

THIRD QUARTER RESULTS

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Highlights – 9 months ended 31 March 2003

- EBITDA for the 9 months of US\$3,857 million, up 9.1%, and EBIT of US\$2,623 million, up 11.8%, both from continuing operations
- Despite challenging market conditions, third quarter EBITDA was the highest since the merger
- Development of the Greater Angostura oil and gas field in Trinidad sanctioned in March 2003
- First metal cast ahead of schedule and under budget at the Mozal aluminium smelter
- Successful issue of US\$850 million senior notes under inaugural global bond
- Final dividend declared of US 7.5 cents per share, up 11.5 per cent

Results highlights – 9 months ended 31 March

(US\$M)	2003	2002	% Change
Turnover ⁽¹⁾	12,623	11,320	+11.5
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	3,857	3,536	+9.1
EBIT ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	2,623	2,347	+11.8
Attrib profit (excl exceptionals) ⁽¹⁾	1,375	1,553	-11.5
Exceptional items	(19)	-	
Attrib profit (incl exceptionals)	1,356	1,553	-12.7
EPS (US cents) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	22.2	25.8	-14.0
DPS (US cents) ⁽³⁾	14.5	13.0	+11.5
EBITDA interest cover (times) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	12.9	10.6	+21.7

(1) From continuing operations and including share of joint ventures and associates

