

# Safely growing production while lowering costs

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BHP Billiton Operational Review for the Year Ended 30 June 2014 – 23 July 2014 (WAIO Mineral Resources); BHP Billiton Unlocking Shareholder Value Presentation – 19 August 2014 (WAIO Exploration Targets); and 2014 BHP Billiton Annual Report – 25 September 2014 (WAIO Ore Reserves). All reports (including those referenced below) are available to view on http://www.bhpbilliton.com.

WAIO FY2007 Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves are compiled by P. Whitehouse (MAusIMM) and T. Cockerill (MAusIMM) respectively, from the 2007 BHP Billiton Annual Report, dated 20 September 2007. WAIO FY2007 Exploration Targets are compiled by J. Knight (MAIG) from the BHP Billiton Western Australia Iron Ore Site Tour Presentation, dated 27 September 2011. This information was reported under the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, 2004' ('The JORC Code 2004 Edition').

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The Exploration Targets, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves breakdown by classification for WAIO FY2014 against FY2007 (100% basis) are contained in Table 1. All tonnes and grade information has been rounded, hence small differences may be present in the totals. Tonnages are reported on a wet basis in billions of tonnes (Bt). The range of Exploration Targets is estimated from geological information including drill holes, outcrops and geophysical information. The potential quantity is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resources. It should not be expected that the quality of the Exploration Targets is equivalent to that of the Mineral Resources. Deterministic target ranges are generated by multidisciplinary teams using a formal company procedure. Exploration Targets will be tested with future exploration activities in alignment with Business strategy.

#### **Ore Reserves. Mineral Resources and Exploration Targets**

Table 1

	Financial Year	Proved Reserves (Bt)	Probable Reserves (Bt)	Total Ore Reserves (Bt)	Measured Resources (Bt)	Indicated Resources (Bt)	Inferred Resources (Bt)	Total Mineral Resources (Bt)	Range of Exploration Targets (Bt)			BHP Billiton
Deposit									Low	Mid	High	interest (%)
WAIO	2007	1.3 @ 60.5% Fe	1.1 @ 60.8% Fe	2.4 @ 60.6% Fe	1.7 @ 60.6% Fe	2.1 @ 60.3% Fe	4.2 @ 59.9% Fe	8.0 @ 60.1% Fe	12	24	36	871
WAIO	2014	1.7 @ 60.5% Fe	2.0 @ 61.0% Fe	3.7 @ 60.7% Fe	2.6 @ 60.0% Fe	5.6 @ 59.8% Fe	15 @ 59.0% Fe	23 @ 59.3% Fe	18 @ 56-60% Fe	31 @ 56-60% Fe	58 @ 56-60% Fe	88 <sup>1</sup>

1. WAIO BHP Billiton interest is reported as Pilbara Ore Reserve tonnes weighted average across all Joint Ventures. BHP Billiton ownership varies between 85% and 100%.

### **Key themes**



- We value safe and sustainable operations above all else
- We have the strongest resource position in the Pilbara
- A relentless focus on availability, utilisation and rate is enhancing performance across our integrated supply chain
- We are targeting FOB unit costs of less than US\$20 per tonne at WAIO over the medium term and will require less sustaining capital investment than others in the industry
- We plan to grow WAIO production by 65 Mtpa at a capital intensity of approximately US\$30 per annual tonne

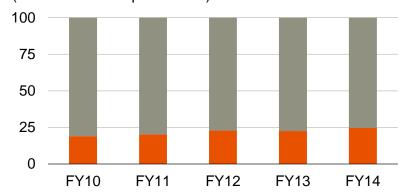
### Iron Ore – a key pillar of BHP Billiton



- Our Iron Ore business, comprising Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) and Samarco, has delivered exceptional returns over the last five years
  - 22% of total BHP Billiton production1
  - average Underlying EBIT margin<sup>2</sup> of 59%
  - US\$57 billion of Underlying EBIT representing 46% of the Group total
  - invested US\$22 billion representing 28% of the Group total
  - generated an average return on net operating assets<sup>3</sup> of 66%

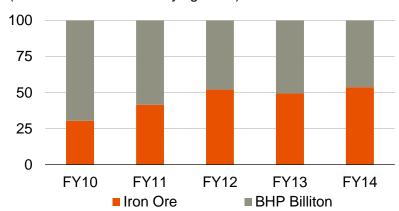
#### A major contributor to production

(% of BHP Billiton production1)



