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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

- Western Australia Iron Ore achieved record production for the nine months ended March 2012, a 22% increase on the prior corresponding period.
- The Onshore US petroleum business delivered a 35% increase in liquids production compared to the December 2011 quarter.
- Escondida (Chile) production increased by 9% from the December 2011 quarter, benefiting from higher ore grades.
- Production records for the nine months and quarter ended March 2012 were achieved at two of BHP Billiton's high value, export orientated energy coal operations, New South Wales Energy Coal (Australia) and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia).
- Queensland Coal (Australia) production remained constrained as a result of industrial action and heavy rainfall.

Petroleum

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids ('000 boe)	65,799	21,733	-7%	0%	-2%
Natural gas (bcf)	600.51	208.67	120%	146%	-3%
Total petroleum products (million boe)	165.89	56.51	43%	58%	-3%

Total petroleum production – Total production increased for the nine months ended March 2012 as our recently acquired Onshore US business reported strong growth. Guidance for the 2012 financial year of 225 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe) remains unchanged.

Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids – Lower production for the nine months ended March 2012 reflected expiration of the Ohanet (Algeria) Risk Sharing Contract, maintenance and drilling delays at non-operated facilities, weather related downtime in Western Australia and natural field decline, especially at Pyrenees (Australia). Mad Dog (USA) was offline for the entire quarter and is forecast by the operator to recommence production during the June 2012 quarter. Atlantis (USA) was shut-in during April 2012 for an extended period of scheduled maintenance and will be offline until the September 2012 quarter.

Notably, the Onshore US business delivered a 35 per cent increase in liquids production compared to the December 2011 quarter. These liquids contributed 3.5 MMboe of Onshore US production in the March 2012 quarter consistent with our shift in focus towards the high return Eagle Ford shale. We continue to adjust our Onshore US development plans in response to lower US gas prices and expect activity in the liquids rich Eagle

Ford shale and Permian Basin to represent the significant majority of Onshore US operating activity by the end of the 2012 calendar year.

Natural gas – Strong performance from the Onshore US and Angostura (Trinidad and Tobago) businesses contributed to higher natural gas production for the nine months ended March 2012.

Aluminium

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	3,113	1,052	4%	10%	5%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	905	277	-3%	-9%	-12%

Alumina – Production in the March 2012 quarter was higher than all comparable periods as the Alumar refinery (Brazil) continued to deliver into expanded capacity and output at Worsley (Australia) recovered following a planned calciner outage in the December 2011 quarter.

Aluminium – Production decreased during the March 2012 quarter as a major unplanned outage at Hillside (South Africa) led to the temporary curtailment of potline capacity. Operations are expected to progressively return to full technical capacity over the next year.

Base Metals

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Copper ('000 tonnes)	782.0	281.4	-10%	3%	0%
Lead (tonnes)	176,211	53,560	-5%	3%	-20%
Zinc (tonnes)	81,469	29,727	-31%	-26%	5%
Silver ('000 ounces)	29,769	9,715	-9%	7%	-11%
Uranium oxide concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	2,805	896	-7%	-16%	-1%

Copper – Consistent with the mine plan, Escondida production increased by nine per cent from the December 2011 quarter, benefiting from higher ore grades. This was offset by unfavourable weather conditions and lower recoveries at Pampa Norte (Chile) and planned maintenance at Olympic Dam (Australia). Recent investment in the mining fleets at Antamina (Peru) and Pampa Norte contributed to material mined records for both assets for the nine months ended March 2012. In addition, Antamina achieved a milling record for the same period following successful commissioning of the expansion project.

Escondida production guidance remains unchanged for the 2012 financial year. Production is expected to improve as mining activities progress towards higher grade ore with completion of the Escondida Ore Access project in the main pit.

Lead/silver – Production at Cannington (Australia) decreased in the March 2012 quarter reflecting lower average ore grades and mill throughput.

