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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the nine months ended 31 March 2008. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

- **Year to date production increased for 12 commodities reflecting our strong track record of consistent growth on the back of projects delivered from our deep inventory of projects. First product was delivered from eight projects into commodity markets that remain strong.**
- **Significant increase in petroleum production with continuing ramp up of recently commissioned projects and strong facility and reservoir performance offsetting natural field decline. On track to deliver 10% volume growth for the 2008 financial year.**
- **Western Australia iron ore operations (Australia) achieved record quarterly and year to date production and shipments during a seasonally challenging quarter.**
- **Record year to date manganese ore and alloy production delivered in a strong price environment. Manganese ore also achieved quarterly production record. This was set despite restrictions on power consumption in South Africa.**
- **Record year to date copper production achieved as newly commissioned projects continue to ramp up in a period of strong pricing.**
- **The Yabulu Expansion Project (Australia) achieved first production during the quarter.**
- **Record year to date production of natural gas and alumina.**
- **Year to date production records achieved at the Worsley, Western Australia Iron Ore, GEMCO, TEMCO, Illawarra Coal, and Hunter Valley Coal (all Australia), Escondida (Chile), Paranam (Suriname), Alumar and Samarco (both Brazil), Samancor (South Africa) and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) operations.**
- **Metallurgical coal production in Queensland (Australia) and nickel production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) has resumed following extreme weather conditions and industrial action respectively. Ramp up to normal operating levels continuing.**
- **Southern Africa aluminium production was impacted by a mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption.**

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	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
PETROLEUM					
Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl) (a)	47,836	18,441	13%	39%	23%
Natural Gas (bcf) (a)	272.65	85.75	6%	1%	-6%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a)	93.27	32.73	10%	19%	8%

Total Petroleum Products – Significant growth in production was mainly driven by the continued ramp up of Stybarrow (Australia), Genghis Khan and Atlantis (both USA) and excellent operated facility performance.

Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids – Production was higher than all comparative periods due to significant growth in high margin crude production. Continued ramp up of new projects and successful development drilling had a very positive impact. Partially offsetting this was the impact of natural field decline, unplanned interruption at North West Shelf (Australia) and the impact of cyclone activities in Western Australia.

Natural Gas – Production was lower than the December 2007 quarter due to expected lower seasonal gas demand in southeast Australia and unplanned interruption at North West Shelf.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
ALUMINIUM					
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	3,405	1,095	3%	1%	-5%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	993	318	-1%	-4%	-6%

Alumina – Production and sales for the nine months ended March 2008 were all time records due to record performance from all operations.

Production was marginally lower than the December 2007 quarter. This primarily reflects reduced production at Worsley due to gas supply curtailments.

Aluminium – Production was impacted by the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption across the Southern Africa smelters. This was in part offset by equalled quarterly and year to date record production from Alumar.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
BASE METALS					
Copper ('000 tonnes)	984.8	328.9	8%	-8%	-6%
Lead (tonnes)	199,950	67,885	34%	7%	-4%
Zinc (tonnes)	101,036	35,970	27%	1%	29%
Silver ('000 ounces)	34,251	11,221	37%	2%	-6%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	3,117	993	25%	12%	-17%

Copper – Year to date production record was set with the continued ramp up of Escondida Sulphide Leach and Spence (both Chile) and Pinto Valley (USA). In aggregate, these projects contributed 166,000 tonnes during the nine months ended March 2008. This was achieved despite the impact of two earthquakes in Chile in the December 2007 quarter, and lower production from Antamina (Peru) and Olympic Dam (Australia).

Production was lower than the March 2007 and December 2007 quarters mainly due to lower grade and recovery from Escondida and unplanned interruptions at Olympic Dam.

Lead – Year to date production increased due to the completion of the Cannington (Australia) rehabilitation project.

