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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
<b>PETROLEUM</b>									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	19,200	18,866	<b>18,221</b>	<b>55,569</b>	61,939	-10%	-5%	-3%
Natural gas	(bcf)	84.90	214.49	<b>208.67</b>	<b>600.51</b>	273.27	120%	146%	-3%
NGL	('000 boe)	2,442	3,362	<b>3,512</b>	<b>10,230</b>	8,647	18%	44%	4%
Total petroleum products	(million boe)	35.79	57.98	<b>56.51</b>	<b>165.89</b>	116.13	43%	58%	-3%
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	959	1,001	<b>1,052</b>	<b>3,113</b>	2,984	4%	10%	5%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	305	313	<b>277</b>	<b>905</b>	933	-3%	-9%	-12%
<b>BASE METALS</b>									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	273.6	280.3	<b>281.4</b>	<b>782.0</b>	867.1	-10%	3%	0%
Lead	(tonnes)	51,910	66,992	<b>53,560</b>	<b>176,211</b>	185,976	-5%	3%	-20%
Zinc	(tonnes)	40,252	28,298	<b>29,727</b>	<b>81,469</b>	117,394	-31%	-26%	5%
Gold	(ounces)	49,559	44,007	<b>44,684</b>	<b>128,130</b>	150,546	-15%	-10%	2%
Silver	('000 ounces)	9,056	10,903	<b>9,715</b>	<b>29,769</b>	32,779	-9%	7%	-11%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,063	909	<b>896</b>	<b>2,805</b>	3,030	-7%	-16%	-1%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	334	766	<b>521</b>	<b>1,882</b>	1,027	83%	56%	-32%
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	551	481	<b>433</b>	<b>1,371</b>	1,930	-29%	-21%	-10%
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	33.0	38.4	<b>41.7</b>	<b>115.2</b>	114.5	1%	26%	9%
<b>IRON ORE</b>									
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	33,231	41,072	<b>37,943</b>	<b>118,587</b>	98,880	20%	14%	-8%
<b>MANGANESE</b>									
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,352	1,806	<b>2,040</b>	<b>5,865</b>	5,303	11%	51%	13%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	172	195	<b>138</b>	<b>527</b>	563	-6%	-20%	-29%
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>									
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	6,670	8,493	<b>7,337</b>	<b>25,121</b>	24,756	1%	10%	-14%
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>									
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	17,543	16,919	<b>17,248</b>	<b>52,627</b>	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	
<b>PETROLEUM</b>								
<b>Production</b>								
Crude oil & condensate ('000 bbl)	19,200	18,652	18,482	18,866	<b>18,221</b>	<b>55,569</b>	61,939	
Natural gas (bcf)	84.90	131.79	177.35	214.49	<b>208.67</b>	<b>600.51</b>	273.27	
NGL ('000 boe) (a)	2,442	2,636	3,356	3,362	<b>3,512</b>	<b>10,230</b>	8,647	
Total petroleum products (million boe)	35.79	43.25	51.40	57.98	<b>56.51</b>	<b>165.89</b>	116.13	
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>								
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<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Worsley	86%	663	725	752	694	<b>741</b>	<b>2,187</b>	2,177
Alumar	36%	296	301	308	307	<b>311</b>	<b>926</b>	807
Total		959	1,026	1,060	1,001	<b>1,052</b>	<b>3,113</b>	2,984
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Hillside	100%	173	179	180	180	<b>144</b>	<b>504</b>	532
Bayside	100%	24	24	25	24	<b>26</b>	<b>75</b>	73
Alumar	40%	44	43	44	42	<b>42</b>	<b>128</b>	131
Mozal	47%	64	67	66	67	<b>65</b>	<b>198</b>	197
Total		305	313	315	313	<b>277</b>	<b>905</b>	933
<b>BASE METALS (b)</b>								
<b>COPPER</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	87.7	79.4	49.9	80.4	<b>87.7</b>	<b>218.0</b>	311.1
Antamina	33.8%	24.9	22.5	30.3	30.9	<b>30.9</b>	<b>92.1</b>	75.3
Total		112.6	101.9	80.2	111.3	<b>118.6</b>	<b>310.1</b>	386.4
<b>Cathode ('000 tonnes)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	44.4	42.6	32.9	43.0	<b>47.4</b>	<b>123.3</b>	136.5
Pampa Norte (c)	100%	64.1	75.7	65.4	70.0	<b>66.2</b>	<b>201.6</b>	196.5
Pinto Valley	100%	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	4.3
Olympic Dam	100%	51.1	50.7	40.4	54.6	<b>47.8</b>	<b>142.8</b>	143.4
Total		161.0	170.4	140.1	169.0	<b>162.8</b>	<b>471.9</b>	480.7
<b>LEAD</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Cannington	100%	51,673	58,414	55,557	66,787	<b>53,412</b>	<b>175,756</b>	184,950
Antamina	33.8%	237	164	102	205	<b>148</b>	<b>455</b>	1,026
Total		51,910	58,578	55,659	66,992	<b>53,560</b>	<b>176,211</b>	185,976
<b>ZINC</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Cannington	100%	16,129	14,348	14,488	14,745	<b>12,904</b>	<b>42,137</b>	46,309
Antamina	33.8%	24,123	20,385	8,956	13,553	<b>16,823</b>	<b>39,332</b>	71,085
Total		40,252	34,733	23,444	28,298	<b>29,727</b>	<b>81,469</b>	117,394