Zinc – An improvement in Antamina ore grades and the successful commissioning of the expansion project led to a five per cent increase in total zinc production in the March 2012 quarter.

Uranium – Production was largely unchanged in the March 2012 quarter.

Diamonds & Specialty Products

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Diamonds ('000 carats)	1,371	433	-29%	-21%	-10%

Diamonds – As anticipated, production was lower than all comparable periods. EKATI (Canada) production is expected to remain constrained in the medium term as the operations extract lower grade material, consistent with the mine plan.

BHP Billiton announced a review of its diamonds business during the December 2011 quarter and this process is ongoing. During the March 2012 quarter, BHP Billiton announced that it had exercised an option to sell its 37 per cent non-operated interest in Richards Bay Minerals (South Africa) to Rio Tinto.

Stainless Steel Materials

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	115.2	41.7	1%	26%	9%

Nickel – Production was higher than all comparable periods reflecting improved smelter and refinery performance at Nickel West (Australia) and strong operating performance at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) following the successful replacement of the Line 1 furnace in September 2011.

During the March 2012 quarter the Nickel West Kwinana hydrogen plant was successfully commissioned and will enable the refinery to operate at full capacity in future periods.

In response to persistent weakness in nickel prices and the continued strength of the Australian dollar, BHP Billiton announced a reduction in functional support staff and a temporary reduction in mining activity at Nickel West Mt Keith during the March 2012 quarter. Production of nickel concentrate at Mt Keith will be maintained in the short term as commissioning of the Talc Redesign Project has enabled stockpiled talc-bearing ore to be processed.

Iron Ore

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Iron ore ('000 tonnes)	118,587	37,943	20%	14%	-8%

Iron ore – Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) achieved record production for the nine months ended March 2012 despite a decline in volumes in the March 2012 quarter as a result of cyclone activity. Consistently strong operating performance, combined with the continued ramp up of Ore Handling Plant 3 at Yandi, dual tracking of the company's rail infrastructure and additional ship loading capacity at Port Hedland, contributed to the record result.

Full year WAIO production guidance remains unchanged as scheduled maintenance and tie-in activities are expected to constrain performance in the June 2012 quarter.

Manganese

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Manganese ore ('000 tonnes)	5,865	2,040	11%	51%	13%
Manganese alloy ('000 tonnes)	527	138	-6%	-20%	-29%

Manganese ore – Production and sales in the March 2012 quarter were higher following the recovery from weather related downtime at GEMCO (Australia) and planned maintenance at Hotazel (South Africa). Record production and sales for the nine months ended March 2012 were achieved at both GEMCO and Hotazel.

Manganese alloy – In response to challenging conditions in the downstream manganese alloy industry, BHP Billiton announced the temporary suspension of production at TEMCO (Australia) and the cessation of production of energy intensive silica manganese at the Metallurgy plant (South Africa) during the March 2012 quarter.

Metallurgical Coal

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Metallurgical coal ('000 tonnes)	25,121	7,337	1%	10%	-14%

Metallurgical coal – Queensland Coal production remained constrained in the March 2012 quarter as a result of industrial action and heavy rainfall. The extent to which industrial action will continue to affect production, sales and unit costs is difficult to predict, however with inventories now severely depleted, the impact on future quarters may be significant. Force majeure was declared across all BMA sites in April 2012 and remains in place.

A planned longwall move and plant shutdown at Dendrobium led to lower production at Illawarra Coal (Australia) in the March 2012 quarter. A longwall move at Appin is scheduled for the June 2012 quarter.

