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## BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 31 December 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- **Record half year and quarterly production of aluminium, alumina, copper cathode, iron ore, and manganese ore from continuing operations in response to strong customer demand. A half year production record was also achieved for molybdenum.**
- **Half year production records at Zamzama (Pakistan), Worsley (Australia), Paranam (Suriname), Hillside and Bayside (both South Africa), Mozal (Mozambique), Western Australia Iron Ore and GEMCO (both Australia), Samancor (South Africa) and Hunter Valley Coal (Australia).**
- **Quarterly production records at Zamzama, Worsley, Alumar (Brazil), Bayside, Mt Newman, Saraji and GEMCO (all Australia).**
- **Record quarterly production of natural gas from North West Shelf (Australia) and copper from Escondida (Chile) in response to strong demand.**
- **First production from the recently commissioned Spence (Chile) and Poitrel (Australia) operations.**

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs	DEC Q06 vs	DEC Q06 vs
PETROLEUM	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06
Crude Oil & Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid ('000 bbl) (a)	<b>28,889</b>	<b>13,673</b>	0%	-1%	-10%
Natural Gas (bcf) (a)	<b>173.47</b>	<b>82.93</b>	-4%	-2%	-8%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a)	<b>57.85</b>	<b>27.52</b>	-2%	0%	-9%

(a) Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields (sold March 2006 quarter), Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

**Total Petroleum Production** – Total production for the half year ended December 2006 was broadly in line with the half year ended 31 December 2005. Improving base operational performance had a very positive impact and reduced the effect of natural field decline.

**Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid** – December 2006 half year production was in line with previous period due to improved operational uptime mitigating natural field decline.

Production for the December 2006 quarter was lower than the September 2006 quarter primarily due to lower liquids associated with expected lower seasonal gas demand in southeast Australia, unscheduled equipment changes at Angostura (Trinidad), and the timing of recognising entitlement barrels in Production Sharing Contracts.

**Natural Gas** – Production for the December 2006 half year was lower than the December 2005 half year primarily due to the planned maintenance and lower contractual demand at Liverpool Bay.

Production from continuing operations for the December 2006 quarter was lower than the September 2006 quarter primarily due to the expected lower seasonal demand in southeast Australia. Well capacities remain strong and in excess of the quarterly gas sales.

	DEC 2006 HALF	DEC 2006 QTR	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>					
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	2,231	1,153	9%	14%	7%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes) (a)	675	338	3%	1%	0%

(a) Excluding Valesul which was sold effective from 1 July 2006.

**Alumina** – Production and sales for the half year and quarter ended 31 December 2006 were all time records. Both half year and quarterly production records were achieved at Worsley due to continued ramp up of the Worsley Development Capital Project and processing of stockpiled hydrate. Paranam achieved half year record production due to lower downtime and full utilisation of expanded capacity. Record quarterly production from Alumar also contributed to the strong result.

**Aluminium** – Third consecutive record half year production was achieved. All operations performed at record or near record levels due to successful implementation of a series of business improvement initiatives.

	DEC 2006 HALF	DEC 2006 QTR	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>BASE METALS</b>					
Copper ('000 tonnes) (a)	550.6	300.7	-5%	0%	20%
Silver ('000 ounces) (a)	13,915	6,566	-44%	-52%	-11%
Lead (tonnes)	85,431	36,454	-40%	-53%	-26%
Zinc (tonnes)	43,787	19,776	-17%	-17%	-18%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	1,615	822	-25%	-23%	4%

(a) Excluding Tintaya which was sold effective from 1 June 2006.

**Copper** – Production from continuing operations (excluding Tintaya (Peru)) was in line with the December 2005 half year and quarter. Record half year and quarterly copper cathode production from continuing operations (excluding Tintaya) reflecting the continued ramp up of the Sulphide Leach Project and the successful commissioning of Spence.

Escondida achieved a quarterly production record due to continued ramp up of the Sulphide Leach Project which produced 20,700 tonnes for the half year ended December 2006. Increased mill throughput and higher head grades contributed to near record half year and quarterly production at Antamina (Peru).

At the half year ended 31 December 2006 the Group had 205,129 tonnes of copper sales that were provisionally priced at a weighted average price of US\$6,325 per tonne. The final price of these sales will be determined in 2007. In addition, 274,280 tonnes of copper sales were subject to a finalisation adjustment from the prior period. The finalisation adjustment and provisional pricing impact as at 31 December 2006 will decrease earnings by US\$220 million for the period.

**Silver / Lead** – Production was lower as the rehabilitation of ground support at Cannington (Australia) progressed. The rehabilitation project is substantially complete.

**Zinc** – In addition to the temporary partial closure at Cannington, production for the quarter was impacted by lower head grades at Antamina.

**Uranium** – Production was lower than the half year and quarter ended December 2005 due to variability of ore sources, unscheduled maintenance and reduced ore hoisting at Olympic Dam (Australia).

