Carbon Steel Materials Performance and Prospects

Carbon Steel Materials



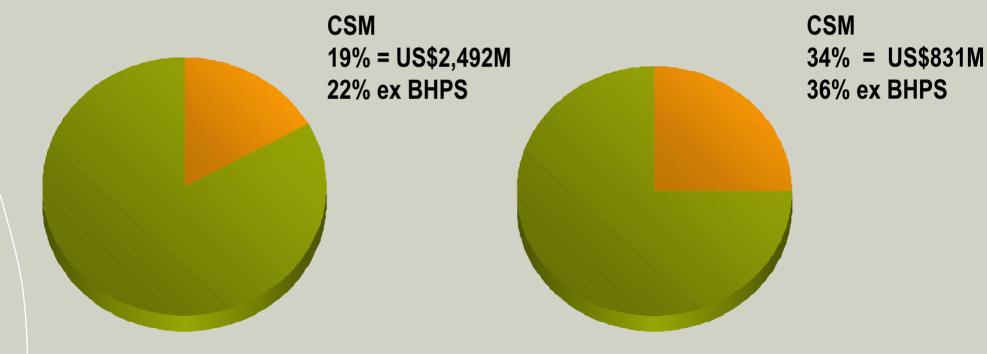
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Carbon Steel Materials Contribution 9 months to March 2002