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Zinc – Production was higher than the nine months ended March 2007 and the December 2007 quarter due to higher grade and an increased proportion of zinc containing ore being processed at Antamina. The completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project also had a positive impact on the production for the nine months ended March 2008.

Silver – Production for the nine months ended March 2008 improved significantly due to the successful completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project and record performance from Escondida and Antamina.

Uranium – Production was higher than the nine months and quarter ended March 2007 due to ongoing progress at improving recovery and leach circuit performance at Olympic Dam.

Production was lower than the December 2007 quarter mainly due to decline in grade and scheduled maintenance.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS					
Diamonds ('000 carats)	2,485	620	7%	-30%	-26%

Diamonds – Production decreased versus the March 2007 and December 2007 quarters mainly due to lower grades. Although production was lower, it included an increased proportion of higher value carats. As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS					
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	125.3	43.0	-10%	-6%	-2%

Nickel – Production in the nine months ended March 2008 was impacted by the industrial stoppage at Cerro Matoso, wet weather interruptions at Yabulu (Australia) and scheduled maintenance across all operations. This was partially offset by continued strong production from the Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia), which performed at near record levels.

The Yabulu Expansion Project delivered first production during the quarter, and the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (Australia) ramp up continues to progress in line with schedule.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
IRON ORE					
Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (c)	81,646	28,033	13%	22%	1%

Iron Ore – Record production and shipments were achieved for the nine months and quarter ended March 2008. Western Australia Iron Ore continued to perform strongly and set new year to date and quarterly production records. Samarco also set a year to date production record.

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	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
MANGANESE					
Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)	4,724	1,666	5%	15%	3%
Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)	585	192	7%	-2%	-8%

Manganese Ore – Record year to date and quarterly production achieved due to record or near record performance from all operations. This was achieved despite a mandatory 10% reduction in power consumption for the South African sinter plant and weather related interruptions at GEMCO.

Manganese Alloy – Year to date production increased due to improved facility availability and utilisation at Samancor achieved in the December 2007 quarter and record performance from TEMCO.

Production for the March 2008 quarter was impacted by the mandatory 10% reduction in power consumption in South Africa.

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
METALLURGICAL COAL					
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	26,061	6,846	-5%	-25%	-29%

Metallurgical Coal – Production and shipments were significantly impacted by extreme wet weather experienced at Queensland Coal (Australia). Coal production has resumed but continues to be constrained as the recovery process proceeds and mines are brought back to full operational capacity. This was partially offset by record year to date performance at Illawarra Coal (Australia).

	MAR 2008 YTD	MAR 2008 QTR	MAR YTD 08 vs MAR YTD 07	MAR Q08 vs MAR Q07	MAR Q08 vs DEC Q07
ENERGY COAL					
Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) (d)	59,496	19,264	-2%	-2%	-7%

Energy Coal – Production for the March 2008 quarter was mainly impacted by scheduled longwall move at San Juan (USA). This was offset by continued strong production at Hunter Valley Coal which achieved its' third consecutive quarterly record.

(a) Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

(b) Earnings before interest and tax.

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

(d) Excluding Koorfontein operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007.