(2) Excluding exceptional items

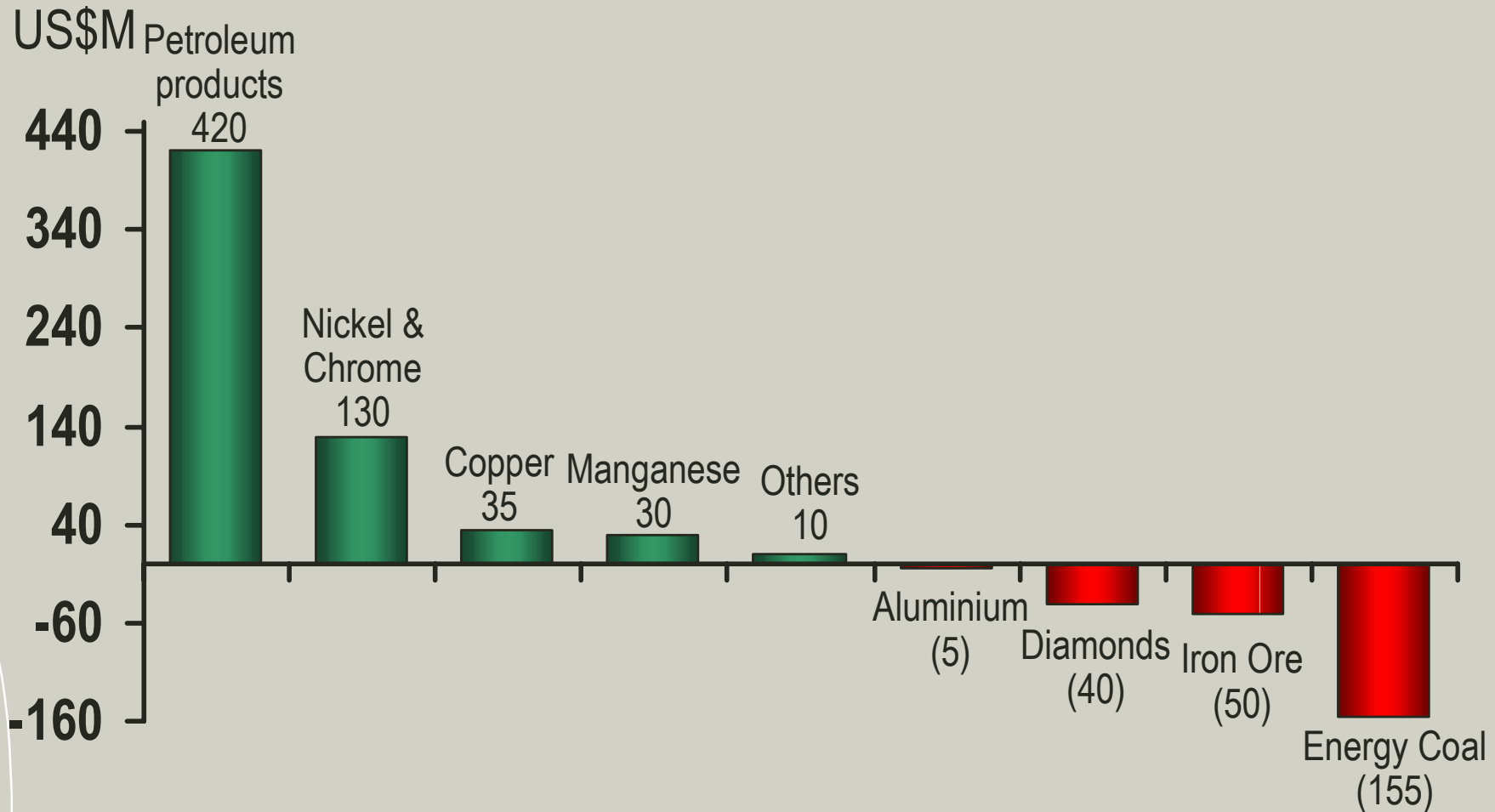
(3) For the year ended 30 June 2003

EBIT by Customer Sector Group

9 months ended 31 March

(US\$M)	2003	2002	% Change
Petroleum	988	827	+20
Aluminium	445	324	+37
Base Metals	185	122	+52
Carbon Steel Materials	774	831	-7
Diamonds & Spec Products	243	229	+6
Energy Coal	165	462	-64
Stainless Steel Materials	100	(24)	
Exploration & Technology	(37)	(39)	+5
Group & unallocated items	(240)	(385)	+38
BHP Billiton (continuing)	2,623	2,347	+12
Steel (demerged July 2002)	-	65	
BHP Billiton (total)	2,623	2,412	

Impact of major commodity price changes on EBIT 9 months ended 31 Mar 03 v 9 months ended 31 Mar 02



Excludes impact of price linked costs, US\$115 million unfavourable

Net interest, taxation & attributable profit

Continuing operations, excluding exceptionals

9 months ended 31 March (US\$M)	2003	2002
EBIT	2,623	2,347
Net interest expense	(299)	(334)
Exchange impact on debt	(106)	220
Discounting of provisions/Capitalised interest	<u>9</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Profit before tax	2,227	2,229
Tax expense	(697)	(756)
Exchange impact on tax expense	(132)	108
Minorities	<u>(23)</u>	<u>(28)</u>
Attributable profit	1,375	1,553

Credit ratings: **S&P** 'A' (positive); 'A-1'; **Moody's** 'A2' (stable); 'P-1'

Impact of restatements of net monetary liabilities - 9 months ended March

(US\$M)	Mar 03	Impact of Restatement	Mar 02	Impact of Restatement
EBIT	2,623	(50)	2,347	(10)
Net interest	(396)	(106)	(118)	220
Taxation expense	(829)	(150)	(648)	135
Attributable profit	1,375	(306)	1,553	345

US\$(651)M

Exchange rates	As at	As at	As at	As at
Versus US dollar	31 Mar 2003	30 June 2002	31 Mar 2002	30 June 2001
South African rand	7.98	10.25	11.48	8.08
Australian dollar	0.60	0.56	0.53	0.51