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - IRON ORE</b>	HALF	QTR			
Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (a)	49,567	25,370	9%	11%	5%

(a) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.

**Iron Ore** – Record production and sales were achieved for the half year ended December 2006. This reflects the increased production from the recently expanded Western Australia Iron Ore operations in response to continuing strong customer demand. Tie-in activity for Rapid Growth Project 3 (Australia), including the Goldsworthy suspension, negatively impacted production and is expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - METALLURGICAL COAL</b>	HALF	QTR			
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	18,213	8,966	1%	0%	-3%

**Metallurgical Coal** – Metallurgical coal production was in line with previous periods. First production was achieved at Poitrel during the quarter.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - MANGANESE</b>	HALF	QTR			
Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)	3,038	1,529	14%	20%	1%
Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)	345	192	13%	16%	25%

**Manganese Ore** – Record production in response to stronger customer demand.

**Manganese Alloy** – Higher production was due to optimisation of the product mix, improved equipment availability, and scheduled maintenance in prior periods.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>DIAMONDS &amp; SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>	HALF	QTR			
Diamonds ('000 carats)	1,424	937	-3%	53%	92%

**Diamonds** – As Ekati (Canada) increases the diversity of its ore sources, the mix of ore processed will change from time to time and impact the carats recovered. In the December 2006 quarter, processing of higher grade, with lower diamonds values, had a positive impact on production.

	DEC 2006 HALF	DEC 2006 QTR	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>					
Energy Coal ('000 tonnes)	43,812	22,030	-3%	3%	1%

**Energy Coal** – Production was in line with all comparative periods. Hunter Valley Coal achieved a record half year of production due to operational improvement initiatives.

	DEC 2006 HALF	DEC 2006 QTR	DEC H06 vs DEC H05	DEC Q06 vs DEC Q05	DEC Q06 vs SEPT Q06
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>					
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	92.8	48.3	0%	-1%	9%

**Nickel** – Production for the December 2006 half year was in line with the record production in the December 2005 half year.

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

		QUARTER ENDED			HALF YEAR ENDED		% CHANGE		
		DEC	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
		2005	2006	2006	2006	2005	vs DEC H05	vs DEC Q05	vs SEPT Q06
<b>PETROLEUM</b>									
Crude oil & condensate (a)	('000 bbl)	11,104	12,091	<b>10,963</b>	<b>23,054</b>	22,953	0%	-1%	-9%
Natural gas (b)	(bcf)	84.49	90.54	<b>82.93</b>	<b>173.47</b>	179.95	-4%	-2%	-8%
Natural gas liquid	('000 bbl)	2,672	3,125	<b>2,710</b>	<b>5,835</b>	5,917	-1%	1%	-13%
Total Petroleum Products (b)	(million boe)	27.52	30.33	<b>27.52</b>	<b>57.85</b>	59.25	-2%	0%	-9%
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,012	1,078	<b>1,153</b>	<b>2,231</b>	2,040	9%	14%	7%
Aluminium (c)	('000 tonnes)	334	337	<b>338</b>	<b>675</b>	657	3%	1%	0%
<b>BASE METALS</b>									
Copper (d)	('000 tonnes)	300.4	249.9	<b>300.7</b>	<b>550.6</b>	582.3	-5%	0%	20%
Lead	(tonnes)	77,187	48,977	<b>36,454</b>	<b>85,431</b>	142,060	-40%	-53%	-26%
Zinc	(tonnes)	23,928	24,011	<b>19,776</b>	<b>43,787</b>	53,075	-17%	-17%	-18%
Gold (d)	(ounces)	46,500	41,160	<b>38,564</b>	<b>79,724</b>	92,118	-13%	-17%	-6%
Silver (d)	('000 ounces)	13,698	7,349	<b>6,566</b>	<b>13,915</b>	24,893	-44%	-52%	-11%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,070	793	<b>822</b>	<b>1,615</b>	2,158	-25%	-23%	4%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	772	719	<b>768</b>	<b>1,487</b>	1,345	11%	-1%	7%
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>									
Iron ore (e)	('000 tonnes)	22,941	24,197	<b>25,370</b>	<b>49,567</b>	45,396	9%	11%	5%
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	8,973	9,247	<b>8,966</b>	<b>18,213</b>	17,959	1%	0%	-3%
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,278	1,509	<b>1,529</b>	<b>3,038</b>	2,665	14%	20%	1%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	165	153	<b>192</b>	<b>345</b>	304	13%	16%	25%
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	614	487	<b>937</b>	<b>1,424</b>	1,466	-3%	53%	92%
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>									
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	21,287	21,782	<b>22,030</b>	<b>43,812</b>	45,297	-3%	3%	1%
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	49.0	44.5	<b>48.3</b>	<b>92.8</b>	93.1	0%	-1%	9%

(a) Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields and Typhoon / Boris. Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields was disposed with effect from 16 January 2006. The sale of Typhoon / Boris was completed in the December 2006 quarter.