This report together with the Exploration and Development Report represent the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. There have been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 31 March 2008.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE		
		MAR	DEC	MAR	MAR	MAR	MAR YTD 08	MAR Q08	MAR Q08
		2007	2007	2008	2008	2007	vs MAR YTD 07	vs MAR Q07	vs DEC Q07
PETROLEUM									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	10,669	12,317	16,240	39,856	33,725	18%	52%	32%
Natural gas (a)	(bcf)	85.10	91.21	85.75	272.65	256.42	6%	1%	-6%
Natural gas liquid	('000 bbl)	2,626	2,685	2,201	7,981	8,503	-6%	-16%	-18%
Total Petroleum Products (a)	(million boe)	27.42	30.20	32.73	93.27	84.87	10%	19%	8%
ALUMINIUM									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,085	1,157	1,095	3,405	3,316	3%	1%	-5%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	331	338	318	993	1,006	-1%	-4%	-6%
BASE METALS									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	357.6	348.1	328.9	984.8	908.0	8%	-8%	-6%
Lead	(tonnes)	63,443	70,544	67,885	199,950	149,557	34%	7%	-4%
Zinc	(tonnes)	35,760	27,807	35,970	101,036	79,547	27%	1%	29%
Gold	(ounces)	43,904	45,714	36,216	122,243	123,628	-1%	-18%	-21%
Silver	('000 ounces)	11,025	11,905	11,221	34,251	24,940	37%	2%	-6%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	883	1,191	993	3,117	2,498	25%	12%	-17%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	288	679	580	1,952	1,775	10%	101%	-15%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	889	843	620	2,485	2,313	7%	-30%	-26%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	45.8	43.7	43.0	125.3	138.6	-10%	-6%	-2%
IRON ORE									
Iron ore (b)	('000 tonnes)	22,884	27,746	28,033	81,646	72,451	13%	22%	1%
MANGANESE									
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,452	1,613	1,666	4,724	4,490	5%	15%	3%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	196	209	192	585	546	7%	-2%	-8%
METALLURGICAL COAL									
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	9,084	9,643	6,846	26,061	27,297	-5%	-25%	-29%
ENERGY COAL									
Energy coal (c)	('000 tonnes)	19,737	20,609	19,264	59,496	60,935	-2%	-2%	-7%

(a) Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

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

(c) Excluding Koornfontein which was disposed effective 1 July 2007.

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	YEAR TO DATE						
		MAR 2007	JUNE 2007	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	MAR 2008	MAR 2007
PETROLEUM								
Production								
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	10,671	11,443	11,299	12,317	16,240	39,856	33,725
Natural gas	(bcf)	86.68	95.25	95.68	91.21	85.76	272.65	261.60
NGL (a)	('000 bbl)	2,626	3,018	3,095	2,685	2,201	7,981	8,504
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	27.68	30.47	30.34	30.20	32.73	93.27	85.73

ALUMINIUM
ALUMINA
Production ('000 tonnes)

Worsley	86%	708	768	784	771	712	2,267	2,188
Suriname	45%	241	243	244	252	247	743	735
Alumar	36%	136	133	125	134	136	395	393
Total		1,085	1,144	1,153	1,157	1,095	3,405	3,316

ALUMINIUM
Production ('000 tonnes)

Hillside	100%	174	177	178	180	167	525	527
Bayside	100%	48	47	48	47	44	139	147
Alumar	40%	44	44	44	44	45	133	133
Mozal	47%	65	66	67	67	62	196	199
Total		331	334	337	338	318	993	1,006

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

Escondida	57.5%	178.1	170.5	167.0	177.3	157.0	501.3	468.4
Antamina	33.8%	24.2	26.4	27.5	29.3	24.1	80.9	87.3
Pinto Valley	100%	-	-	-	5.2	9.6	14.8	-
Total		202.3	196.9	194.5	211.8	190.7	597.0	555.7

Cathode ('000 tonnes)

Escondida	57.5%	38.2	37.7	30.9	30.3	30.1	91.3	88.4
Cerro Colorado	100%	28.1	20.3	23.1	27.3	28.7	79.1	85.5
Spence (c)	100%	33.5	37.7	23.9	34.2	41.6	99.7	37.8
Pinto Valley	100%	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	5.3	5.7
Olympic Dam	100%	53.6	47.6	33.6	42.8	36.0	112.4	134.9
Total		155.3	145.2	113.3	136.3	138.2	387.8	352.3

LEAD
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

Cannington	100%	62,974	62,409	61,073	70,369	67,505	198,947	148,405
Antamina	33.8%	469	317	448	175	380	1,003	1,152
Total		63,443	62,726	61,521	70,544	67,885	199,950	149,557