Group Sales US\$13,176M

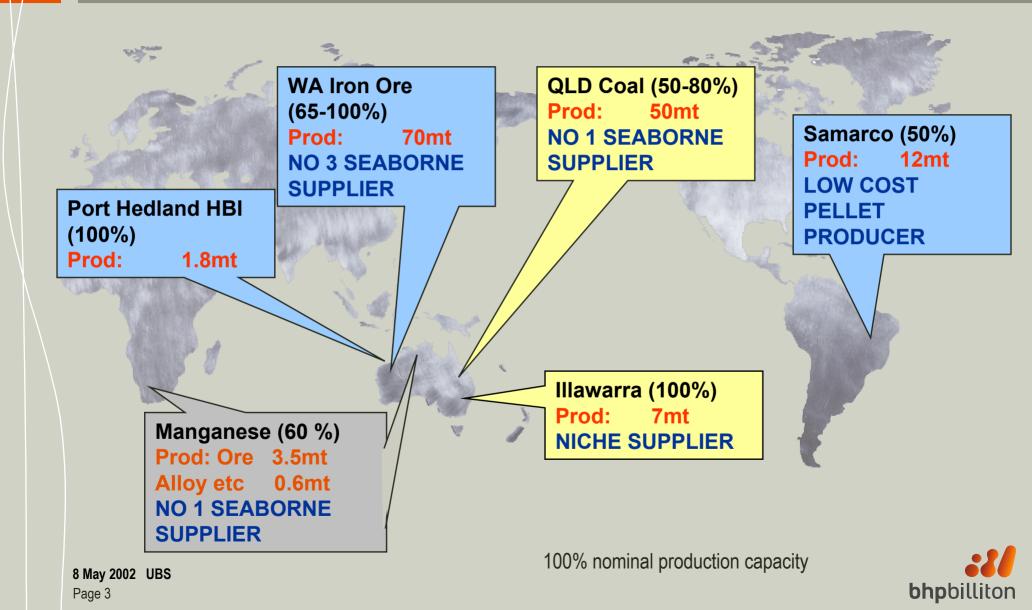
Group EBIT US\$2,412M



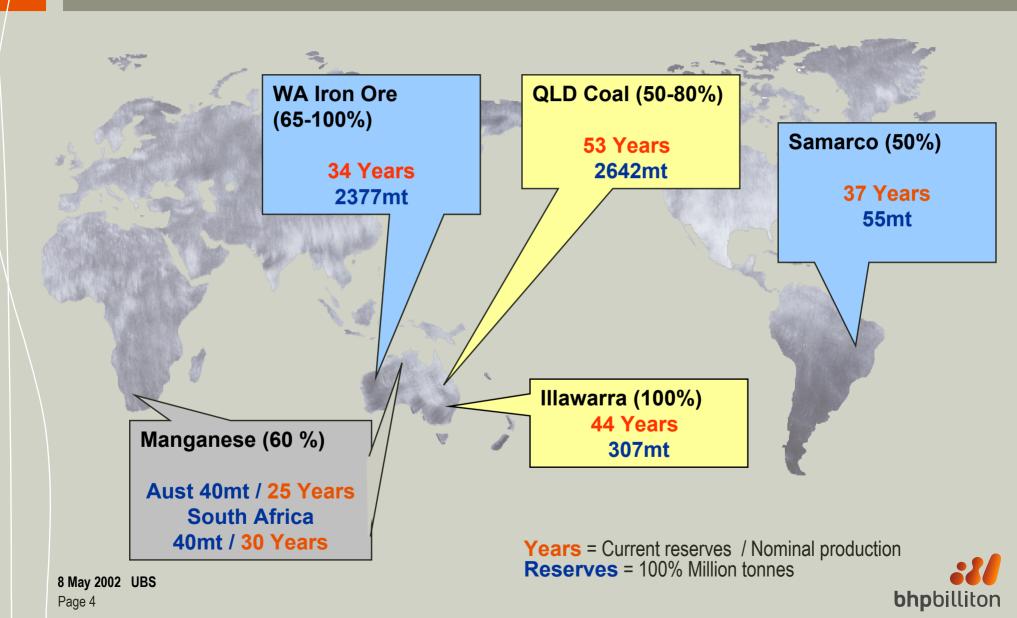
CSM EBIT ROC = 44%



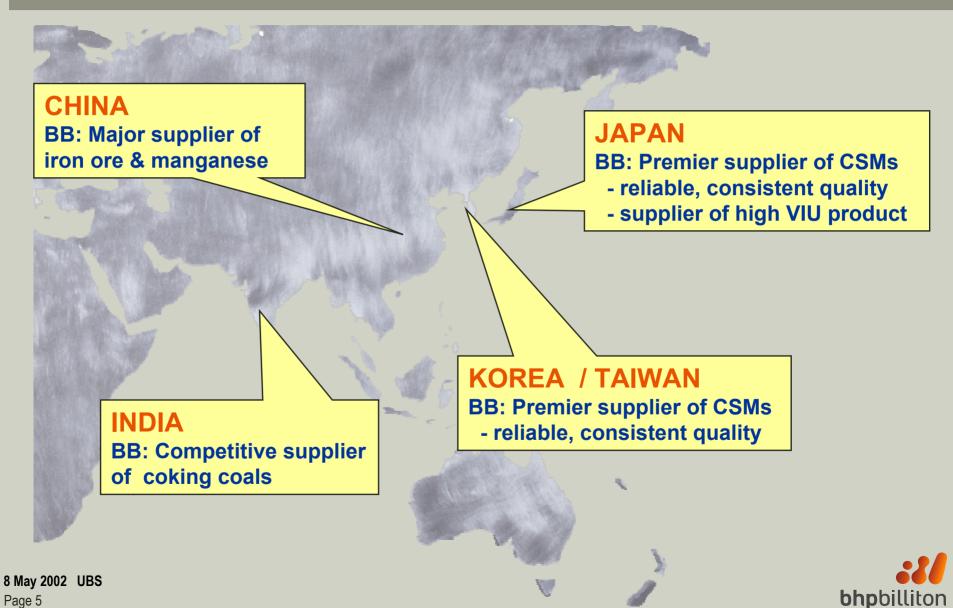
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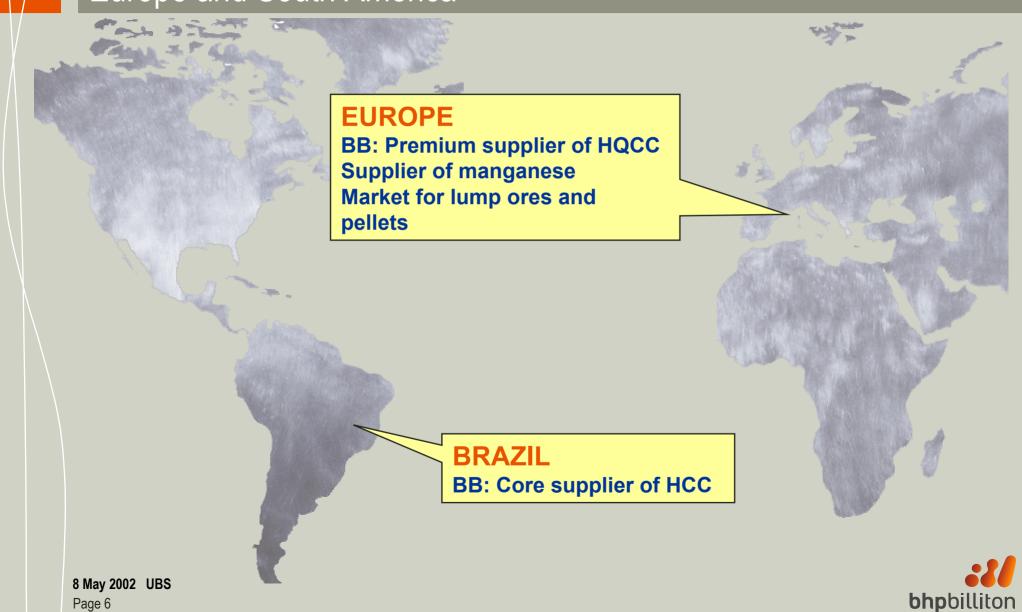
Carbon Steel Materials Assets