(b) Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields, Moranbah Coal Bed Methane and Typhoon/ Boris. The sale of Moranbah Coal Bed Methane was completed in the September 2006 quarter.

(c) Excluding Valesul which was disposed with effect from 1 July 2006.

(d) Excluding Tintaya which was disposed with effect from 1 June 2006.

(e) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.

Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED		
		DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005
<b>PETROLEUM</b>								
<b>Production</b>								
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	11,202	10,886	11,551	12,091	<b>10,963</b>	<b>23,054</b>	23,436
Natural gas	(bcf)	86.35	77.85	98.59	91.83	<b>83.09</b>	<b>174.92</b>	184.00
NGL (a)	('000 bbl)	2,672	2,448	3,063	3,125	<b>2,710</b>	<b>5,835</b>	5,917
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	28.26	26.31	31.04	30.52	<b>27.52</b>	<b>58.04</b>	60.01

**ALUMINIUM**
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**Production ('000 tonnes)**

Worsley	86%	663	717	694	704	<b>776</b>	<b>1,480</b>	1,352
Suriname	45%	219	228	247	253	<b>241</b>	<b>494</b>	446
Alumar	36%	130	130	131	121	<b>136</b>	<b>257</b>	242
Total		1,012	1,075	1,072	1,078	<b>1,153</b>	<b>2,231</b>	2,040

**ALUMINIUM**
**Production ('000 tonnes)**

Hillside	100%	177	174	177	177	<b>176</b>	<b>353</b>	349
Bayside	100%	46	46	46	49	<b>50</b>	<b>99</b>	87
Alumar	46.3%	45	44	44	44	<b>45</b>	<b>89</b>	90
Valesul (b)	45.5%	10	11	11	-	-	-	21
Mozal	47%	66	65	66	67	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>	131
Total		344	340	344	337	<b>338</b>	<b>675</b>	678

**BASE METALS (c)**
**COPPER**
**Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7	<b>160.6</b>	<b>290.3</b>	337.6
Antamina	33.8%	34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	<b>34.1</b>	<b>63.1</b>	62.2
Tintaya (d)	100%	18.1	16.2	12.9	-	-	-	35.4
Total		221.4	217.3	207.2	158.7	<b>194.7</b>	<b>353.4</b>	435.2

**Cathode ('000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5	<b>32.7</b>	<b>50.2</b>	39.6
Cerro Colorado	100%	21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	<b>27.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	36.0
Spence (e)	100%	-	-	-	-	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	-
Tintaya (d)	100%	9.9	9.1	6.1	-	-	-	19.6
Pinto Valley	100%	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	4.3
Olympic Dam	100%	53.5	47.1	54.6	41.6	<b>39.7</b>	<b>81.3</b>	102.6
Total		107.0	101.8	104.5	91.2	<b>106.0</b>	<b>197.2</b>	202.1

**LEAD**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	77,187	68,754	55,507	48,977	<b>36,454</b>	<b>85,431</b>	142,060
Total		77,187	68,754	55,507	48,977	<b>36,454</b>	<b>85,431</b>	142,060

**ZINC**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	18,780	20,885	14,926	10,426	<b>8,806</b>	<b>19,232</b>	32,968
Antamina	33.8%	5,148	7,534	12,638	13,585	<b>10,970</b>	<b>24,555</b>	20,107
Total		23,928	28,419	27,564	24,011	<b>19,776</b>	<b>43,787</b>	53,075