ZINC
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

Cannington	100%	15,095	11,355	14,503	15,487	13,735	43,725	34,327
Antamina	33.8%	20,665	27,793	22,756	12,320	22,235	57,311	45,220
Total		35,760	39,148	37,259	27,807	35,970	101,036	79,547

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

BHP Billiton Interest	YEAR TO DATE						
	MAR 2007	JUNE 2007	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	MAR 2008	MAR 2007

BASE METALS (continued)
GOLD
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)

Escondida	57.5%	21,243	23,754	23,194	21,376	17,660	62,230	60,657
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	22,661	28,689	17,119	24,338	18,555	60,012	62,971
Pinto Valley	100%	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Total		43,904	52,443	40,313	45,714	36,216	122,243	123,628

SILVER
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)

Escondida	57.5%	920	990	1,116	877	790	2,783	2,524
Antamina	33.8%	749	934	1,056	652	803	2,511	2,198
Carrington	100%	9,160	9,426	8,759	10,124	9,421	28,304	19,679
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	196	275	193	239	169	601	539
Pinto Valley	100%	-	-	-	13	38	52	-
Total		11,025	11,625	11,124	11,905	11,221	34,251	24,940

URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

Olympic Dam	100%	883	988	933	1,191	993	3,117	2,498
Total		883	988	933	1,191	993	3,117	2,498

MOLYBDENUM
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

Antamina	33.8%	288	493	693	679	580	1,952	1,775
Total		288	493	693	679	580	1,952	1,775

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS
DIAMONDS
Production ('000 carats)

Ekati™	80%	889	911	1,022	843	620	2,485	2,313
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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS
NICKEL
Production ('000 tonnes)

CMSA	99.9%	12.8	12.7	12.5	11.4	7.8	31.7	38.3
Yabulu	100%	8.0	9.3	5.5	6.0	6.2	17.7	22.8
Nickel West	100%	25.0	26.6	20.6	26.3	29.0	75.9	77.5
Total		45.8	48.6	38.6	43.7	43.0	125.3	138.6

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

BHP Billiton Interest	YEAR TO DATE							
	MAR 2007	JUNE 2007	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	MAR 2008	MAR 2007	

IRON ORE

Production ('000 tonnes) (d)

Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,711	7,665	7,904	8,147	7,265	23,316	21,641
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	142	195	134	170	386	690	1,032
Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,853	5,078	4,916	6,474	7,114	18,504	15,008
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,277	9,661	9,823	9,770	10,061	29,654	25,887
Jimblebar	85%	1,177	1,341	1,157	1,248	1,660	4,065	4,116
Samarco	50%	1,866	2,001	2,067	2,107	1,933	6,107	5,799
Total		23,026	25,941	26,001	27,916	28,419	82,336	73,483

MANGANESE

MANGANESE ORES

Saleable production ('000 tonnes)

South Africa (e)	60%	632	631	572	709	877	2,158	1,939
Australia (e)	60%	820	888	873	904	789	2,566	2,551
Total		1,452	1,519	1,445	1,613	1,666	4,724	4,490

MANGANESE ALLOYS

Saleable production ('000 tonnes)

South Africa (e) (f)	60%	132	137	123	141	125	389	356
Australia (e)	60%	64	49	61	68	67	196	190
Total		196	186	184	209	192	585	546

METALLURGICAL COAL

Production ('000 tonnes) (g)

BMA	50%	6,478	7,442	5,917	6,138	4,232	16,287	19,241
BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	1,067	2,047	1,454	1,526	847	3,827	2,813
Illawarra	100%	1,539	1,643	2,201	1,979	1,767	5,947	5,243
Total		9,084	11,132	9,572	9,643	6,846	26,061	27,297

ENERGY COAL

Production ('000 tonnes)