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BHPB Marketing Franchise Europe and South America



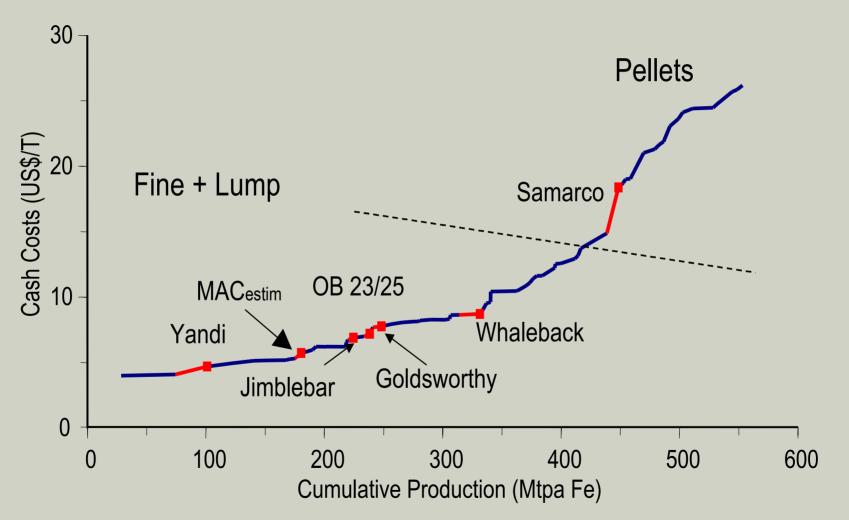


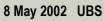
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WA Iron Ore



Seaborne Iron Ore Cost Curve



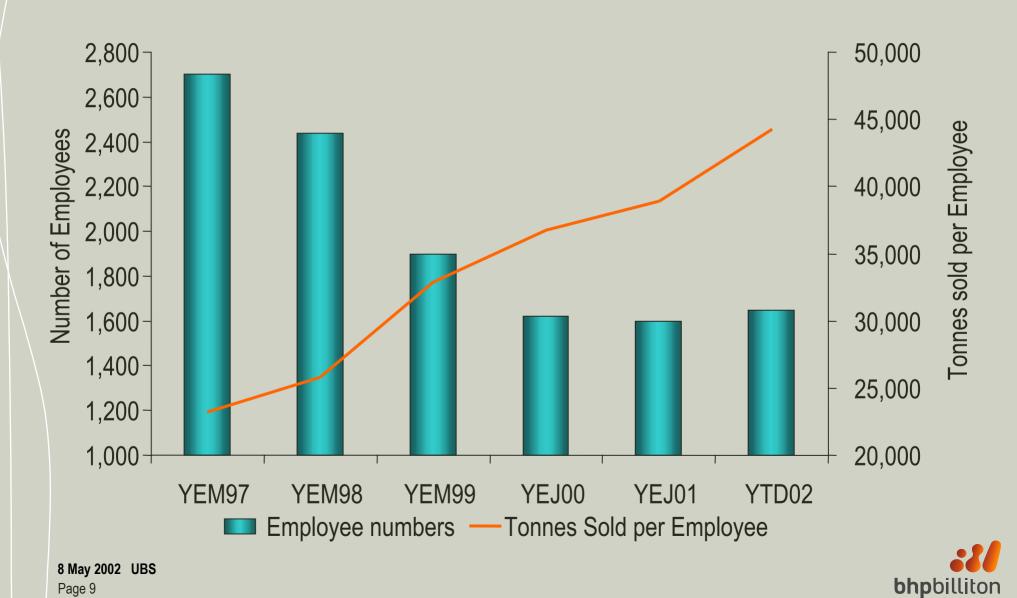


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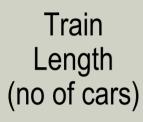