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED		
		DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005
<b>BASE METALS (continued)</b>								
<b>GOLD</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	19,200	17,877	23,567	17,049	<b>22,365</b>	<b>39,414</b>	38,394
Tintaya (d)	100%	8,200	8,032	4,958	-	-	-	16,248
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	27,300	26,186	27,636	24,111	<b>16,199</b>	<b>40,310</b>	53,724
Total		<b>54,700</b>	<b>52,095</b>	<b>56,161</b>	<b>41,160</b>	<b>38,564</b>	<b>79,724</b>	108,366
<b>SILVER</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	945	714	925	724	<b>880</b>	<b>1,604</b>	1,740
Antamina	33.8%	859	865	808	713	<b>736</b>	<b>1,449</b>	1,501
Tintaya (d)	100%	168	138	119	-	-	-	335
Cannington	100%	11,672	9,693	7,503	5,714	<b>4,805</b>	<b>10,519</b>	21,251
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	222	245	238	198	<b>145</b>	<b>343</b>	401
Total		<b>13,866</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>9,593</b>	<b>7,349</b>	<b>6,566</b>	<b>13,915</b>	25,228
<b>URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Olympic Dam	100%	1,070	913	865	793	<b>822</b>	<b>1,615</b>	2,158
Total		<b>1,070</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>1,615</b>	2,158
<b>MOLYBDENUM</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Antamina	33.8%	772	632	538	719	<b>768</b>	<b>1,487</b>	1,345
Total		<b>772</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1,487</b>	1,345
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>								
<b>IRON ORE (f)</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394	<b>7,536</b>	<b>14,930</b>	12,400
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,669	1,371	1,808	806	<b>84</b>	<b>890</b>	3,062
Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821	<b>5,334</b>	<b>10,155</b>	9,255
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504	<b>9,106</b>	<b>17,610</b>	16,781
Jimblebar	85%	1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490	<b>1,449</b>	<b>2,939</b>	3,214
Samarco	50%	1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988	<b>1,945</b>	<b>3,933</b>	3,746
Total		<b>24,610</b>	<b>22,499</b>	<b>26,115</b>	<b>25,003</b>	<b>25,454</b>	<b>50,457</b>	48,458
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL (g)</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
BMA	50%	6,441	5,972	6,474	6,657	<b>6,106</b>	<b>12,763</b>	13,134
BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	710	763	850	873	<b>873</b>	<b>1,746</b>	1,436
Illawarra	100%	1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717	<b>1,987</b>	<b>3,704</b>	3,389
Total		<b>8,973</b>	<b>8,460</b>	<b>9,224</b>	<b>9,247</b>	<b>8,966</b>	<b>18,213</b>	17,959
<b>MANGANESE ORES</b>								
<b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa (i)	60%	529	532	673	644	<b>663</b>	<b>1,307</b>	1,095
Australia (i)	60%	749	694	716	865	<b>866</b>	<b>1,731</b>	1,570
Total		<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>1,529</b>	<b>3,038</b>	2,665

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	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED		
		DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005
<b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)</b>								
<b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>								
<b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa (i)	60%	105	119	131	93	<b>126</b>	<b>219</b>	184
Australia (i)	60%	60	54	44	60	<b>66</b>	<b>126</b>	120
Total		<b>165</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>304</b>
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>								
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<b>Production ('000 carats)</b>								
Ekati™	80%	614	512	583	487	<b>937</b>	<b>1,424</b>	1,466
<b>FERTILISER</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (j)	100%	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3	-	<b>84.3</b>	497.5
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa	100%	12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151	<b>13,032</b>	<b>26,183</b>	27,489
USA	100%	4,065	2,829	3,891	3,467	<b>3,871</b>	<b>7,338</b>	8,626
Australia	100%	2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766	<b>2,790</b>	<b>5,556</b>	4,613
Colombia	33%	2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398	<b>2,337</b>	<b>4,735</b>	4,569
Total		<b>21,287</b>	<b>18,672</b>	<b>21,787</b>	<b>21,782</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>43,812</b>	<b>45,297</b>
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>								
<b>NICKEL</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
CMSA	99.8%	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	<b>12.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	25.8
Yabulu	100%	5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3	<b>7.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	12.0
Nickel West	100%	30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5	<b>28.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	55.3
Total		<b>49.0</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>93.1</b>

- (a) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
- (b) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.
- (c) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (d) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from 1 June 2006.
- (e) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.
- (f) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (g) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.
- (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (j) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.