South Africa	100%	12,863	12,596	11,706	11,277	11,129	34,112	39,046
USA	100%	3,106	4,636	2,511	3,671	2,636	8,818	10,444
Australia	100%	2,731	2,610	2,918	2,959	2,965	8,842	8,287
Colombia	33%	2,230	2,441	2,488	2,702	2,534	7,724	6,965
Total		20,930	22,283	19,623	20,609	19,264	59,496	64,742

- (a) LPG and Ethane are reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL). Product-specific conversions are made and NGL is reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
- (b) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (c) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.
- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (f) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (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%.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

					YEAR TO DATE		
	MAR 2007	JUNE 2007	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	MAR 2008	MAR 2007
PETROLEUM							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	3,144	3,929	3,638	3,103	2,918	9,659	10,302
North West Shelf	2,532	2,514	2,532	2,493	1,912	6,937	8,251
Atlantis (a)	-	-	-	615	3,320	3,935	-
Shenzi (a)	-	-	-	32	194	226	-
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	1,053	1,011	923	946	935	2,804	3,645
ROD / Ohanet	2,104	1,730	1,830	1,709	1,628	5,167	5,861
Other (b)	1,838	2,259	2,376	3,419	5,333	11,128	5,666
Total	10,671	11,443	11,299	12,317	16,240	39,856	33,725
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (c)							
Bass Strait	22.73	37.70	39.77	28.41	22.44	90.62	76.80
North West Shelf	27.10	25.70	27.17	28.13	26.43	81.73	79.80
Atlantis (a)	-	-	-	0.12	1.54	1.66	-
Shenzi (a)	-	-	-	0.01	0.06	0.07	-
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	15.18	12.71	8.87	12.70	12.32	33.89	40.55
Other (b)	21.67	19.14	19.87	21.84	22.97	64.68	64.46
Total	86.68	95.25	95.68	91.21	85.76	272.65	261.60
NGL ('000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	1,643	2,163	2,327	1,801	1,571	5,699	5,593
North West Shelf	435	369	438	417	300	1,155	1,320
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	151	124	48	153	109	310	439
ROD / Ohanet	397	362	282	314	221	817	1,152
Total	2,626	3,018	3,095	2,685	2,201	7,981	8,504
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS							
(million barrels of oil equivalent) (d)	27.68	30.47	30.34	30.20	32.73	93.27	85.73

- (a) Atlantis and Genghis Khan operations were commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. Genghis Khan is reported in Shenzi.
 (b) Other includes Stybarrow, Griffin, Minerva, Angostura, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis, Starlifter, Green Canyon 18/60 and Pakistan. Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter.
 (c) BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in the September 2006 quarter.
 (d) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	YEAR TO DATE						
	MAR 2007	JUNE 2007	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	MAR 2008	MAR 2007

ALUMINIUM

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

ALUMINA

Production

Worsley, Australia	708	768	784	771	712	2,267	2,188
Paranam, Suriname	241	243	244	252	247	743	735
Alumar, Brazil	136	133	125	134	136	395	393
Total	1,085	1,144	1,153	1,157	1,095	3,405	3,316

Sales

Worsley, Australia	659	794	792	803	683	2,278	2,145
Paranam, Suriname	225	253	244	265	246	755	704
Alumar, Brazil	120	164	131	128	135	394	365
Total (a)	1,004	1,211	1,167	1,196	1,064	3,427	3,214

ALUMINIUM

Production

Hillside, South Africa	174	177	178	180	167	525	527
Bayside, South Africa	48	47	48	47	44	139	147
Alumar, Brazil	44	44	44	44	45	133	133
Mozal, Mozambique	65	66	67	67	62	196	199
Total	331	334	337	338	318	993	1,006

Sales

Hillside, South Africa	162	188	165	180	159	504	505
Bayside, South Africa	46	57	50	50	48	148	137
Alumar, Brazil	38	47	43	48	43	134	124
Mozal, Mozambique	64	70	56	72	57	185	190
Total	310	362	314	350	307	971	956
Tolling Agreement (a)	33	32	33	33	30	96	77
	343	394	347	383	337	1,067	1,033