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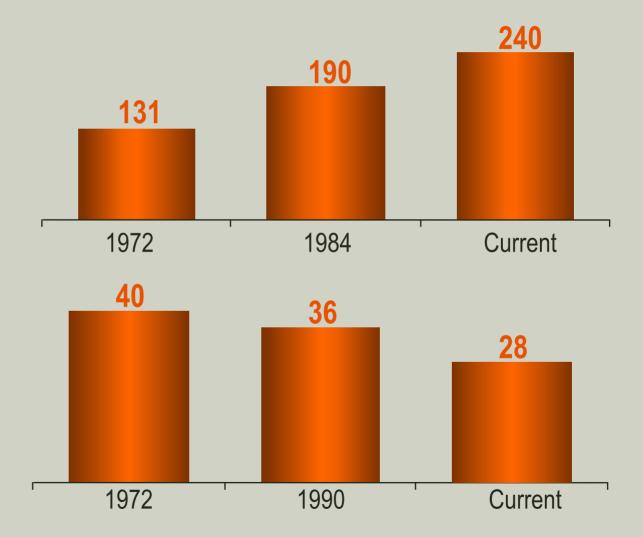
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Railroad Operating Improvements



Train Cycle Time (hours)

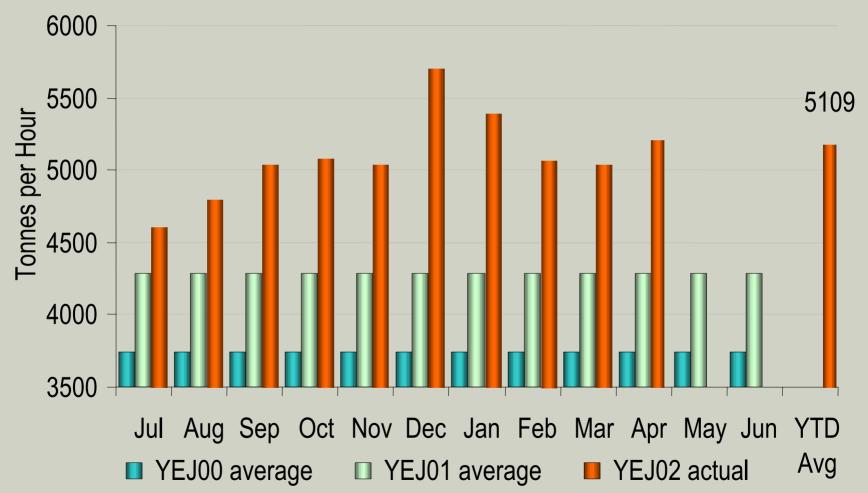


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Gross Loading Rate – Nelson Point







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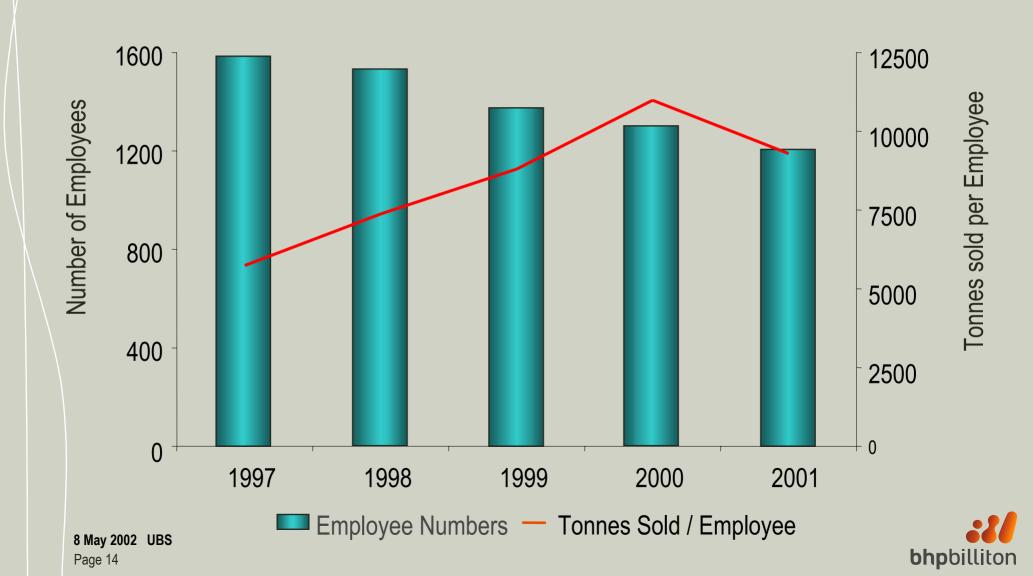
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Samarco Improving Productivity