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	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED		
	DEC 2005	MAR 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005
<b>PETROLEUM</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
<b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)</b>							
Bass Strait	3,584	3,414	3,964	3,847	<b>3,311</b>	<b>7,158</b>	7,304
Minerva	26	18	20	23	<b>21</b>	<b>44</b>	60
North West Shelf - condensate	1,405	1,263	1,091	1,350	<b>1,410</b>	<b>2,760</b>	2,775
North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack	979	751	1,111	1,634	<b>1,325</b>	<b>2,959</b>	2,128
Griffin	344	204	296	323	<b>312</b>	<b>635</b>	780
Pakistan	54	59	60	61	<b>62</b>	<b>123</b>	103
Typhoon/Boris (a)	23	-	-	-	-	-	329
Mad Dog	604	549	698	528	<b>549</b>	<b>1,077</b>	1,044
Other Americas (b)	161	68	68	78	<b>81</b>	<b>159</b>	284
Angostura	1,018	1,080	1,191	1,174	<b>618</b>	<b>1,792</b>	2,016
Liverpool Bay	1,161	1,278	1,199	931	<b>1,280</b>	<b>2,211</b>	2,321
Bruce/Keith	256	209	182	178	<b>202</b>	<b>380</b>	510
Ohanet	353	389	426	357	<b>472</b>	<b>829</b>	836
ROD	1,234	1,604	1,245	1,607	<b>1,320</b>	<b>2,927</b>	2,946
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,202</b>	<b>10,886</b>	<b>11,551</b>	<b>12,091</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>23,054</b>	<b>23,436</b>
<b>NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)</b>							
Bass Strait	21.12	18.26	34.43	33.54	<b>20.53</b>	<b>54.07</b>	57.05
Minerva	8.14	5.78	6.36	7.73	<b>6.90</b>	<b>14.63</b>	18.44
North West Shelf - Domestic	3.81	3.55	4.63	3.54	<b>3.89</b>	<b>7.43</b>	7.78
North West Shelf - LNG	23.16	21.15	22.70	21.68	<b>23.59</b>	<b>45.27</b>	44.35
Griffin	0.41	0.12	0.19	0.49	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.94</b>	0.97
Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (c)	1.73	1.75	1.86	1.12	-	<b>1.12</b>	3.38
Illawarra Coal Bed Methane	1.60	1.50	1.35	1.50	<b>0.95</b>	<b>2.45</b>	2.72
Pakistan	8.40	8.52	9.02	9.14	<b>9.34</b>	<b>18.48</b>	15.72
Typhoon/Boris (a)	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	0.47
Mad Dog	0.12	0.11	0.25	0.17	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.33</b>	0.20
Other Americas (b)	1.00	1.78	2.34	2.55	<b>2.27</b>	<b>4.82</b>	2.89
Bruce/Keith	6.28	6.52	5.40	4.21	<b>5.42</b>	<b>9.63</b>	12.09
Liverpool Bay	10.57	8.81	10.06	6.16	<b>9.59</b>	<b>15.75</b>	17.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.35</b>	<b>77.85</b>	<b>98.59</b>	<b>91.83</b>	<b>83.09</b>	<b>174.92</b>	<b>184.00</b>
<b>NGL ('000 barrels) (d)</b>							
Bass Strait	1,719	1,574	2,254	2,224	<b>1,726</b>	<b>3,950</b>	3,912
North West Shelf	465	410	349	444	<b>441</b>	<b>885</b>	924
Bruce/Keith	176	94	59	138	<b>107</b>	<b>245</b>	336
Ohanet	312	370	401	319	<b>436</b>	<b>755</b>	745
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>2,710</b>	<b>5,835</b>	<b>5,917</b>
<b>TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b>							
<b>(million barrels of oil equivalent) (e)</b>	<b>28.26</b>	<b>26.31</b>	<b>31.04</b>	<b>30.52</b>	<b>27.52</b>	<b>58.04</b>	<b>60.01</b>

(a) BHP Billiton sold its interests in Typhoon / Boris, including the Little Burn field with effect from 1 July 2006. The sale was completed on 6 October 2006.

(b) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from 16 January 2006.

(c) BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in September 2006 quarter.

(d) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).

(e) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED	
	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC
	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005

### ALUMINIUM

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

#### ALUMINA

##### Production

Worsley, Australia	663	717	694	704	<b>776</b>	<b>1,480</b>	1,352
Paranam, Suriname	219	228	247	253	<b>241</b>	<b>494</b>	446
Alumar, Brazil	130	130	131	121	<b>136</b>	<b>257</b>	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>2,040</b>

##### Sales

Worsley, Australia	710	709	672	666	<b>820</b>	<b>1,486</b>	1,294
Paranam, Suriname	249	213	244	236	<b>243</b>	<b>479</b>	452
Alumar, Brazil	121	130	147	108	<b>137</b>	<b>245</b>	228
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>1,974</b>

#### ALUMINIUM

##### Production

Hillside, South Africa	177	174	177	177	<b>176</b>	<b>353</b>	349
Bayside, South Africa	46	46	46	49	<b>50</b>	<b>99</b>	87
Alumar, Brazil	45	44	44	44	<b>45</b>	<b>89</b>	90
Valesul, Brazil (b)	10	11	11	-	-	-	21
Mozal, Mozambique	66	65	66	67	<b>67</b>	<b>134</b>	131
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>678</b>

##### Sales

Hillside, South Africa	175	162	186	170	<b>173</b>	<b>343</b>	343
Bayside, South Africa	43	40	48	44	<b>47</b>	<b>91</b>	77
Alumar, Brazil	44	48	44	44	<b>42</b>	<b>86</b>	86
Valesul, Brazil (b)	12	10	11	-	-	-	23
Mozal, Mozambique	79	58	68	60	<b>66</b>	<b>126</b>	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>662</b>
Tolling Agreement (a)	22	22	38	24	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	45
	<b>375</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>707</b>

(a) Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales.

(b) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul with effect 1 July 2006.