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

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

- (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%.

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

(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	<b>741</b>	<b>2,187</b>	2,177
Alumar, Brazil	296	301	308	307	<b>311</b>	<b>926</b>	807
<b>Total</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>3,113</b>	2,984

##### Sales

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

#### ALUMINIUM

##### Production

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

##### Sales

Hillside, South Africa	163	181	163	186	<b>141</b>	<b>490</b>	471
Bayside, South Africa	38	29	24	25	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>	98
Alumar, Brazil	43	44	44	43	<b>31</b>	<b>118</b>	130
Mozal, Mozambique	66	80	60	85	<b>66</b>	<b>211</b>	197
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>895</b>	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	<b>103,321</b>	<b>268,479</b>	302,974
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	15,993	16,399	12,029	18,663	<b>16,449</b>	<b>47,141</b>	54,479
Average copper grade	(%)	1.15%	1.06%	0.97%	0.97%	<b>1.14%</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	1.22%
Production ex mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	153.1	141.2	91.9	144.3	<b>153.1</b>	<b>389.3</b>	545.4

#### Production

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

#### Sales

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

#### Pampa Norte, Chile

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

#### Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	22.6	25.7	22.5	23.5	<b>18.7</b>	<b>64.7</b>	66.7
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#### Sales

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

#### Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	41.5	50.0	42.9	46.5	<b>47.5</b>	<b>136.9</b>	129.8
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#### Sales

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

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

#### Production

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

#### Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	48.7	46.5	36.4	51.7	<b>44.4</b>	<b>132.5</b>	136.2
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.7	4.1	3.5	2.5	<b>3.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	8.4
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	930	1,143	910	1,126	<b>640</b>	<b>2,676</b>	2,802
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	31,742	30,323	28,979	24,327	<b>36,832</b>	<b>90,138</b>	80,413
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	334	269	289	155	<b>268</b>	<b>712</b>	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	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	4.3
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##### Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.2	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	4.7
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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)	1,122	1,212	1,177	1,090	<b>1,001</b>	<b>3,268</b>	3,480
<b>Production</b>	('000 carats)	551	576	457	481	<b>433</b>	<b>1,371</b>	1,930

