

**BHP BILLITON REPORT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Customer Sector Group Results

The following notes and definitions are relevant to the table below and those on the following pages:

- Revenue is based on Group realised prices.
- EBIT is defined as earnings before net finance costs and taxation and any exceptional items.
- EBITDA is EBIT before depreciation and amortisation.
- Depreciation and amortisation includes depreciation, impairments and amortisation.
- Capex includes accrued capital expenditure and excludes capitalised interest and capitalised exploration.
- Net operating assets represent segment operating assets net of segment operating liabilities.

Half-yearly Comparison 31 December 2008 vs 31 December 2007

BHP BILLITON GROUP

Half-year ended 31 December 2008

US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBIT ⁽¹⁾	Exceptional Items	Profit from Operations	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross ⁽³⁾	Exploration to profit
Petroleum	4,212	2,675	(11)	2,664	8,681	865	263	183
Aluminium	2,518	289	(128)	161	6,342	476	5	5
Base Metals	3,286	(111)	(147)	(258)	10,512	526	88	65
Diamonds and Specialty Products	457	79	(70)	9	1,892	63	75	75
Stainless Steel Materials	1,101	(752)	(3,361)	(4,113)	4,054	456	78	75
Iron Ore	6,020	4,143	-	4,143	6,810	948	44	34
Manganese	1,916	1,245	-	1,245	922	107	8	8
Metallurgical Coal	4,913	3,123	-	3,123	3,779	1,207	30	30
Energy Coal	4,363	1,072	-	1,072	2,271	385	29	21
Group and unallocated items ⁽⁴⁾	1,106	136	(958)	(822)	34	115	-	-
Inter-segment adjustment	(112)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BHP Billiton Group	29,780	11,899	(4,675)	7,224	45,297	5,148	620	496

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBIT ⁽¹⁾	Exceptional Items	Profit from Operations	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross ⁽³⁾	Exploration to profit
Petroleum	3,268	1,968	-	1,968	8,075	1,153	295	197
Aluminium	2,744	680	-	680	6,200	251	16	16
Base Metals	6,557	3,367	(99)	3,268	10,583	412	86	33
Diamonds and Specialty Products	418	72	-	72	1,798	73	67	67
Stainless Steel Materials	2,419	799	(38)	761	7,005	524	67	63
Iron Ore	3,578	1,673	-	1,673	4,977	785	30	20
Manganese	1,013	431	-	431	731	41	-	-
Metallurgical Coal	1,900	523	-	523	2,327	225	20	20
Energy Coal	2,907	277	-	277	1,941	152	16	16
Group and unallocated items ⁽⁴⁾	801	(167)	-	(167)	283	14	1	1
Inter-segment adjustment	(66)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BHP Billiton Group	25,539	9,623	(137)	9,486	43,920	3,630	598	433

(1) Total third party revenue for the Group is US\$4,352 million and EBIT US\$292 million (2007: US\$3,681 million and US\$(88) million).

(2) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$4,124 million growth and US\$1,024 million other (2007: US\$2,884 million growth and US\$746 million other).

(3) Includes US\$124 million (2007: US\$166 million) capitalised exploration.

(4) Includes consolidation adjustments, unallocated items and external sales of freight and fuel via the Group's transport and logistics operations.

PETROLEUM

Half-year ended 31 December 2008

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue ^{(1) (2)}	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽³⁾	Exploration gross ⁽⁴⁾	Exploration to profit ⁽⁵⁾
Bass Strait	984	876	66	810	723	116		
North West Shelf	1,022	728	56	672	1,413	134		
Atlantis	418	377	105	272	1,896	113		
Shenzi ⁽⁶⁾	21	13	16	(3)	1,891	272		
ROD & Ohanet	285	247	50	197	424	17		
Liverpool Bay & Bruce/Keith	223	183	34	149	44	5		
Exploration	-	(183)	-	(183)	580	-		
Other ⁽⁷⁾	1,132	1,078	318	760	1,710	208		
Total from Group production	4,085	3,319	645	2,674	8,681	865		
Third party products	127	1	-	1	-	-		
Total	4,212	3,320	645	2,675	8,681	865	263	183