### A major contributor to earnings

(% of BHP Billiton Underlying EBIT)



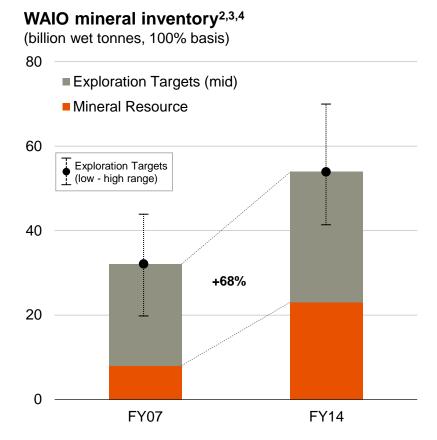
Note: Financial information for FY13 onwards has been included on the basis of IFRS 10, IFRS 11 and IFRIC 20.

- 1. Based on copper equivalent production calculated using FY09 average realised prices.
- 2. Excludes third party trading activities.
- 3. Represents Underlying EBIT divided by net operating assets.

## We have the strongest resource position in the Pilbara



- Our Pilbara Mineral Resource has tripled<sup>1</sup> in size during the last seven years
  - Resources of 23 Bt inclusive of Reserves of 3.7 Bt<sup>2</sup>
- Our current focus is to increase resource definition around existing hubs
- Our resource endowment will support our business for more than 100 years<sup>4</sup>



Relates to our Total Resource FY07 versus FY14.

<sup>2.</sup> Resource and Reserve confidence classification and grades are tabulated in Disclaimer Table 1 on slide 3.

<sup>3.</sup> The range of Exploration Targets is estimated from geological information including drill holes, outcrops and geophysical information, and is shown as a range (black bars). The potential quantity is conceptual in nature, there has been insufficient exploration to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the determination of a Mineral Resource. Refer to Disclaimer on slide 3.

<sup>4.</sup> Mineral inventory is equal to the sum of FY14 Mineral Resources and ranged Exploration Targets. Inventory life is estimated from the mineral inventory (classified Mineral Resources converted to a run-of-mine basis using historical Mineral Resources to Ore Reserves conversion and Exploration Targets (Mid) converted using conceptual conversion) divided by the FY14 production rate on a 100% basis.

## The characteristics of our ore bodies support high-margin operations



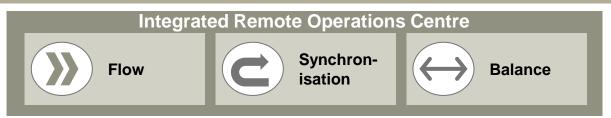
- Our ore bodies underpin low cost operations
  - a low strip ratio of 1.3x
  - current operations are primarily above the water table and only 2% of production is beneficiated
- We have a suite of high-quality products
  - product specification will be maintained at the 62% Fe benchmark
  - lump is expected to remain ~25%¹ of the product mix
- The geographic concentration of our major mining hubs is a key differentiator
  - a new mining hub is not required for at least 30 years
  - no replacement mines are expected to be required for at least eight years

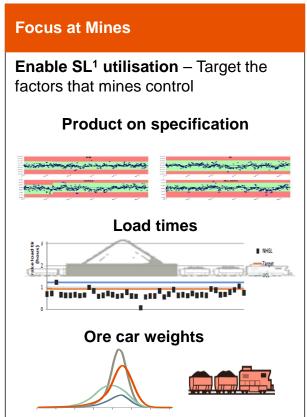


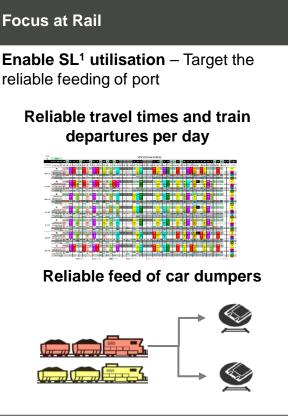
<sup>1.</sup> Total WAIO lump as a percentage of production includes Yandi fines.

