

- (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (b) Sulphide production at Escondida and Tintaya was temporarily reduced in November 2001 and January 2002 respectively due to weak market conditions. Sulphide mining operations recommenced at Tintaya during August 2003.

 The Escondida Phase IV expansion was commissioned in October 2002.

Commercial production of copper cathode commenced at Tintaya in June 2002.

- (c) BHP Billiton announced the sale of its interest in Alumbrera in March 2003. The sale transaction reached closure in June 2003.
- (d) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003.
- (e) Includes bulk sample production from Area C prior to May 2003.
- (f) Production commenced in May 2003.
- (g) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (h) Shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.
- (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (j) Production shown on 86.5% basis after allowing for Indonesian state owned corporation's 13.5% share of production. Mining operations at Petangis ceased in October 2002.

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		QU	ARTER ENDE	:D		QUARTER	ENDED
	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002
PETROLEUM							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless oth	erwise stated.						
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	6,799	5,799	5,391	5,643	5,872	5,872	6,799
North West Shelf - condensate	1,602	1,510	1,566	1,560	1,491	1,491	1,602
North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack	1,876	1,655	1,679	1,606	1,604	1,604	1,876
Laminaria	2,914	1,869	1,419	1,161	1,151	1,151	2,914
Griffin	1,281	1,089	831	708	742	742	1,281
Pakistan	18	17	16	14	53	53	18
Typhoon/Boris (a)	1,233	654	852	1,430	1,214	1,214	1,233
Americas	718	652	816	715	608	608	718
Liverpool Bay	1,838	2,463	2,174	2,344	2,324	2,324	1,838
Bruce/Keith	271	690	566	454	453	453	271
Total	18,550	16,398	15,310	15,635	15,512	15,512	18,550
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)							
Bass Strait	33.07	21.07	17.51	25.37	33.04	33.04	33.07
North West Shelf - Domestic	3.62	3.82	3.81	4.07	3.99	3.99	3.62
North West Shelf - LNG	16.55	14.93	15.11	15.41	16.74	16.74	16.55
Griffin	0.95	1.03	0.81	0.81	0.96	0.96	0.95
Pakistan	2.83	2.76	2.57	2.33	7.86	7.86	2.83
Typhoon/Boris (a)	1.38	0.71	2.03	2.03	1.58	1.58	1.38
Americas	3.91	3.80	3.34	3.42	3.25	3.25	3.91
Bruce	4.59	10.55	10.04	8.17	8.77	8.77	4.59
Keith	0.07	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11	0.11	0.07
Liverpool Bay	4.89	10.59	11.62	11.16	8.89	8.89	4.89
Total	71.86	69.41	66.99	72.91	85.19	85.19	71.86
LPG ('000 tonnes)							
Bass Strait	149.66	115.23	111.74	135.18	150.19	150.19	149.66
North West Shelf	36.32	31.04	32.67	32.39	34.21	34.21	36.32
Bruce	22.45	20.47	15.10	37.24	14.12	14.12	22.45
Keith	0.53	1.23	1.11	0.76	0.81	0.81	0.53
Total	208.96	167.97	160.62	205.57	199.33	199.33	208.96
ETHANE ('000 tonnes)	27.67	19.91	22.35	24.97	27.32	27.32	27.67
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (million barrels of oil equivalent) (b)	33.1	30.0	28.4	30.3	32.1	32.1	33.1

⁽a) Boris commenced production in February 2003.
(b) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions based on the following: 6000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe
1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe
1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe