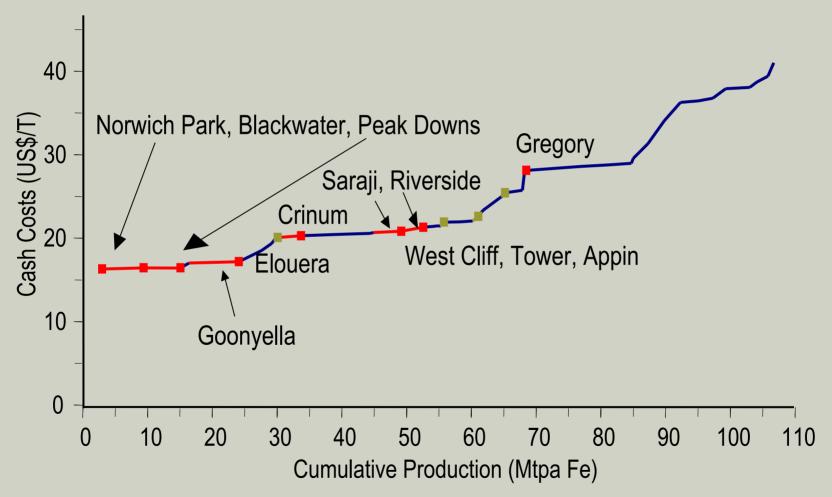


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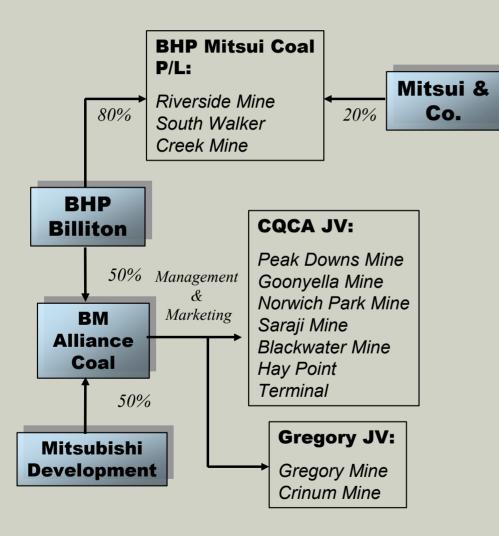


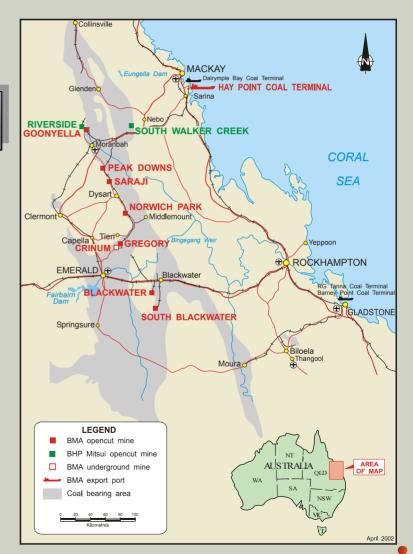
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Queensland Coal Ownership Structure





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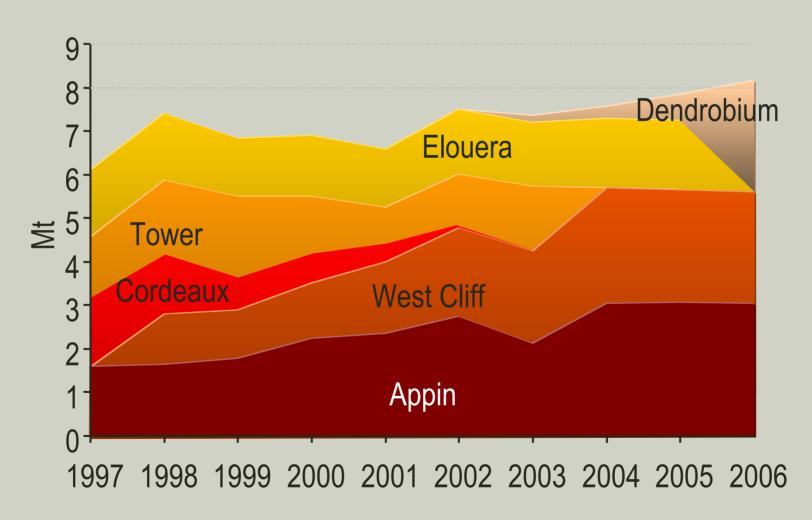
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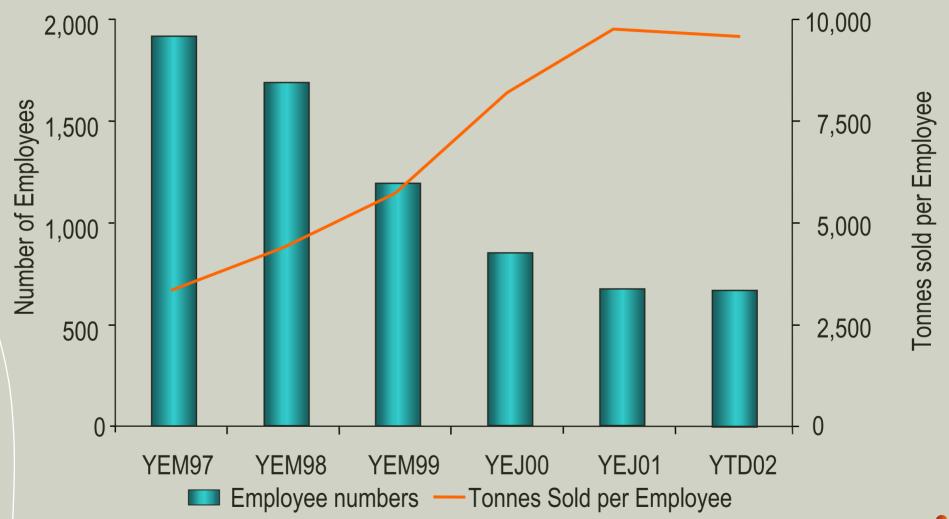