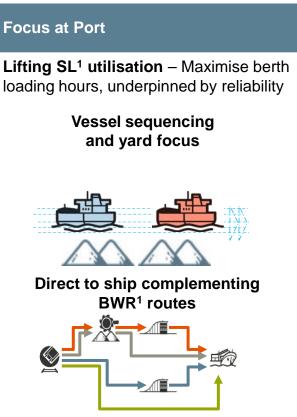
## At WAIO we operate a fully integrated supply chain from mine to rail to port











1. Refers to shiploader (SL) and bucket wheel reclaimer (BWR).

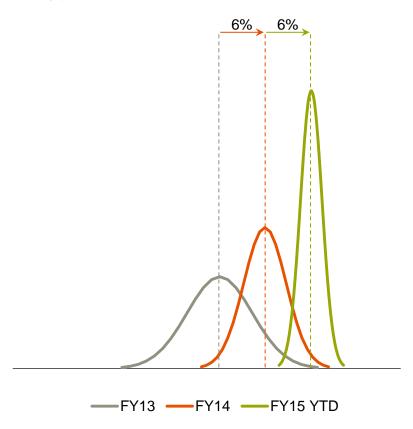
## Focus on availability, utilisation and rate has raised mines performance



- Availability of mine reclaimers and train load-outs has increased, improving supply chain performance
  - centralised shutdown management has resulted in a significant reduction in shutdown frequency
- Utilisation of OHPs<sup>1</sup> has increased by 9% from FY13 to FY15 YTD
  - focus on reducing feed delays by choke feeding primary crushers
  - installation of a grizzly at Mining Area C reduced crusher feed delays
- Rate of processing at OHPs<sup>1</sup> has increased by 12%<sup>2</sup> from FY13 to FY15 YTD
  - increased conveyor speeds through selected routes
  - improved control systems logic
- 1. Excludes Jimblebar OHP.
- 2. Compound annualised improvement FY13 to FY15 YTD.
- Data approximated to fit normal distribution.

### WAIO OHP processing rate<sup>1</sup>

(hourly production rate<sup>3</sup>, tonnes)



## Focus on availability, utilisation and rate has raised rail performance



- Availability of rail has increased
  - completion of track ballast remediation project has improved track availability and extended track life longevity
  - centralised coordination of track maintenance has doubled productivity and increased the operating window
- Utilisation has improved by revising our scheduling methodology
  - 28% improvement in the number of train departures per day coupled with a 23% reduction in travel time
- · Rate of railing has increased
  - revision of braking procedures to increase average train speed
  - reduction of track speed restrictions without compromising safety

#### Train departures per day are increasing



#### Train travel time is decreasing



## Focus on availability, utilisation and rate has raised port capability

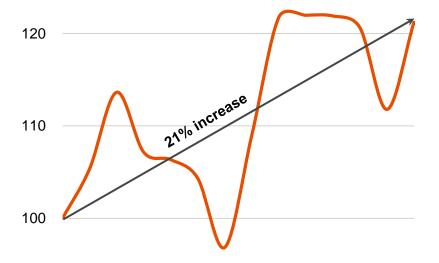


- Availability of car dumpers and shiploaders has increased following changes to our maintenance strategy
  - 50% reduction in electrical delays over the last 18 months
- **Utilisation** substantially enhanced through better planning and scheduling
  - regular train presentation has improved car dumper utilisation by 21%
  - improved ship sequencing and presentation at the berths
- Rate of port equipment lifted through a combination of initiatives
  - optimised direct to ship volumes
  - lump processing rates increased via direct loading from car dumper to rescreening plants
  - routes upgraded at low cost

#### Total car dumper utilisation

(index, July 2013 = 100)







### Technology is a key productivity enabler



- Our technology agenda underpins the path to 290 Mtpa<sup>1</sup> and beyond
  - disciplined and value-based approach to technology driven by the business strategy
- Key technology enablers
  - our fully functioning Integrated Remote
    Operations Centre (IROC) continues to
    unlock capacity and synergies across the
    supply chain
  - autonomous haulage and drill rig trials are well advanced
  - we are actively studying best in class autonomous above rail capability
  - smarter exploration tools will substantially reduce resource definition costs

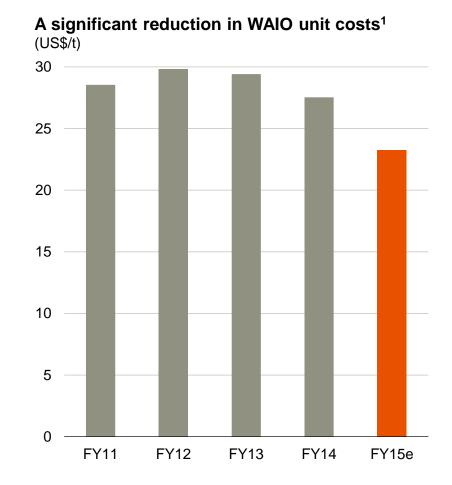


1. 100% basis.