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

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BASE METALS

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Escondida, Chile

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	85,654	88,409	82,995	88,319	102,566	273,880	239,025
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	23,450	23,064	22,406	21,777	22,029	66,212	64,292
Average copper grade	(%)	1.62%	1.58%	1.63%	1.72%	1.56%	1.64%	1.58%
Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	319.1	306.0	305.2	316.8	285.0	907.0	842.5

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	178.1	170.5	167.0	177.3	157.0	501.3	468.4
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	21,243	23,754	23,194	21,376	17,660	62,230	60,657
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	38.2	37.7	30.9	30.3	30.1	91.3	88.4
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	920	990	1,116	877	790	2,783	2,524

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	149.4	199.0	162.9	173.0	160.6	496.5	451.1
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,966	27,623	22,957	21,158	18,190	62,305	58,833
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	36.0	43.0	32.0	23.8	32.3	88.1	77.5
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	785	1,153	1,089	864	813	2,766	2,446

Cerro Colorado, Chile

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	15,429	13,984	17,095	17,798	16,769	51,662	50,621
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,398	4,365	4,278	4,410	4,437	13,125	13,484
Average copper grade	(%)	0.90%	0.79%	0.84%	1.03%	0.80%	0.88%	0.83%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	28.1	20.3	23.1	27.3	28.7	79.1	85.5
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	27.9	24.1	23.5	24.5	28.5	76.5	84.1
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BASE METALS

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Spence, Chile (a)

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	19,684	20,275	16,983	19,758	20,335	57,076	40,013
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,282	3,718	4,132	4,333	3,918	12,383	7,792
Average copper grade	(%)	2.00%	1.80%	1.56%	1.61%	1.48%	1.60%	1.89%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	33.5	37.7	23.9	34.2	41.6	99.7	37.8
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	28.0	40.4	30.0	24.0	39.9	93.9	29.3
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(a) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.

Antamina, Peru

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	24,428	29,034	31,145	31,289	29,095	91,529	82,662
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,841	8,033	8,344	6,955	6,518	21,817	23,352
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.10%	1.17%	1.15%	1.47%	1.21%	1.27%	1.24%
- Zinc	(%)	1.25%	1.46%	1.17%	0.69%	1.55%	1.16%	0.92%

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	24.2	26.4	27.5	29.3	24.1	80.9	87.3
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	20,665	27,793	22,756	12,320	22,235	57,311	45,220
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	749	934	1,056	652	803	2,511	2,198
Payable lead	(tonnes)	469	317	448	175	380	1,003	1,152
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	288	493	693	679	580	1,952	1,775

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	25.0	20.7	28.5	32.6	20.4	81.5	94.2
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,479	31,914	25,306	12,458	16,630	54,394	43,556
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	707	645	917	719	512	2,148	2,185
Payable lead	(tonnes)	686	394	334	140	261	735	1,677
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	591	480	662	605	531	1,798	1,953

Cannington, Australia

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	732	717	824	808	698	2,330	1,666
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	704	688	661	755	726	2,142	1,660
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	477	493	478	489	472	480	428
- Lead	(%)	10.5%	10.3%	10.4%	10.7%	10.7%	10.6%	10.3%
- Zinc	(%)	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%

Production

Payable silver	('000 ounces)	9,160	9,426	8,759	10,124	9,421	28,304	19,679
Payable lead	(tonnes)	62,974	62,409	61,073	70,369	67,505	198,947	148,405
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,095	11,355	14,503	15,487	13,735	43,725	34,327

Sales

Payable silver	('000 ounces)	8,331	10,352	6,725	11,266	7,727	25,718	19,978
Payable lead	(tonnes)	56,726	66,411	46,148	78,325	53,167	177,640	147,941
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	11,585	14,888	9,257	19,577	9,629	38,463	30,246