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue ^{(1) (2)}	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽³⁾	Exploration gross ⁽⁴⁾	Exploration to profit ⁽⁵⁾
Bass Strait	1,036	923	67	856	726	70		
North West Shelf	838	664	51	613	1,299	140		
Atlantis	49	40	15	25	1,766	97		
Shenzi ⁽⁶⁾	3	-	3	(3)	1,344	198		
ROD & Ohanet	332	292	54	238	461	3		
Liverpool Bay & Bruce/Keith	275	212	71	141	175	12		
Exploration	-	(196)	1	(197)	552	-		
Other ⁽⁷⁾	579	423	129	294	1,752	633		
Total from Group production	3,112	2,358	391	1,967	8,075	1,153		
Third party products ⁽⁸⁾	156	1	-	1	-	-		
Total	3,268	2,359	391	1,968	8,075	1,153	295	197

(1) Petroleum revenue from Group production includes: crude oil US\$2,703 million (2007: US\$1,954 million), natural gas US\$551 million (2007: US\$488 million), LNG US\$570 million (2007: US\$342 million), NGL US\$254 million (2007: US\$310 million) and other US\$7 million (2007: US\$18 million).

(2) Includes inter-segment revenue of US\$51 million (2007: US\$48 million).

(3) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$711 million growth and US\$154 million other (2007: US\$1,106 million growth, which includes US\$133 million finance lease addition, and US\$47 million other).

(4) Includes US\$80 million (2007: US\$99 million) capitalised exploration.

(5) Includes US\$nil (2007: US\$1 million) exploration expenditure previously capitalised, now written off as impaired (included in depreciation and amortisation).

(6) Shenzi includes both Shenzi and Genghis Khan.

(7) Other includes the following producing fields - Stybarrow, Neptune, Griffin, Minerva, Angostura, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Genesis, Starlifter and Pakistan.

(8) Third party products restated to exclude sales of fuel to other CSGs.

(9) Total barrels of oil equivalent (million) based on a conversion rate of 6 billion standard cubic feet of gas per million barrels of oil equivalent.

Production - continuing operations

	2008	2007
Crude oil and condensate (million barrels of oil equivalent)	32.2	23.6
Natural gas (bcf)	185.5	186.9
NGL (million barrels of oil equivalent)	4.8	5.8
Total Petroleum products (millions boe) ⁽⁹⁾	68.0	60.5

ALUMINIUM

Half-year ended 31 December 2008

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Alumina	809	128	74	54	3,201	456		
Aluminium	1,635	286	79	207	3,141	20		
Intra-divisional adjustment	(497)	-	-	-	-	-		
Total from Group production	1,947	414	153	261	6,342	476		
Third party products	571	28	-	28	-	-		
Total	2,518	442	153	289	6,342	476	5	5

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Alumina	860	304	69	235	2,811	233		
Aluminium	1,931	525	78	447	3,389	18		
Intra-divisional adjustment	(537)	-	-	-	-	-		
Total from Group production	2,254	829	147	682	6,200	251		
Third party products	490	(2)	-	(2)	-	-		
Total	2,744	827	147	680	6,200	251	16	16

(1) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$428 million growth and US\$48 million other (2007: US\$213 million growth and US\$38 million other).

Production - continuing operations ('000 tonnes)

	2008	2007
Alumina	2,237	2,310
Aluminium	619	675

BASE METALS
Half-year ended 31 December 2008

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Americas								
Escondida	875	(116)	113	(229)	2,618	179		
Spence	355	229	55	174	1,692	105		
Other ⁽³⁾	585	145	70	75	1,009	65		
Australia								
Cannington	372	56	16	40	193	15		
Olympic Dam	801	198	99	99	5,829	155		
Exploration / Business Development	-	(153)	14	(167)	(18)	7		
Divisional activities ⁽⁴⁾	-	(75)	-	(75)	(811)	-		
Total from Group production	2,988	284	367	(83)	10,512	526		
Third party products	298	(28)	-	(28)	-	-		
Total	3,286	256	367	(111)	10,512	526	88	65