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**BASE METALS**

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

**Escondida, Chile**

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	92,155	90,781	94,429	59,601	<b>93,770</b>	<b>153,371</b>	183,074
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	22,161	21,843	21,473	18,257	<b>22,585</b>	<b>40,842</b>	44,416
Average copper grade	(%)	1.58%	1.62%	1.63%	1.55%	<b>1.55%</b>	<b>1.55%</b>	1.59%
Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	304.0	302.8	295.9	234.0	<b>289.4</b>	<b>523.4</b>	608.4

**Production**

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7	<b>160.6</b>	<b>290.3</b>	337.6
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,200	17,877	23,567	17,049	<b>22,365</b>	<b>39,414</b>	38,394
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5	<b>32.7</b>	<b>50.2</b>	39.6
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	945	714	925	724	<b>880</b>	<b>1,604</b>	1,740

**Sales**

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	160.7	184.4	158.6	133.8	<b>167.9</b>	<b>301.7</b>	330.1
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	18,145	20,159	22,627	17,778	<b>23,089</b>	<b>40,867</b>	37,439
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	19.4	16.7	11.5	14.2	<b>27.3</b>	<b>41.5</b>	38.7
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	892	802	891	752	<b>909</b>	<b>1,661</b>	1,695

**Tintaya, Peru (a)**

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,107	15,960	11,539	-	-	-	34,335
Sulphide Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,734	1,523	1,123	-	-	-	3,280
Average copper grade	(%)	1.26%	1.26%	1.33%	-	-	-	1.29%

**Production**

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	18.1	16.2	12.9	-	-	-	35
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	8,200	8,032	4,958	-	-	-	16,248
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	9.9	9.1	6.1	-	-	-	20
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	168	138	119	-	-	-	335

**Sales**

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	19.4	15.1	12.0	-	-	-	36
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	8,376	8,016	5,079	-	-	-	15,159
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	9.8	8.3	7.1	-	-	-	20
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	207	127	109	-	-	-	368

(a) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya with effect from 1 June 2006.

**Cerro Colorado, Chile**

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,107	17,926	18,258	16,334	<b>18,858</b>	<b>35,192</b>	33,803
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,348	4,266	4,490	4,508	<b>4,578</b>	<b>9,086</b>	7,692
Average copper grade	(%)	0.90%	0.94%	0.83%	0.80%	<b>0.81%</b>	<b>0.81%</b>	0.85%

**Production**

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	<b>27.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	36.0
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**Sales**

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	19.7	24.4	34.5	27.9	<b>28.3</b>	<b>56.2</b>	34.7
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	DEC 2005	MAR 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Spence, Chile (a)

<b>Material mined</b>	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>20,329</b>	<b>20,329</b>	-
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>3,510</b>	<b>3,510</b>	-
Average copper grade	(%)	-	-	-	-	<b>1.76%</b>	<b>1.76%</b>	-
<b>Production</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	-
<b>Sales</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	-

(a) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.

#### Antamina, Peru

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	32,598	28,982	29,740	29,917	<b>28,317</b>	<b>58,234</b>	65,437
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	8,349	7,549	7,196	7,581	<b>7,930</b>	<b>15,511</b>	15,716
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.36%	1.48%	1.45%	1.22%	<b>1.41%</b>	<b>1.32%</b>	1.33%
- Zinc	(%)	0.51%	0.62%	0.88%	0.87%	<b>0.65%</b>	<b>0.76%</b>	0.76%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	<b>34.1</b>	<b>63.1</b>	62.2
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	5,148	7,534	12,638	13,585	<b>10,970</b>	<b>24,555</b>	20,107
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	859	865	808	713	<b>736</b>	<b>1,449</b>	1,501
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	772	632	538	719	<b>768</b>	<b>1,487</b>	1,345
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	35.5	30.5	25.6	33.9	<b>35.3</b>	<b>69.2</b>	66.2
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	7,894	9,634	7,638	14,224	<b>13,853</b>	<b>28,077</b>	21,097
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	813	750	505	713	<b>623</b>	<b>1,336</b>	1,482
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	751	697	627	719	<b>808</b>	<b>1,527</b>	1,289

#### Cannington, Australia

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	887	799	496	428	<b>506</b>	<b>934</b>	1,797
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	850	809	589	478	<b>478</b>	<b>956</b>	1,622
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	493	431	462	423	<b>360</b>	<b>392</b>	474
- Lead	(%)	10.8%	9.8%	10.9%	11.6%	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	10.3%
- Zinc	(%)	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%	3.6%	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	3.4%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	11,672	9,693	7,503	5,714	<b>4,805</b>	<b>10,519</b>	21,251
Payable lead	(tonnes)	77,187	68,754	55,507	48,977	<b>36,454</b>	<b>85,431</b>	142,060
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	18,780	20,885	14,926	10,426	<b>8,806</b>	<b>19,232</b>	32,968
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	11,972	9,061	8,516	5,010	<b>6,637</b>	<b>11,647</b>	21,050
Payable lead	(tonnes)	79,474	63,112	62,787	39,694	<b>51,521</b>	<b>91,215</b>	139,416
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	16,814	17,508	20,121	6,346	<b>12,315</b>	<b>18,661</b>	27,490

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	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC
	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Olympic Dam, Australia