Energy Coal

	MAR 2012 YTD	MAR 2012 QTR	MAR YTD12 vs MAR YTD11	MAR Q12 vs MAR Q11	MAR Q12 vs DEC Q11
Energy coal ('000 tonnes)	52,627	17,248	3%	-2%	2%

Energy coal – Production records for the nine months and quarter ended March 2012 were achieved at two of BHP Billiton's high value, export orientated energy coal operations, New South Wales Energy Coal and Cerrejon Coal. Export volumes for New South Wales Energy Coal were adversely affected by vessel delays at the Port of Newcastle in the March 2012 quarter. Preparation for the resumption of mining activity at San Juan Coal (USA) has commenced, with a full restart expected in the June 2012 quarter.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton's share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

This report, together with the Exploration and Development Report, represents 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 2012.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE		
		MAR	DEC	MAR	MAR	MAR	MAR YTD12	MAR Q12	MAR Q12
		2011	2011	2012	2012	2011	vs MAR YTD11	vs MAR Q11	vs DEC Q11
PETROLEUM									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	19,200	18,866	18,221	55,569	61,939	-10%	-5%	-3%
Natural gas	(bcf)	84.90	214.49	208.67	600.51	273.27	120%	146%	-3%
NGL	('000 boe)	2,442	3,362	3,512	10,230	8,647	18%	44%	4%
Total petroleum products	(million boe)	35.79	57.98	56.51	165.89	116.13	43%	58%	-3%
ALUMINIUM									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	959	1,001	1,052	3,113	2,984	4%	10%	5%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	305	313	277	905	933	-3%	-9%	-12%
BASE METALS									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	273.6	280.3	281.4	782.0	867.1	-10%	3%	0%
Lead	(tonnes)	51,910	66,992	53,560	176,211	185,976	-5%	3%	-20%
Zinc	(tonnes)	40,252	28,298	29,727	81,469	117,394	-31%	-26%	5%
Gold	(ounces)	49,559	44,007	44,684	128,130	150,546	-15%	-10%	2%
Silver	('000 ounces)	9,056	10,903	9,715	29,769	32,779	-9%	7%	-11%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,063	909	896	2,805	3,030	-7%	-16%	-1%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	334	766	521	1,882	1,027	83%	56%	-32%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	551	481	433	1,371	1,930	-29%	-21%	-10%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	33.0	38.4	41.7	115.2	114.5	1%	26%	9%
IRON ORE									
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	33,231	41,072	37,943	118,587	98,880	20%	14%	-8%
MANGANESE									
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,352	1,806	2,040	5,865	5,303	11%	51%	13%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	172	195	138	527	563	-6%	-20%	-29%
METALLURGICAL COAL									
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	6,670	8,493	7,337	25,121	24,756	1%	10%	-14%
ENERGY COAL									
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	17,543	16,919	17,248	52,627	51,162	3%	-2%	2%

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					YEAR TO DATE		
	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	MAR 2012	MAR 2011	
PETROLEUM								
Production								
Crude oil & condensate ('000 bbl)	19,200	18,652	18,482	18,866	18,221	55,569	61,939	
Natural gas (bcf)	84.90	131.79	177.35	214.49	208.67	600.51	273.27	
NGL ('000 boe) (a)	2,442	2,636	3,356	3,362	3,512	10,230	8,647	
Total petroleum products (million boe)	35.79	43.25	51.40	57.98	56.51	165.89	116.13	
ALUMINIUM								
ALUMINA								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Worsley	86%	663	725	752	694	741	2,187	2,177
Alumar	36%	296	301	308	307	311	926	807
Total		959	1,026	1,060	1,001	1,052	3,113	2,984
ALUMINIUM								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Hillside	100%	173	179	180	180	144	504	532
Bayside	100%	24	24	25	24	26	75	73
Alumar	40%	44	43	44	42	42	128	131
Mozal	47%	64	67	66	67	65	198	197
Total		305	313	315	313	277	905	933
BASE METALS (b)								
COPPER								
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)								
Escondida	57.5%	87.7	79.4	49.9	80.4	87.7	218.0	311.1
Antamina	33.8%	24.9	22.5	30.3	30.9	30.9	92.1	75.3
Total		112.6	101.9	80.2	111.3	118.6	310.1	386.4
Cathode ('000 tonnes)								
Escondida	57.5%	44.4	42.6	32.9	43.0	47.4	123.3	136.5
Pampa Norte (c)	100%	64.1	75.7	65.4	70.0	66.2	201.6	196.5
Pinto Valley	100%	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	4.2	4.3
Olympic Dam	100%	51.1	50.7	40.4	54.6	47.8	142.8	143.4
Total		161.0	170.4	140.1	169.0	162.8	471.9	480.7
LEAD								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	51,673	58,414	55,557	66,787	53,412	175,756	184,950
Antamina	33.8%	237	164	102	205	148	455	1,026
Total		51,910	58,578	55,659	66,992	53,560	176,211	185,976
ZINC								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	16,129	14,348	14,488	14,745	12,904	42,137	46,309
Antamina	33.8%	24,123	20,385	8,956	13,553	16,823	39,332	71,085
Total		40,252	34,733	23,444	28,298	29,727	81,469	117,394

