BHP Billiton – Resourcefully Growing

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BHP Billiton – a global footprint



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Strategic Framework

"Our core purpose is to create long-term value through the discovery, development and conversion of natural resources, and the provision of innovative customer and market-focused solutions."





Steel demand could rise from 350Mt in 2005 to more than 800Mt/y by 2015...



Source: World Bank, OECD (GDP at Purchasing Power Parity); IISI

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Chinese copper, nickel, aluminium and iron ore demand and its % share of world demand



'000 tonnes



'000 tonnes



million tonnes



Data: IISI, China Customs, CRU, Tex, Clarksons & BHP Billiton

Urbanisation in China is expected to lead to strong city development

China's tiered city structure:



The US economy is five times larger than China's...

Structure of 2006 Nominal GDP in US\$ Billions



Source: Global Insight. GDP at 2006 market exchange rates



China's contribution is strong in terms of incremental growth in GDP...stimulated by raw materials-intensive Fixed Investment

Change in GDP in US\$ Billions in 2006



Source: Global Insight. GDP at 2006 market exchange rates



A high growth consumption scenario

(MM t except MMbd oil)

		2002*	2006	2015	2025	2050
Aluminium BRICs		6.1	11.6	47.9	67.7	136.0
% of 2006 world		24%	34%	140%	198%	398%
Copper	BRICs	3.5	5.4	18.6	23.6	37.2
	% of 2006 world	23%	30%	105%	133%	210%
Nickel	BRICs	0.18	0.34	1.21	1.81	4.14
	% of 2006 world	15%	25%	88%	132%	301%
Oil	BRICs	8.4	13.5	99.4	111.8	132.6
	% of 2006 world	11%	16%	121%	136%	161%

Source: Goldman Sachs, CRU, AME, UN, BP et al Intensity of Use trends are estimated based on Domestic Economies Trend CIS is used as a proxy for Russia * 2002 figures shown as a percentage of 2002 world demand Slide 10



What are the implications of this?

- The US is not the only driver of global demand
- Underlying demand remains strong driven by developing economies and solid growth in the OECD
- The world could consume more copper, aluminium, steel etc in the next 25 years than it has done throughout history
- A relatively modest 3% growth in demand suggests over 500,000t of copper and over 1 million tonnes of aluminium required annually
- Where will this new supply come from? Supply continues to be constrained where are the new big projects?



Deep inventory of growth projects



BHP Billiton: growth from SANCTIONED projects

	Sanctioned projects – BHP Billiton share of production	% of current production	
Iron Ore	46.3mt	48%	
Nickel	50kt	29%	
Copper	304kt	24%	
Alumina	720kt	17%	
Petroleum	68mmboe	59%	

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Implications for BHP Billiton

- We need new supply fears of substitution are real; it is not healthy for an industry to remain in a prolonged period of under supply
- Don't underestimate the benefits of Tier 1 assets and organic growth
- Companies with the best operations will continue to produce the best margins in these times of high prices and will still produce healthy margins in the inevitable downturns
- Optionality is critical
- We will continue to deliver on our organic growth pipeline, view M&A opportunistically and return surplus cash to shareholders