## Targeting FOB unit cash costs of less than US\$20 per tonne



- As production grows we will maintain a relentless focus on costs
  - strong early momentum as we reduced unit cash costs<sup>1</sup> by 12% in H2 FY14 to US\$25.89/t
- We are targeting unit cash costs<sup>1</sup> of less than US\$20/t<sup>2</sup> in the medium term
- Average sustaining capital expenditure of ~US\$5/t is anticipated in our five year plan
  - underpinned by our major hubs and concentrated resource footprint
- On an all-in cash basis we aim to be the lowest-cost supplier to China



<sup>1.</sup> Unit cash costs excluding freight and royalties. FY15e is based on an exchange rate of AUD/USD 0.91.

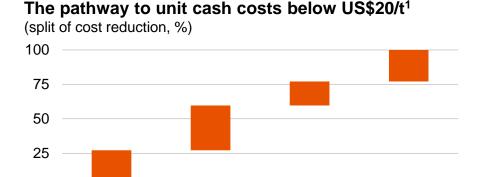
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### Our plans are built from the bottom up



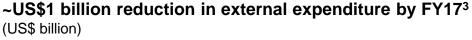
Overheads

- We are systematically targeting cost savings across the supply chain
  - equipment productivity is reducing demand for new equipment and enabling a reduction in hire gear
  - supply productivity is reducing external expenditure through lower demand, better rates and insourcing of services
  - people productivity is driving efficiencies and allowing optimisation of functional support

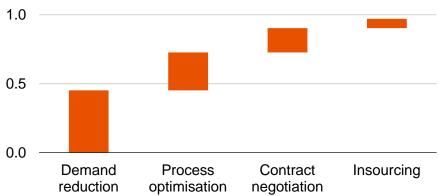


Mines

Volume



L&I<sup>2</sup>

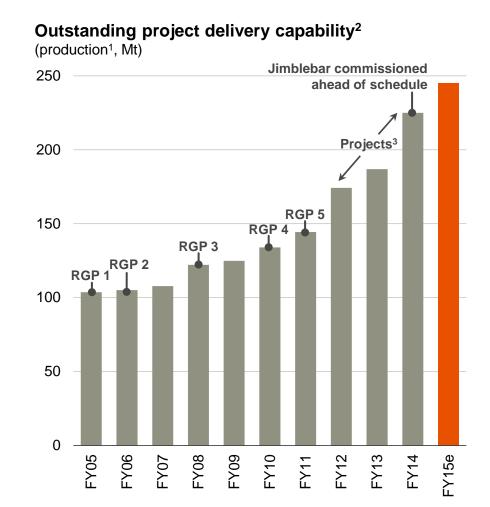


- 1. Unit cash costs excluding freight and royalties. Based on real 2014 terms and an exchange rate of AUD/USD 0.91.
- 2. L&I refers to logistics and infrastructure and includes rail, port and non-process infrastructure.
- 3. Annualised basis relative to FY14.

### A proven track record of project delivery



- Over the last decade we invested US\$25 billion in the Pilbara
- As a result we have more than doubled iron ore production in a strong pricing environment
- WAIO achieved a fourteenth consecutive annual record in FY14 of 225 Mt<sup>1</sup>
  - Jimblebar delivered first production six months ahead of schedule
  - supplemented by a series of volume enhancing initiatives
- Full-year guidance for FY15 is 245 Mt<sup>1</sup>
  - we have proven system capability significantly ahead of this rate



<sup>1. 100%</sup> basis.