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	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
		MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	MAR 2012	MAR 2011
BASE METALS (continued)								
GOLD								
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	19,667	17,116	11,063	14,242	12,732	38,037	67,607
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	29,892	28,429	28,376	29,765	31,952	90,093	82,939
Total		49,559	45,545	39,439	44,007	44,684	128,130	150,546
SILVER								
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	670	580	403	549	481	1,433	2,269
Antamina	33.8%	813	773	972	1,087	1,170	3,229	2,827
Cannington	100%	7,315	8,242	7,559	9,056	7,836	24,451	26,983
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	258	282	217	211	228	656	700
Total		9,056	9,877	9,151	10,903	9,715	29,769	32,779
URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Olympic Dam	100%	1,063	1,015	1,000	909	896	2,805	3,030
Total		1,063	1,015	1,000	909	896	2,805	3,030
MOLYBDENUM								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Antamina	33.8%	334	418	595	766	521	1,882	1,027
Total		334	418	595	766	521	1,882	1,027
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS								
DIAMONDS								
Production ('000 carats)								
EKATI™	80%	551	576	457	481	433	1,371	1,930
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
NICKEL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
CMSA	99.9%	7.8	7.4	10.4	12.3	13.4	36.1	32.6
Nickel West	100%	25.2	30.8	24.7	26.1	28.3	79.1	81.9
Total		33.0	38.2	35.1	38.4	41.7	115.2	114.5

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	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
		MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	MAR 2012	MAR 2011
IRON ORE								
Production ('000 tonnes) (d)								
Newman (e)	85%	11,912	12,480	13,158	13,247	11,789	38,194	32,765
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	305	284	254	334	37	625	914
Area C Joint Venture	85%	9,510	10,044	10,479	10,437	10,343	31,259	29,750
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,799	9,796	12,708	14,170	13,063	39,941	26,664
Samarco	50%	2,705	2,922	2,973	2,884	2,711	8,568	8,787
Total		33,231	35,526	39,572	41,072	37,943	118,587	98,880
MANGANESE								
MANGANESE ORES								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (f)	60%	514	776	911	808	917	2,636	2,231
Australia (f)	60%	838	1,014	1,108	998	1,123	3,229	3,072
Total		1,352	1,790	2,019	1,806	2,040	5,865	5,303
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (f) (g)	60%	111	120	124	124	81	329	366
Australia (f)	60%	61	70	70	71	57	198	197
Total		172	190	194	195	138	527	563
METALLURGICAL COAL								
Production ('000 tonnes) (h)								
BMA	50%	3,955	4,874	5,274	5,006	4,226	14,506	15,027
BHP Mitsui Coal (i)	80%	1,133	1,426	1,803	1,580	1,649	5,032	4,467
Illawarra	100%	1,582	1,622	2,214	1,907	1,462	5,583	5,262
Total		6,670	7,922	9,291	8,493	7,337	25,121	24,756
ENERGY COAL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa	100%	8,596	8,228	9,095	7,976	7,895	24,966	26,100
USA	100%	2,360	3,779	2,467	2,163	2,109	6,739	7,833
Australia	100%	3,978	3,793	4,046	4,027	4,291	12,364	9,878
Colombia	33%	2,609	2,538	2,852	2,753	2,953	8,558	7,351
Total		17,543	18,338	18,460	16,919	17,248	52,627	51,162