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



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### IRON ORE

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

#### IRON ORE (a)

##### Pilbara, Australia

###### Production

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

###### Shipments

Lump	7,669	7,463	7,744	8,700	<b>8,235</b>	<b>24,679</b>	23,321
Fines	22,648	25,379	29,311	28,406	<b>26,523</b>	<b>84,240</b>	67,567
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<u>30,317</u>	<u>32,842</u>	<u>37,055</u>	<u>37,106</u>	<b>34,758</b>	<b>108,919</b>	90,888
Total sales (100%)	35,667	38,638	43,594	43,654	<b>40,892</b>	<b>128,140</b>	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	<b>2,711</b>	<b>8,568</b>	8,787
Shipments	2,598	2,736	2,926	2,961	<b>2,453</b>	<b>8,340</b>	8,692

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<b>MANGANESE</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
<b>MANGANESE ORE</b>							
<b>South Africa (a)</b>							
Saleable production	514	776	911	808	<b>917</b>	<b>2,636</b>	2,231
Sales	701	746	861	853	<b>871</b>	<b>2,585</b>	2,305
<b>Australia (a)</b>							
Saleable production	838	1,014	1,108	998	<b>1,123</b>	<b>3,229</b>	3,072
Sales	1,127	1,108	1,094	876	<b>1,115</b>	<b>3,085</b>	2,852
<b>MANGANESE ALLOY</b>							
<b>South Africa (a) (b)</b>							
Saleable production	111	120	124	124	<b>81</b>	<b>329</b>	366
Sales	145	123	95	138	<b>122</b>	<b>355</b>	393
<b>Australia (a)</b>							
Saleable production	61	70	70	71	<b>57</b>	<b>198</b>	197
Sales	62	75	91	58	<b>57</b>	<b>206</b>	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	<b>955</b>	<b>3,444</b>	3,462
Goonyella	993	1,417	1,463	1,375	<b>1,153</b>	<b>3,991</b>	3,942
Peak Downs	758	543	971	992	<b>788</b>	<b>2,751</b>	2,859
Saraji	532	556	802	900	<b>627</b>	<b>2,329</b>	2,223
Norwich Park	128	386	365	369	<b>248</b>	<b>982</b>	669
Gregory Joint Venture	674	845	306	248	<b>455</b>	<b>1,009</b>	1,872
<b>BMA total</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>14,506</b>	15,027

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

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

###### Shipments

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

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

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<b>ENERGY COAL</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
<b>South Africa</b>							
<b>Production</b>	8,596	8,228	9,095	7,976	<b>7,895</b>	<b>24,966</b>	26,100
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	2,887	3,082	3,439	3,546	<b>3,807</b>	<b>10,792</b>	9,299
Local utility	5,254	5,363	5,622	4,582	<b>4,397</b>	<b>14,601</b>	15,945
Inland	78	37	85	165	<b>124</b>	<b>374</b>	284
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,219</b>	<b>8,482</b>	<b>9,146</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>8,328</b>	<b>25,767</b>	25,528
<b>New Mexico, USA</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Navajo Coal	1,629	2,271	1,178	2,060	<b>1,913</b>	<b>5,151</b>	5,201
San Juan Coal	731	1,508	1,289	103	<b>196</b>	<b>1,588</b>	2,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>6,739</b>	7,833
<b>Sales - local utility</b>	3,385	3,106	3,630	3,108	<b>3,057</b>	<b>9,795</b>	10,085
<b>NSW Energy Coal, Australia</b>							
<b>Production</b>	3,978	3,793	4,046	4,027	<b>4,291</b>	<b>12,364</b>	9,878
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	3,824	3,522	3,523	3,566	<b>3,160</b>	<b>10,249</b>	9,703
Inland	339	364	625	333	<b>297</b>	<b>1,255</b>	923
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,163</b>	<b>3,886</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>11,504</b>	10,626
<b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>							
<b>Production</b>	2,609	2,538	2,852	2,753	<b>2,953</b>	<b>8,558</b>	7,351
<b>Sales - export</b>	2,149	2,853	2,901	2,784	<b>2,652</b>	<b>8,337</b>	7,597