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Americas								
Escondida	2,821	2,193	83	2,110	3,209	146		
Spence	385	287	41	246	1,493	38		
Other ⁽³⁾	961	668	56	612	712	96		
Australia								
Cannington	751	535	19	516	211	11		
Olympic Dam	643	288	102	186	5,682	119		
Exploration / Business Development	-	(139)	1	(140)	13	2		
Divisional activities ⁽⁴⁾	-	(64)	-	(64)	(737)	-		
Total from Group production	5,561	3,768	302	3,466	10,583	412		
Third party products	996	(99)	-	(99)	-	-		
Total	6,557	3,669	302	3,367	10,583	412	86	33

(1) Includes inter-segment revenue of US\$1 million (2007: US\$nil).

(2) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$266 million growth and US\$260 million other (2007: US\$218 million growth and US\$194 million other).

(3) Includes Antamina, Cerro Colorado and Pinto Valley.

(4) Includes closed mining and smelting operations in Canada, USA and South Africa.

Production - continuing operations

	2008	2007
Payable copper in concentrate ('000 tonnes)	305	406
Copper cathode ('000 tonnes)	312	250
Uranium oxide concentrate (tonnes)	1,970	2,124
Gold - payable ('000 ounces)	88	86
Silver - payable ('000 ounces)	21,815	23,029
Lead ('000 tonnes)	122	132
Zinc ('000 tonnes)	80	65

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS
Half-year ended 31 December 2008

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Diamonds ⁽²⁾	218	94	79	15	1,247	35		
Other businesses ⁽³⁾	239	80	16	64	645	28		
Total	457	174	95	79	1,892	63	75	75

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Diamonds ⁽²⁾	229	60	46	14	1,349	51		
Other businesses ⁽³⁾	189	68	10	58	449	22		
Total	418	128	56	72	1,798	73	67	67

(1) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$52 million growth and US\$11 million other (2007: US\$72 million growth and US\$1 million other).

(2) Diamonds includes Diamonds exploration and development costs.

(3) Includes Titanium minerals, exploration, development and other corporate costs.

Production - continuing operations

Diamonds ('000 carats)	2008	2007
	1,367	1,865

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS
Half-year ended 31 December 2008
US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Nickel West including Ravensthorpe	403	(345)	161	(506)	2,640	407		
Cerro Matoso	327	97	36	61	901	26		
Yabulu	250	(162)	47	(209)	593	23		
Other	-	(91)	51	(142)	(80)	-		
Total from Group production	980	(501)	295	(796)	4,054	456		
Third party products	121	44	-	44	-	-		
Total	1,101	(457)	295	(752)	4,054	456	78	75

Half-year ended 31 December 2007
US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Nickel West including Ravensthorpe	1,389	440	110	330	4,650	417		
Cerro Matoso	633	486	35	451	940	47		
Yabulu	391	130	37	93	1,471	60		
Other	-	(75)	-	(75)	(56)	-		
Total from Group production	2,413	981	182	799	7,005	524		
Third party products	6	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	2,419	981	182	799	7,005	524	67	63

(1) Includes inter-segment revenue of US\$39 million (2007: US\$nil).

(2) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$285 million growth and US\$171 million other (2007: US\$401 million growth and US\$123 million other).

Production - continuing operations ('000 tonnes)

Nickel

2008

77.0

2007

82.3

IRON ORE

Half-year ended 31 December 2008

US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
WA Iron Ore	5,242	3,857	175	3,682	5,672	883		
Samarco	695	397	26	371	1,239	65		
Other ⁽³⁾	-	(62)	1	(63)	(101)	-		
Total from Group production	5,937	4,192	202	3,990	6,810	948		
Third party products ⁽⁴⁾	83	153	-	153	-	-		
Total	6,020	4,345	202	4,143	6,810	948	44	34

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

US\$ Million

	Revenue ⁽¹⁾	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽²⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
WA Iron Ore	3,209	1,669	134	1,535	4,044	566		
Samarco	351	164	10	154	1,066	200		
Other ⁽³⁾	18	(16)	-	(16)	(133)	19		
Total from Group production	3,578	1,817	144	1,673	4,977	785		
Third party products	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	3,578	1,817	144	1,673	4,977	785	30	20

(1) Includes inter-segment revenue of US\$21 million (2007: US\$18 million).