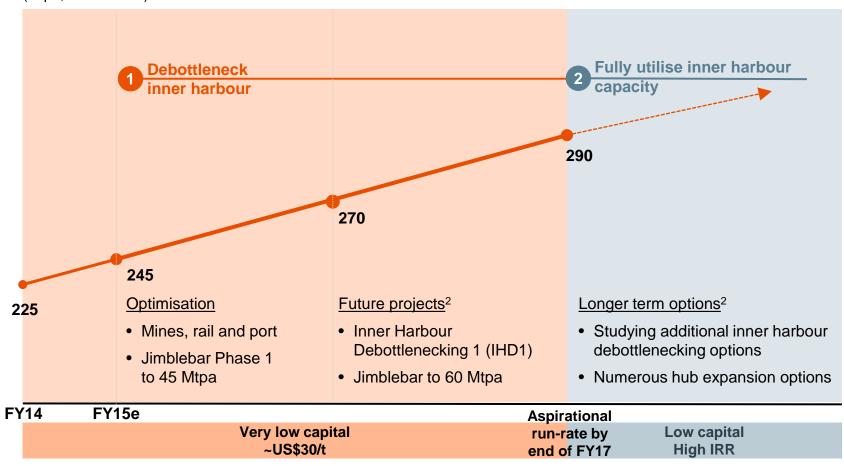
<sup>2.</sup> Rapid Growth Program (RGP) milestones indicate first ore dates.

<sup>3.</sup> WAIO Port Hedland Inner Harbour Expansion, WAIO Port Blending and Rail Yard Facilities, WAIO Jimblebar Mine Expansion.

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## Delivering value from our installed infrastructure<sup>1</sup> (Mtpa, 100% basis)



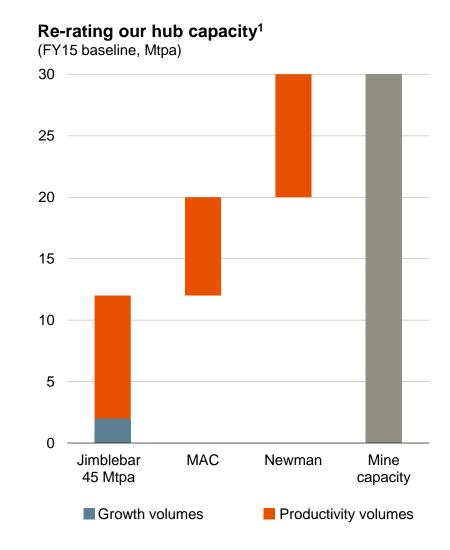
<sup>1.</sup> Represents actual production for FY14, FY15 guidance and aspirational future system run-rate.

<sup>2.</sup> Subject to Board approval.

## Step 1 to 290 Mtpa – raising the capacity of our mines without fixed plant investment



- WAIO production is expected to increase by 20 Mt to 245 Mt<sup>1</sup> in FY15
- Beyond FY15 our relentless focus on productivity will deliver volume growth from already installed infrastructure
  - Jimblebar Phase 1 will now achieve
     45 Mtpa<sup>1</sup>
  - Mining Area C (MAC) volumes to increase by 8 Mtpa<sup>1</sup>
  - Newman volumes to increase by 10 Mtpa<sup>1</sup>
- Our dual track rail infrastructure is capable of supporting the uplift in mine capacity
- As mine capacity increases to ~275 Mtpa<sup>1</sup> the bottleneck shifts to the port

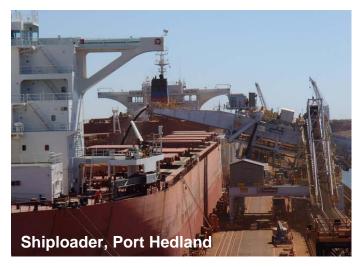


1. 100% basis.

## Step 2 to 290 Mtpa – investing in IHD1 and Jimblebar Phase 2



- The two key components to the second step of growth to 290 Mtpa<sup>1</sup> have a low capital cost and offer attractive investment returns
- Inner Harbour Debottlenecking 1 will deliver
   ~20 Mtpa¹ of incremental port capacity
  - low-capital intensity upgrades of critical inflow and outflow routes at Nelson Point and Finucane Island
  - replacement of Reclaimer 6 and expansion of Lump Rescreening Plant 2
- Jimblebar Phase 2 will increase hub capacity from 45 to 60 Mtpa<sup>1</sup>
  - ore handling plant has been re-rated from 55 to 60 Mtpa to match the installed stockpile and train load-out capacity
  - primary crusher and additional mining fleet required





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