

# Decarbonising steelmaking: technology options and regional pathways

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### **Climate change scenarios**

#### Our portfolio is tested across a range of futures



# Steel emissions have roughly doubled in the last three decades, with rising demand dominating a major efficiency uplift



Source: Worldsteel; BHP analysis.

1. Estimated emissions from direct steelmaking process (captive sintering, pelletising, coking, ironmaking, steelmaking, casting and hot-rolling) and purchased power.

2. Regional capacity-weighted average age for the integrated steel plants. This is a sample estimate, not a census of all operations.

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### BAU passive abatement to barely offset demand growth to 2050



Source: BHP analysis; worldsteel.

1. Steel output increase multiplied with initial base year emissions intensity.

2. Includes technological shifts, efficiency gains and passive abatement levers such as steel metallic and power mix changes from 1990 to 2019.

 Central-case scrap availability increase and business-as-usual natural-gas DRI development in gas-rich traditional markets. Note: BAU means business-as-usual.

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### BHP's three stage steel decarbonisation framework

Each region will transit through these stages at its own pace, based on unique local conditions faced by steelmakers

#### **Optimisation stage** 20% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction vs. BAU



#### **Energy Optimisation**

- Waste heat recovery
- Blast furnace top gas recovery turbines
- Coke dry quenching

#### **Technology Improvements**

• Thin slab / strip casting

#### **Raw Material Optimisation**

- Higher quality iron ore
- Premium hard metallurgical coal
- Increased scrap-to-steel ratio

#### **Transition stage** 50-60% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction vs. BAU



#### **Low Carbon Fuels**

- Biomass
- BF hydrogen injection

#### **Modified Blast Furnace**

- Oxygen blast furnace
- Use of metallics

#### **End of Pipe Solutions**

- CCUS within integrated steelmaking
- CCUS with alternate technologies

#### **Green end state** 90% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction vs. BAU

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#### **Direct Reduction**

Hydrogen based DRI

#### **New Technologies**

- Direct electrolysis
- Hydrogen flash smelting

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### Key regions in 2050 under Central and Lower Carbon cases





### Global scenarios and a bottom-up view of regional pathways



Source: BHP analysis; IEA.

Note: BHP Central Energy View (Central-case) tracks 3°C temperature increase above pre-industrial level. BHP Lower Carbon View tracks approximately 2.5°C increase. IEA State Policies Scenario (STEPS) is the baseline scenario in its Iron and Steel Technology Roadmap 2020. The IEA Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS) tracks 1.5~1.65°C temperature rise.

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Appendix

### Most of our commodities benefit in a decarbonising world

As decarbonisation accelerates the world will require more copper, nickel, potash and steel





### Snapshot of global steelmaking as of 2019

Country / Region	Crude steel (Mt)	Global share (%)	BOF / OHF share (%)	EAF / IF share (%)	DRI in EAF (%) <sup>2</sup>	BF plant age <sup>3</sup> (years)
China	996	53	90	10	1	12
India	111	6	44	56	57	18
Developed APAC	199	11	71	29	1	37
Other APAC	48 <sup>1</sup>	3	31	69	5	6
European Union	159	8	59	41	6	45
CIS and Other Europe	140	7	61	39	9	50
North America	120	6	32	68	14	53
South America	41	2	67	33	7	34
Middle East and Africa	61	3	10	90	87	42
Global	1,875	100	72	28	21	21

Sources: worldsteel; BHP estimates.

BOF - basic oxygen furnace; OHF - open hearth furnace; EAF - electric arc furnace; IF - induction furnace.

1. With some adjustment with possible hidden induction furnace production in Other Asia to balance global steel production and demand.

2. Estimated direct reduced iron (DRI) consumption = (production + net import) / EAF production.

3. Regional capacity-weighted average age for the integrated steel plants. This is a sample estimate, not a census of all operations.

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### Steel emissions by 2050 for key regions

#### Regional steel emissions 2019 – 2050

(Mt CO<sub>2</sub>)



### Partnering with China Baowu to address Scope 3 emissions

Supporting industry decarbonisation in line with our Scope 3 goals through partnership with one of the world's largest steel makers

#### Steel sector decarbonisation

- First major project under BHP's Climate Investment Program
- 5 year partnership with China Baowu focussing on:
  - Capturing emissions across the integrated steelmaking process; CCUS pilot at one of China Baowu's blast furnace facilities
  - R&D in hydrogen and oxygen enrichment in blast furnaces
  - Low carbon technologies with potential to reduce carbon emission intensity by up to 60%
  - ✓ Establishing a knowledge centre for industry stakeholders

01 Reduce Reduce emission intensity at their source through process improvement and raw material optimisation



**02 Capture** Capture emissions across the steel making process through application of CCUS technology