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		QU.	ARTER ENDE	:D		QUARTER	ENDED
	SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002
LUMINIUM	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002
HP Billiton attributable production a	nd sales unless otherwise	e stated					
000 tonnes)	na sales unless otherwise	e stateu.					
LUMINA							
Production							
Worsley, Australia	698	662	658	724	699	699	69
Paranam, Suriname	221	213	222	223	227	227	22
Alumar, Brazil	112	123	123	113	127	127	11
Total	1,031	998	1,003	1,060	1,053	1,053	1,03
Sales							
Worsley, Australia	758	606	751	636	697	697	75
Paranam, Suriname	253	201	243	228	221	221	25
Alumar, Brazil	130	125	124	107	120	120	13
Total	1,141	932	1,118	971	1,038	1,038	1,14
LUMINIUM							
Production							
Production Hillside, South Africa	135	134	133	132	135	135	
Production Hillside, South Africa Bayside, South Africa	46	45	48	46	47	47	4
Production Hillside, South Africa Bayside, South Africa Alumar, Brazil	46 44	45 44	48 45	46 45	47 31	47 31	2
Production Hillside, South Africa Bayside, South Africa Alumar, Brazil Valesul, Brazil	46 44 11	45 44 11	48 45 10	46 45 11	47 31 11	47 31 11	2
Production Hillside, South Africa Bayside, South Africa Alumar, Brazil Valesul, Brazil Mozal, Mozambique	46 44 11 32	45 44 11 32	48 45 10 31	46 45 11 39	47 31 11 58	47 31 11 58	4
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		SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT		SEPT
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BASE METALS BHP Billiton attributable produce	ction and sales ur	nless otherwise	e stated Me	tals production	n is navahle n	netal unless of	henwise stated	
or in Billion attributable produc	ction and sales di	THESS OFFICE WISC	c stated. We	tais production	1 13 payable 11	ictal unicss of	nerwise stated.	•
scondida, Chile (a)								
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	74,671	74,303	73,466	74,665	69,342		74,671
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	10,142	14,632	16,744	16,416	18,888		10,142
Average copper grade	(%)	1.45%	1.59%	1.49%	1.62%	1.33%		1.45%
Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	125.6	191.8	210.8	230.9	208.2	208.2	125.6
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	68.4	105.6	118.5	126.6	115.9		68.4
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	10,074	15,936	17,458	20,664	25,016	25,016	10,074
Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	17.9	19.1	20.4	21.1	21.4	21.4	17.9
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	304	387	471	538	561	561	304
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	77.0	104.8	113.5	128.9	116.2	116.2	77.0
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	11,689	16,709	17,166	20,138	25,335	25,335	11,689
Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	18.1	19.5	19.3	20.3	18.1	18.1	18.1
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	269	400	484	584	574	574	269
(a) Includes production from intaya, Peru (a) (b)		паѕе гу ехрап	ISION WHICH C	ommissioned	in October 20			
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	4,151	4,151	-
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average copper grade	(%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	8.4	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.4
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	-	_	-	-	-	-	_
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	_	-	-	-	_	-	_
Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	8.0	8.7	8.7	9.5	8.9	8.9	8.0
(a) Sulphide production at T Sulphide mining operation				y 2002 due to	weak market	conditions.		
(b) Commercial production (
Serro Colorado, Chile	(1000 +	47.000	45.007	40.504	40.450	20.222	00.000	47.000
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,963	15,027	16,564	16,458	20,332	20,332	17,963
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	3,759	3,942	3,916	4,130	4,346	4,346	3,759
Average copper grade	(%)	0.97%	1.03%	1.00%	0.96%	0.99%	0.99%	0.979
Production								
Copper cathode	('000 tonnes)	32.5	33.1	32.5	33.0	33.1	33.1	32.5
Sales								
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BASE METALS									
BHP Billiton attributable prod	uction and sales ur	less otherwise	stated. Met	als productior	ı ıs payable m	etai unless oth	nerwise stated.		
Antamina, Peru									
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	30,235	25,797	25,290	28,353	30,174	30,174	30,235	
Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	6,794	6,395	6,424	6,697	6,018	6,018	6,794	
Average head grades									
- Copper	(%)	1.33%	1.41%	1.32%	1.09%	1.17%	1.17%	1.33%	
- Zinc	(%)	1.28%	1.15%	1.54%	1.97%	2.17%	2.17%	1.28%	
Production									
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	25.7	26.4	23.6	21.2	16.9	16.9	25.7	
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	18,189	15,424	20,519	28,553	27,933	27,933	18,189	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	536	557	617	517	435	435	536	
Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.09	
Sales									
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	30.6	25.8	22.4	21.2	18.6	18.6	30.6	
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	19,184	14,407	15,400	31,034	26,781	26,781	19,184	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	590	530	575	435	420	420	590	
Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.02	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.02	
Al 1 A 6 ()									
Alumbrera, Argentina (a)	(1000)	00.050	00 700	00.400				00.050	
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	29,356	28,730	26,400	-	-	-	29,356	
Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	8,034	8,703	8,376	-	-	-	8,034	
Average head grades	(0/)	0.000/	0.000/	0 = 101				0.000/	
- Copper	(%)	0.62%	0.69%	0.54%	-	-	-	0.62%	
- Gold	(g/t)	0.8	0.9	0.7	-	-	-	8.0	
Production									
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	11.1	13.4	9.9	-	-	-	11.1	
Payable gold	(fine ounces)	35,935	42,594	30,730	-	-	-	35,935	
Payable gold - dore	(fine ounces)	3,344	4,346	4,354	-	-	-	3,344	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	53	72	75	-	-	-	53	
Sales									
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	10.3	13.3	10.8	-	-	-	10.3	
Payable gold	(fine ounces)	33,957	42,381	33,438	-	-	-	33,957	
Payable gold - dore	(fine ounces)	3,082	4,409	4,159	-	-	-	3,082	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	53	72	75	-	-	-	53	
(a) BHP Billiton announced Participation in the joint				2003.					
Highland Valley, Canada		·							
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	20,455	18,682	16,642	18,186	16,892	16,892	20,455	
Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	12,941	12,924	11,602	12,565	12,261	12,261	12,941	
Average copper grade	(%)	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	
Production									
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	14.9	14.3	13.2	13.8	14.1	14.1	14.9	
Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28	0.30	0.30	0.22	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	162	159	140	143	160	160	162	
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	1,314	1,230	1,114	1,007	1,025	1,025	1,314	
Sales							_		
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	14.4	17.5	10.0	10.7	16.7	16.7	14.4	
Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.19	0.22	0.26	0.23	0.28	0.28	0.19	
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	153	189	106	116	177	177	153	
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	1,240	1,644	843	793	1,505	1,505	1,240	