Material mined (a)	('000 tonnes)	2,145	2,065	2,002	2,178	<b>2,030</b>	<b>4,208</b>	4,152
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	2,430	2,343	2,517	2,043	<b>2,182</b>	<b>4,225</b>	4,775
Average copper grade	(%)	2.32%	2.10%	2.10%	2.10%	<b>2.21%</b>	<b>2.16%</b>	2.29%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.65	0.59	0.55	0.57	<b>0.58</b>	<b>1.15</b>	1.29

#### **Production**

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	48.6	43.1	50.5	38.4	<b>35.4</b>	<b>73.8</b>	92.8
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	4.9	4.0	4.1	3.2	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>	9.8
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,070	913	865	793	<b>822</b>	<b>1,615</b>	2,158
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	27,300	26,186	27,636	24,111	<b>16,199</b>	<b>40,310</b>	53,724
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	222	245	238	198	<b>145</b>	<b>343</b>	401

#### **Sales**

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	44.9	44.1	49.0	41.6	<b>33.7</b>	<b>75.3</b>	92.4
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	5.8	4.2	4.1	3.5	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	11.0
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,287	992	1,183	620	<b>1,009</b>	<b>1,629</b>	2,166
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	26,369	27,300	27,375	23,233	<b>18,404</b>	<b>41,637</b>	47,561
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	254	178	320	188	<b>157</b>	<b>345</b>	398

(a) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted.

#### Pinto Valley, USA

#### **Production**

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	4.3
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#### **Sales**

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	4.9
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## PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	QUARTER ENDED				HALF YEAR ENDED	
	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC
	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005

### CARBON STEEL MATERIALS

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

#### IRON ORE (a)

##### Pilbara, Australia

###### Production

Mt Newman Joint Venture	6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394	<b>7,536</b>	<b>14,930</b>	12,400
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	1,669	1,371	1,808	806	<b>84</b>	<b>890</b>	3,062
Area C Joint Venture	4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821	<b>5,334</b>	<b>10,155</b>	9,255
Yandi Joint Venture	8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504	<b>9,106</b>	<b>17,610</b>	16,781
Jimblebar	1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490	<b>1,449</b>	<b>2,939</b>	3,214
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<b>22,745</b>	<b>20,697</b>	<b>24,160</b>	<b>23,015</b>	<b>23,509</b>	<b>46,524</b>	44,712
Total production (100%)	<b>26,760</b>	<b>24,350</b>	<b>28,423</b>	<b>27,076</b>	<b>27,658</b>	<b>54,734</b>	52,313

###### Sales

Lump	6,483	5,276	6,092	6,429	<b>5,856</b>	<b>12,285</b>	12,474
Fines	16,357	15,547	18,481	16,222	<b>18,499</b>	<b>34,721</b>	32,194
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<b>22,840</b>	<b>20,823</b>	<b>24,573</b>	<b>22,651</b>	<b>24,355</b>	<b>47,006</b>	44,668
Total sales (100%)	<b>26,871</b>	<b>24,498</b>	<b>28,909</b>	<b>26,648</b>	<b>28,653</b>	<b>55,301</b>	52,260

(a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.

##### Samarco, Brazil

<b>Production</b>	1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988	<b>1,945</b>	<b>3,933</b>	3,746
<b>Shipments</b>	2,155	1,532	2,022	1,872	<b>2,357</b>	<b>4,229</b>	4,055

#### METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

##### Queensland, Australia

###### Production

<u>BMA</u>							
Blackwater	1,409	1,533	1,449	1,536	<b>1,388</b>	<b>2,924</b>	3,036
Goonyella	1,921	1,751	1,986	1,892	<b>1,296</b>	<b>3,188</b>	3,530
Peak Downs	1,186	1,095	858	1,202	<b>1,161</b>	<b>2,363</b>	2,436
Saraji	602	563	794	682	<b>893</b>	<b>1,575</b>	1,277
Norwich Park	678	550	675	631	<b>677</b>	<b>1,308</b>	1,437
Gregory Joint Venture	645	480	712	714	<b>691</b>	<b>1,405</b>	1,418
BMA total	<b>6,441</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,474</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>6,106</b>	<b>12,763</b>	13,134

###### BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

South Walker Creek	710	763	850	873	<b>782</b>	<b>1,655</b>	1,436
Poitrel (c)	-	-	-	-	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	-
BHP Mitsui Coal total	<b>710</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,746</b>	1,436
<u>Queensland total</u>	<b>7,151</b>	<b>6,735</b>	<b>7,324</b>	<b>7,530</b>	<b>6,979</b>	<b>14,509</b>	14,570

###### Shipments

Coking coal	4,987	5,032	5,798	5,190	<b>5,040</b>	<b>10,230</b>	9,856
Weak coking coal	1,366	1,342	1,444	1,600	<b>1,749</b>	<b>3,349</b>	2,573
Thermal coal	403	482	581	344	<b>502</b>	<b>846</b>	982
Total	<b>6,756</b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>7,134</b>	<b>7,291</b>	<b>14,425</b>	13,411

(a) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.