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Olympic Dam, Australia

Material mined (a)	('000 tonnes)	2,103	2,255	2,424	2,520	2,333	7,277	6,311
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	2,117	2,272	2,239	2,552	2,225	7,016	6,342
Average copper grade	(%)	1.96%	1.93%	1.83%	1.86%	1.86%	1.85%	2.11%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.63	0.59	0.60	0.58

Production

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	50.2	44.1	30.6	40.2	32.9	103.7	124.0
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	3.4	3.5	3.0	2.6	3.1	8.7	10.9
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	883	988	933	1,191	993	3,117	2,498
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	22,661	28,689	17,119	24,338	18,555	60,012	62,971
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	196	275	193	239	169	601	539

Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	51.6	45.2	30.7	41.0	31.9	103.6	126.9
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	4.6	4.4	3.1	2.5	2.3	7.9	10.8
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,043	646	562	346	1,182	2,090	2,672
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	22,983	27,589	20,118	21,760	19,767	61,645	64,620
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	183	294	192	237	173	602	528

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

Copper concentrate (a)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	5.2	9.6	14.8	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	5.3	5.7
Payable silver (a)	('000 ounces)	-	-	-	13.3	38.4	51.7	-
Payable gold (a)	('000 ounces)	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.3	-

Sales

Copper concentrate	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	2.6	7.9	10.5	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.5	2.5	0.9	0.9	4.0	5.8	4.7
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	-	-	-	13.3	38.4	51.7	-
Payable gold	('000 ounces)	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.3	-

(a) Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter.

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	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	MAR	MAR
						2008	2007

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS**Ekati™, Canada**

Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	1,046	1,194	1,009	1,080	967	3,056	3,345
Production	('000 carats)	889	911	1,022	843	620	2,485	2,313

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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
NICKEL							
CMSA, Colombia							
Production	12.8	12.7	12.5	11.4	7.8	31.7	38.3
Sales	12.4	12.5	6.9	13.2	13.6	33.7	38.5
Yabulu, Australia							
Production							
Nickel metal	8.0	9.3	5.5	6.0	6.2	17.7	22.8
Cobalt	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	1.2	1.2
Sales							
Nickel metal	7.1	9.6	5.3	6.3	6.5	18.1	20.3
Cobalt	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.2
Nickel West, Australia							
Production							
Nickel contained in concentrate	-	0.9	-	1.2	1.3	2.5	-
Nickel contained in finished matte	12.9	13.2	3.9	8.5	10.3	22.7	36.4
Nickel metal	12.1	12.5	16.7	16.6	17.4	50.7	41.1
Nickel production	25.0	26.6	20.6	26.3	29.0	75.9	77.5
Sales							
Nickel contained in concentrate	-	0.9	-	0.9	0.6	1.5	-
Nickel contained in finished matte	9.9	15.1	6.2	9.5	9.4	25.1	32.7
Nickel metal	14.2	11.5	14.7	14.4	15.7	44.8	41.4
Nickel sales	24.1	27.5	20.9	24.8	25.7	71.4	74.1

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IRON ORE

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

IRON ORE (a)

Pilbara, Australia

Production

Mt Newman Joint Venture	6,711	7,665	7,904	8,147	7,265	23,316	21,641
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	142	195	134	170	386	690	1,032
Area C Joint Venture	4,853	5,078	4,916	6,474	7,114	18,504	15,008
Yandi Joint Venture	8,277	9,661	9,823	9,770	10,061	29,654	25,887
Jimblebar	1,177	1,341	1,157	1,248	1,660	4,065	4,116
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<u>21,160</u>	<u>23,940</u>	<u>23,934</u>	<u>25,809</u>	<u>26,486</u>	<u>76,229</u>	<u>67,684</u>
Total production (100%)	24,896	28,165	28,159	30,363	31,160	89,682	79,630