(2) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$806 million growth and US\$142 million other (2007: US\$681 million growth and US\$104 million other)

(3) Includes Boodarie Iron, which ceased operations in August 2005.

(4) Includes Boodarie Iron sales of contracted gas purchases and US\$113m mark to market gain on embedded derivative.

(5) Includes Goldsworthy operations classified as continuing operations as at 1 July 2008.

Production - continuing operations (Million tonnes)

Iron ore ⁽⁵⁾

2008

2007

59.2

53.9

MANGANESE**Half-year ended 31 December 2008**

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Manganese	1,863	1,268	21	1,247	922	107		
Third party products	53	(2)	-	(2)	-	-		
Total	1,916	1,266	21	1,245	922	107	8	8

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Manganese	950	452	21	431	731	41		
Third party products	63	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	1,013	452	21	431	731	41	-	-

(1) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$73 million growth and US\$34 million other (2007: US\$14 million growth and US\$27 million other).

Production - continuing operations (Million tonnes)

	2008	2007
Manganese ore	3.2	3.1
Manganese alloy	0.4	0.4

METALLURGICAL COAL
Half-year ended 31 December 2008

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Queensland Coal	4,237	2,866	85	2,781	3,037	1,107		
Illawarra	658	443	50	393	712	68		
Other	-	(58)	-	(58)	30	32		
Total from Group production	4,895	3,251	135	3,116	3,779	1,207		
Third party products	18	7	-	7	-	-		
Total	4,913	3,258	135	3,123	3,779	1,207	30	30

Half-year ended 31 December 2007

	US\$ Million							
	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Queensland Coal	1,495	471	71	400	1,644	157		
Illawarra	395	211	57	154	673	68		
Other	-	(31)	-	(31)	10	-		
Total from Group production	1,890	651	128	523	2,327	225		
Third party products	10	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	1,900	651	128	523	2,327	225	20	20

(1) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$1,108 million growth and US\$99 million other (2007: US\$117 million growth and US\$108 million other).

Production - continuing operations (Million tonnes)
2008 2007

Metallurgical coal

19.4

19.2

ENERGY COAL
Half-year ended 31 December 2008
US\$ Million

	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
South Africa Coal	940	374	36	338	479	240		
New Mexico	304	59	19	40	221	8		
Hunter Valley	551	332	19	313	847	97		
Colombia	484	250	25	225	733	39		
Exploration / Business Development	-	(23)	7	(30)	37	1		
Divisional activities	-	97	-	97	-	-		
Total from Group production	2,279	1,089	106	983	2,317	385		
Third party products	2,084	89	-	89	(46)	-		
Total	4,363	1,178	106	1,072	2,271	385	29	21

Half-year ended 31 December 2007
US\$ Million

	Revenue	EBITDA	Depn & amortisation	EBIT	Net operating assets	Capex ⁽¹⁾	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
South Africa Coal	920	159	69	90	280	60		
New Mexico	256	59	19	40	165	15		
Hunter Valley	241	106	19	87	652	42		
Colombia	261	114	21	93	699	35		
Exploration / Business Development	-	(22)	8	(30)	64	-		
Divisional activities	-	(11)	-	(11)	5	-		
Total from Group production	1,678	405	136	269	1,865	152		
Third party products	1,229	8	-	8	76	-		
Total	2,907	413	136	277	1,941	152	16	16

(1) Capex in aggregate comprises US\$323 million growth and US\$62 million other (2007: US\$54 million growth and US\$98 million other).

(2) Excluding Optimum which was disposed effective 1 July 2007.

Production - continuing operations (Million tonnes)

Energy coal

2008
2007 ⁽²⁾

35.3

34.5