(b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

(c) Poitrel was commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.

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	DEC 2005	MAR 2006	JUNE 2006	SEPT 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC 2005

**CARBON STEEL MATERIALS**

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

**Illawarra, Australia**

<b>Production</b>	1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717	<b>1,987</b>	<b>3,704</b>	3,389
<b>Shipments</b>							
Coking coal	1,457	1,508	1,292	1,366	<b>1,583</b>	<b>2,949</b>	2,647
Thermal coal	103	313	136	188	<b>280</b>	<b>468</b>	486
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>3,417</b>	3,133

**MANGANESE ORE****South Africa**

<b>Saleable production (a)</b>	529	532	673	644	<b>663</b>	<b>1,307</b>	1,095
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**Australia**

<b>Saleable production (a)</b>	749	694	716	865	<b>866</b>	<b>1,731</b>	1,570
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**MANGANESE ALLOY****South Africa**

<b>Saleable production (a)</b>	105	119	131	93	<b>126</b>	<b>219</b>	184
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**Australia**

<b>Saleable production (a)</b>	60	54	44	60	<b>66</b>	<b>126</b>	120
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(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

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**DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS**

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

**DIAMONDS****Ekati™, Canada**

<b>Ore Processed (100%)</b>	('000 tonnes)	962	995	1,181	1,199	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,299</b>	2,120
<b>Production</b>	('000 carats)	614	512	583	487	<b>937</b>	<b>1,424</b>	1,466

**FERTILISER****Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)**

<b>Production (b)</b>	('000 tonnes)	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3	-	<b>84.3</b>	497.5
<b>Sales (b)</b>	('000 tonnes)	221.2	200.4	304.4	41.6	-	<b>41.6</b>	396.7

(a) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.

(b) Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate.



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<b>ENERGY COAL</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ('000 tonnes)							
<b><u>Ingwe, South Africa</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>	12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151	<b>13,032</b>	<b>26,183</b>	27,489
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	6,273	5,658	4,271	5,168	<b>5,211</b>	<b>10,379</b>	11,709
Local utility	7,250	7,328	7,365	7,552	<b>7,413</b>	<b>14,965</b>	15,263
Inland	268	203	253	255	<b>227</b>	<b>482</b>	577
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,791</b>	<b>13,189</b>	<b>11,889</b>	<b>12,975</b>	<b>12,851</b>	<b>25,826</b>	27,549
<b><u>New Mexico, USA</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Navajo Coal	2,252	2,305	1,471	1,778	<b>2,104</b>	<b>3,882</b>	4,490
San Juan Coal	1,813	524	2,420	1,689	<b>1,767</b>	<b>3,456</b>	4,136
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>3,891</b>	<b>3,467</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>7,338</b>	8,626
<b>Sales - local utility</b>	3,628	3,553	3,556	3,822	<b>3,616</b>	<b>7,438</b>	7,397
<b><u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>	2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766	<b>2,790</b>	<b>5,556</b>	4,613
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	1,312	1,267	1,048	1,245	<b>1,858</b>	<b>3,103</b>	2,882
Inland	793	643	1,475	1,031	<b>1,005</b>	<b>2,036</b>	1,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>5,139</b>	4,658
<b><u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>	2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398	<b>2,337</b>	<b>4,735</b>	4,569
<b>Sales - export</b>	2,087	2,116	2,387	2,336	<b>2,323</b>	<b>4,659</b>	4,257

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**STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS**

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

**NICKEL****CMSA, Colombia**

<b>Production</b>	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	<b>12.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>	25.8
<b>Sales</b>	14.2	12.4	13.6	11.7	<b>14.4</b>	<b>26.1</b>	25.3

**Yabulu, Australia**

<b>Production</b>							
Nickel metal	5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3	<b>7.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	12.0
Cobalt	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	0.5
<b>Sales</b>							
Nickel metal	6.6	6.9	4.9	6.0	<b>7.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	12.9
Cobalt	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	0.7

**Nickel West, Australia**

<b>Production</b>							
Nickel contained in finished matte	13.9	5.2	9.6	11.1	<b>12.4</b>	<b>23.5</b>	23.6
Nickel metal	16.2	15.1	14.9	13.4	<b>15.6</b>	<b>29.0</b>	31.7
Nickel production (a)	30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5	<b>28.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	55.3
<b>Sales</b>							
Nickel contained in finished matte	14.3	8.8	7.9	9.3	<b>13.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	21.9
Nickel metal (b)	14.9	15.7	15.8	12.9	<b>14.3</b>	<b>27.2</b>	30.8
Nickel sales (a)	29.2	24.5	23.7	22.2	<b>27.8</b>	<b>50.0</b>	52.7

(a) In addition to the production and sales reported above, Nickel West also produced and sold 1.2 kt nickel in concentrate during the quarter ended 30 June 2006. There has been no sales of nickel in concentrate in the December 2006 half year.