- (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) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.
- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.
- (f) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (g) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (h) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	MAR 2012	MAR 2011
PETROLEUM							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	2,465	2,485	2,527	2,190	2,285	7,002	7,729
North West Shelf	1,719	1,442	1,400	1,686	1,671	4,757	6,144
Stybarrow	862	1,037	1,171	836	618	2,625	1,771
Pyrenees	4,326	4,584	3,901	3,207	2,540	9,648	15,204
Other Australia (a)	13	13	13	13	13	39	38
Atlantis (b)	2,694	2,098	2,081	2,390	2,356	6,827	8,613
Mad Dog (b)	952	128	-	-	-	-	2,901
Shenzi (b) (c)	3,378	3,630	3,848	4,119	4,071	12,038	11,153
Onshore US (d)	-	-	672	1,631	2,202	4,505	-
Trinidad/Tobago	299	687	466	466	453	1,385	584
Other Americas (b) (e)	397	448	373	374	373	1,120	1,186
UK	542	534	447	433	328	1,208	1,632
Algeria (f)	1,474	1,498	1,498	1,437	1,236	4,171	4,747
Pakistan	79	68	85	84	75	244	237
Total	19,200	18,652	18,482	18,866	18,221	55,569	61,939
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)							
Bass Strait	22.31	29.97	31.88	23.65	19.74	75.27	82.06
North West Shelf	35.11	35.44	32.97	32.56	29.60	95.13	108.07
Other Australia (a)	4.69	4.68	4.45	4.56	4.42	13.43	14.52
Atlantis (b)	0.84	0.67	0.64	0.67	0.68	1.99	3.24
Mad Dog (b)	0.13	0.01	-	-	-	-	0.44
Shenzi (b) (c)	0.64	0.67	0.62	0.57	0.56	1.75	2.16
Onshore US (d)	-	36.43	77.59	121.63	124.17	323.39	-
Trinidad/Tobago	-	4.69	9.31	9.72	9.50	28.53	-
Other Americas (b) (e)	1.33	1.42	1.19	0.98	1.09	3.26	4.05
UK	6.32	5.69	3.91	5.51	5.03	14.45	18.77
Pakistan	13.53	12.12	14.79	14.64	13.88	43.31	39.96
Total	84.90	131.79	177.35	214.49	208.67	600.51	273.27
NGL ('000 barrels of oil equivalent)							
Bass Strait	1,252	1,554	1,823	1,407	1,355	4,585	4,694
North West Shelf	434	367	423	434	421	1,278	1,347
Atlantis (b)	150	117	120	123	124	367	515
Mad Dog (b)	39	11	-	-	-	-	123
Shenzi (b) (c)	245	252	296	293	291	880	777
Onshore US (d)	-	-	416	943	1,275	2,634	-
Other Americas (b) (e)	42	47	41	34	34	109	138
UK	79	66	18	45	12	75	213
Algeria (f)	201	222	219	83	-	302	840
Total	2,442	2,636	3,356	3,362	3,512	10,230	8,647
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (million barrels of oil equivalent) (g)	35.79	43.25	51.40	57.98	56.51	165.89	116.13

(a) Other Australia includes Minerva.

(b) Gulf of Mexico volumes are net of royalties.

(c) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi.

(d) Fayetteville shale acquisition completed on 31 March 2011. Petrohawk Energy Corporation acquisition completed on 20 August 2011. Onshore US volumes are net of mineral holder royalties.

(e) Other Americas includes Neptune, West Cameron 76, Genesis and Starlifter.

(f) Algeria includes ROD and Ohanet. The Ohanet Risk Sharing Contract expired in October 2011.