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	_			RTER ENDE			QUARTER	
		SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002
BASE METALS								
BHP Billiton attributable produ	uction and sales ur	nless otherwise	e stated. Met	als productior	n is payable m	netal unless oth	herwise stated.	
Cannington, Australia	(1000 to mose)	004	F70	004	500	607	607	004
Material mined Ore milled	('000 tonnes) ('000 tonnes)	631 599	573 564	601 589	588 560	637 589	637 589	631 599
	(000 torines)	599	304	569	300	309	509	598
Average head grades - Silver	(g/t)	564	535	550	525	564	564	56
- Lead	(%)	11.7%	11.9%	11.8%	12.1%	11.5%	11.5%	11.79
- Zinc	(%)	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	5.3%	4.0%	4.0%	4.3%
Draduction								
Production	('000 ouroos)	9,612	0 226	0 772	0 161	0.177	0.477	0.614
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	,	8,326	8,773	8,161	9,177	9,177	9,612
Payable lead	(tonnes)	61,676	57,651	58,711	59,389	59,364	59,364	61,676
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,182	14,721	15,480	18,479	14,850	14,850	15,182
Sales								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	9,401	9,081	8,956	8,412	6,765	6,765	9,401
Payable lead	(tonnes)	59,856	62,735	57,961	58,742	43,953	43,953	59,856
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	12,077	14,849	18,056	13,288	16,223	16,223	12,077
Selbaie, Canada								
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,049	999	919	982	858	858	1,049
Average head grades								
- Zinc	(%)	1.37%	1.09%	1.11%	1.18%	1.13%	1.13%	1.37%
- Copper	(%)	0.33%	0.28%	0.25%	0.24%	0.25%	0.25%	0.339
- Gold	(g/t)	0.23	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	0.2
- Silver	(g/t)	35.10	22.75	22.15	20.62	22.38	22.38	35.1
Production								
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	9,840	6,540	6,421	7,364	6,311	6,311	9,840
Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,789	2,111	1,654	1,768	1,606	1,606	2,789
Payable gold concentrate	(ounces)	4,486	5,069	4,146	4,081	3,129	3,129	4,486
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	593	369	279	284	263	263	593
Sales								
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	9,861	7,245	6,649	6,812	6,209	6,209	9,861
Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,823	2,107	2,751	1,612	1,918	1,918	2,823
	` '		3,082					
Payable gold concentrate Payable silver	(ounces) ('000 ounces)	5,932 527	3,062 478	5,508 444	4,280 355	4,384 292	4,384 292	5,932 527
Pering, South Africa (a)	(000 0011003)	027	470		000	202		021
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	320	288	151	-	-	-	320
Average head grades	,							
- Zinc	(%)	2.21%	3.34%	3.47%	_	_	_	2.219
- Lead	(%)	0.66%	0.40%	0.33%	-	-	-	0.669
Production								
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	5,331	7,430	4,335	_	-	_	5,331
Payable lead	(tonnes)	1,567	694	354	-	-	-	1,567
Sales								
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	3,701	6,179	5,343	4,466	_	_	3,70
Payable lead	(tonnes)	1,367	1,327	995	117	=	-	1,367
r ayable lead	(torines)	1,307	1,521	993	117	-	-	1,307
(a) Production ceased, ahe	ad of mine closure	, in February 2	2003.					
Production								
Production Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.8
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Sales Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7
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	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003