Illawarra Increasing scale of operations





Illawarra Improved Productivity





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Manganese



Manganese industry structure

Ore Producers

Ore **Producers**

Alloy Producers

Independent Alloyers

Integrated Alloyers

- Industry segmented by ore characteristics:
 - High grade ore
 - Low grade ore

- Integrated alloy smelters (30%)
- Independent alloy smelters (70%)

Steel Producers

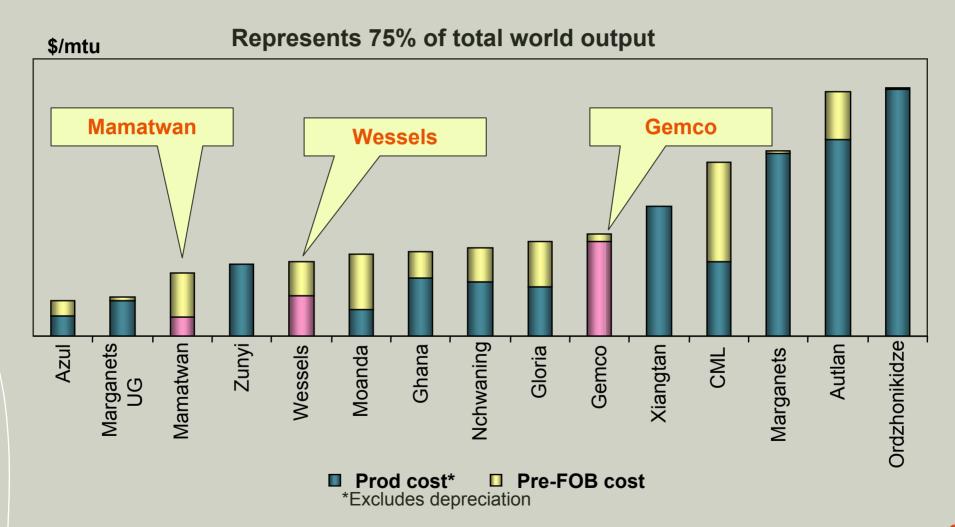
End Use Customers

- Steel producers (94%)
- Chemical and metallurgical segments (6%)

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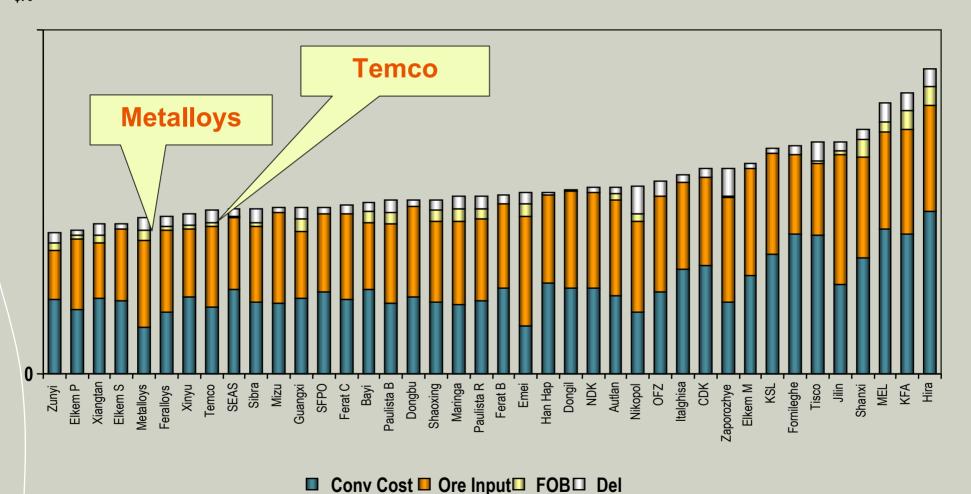
Manganese Ore - Cash Cost Curve