(g) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6,000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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ALUMINIUM

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(’000 tonnes)

ALUMINA

Production

Worsley, Australia	663	725	752	694	741	2,187	2,177
Alumar, Brazil	296	301	308	307	311	926	807
Total	959	1,026	1,060	1,001	1,052	3,113	2,984

Sales

Worsley, Australia	633	727	720	745	713	2,178	2,135
Alumar, Brazil	249	324	280	349	216	845	759
Total	882	1,051	1,000	1,093	929	3,022	2,894

ALUMINIUM

Production

Hillside, South Africa	173	179	180	180	144	504	532
Bayside, South Africa	24	24	25	24	26	75	73
Alumar, Brazil	44	43	44	42	42	128	131
Mozal, Mozambique	64	67	66	67	65	198	197
Total	305	313	315	313	277	905	933

Sales

Hillside, South Africa	163	181	163	186	141	490	471
Bayside, South Africa	38	29	24	25	27	76	98
Alumar, Brazil	43	44	44	43	31	118	130
Mozal, Mozambique	66	80	60	85	66	211	197
Total	310	334	291	339	265	895	896

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BASE METALS

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Escondida, Chile

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	100,966	97,705	69,006	96,152	103,321	268,479	302,974
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	15,993	16,399	12,029	18,663	16,449	47,141	54,479
Average copper grade	(%)	1.15%	1.06%	0.97%	0.97%	1.14%	1.03%	1.22%
Production ex mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	153.1	141.2	91.9	144.3	153.1	389.3	545.4

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	87.7	79.4	49.9	80.4	87.7	218.0	311.1
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,667	17,116	11,063	14,242	12,732	38,037	67,607
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	44.4	42.6	32.9	43.0	47.4	123.3	136.5
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	670	580	403	549	481	1,433	2,269

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	74.3	90.9	49.2	82.1	82.6	213.9	303.0
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	16,754	20,251	10,974	14,435	11,998	37,407	65,772
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	47.7	48.0	25.7	45.3	44.3	115.3	133.8
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	569	673	404	558	454	1,416	2,204

Pampa Norte, Chile

<u>Cerro Colorado</u>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	16,320	17,840	14,736	16,792	16,320	47,848	50,254
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,251	4,771	4,608	4,601	4,300	13,509	13,466
Average copper grade	(%)	0.75%	0.74%	0.72%	0.71%	0.72%	0.72%	0.75%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	22.6	25.7	22.5	23.5	18.7	64.7	66.7
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	22.5	25.7	22.4	23.8	20.2	66.4	68.6
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<u>Spence</u>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	19,046	19,487	19,816	26,511	29,982	76,309	54,583
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,892	4,545	3,862	4,909	4,279	13,050	13,886
Average copper grade	(%)	1.23%	1.22%	1.30%	1.46%	1.20%	1.33%	1.25%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	41.5	50.0	42.9	46.5	47.5	136.9	129.8
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	45.7	54.5	43.2	46.6	44.1	133.9	130.9
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BASE METALS								
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Antamina, Peru								
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	33,154	41,669	44,212	38,759	41,474	124,445	96,475
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	9,288	9,253	9,396	9,656	10,162	29,214	27,676
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	0.99%	0.90%	1.11%	1.15%	1.10%	1.12%	0.99%
- Zinc	(%)	1.15%	1.03%	0.68%	0.72%	0.84%	0.75%	1.20%
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	24.9	22.5	30.3	30.9	30.9	92.1	75.3
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	24,123	20,385	8,956	13,553	16,823	39,332	71,085
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	813	773	972	1,087	1,170	3,229	2,827
Payable lead	(tonnes)	237	164	102	205	148	455	1,026
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	334	418	595	766	521	1,882	1,027
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	26.1	23.5	28.2	31.7	30.7	90.6	75.6
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	25,571	18,479	9,586	12,654	13,464	35,704	74,420
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	839	658	833	940	1,114	2,887	2,963
Payable lead	(tonnes)	180	92	91	139	200	430	1,431
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	394	346	549	591	669	1,809	1,124
Cannington, Australia								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	703	841	819	778	756	2,353	2,269
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	713	786	826	888	778	2,492	2,304
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	377	381	332	370	367	356	429
- Lead	(%)	8.6%	8.6%	7.9%	8.8%	8.0%	8.3%	9.4%
- Zinc	(%)	3.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%
Production								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	7,315	8,242	7,559	9,056	7,836	24,451	26,983
Payable lead	(tonnes)	51,673	58,414	55,557	66,787	53,412	175,756	184,950
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	16,129	14,348	14,488	14,745	12,904	42,137	46,309
Sales								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	7,263	8,235	6,434	8,960	7,081	22,475	26,455
Payable lead	(tonnes)	52,199	58,868	48,258	66,657	49,027	163,942	183,105
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	12,986	14,530	15,734	14,078	10,780	40,592	42,084