CARBON STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ('000 tonnes)

IRON ORE (a)

Pilbara, Australia

Samarco, Brazil Production

riivara, Australia							
Production							
Mt Newman Joint Venture	5,486	5,287	4,964	6,221	6,639	6,639	5,486
Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b)	1,891	1,808	1,497	1,497	1,633	1,633	1,891
Area C Joint Venture (c)	-	-	-	19	341	341	-
Yandi Joint Venture	7,796	8,187	7,452	8,353	8,679	8,679	7,796
Jimblebar	1,433	1,186	1,371	1,428	1,622	1,622	1,433
Total (BHP Billiton share)	16,606	16,468	15,284	17,518	18,914	18,914	16,606
Total production (100%)	19,284	19,165	17,739	20,359	21,965	21,965	19,284
Shipments							
Lump	4,335	4,290	4,352	4,193	4,898	4,898	4,335
Fines	11,842	13,896	12,144	13,187	13,334	13,334	11,842
Total (BHP Billiton share)	16,177	18,186	16,496	17,380	18,232	18,232	16,177
Total shipments (100%)	19,033	21,396	19,407	20,448	21,450	21,450	19,033

- (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (b) Includes bulk sample production from Area C prior to May 2003.
- (c) Mining commenced in May 2003.

Shipments	2,034	2,004	2,049	2,153	2,013	2,013	2,034
METALLURGICAL COAL (a)							
Queensland, Australia Production							
BMA							
Blackwater	1,633	1,603	1,668	1,937	1,578	1,578	1,633
Goonyella	734	812	1,191	1,075	994	994	734
Peak Downs	789	757	1,009	1,076	1,004	1,004	789
Saraji	427	629	599	666	747	747	427
Norwich Park	573	451	610	527	524	524	573
South Blackwater	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gregory Joint Venture	496	780	761	488	744	744	496
BMA total	4,652	5,032	5,838	5,769	5,591	5,591	4,652
BHP Mitsui Coal (b)							
Riverside	927	400	300	1,014	969	969	927
South Walker Creek	936	1,072	900	1,019	957	957	936
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,863	1,472	1,200	2,033	1,926	1,926	1,863
Queensland total	6,515	6,504	7,038	7,802	7,517	7,517	6,515
Shipments							
Coking coal	4,165	4,034	4,707	4,395	4,838	4,838	4,165
Weak coking coal	1,739	1,503	1,569	1,525	1,617	1,617	1,739
Thermal coal	1,022	800	852	943	801	801	1,022
Total	6,926	6,337	7,128	6,863	7,256	7,256	6,926

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⁽a) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. (b) BHP Mitsui Coal production shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.

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		QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
	SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002	
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS BHP Billiton attributable production and ('000 tonnes)								
Illawarra, Australia Production	2,135	1,886	1,518	1,224	1,582	1,582	2,135	
Shipments Coking coal Thermal coal	1,515 134	1,900 95	1,611 242	1,571 179	1,513 91	1,513 91	1,515 134	
Total	1,649	1,995	1,853	1,750	1,604	1,604	1,649	
MANGANESE ORES								
South Africa Saleable production (a)	581	560	534	574	600	600	581	
(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billito	on interest in saleable	production is	60%.					
Australia Saleable production (a)	514	499	356	484	553	553	514	
(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billito	on interest in saleable	production is	60%.					
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
South Africa Saleable production (a)	124	125	117	137	93	93	124	
(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billito	on interest in saleable	production is	60%.					
Australia Saleable production (a)	51	65	60	58	54	54	51	
(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billito	on interest in saleable	production is	60%.					
HOT BRIQUETTED IRON								
Boodarie™ Iron, Australia Production	333	414	465	458	496	496	333	
Shipments	202	464	416	487	435	435	202	