Manganese Ferro Alloy - HCFeMn Cash Cost Curve 78% Mn Equivalent

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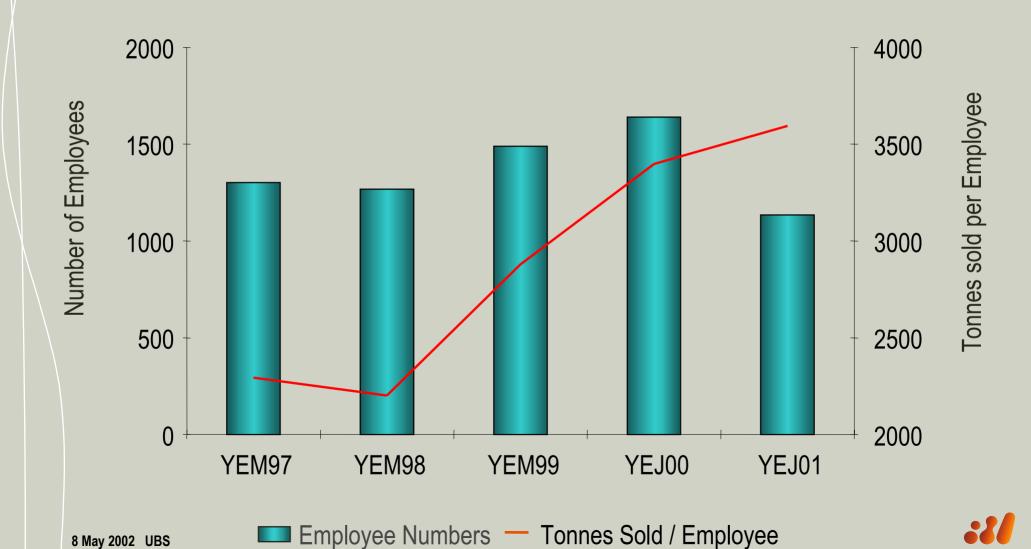
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Manganese Improved Productivity

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Business Growth & Product Development