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BASE METALS

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Olympic Dam, Australia

Material mined (a)	('000 tonnes)	2,433	2,675	2,543	2,440	2,389	7,372	7,656
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	2,670	2,533	2,471	2,440	2,195	7,106	7,797
Average copper grade	(%)	1.84%	1.92%	1.98%	2.08%	2.01%	2.02%	1.84%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.50	0.57	0.54	0.53

Production

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	47.8	47.0	37.6	51.5	45.2	134.3	134.4
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.1	2.6	8.5	9.0
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,063	1,015	1,000	909	896	2,805	3,030
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	29,892	28,429	28,376	29,765	31,952	90,093	82,939
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	258	282	217	211	228	656	700

Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	48.7	46.5	36.4	51.7	44.4	132.5	136.2
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.7	4.1	3.5	2.5	3.0	9.0	8.4
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	930	1,143	910	1,126	640	2,676	2,802
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	31,742	30,323	28,979	24,327	36,832	90,138	80,413
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	334	269	289	155	268	712	685

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	4.2	4.3
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.2	4.1	4.7
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DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS**EKATI™, Canada**

Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	1,122	1,212	1,177	1,090	1,001	3,268	3,480
Production	('000 carats)	551	576	457	481	433	1,371	1,930

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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
NICKEL							
CMSA, Colombia							
Production	7.8	7.4	10.4	12.3	13.4	36.1	32.6
Sales	8.5	8.5	7.7	13.1	13.8	34.6	33.3
Nickel West, Australia							
Production							
Nickel contained in concentrate	1.6	3.3	2.6	1.8	2.3	6.7	4.2
Nickel contained in finished matte	12.4	16.1	9.0	15.2	10.5	34.7	47.8
Nickel metal	11.2	11.4	13.1	9.1	15.5	37.7	29.9
Nickel production	25.2	30.8	24.7	26.1	28.3	79.1	81.9
Sales							
Nickel contained in concentrate	2.2	3.9	1.2	2.6	1.5	5.3	4.6
Nickel contained in finished matte	14.7	14.9	10.1	13.9	10.2	34.2	49.2
Nickel metal	9.2	12.4	9.4	10.9	14.2	34.5	31.0
Nickel sales	26.1	31.2	20.7	27.4	25.9	74.0	84.8

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IRON ORE

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(’000 tonnes)

IRON ORE (a)

Pilbara, Australia

Production

Newman (b)	11,912	12,480	13,158	13,247	11,789	38,194	32,765
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	305	284	254	334	37	625	914
Area C Joint Venture	9,510	10,044	10,479	10,437	10,343	31,259	29,750
Yandi Joint Venture	8,799	9,796	12,708	14,170	13,063	39,941	26,664
Total (BHP Billiton share)	30,526	32,604	36,599	38,188	35,232	110,019	90,093
Total production (100%)	35,913	38,358	43,058	44,927	41,449	129,434	105,991

Shipments

Lump	7,669	7,463	7,744	8,700	8,235	24,679	23,321
Fines	22,648	25,379	29,311	28,406	26,523	84,240	67,567
Total (BHP Billiton share)	30,317	32,842	37,055	37,106	34,758	108,919	90,888
Total sales (100%)	35,667	38,638	43,594	43,654	40,892	128,140	106,927

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

(b) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jumblebar.