Summary and outlook

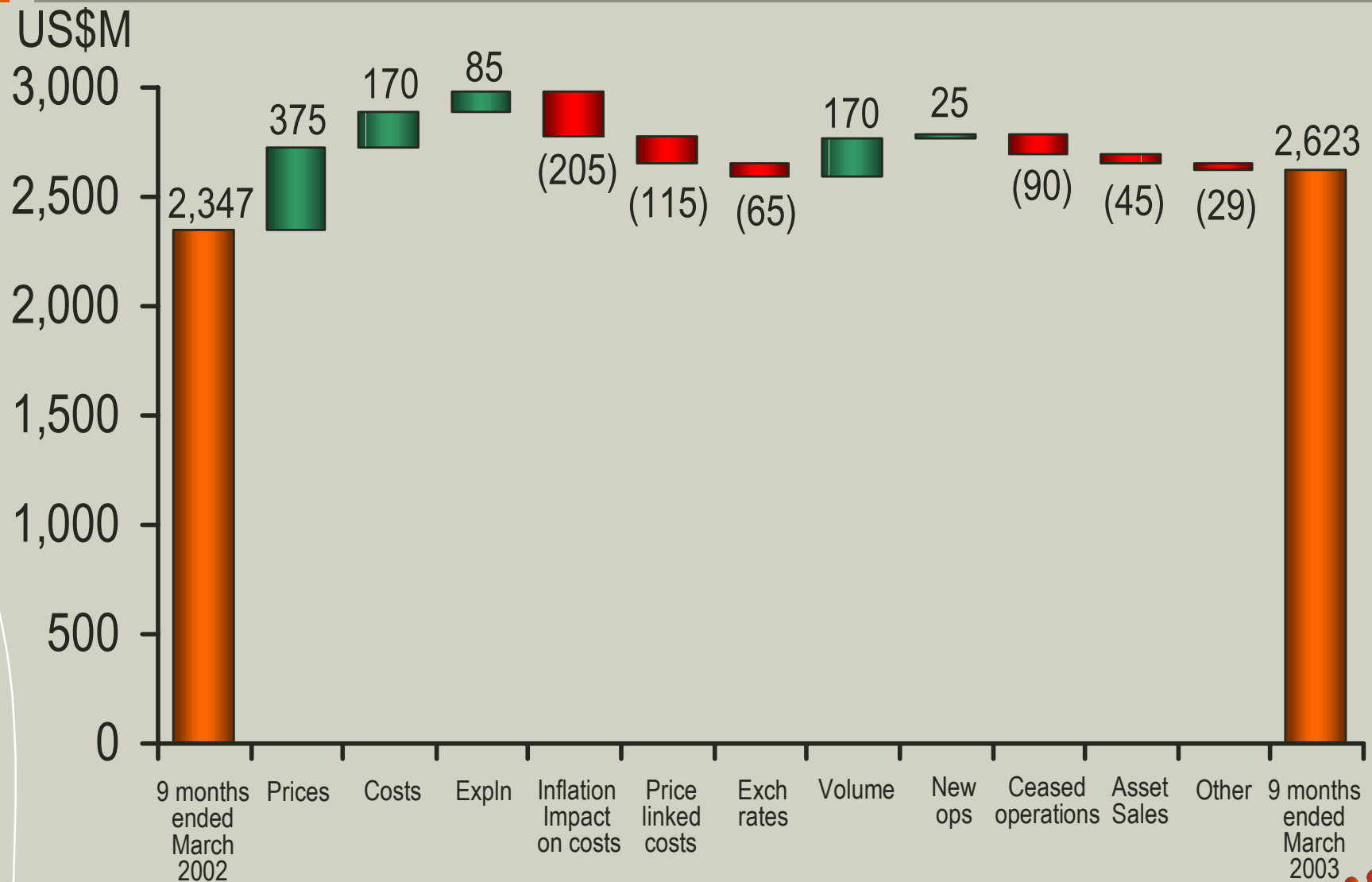
- Strong operational performance from diverse asset base
- EBITDA and EBIT strong and dividends up
- Growth projects all on track
- First metal commissioned at Mozal five months ahead of schedule and under budget. Final project costs for Escondida well under budget
- Development of Greater Angostura oil and gas field sanctioned
- Strong demand from China and East Asia
- We remain cautious in our outlook for key commodity markets



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EBIT analysis – Continuing operations

9 months ended 31 Mar 03 v 9 months ended 31 Mar 02



USD functional currency policy - general level of exposure

(US\$M)	AUD	Rand	Impact
Net payables, receivables & employee provisions	(400)	(100)	P&L
Tax provisions	(700)	(400)	P&L
Debt	-	(400)	P&L
Total	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>(900)</u>	P&L
Restoration & Rehab	<u>(500)</u>	<u>(100)</u>	Bal sheet

Key net profit sensitivities

Approximate impact on annual net profit after tax
of changes of:

(US\$M)

US\$1/bbl on oil price	45
US\$1/t on iron ore price	25
US\$1/t on metallurgical coal price	20
USc1/lb on aluminium price	15
USc1/lb on copper price	15
US\$1/t on energy coal price	5
USc1/lb on nickel price	1

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Australian dollar (USc1/A\$)	
Operations (net of hedging) ⁽¹⁾	20
Net monetary liabilities ⁽²⁾	20
South African Rand (0.2 Rand/US\$)	
Operations ⁽¹⁾	15
Net monetary liabilities ⁽²⁾	10
Rand debt ⁽²⁾	10

(1) Impact based on average exchange rate for the period

(2) Impact based on difference in opening and closing exchange rates for the period

Interim results under Australian GAAP 9 months ended 31 March

(US\$M)	2003	2002
Sales revenue	11,184	11,817
Profit before tax	1,960	2,308
Profit after tax attributable to members	1,325	1,573
EPS (US cents)	21.4	26.0



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