Project Pipeline

PREFEASIBILITY

Project

PACE Stage 2

Yandi Long Term Optimisation

Blackwater -Central processing

Westcliff Longwall

FEASIBILITY Project

Universal Dragline

Goonyella Underground

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PACE 81

South Blackwater

Integration 13.5

Yandi Lump

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Samarco Roller

Press



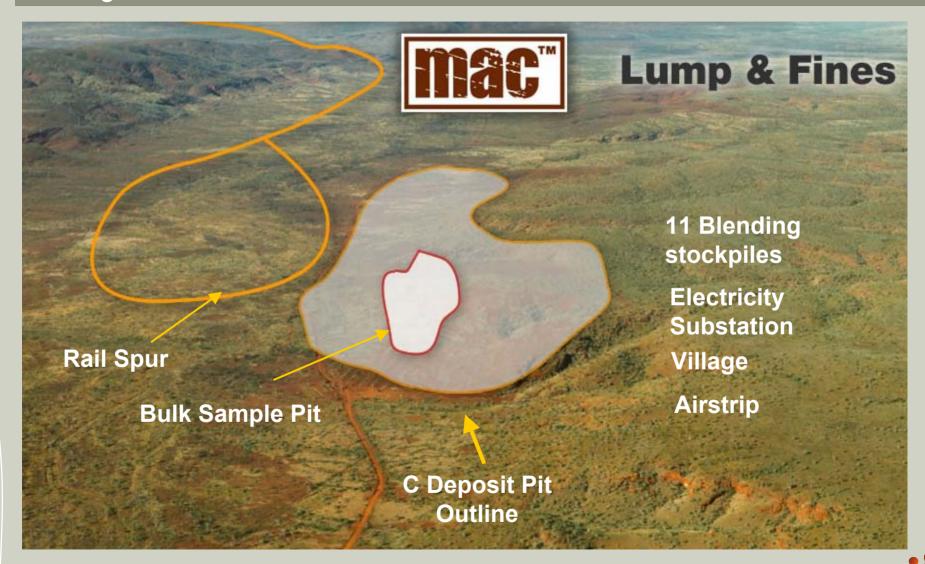
Yandi Lump



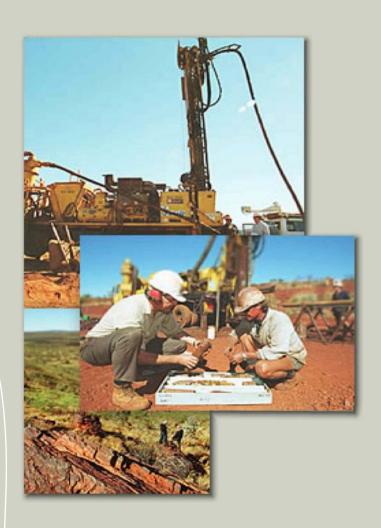
- Low capital, high value project
- Modification of No. 2 Ore Handling Plant
- Additional 4Mtpa Lump Product
- Customer LOI's in place
- Commission July 2002



Mining Area C



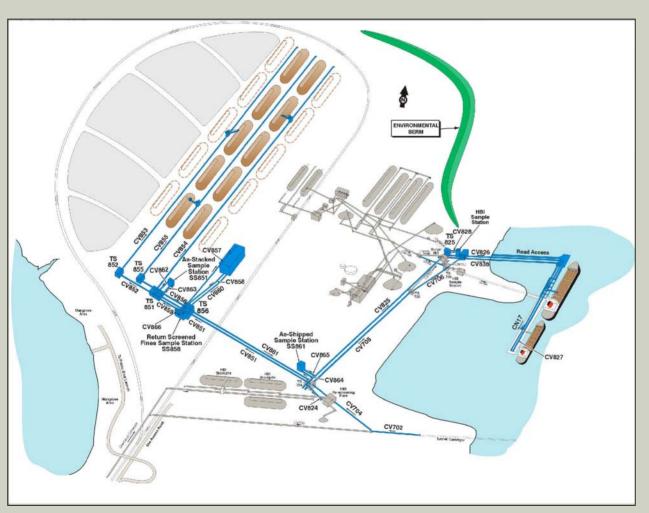
Mining Area C



- More than 800 million tonnes of iron ore in seven separate deposits
- US\$213m (100%) capital expenditure (mine, processing & rail spur)
- 740,000 tonne bulk sample April 2002
- Bulk sample product railed and processed
- First shipment scheduled to POSCO
- Production target late 2003
- Capacity to 15mtpa
- Ramp up in line with market demand
- POSMAC JV



Products & Capacity Expansion Project (PACE) Western Stockyard Works



Stage 1

- US\$351m (100%) capital expenditure (port, mainline, environment)
- Upgrade under harbour tunnel to 10,000tph
- New berth approach jetty and conveyors
- Extend existing berth north and upgrade conveyor
- New 10,000tph shiploader
- New Western Stockyard
 1.65Mt and Lump Rescreening Plant
- Water and power supplies upgraded
- Environmental berm
- Foundation for Long Term optimisation

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Samarco Roller Press

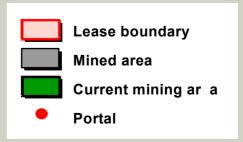
- Capacity round out: increasing plant capacity at Ubu pellet plant by 2 mtpa (to 14 mtpa)
- Modest capex (US\$25M, 100%)
- Converts low margin concentrates to high margin pellets
- Commission May 2003



Dendrobium



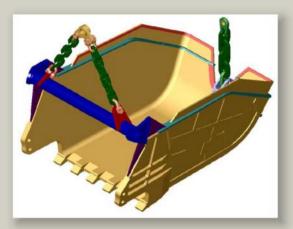
- Maintain high quality No.2 seam
- Drive next phase of cost productivity
- Expand production to > 8mtpa
- Long term supply to BHP steel



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Universal Dragline





- Universal Dragline (UDD) is a modified hoisting system that BMA is testing
- Productivity gains of >20% may be possible
- Gains in productivity are based on:
 - Decrease in equipment weight. Converted to payload
 - Reduced cycle time. Bucket can now be picked up when full.
 - Improved physical characteristics. Increase in dump height, boom length and dig depth.
 - Expected productivity benefits in new bench designs.
- Trials in progress.



Goonyella Underground



- Development of low capital low risk punch longwall in Goonyella middle seam
- Equipment low capex options
- Flexible production
- Gain experience in north Bowen Basin longwall mining



Carbon Steel Materials – Value Add

- Operating excellence
 - Plans in place across all sites to achieve cost targets
- Customer focus
 - Marketing hubs established
- Knowledge based



Carbon Steel Materials – Prospects

- Steady prudent growth
- Attractive industry structure but challenges
- China opportunity & threat
- Pre-eminent resource base and assets
- Further efficiency and productivity opportunities
- Solid project pipeline