Samarco, Brazil

Production	2,705	2,922	2,973	2,884	2,711	8,568	8,787
Shipments	2,598	2,736	2,926	2,961	2,453	8,340	8,692

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MANGANESE							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
MANGANESE ORE							
South Africa (a)							
Saleable production	514	776	911	808	917	2,636	2,231
Sales	701	746	861	853	871	2,585	2,305
Australia (a)							
Saleable production	838	1,014	1,108	998	1,123	3,229	3,072
Sales	1,127	1,108	1,094	876	1,115	3,085	2,852
MANGANESE ALLOY							
South Africa (a) (b)							
Saleable production	111	120	124	124	81	329	366
Sales	145	123	95	138	122	355	393
Australia (a)							
Saleable production	61	70	70	71	57	198	197
Sales	62	75	91	58	57	206	183

(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%, except Hotazel Manganese Mines which is 44.4%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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METALLURGICAL COAL

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(’000 tonnes)

METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

Queensland, Australia

Production

BMA

Blackwater	870	1,127	1,367	1,122	955	3,444	3,462
Goonyella	993	1,417	1,463	1,375	1,153	3,991	3,942
Peak Downs	758	543	971	992	788	2,751	2,859
Saraji	532	556	802	900	627	2,329	2,223
Norwich Park	128	386	365	369	248	982	669
Gregory Joint Venture	674	845	306	248	455	1,009	1,872
BMA total	3,955	4,874	5,274	5,006	4,226	14,506	15,027

BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

South Walker Creek	623	690	1,106	901	1,040	3,047	2,444
Poitrel	510	736	697	679	609	1,985	2,023
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,133	1,426	1,803	1,580	1,649	5,032	4,467
Queensland total	5,088	6,300	7,077	6,586	5,875	19,538	19,494

Shipments

Coking coal	3,475	4,865	5,066	4,845	4,522	14,433	15,359
Weak coking coal	970	1,411	1,691	1,747	1,595	5,033	4,509
Thermal coal	125	285	176	20	111	307	699
Total	4,570	6,561	6,933	6,612	6,228	19,773	20,567

(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%.

Illawarra, Australia

Production	1,582	1,622	2,214	1,907	1,462	5,583	5,262
Shipments							
Coking coal	1,374	1,407	1,673	1,255	1,460	4,388	4,257
Thermal coal	211	216	159	441	219	819	1,109
Total	1,585	1,623	1,832	1,696	1,679	5,207	5,366

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ENERGY COAL							
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South Africa							
Production	8,596	8,228	9,095	7,976	7,895	24,966	26,100
Sales							
Export	2,887	3,082	3,439	3,546	3,807	10,792	9,299
Local utility	5,254	5,363	5,622	4,582	4,397	14,601	15,945
Inland	78	37	85	165	124	374	284
Total	8,219	8,482	9,146	8,293	8,328	25,767	25,528
New Mexico, USA							
Production							
Navajo Coal	1,629	2,271	1,178	2,060	1,913	5,151	5,201
San Juan Coal	731	1,508	1,289	103	196	1,588	2,632
Total	2,360	3,779	2,467	2,163	2,109	6,739	7,833
Sales - local utility	3,385	3,106	3,630	3,108	3,057	9,795	10,085
NSW Energy Coal, Australia							
Production	3,978	3,793	4,046	4,027	4,291	12,364	9,878
Sales							
Export	3,824	3,522	3,523	3,566	3,160	10,249	9,703
Inland	339	364	625	333	297	1,255	923
Total	4,163	3,886	4,148	3,899	3,457	11,504	10,626
Cerrejon Coal, Colombia							
Production	2,609	2,538	2,852	2,753	2,953	8,558	7,351
Sales - export	2,149	2,853	2,901	2,784	2,652	8,337	7,597