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_		QUARTER ENDED					QUARTER ENDED		
	_	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT	
		2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2002	
DIAMONDS AND SPECIA	ALTY PRODUCT	S							
BHP Billiton attributable prod		-	e stated.						
DIAMONDS									
Ekati™, Canada									
=nati Ganada									
Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	996	1.045	1.087	1.182	1.064	1.064	996	
Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	996	1,045	1,087	1,182	1,064	1,064	996	

			ARTER ENDE			QUARTER	
	SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002
NERGY COAL	2002	2002	2000	2000	2000	2000	2002
HP Billiton attributable production and	d sales unless otherwise	e stated.					
000 tonnes)							
ngwe, South Africa							
Production	13,838	13,333	13,256	13,812	13,782	13,782	13,83
Sales							
Export	5,648	6,609	5,696	6,339	5,274	5,274	5,64
Local utility	7,836	7,263	7,160	7,926	8,215	8,215	7,83
Inland	471	412	340	337	338	338	47
Total	13,955	14,284	13,196	14,602	13,827	13,827	13,9
ew Mexico, USA							
Production							
Navajo Coal	1,602	2,154	1,797	2,497	2,262	2,262	1,60
San Juan Coal (a)	1,198	2,185	1,350	1,380	1,320	1,320	1,19
Total	2,800	4,339	3,147	3,877	3,582	3,582	2,80
Sales - local utility	3,546	3,348	3,316	3,643	3,713	3,713	3,54
(a) Includes production from longwal unter Valley, Australia	I operations which com	menced at Sa	an Juan in Oc 1,922	2,041	1,756	1,756	1,24
Production							1,4
	.,						1,25
Sales	·	881	1 036	1 301	952	952	,
Sales Export	783	881 276	1,036 704	1,301 1,285	952 873	952 873	78
Sales	·	881 276 1,157	1,036 704 1,740	1,301 1,285 2,586	952 873 1,825	952 873 1,825	78 36
Sales Export Inland Total	783 366	276	704	1,285	873	873	78 36
Sales Export Inland Total alimantan, Indonesia	783 366	276	704	1,285	873	873	78 36 1,14
Sales Export Inland Total alimantan, Indonesia Production (a)	783 366	276	704	1,285	873	873	78 36 1,14
Sales Export Inland Total alimantan, Indonesia	783 366 1,149	276 1,157	704 1,740	1,285	873	873	78 36
Sales Export Inland Total alimantan, Indonesia Production (a) Petangis (b)	783 366 1,149	276 1,157 29	704 1,740	1,285	873	873	78 36 1,14
Sales Export Inland Total alimantan, Indonesia Production (a) Petangis (b) Total	783 366 1,149 216 216 189 lowing for the Indonesia	276 1,157 29 29 49	704 1,740 28 28 56	1,285 2,586 - - -	873 1,825 - -	873 1,825 - - -	7; 3; 1,1,1

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		QUARTER ENDED					QUARTER ENDED	
	SEPT 2002	DEC 2002	MARCH 2003	JUNE 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2003	SEPT 2002	
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
BHP Billiton attributable production and s ('000 tonnes)	sales unless otherwis	e stated.						
NICKEL CMSA Colombia								
CMSA, Colombia Production	11.7	11.9	11.1	12.2	12.4	12.4	11.7	
Sales	10.5	12.8	10.3	13.5	11.1	11.1	10.5	
Yabulu, Australia Production								
Nickel	7.4	7.5	7.5	8.8	8.2	8.2	7.4	
Cobalt	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	
Sales								
Nickel	7.1	8.3	8.1	9.5	7.8	7.8	7.1	
Cobalt	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	
FERROCHROME								
South Africa								
Saleable production (a)	238	230	263	259	227	227	238	
(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton	n interest in saleable	production is	60%.					