Shipments

Lump	5,193	5,753	6,076	7,179	7,603	20,858	17,478
Fines	15,454	17,458	17,979	18,847	19,714	56,540	50,175
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<u>20,647</u>	<u>23,211</u>	<u>24,055</u>	<u>26,026</u>	<u>27,317</u>	<u>77,398</u>	<u>67,653</u>
Total sales (100%)	24,290	27,307	28,300	30,619	32,138	91,057	79,591

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

Samarco, Brazil

Production

	1,866	2,001	2,067	2,107	1,933	6,107	5,799
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Shipments

	1,684	2,159	1,850	2,316	1,589	5,755	5,913
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MANGANESE							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
MANGANESE ORE							
South Africa							
Saleable production (a)	632	631	572	709	877	2,158	1,939
Australia							
Saleable production (a)	820	888	873	904	789	2,566	2,551
MANGANESE ALLOY							
South Africa							
Saleable production (a) (b)	132	137	123	141	125	389	356
Australia							
Saleable production (a)	64	49	61	68	67	196	190

(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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METALLURGICAL COAL

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

METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

Queensland, Australia

Production

BMA							
Blackwater	1,484	1,730	1,407	1,370	1,345	4,122	4,408
Goonyella	1,896	2,268	1,677	1,505	1,117	4,299	5,084
Peak Downs	1,076	1,045	881	1,243	849	2,973	3,439
Saraji	883	939	777	890	376	2,043	2,458
Norwich Park	745	797	502	576	306	1,384	2,053
Gregory Joint Venture	394	663	673	554	239	1,466	1,799
BMA total	6,478	7,442	5,917	6,138	4,232	16,287	19,241

BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

South Walker Creek	785	982	939	868	438	2,245	2,440
Poitrel (c)	282	1,065	515	658	409	1,582	373
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,067	2,047	1,454	1,526	847	3,827	2,813
Queensland total	7,545	9,489	7,371	7,664	5,079	20,114	22,054

Shipments

Coking coal	5,368	5,684	5,479	5,875	3,790	15,144	15,598
Weak coking coal	1,710	1,804	1,668	1,966	1,726	5,360	5,059
Thermal coal	419	854	516	328	497	1,341	1,265
Total	7,497	8,343	7,663	8,169	6,013	21,845	21,922

(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.

Illawarra, Australia

Production	1,539	1,643	2,201	1,979	1,767	5,947	5,243
Shipments							
Coking coal	1,624	1,724	1,906	1,851	1,549	5,306	4,573
Thermal coal	175	288	199	290	194	683	643
Total	1,799	2,012	2,105	2,141	1,743	5,989	5,216

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ENERGY COAL

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

South Africa (a)

Production	12,863	12,596	11,706	11,277	11,129	34,112	39,046
Sales							
Export	5,068	5,218	4,207	4,269	2,936	11,412	15,447
Local utility	7,874	7,416	7,063	7,351	7,430	21,844	22,839
Inland	259	310	388	209	190	787	741
Total	13,201	12,944	11,658	11,829	10,556	34,043	39,027

(a) Koorfontein was sold with effect from 1 July 2007.

New Mexico, USA

Production							
Navajo Coal	1,971	2,321	1,548	1,899	1,800	5,247	5,853
San Juan Coal	1,135	2,315	963	1,772	836	3,571	4,591
Total	3,106	4,636	2,511	3,671	2,636	8,818	10,444
Sales - local utility	3,400	3,185	3,693	3,254	2,573	9,520	10,838

Hunter Valley, Australia

Production	2,731	2,610	2,918	2,959	2,965	8,842	8,287
Sales							
Export	1,479	1,934	1,423	1,892	1,842	5,157	4,582
Inland	1,168	909	1,179	985	791	2,955	3,204
Total	2,647	2,843	2,602	2,877	2,633	8,112	7,786

Cerrejon Coal, Colombia

Production	2,230	2,441	2,488	2,702	2,534	7,724	6,965
Sales - export	2,446	2,401	2,761	2,334	2,534	7,629	7,105