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## **BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2008**

BHP Billiton delivered a solid performance in the first quarter of the 2009 financial year. This was achieved within a challenging supply environment characterised by unexpected disruptions, including the hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Consistent with the outlook statement given at our interim and preliminary results, China has not been immune to the global slowdown. Macroeconomic indicators show that Chinese growth has softened during the quarter, albeit from very high levels. We expect volatility and uncertainty to continue in the short term. Notwithstanding this short term uncertainty, we remain confident that the ongoing industrialisation and urbanisation of China and other developing economies will continue to drive strong longer term demand for our products.

Our uniquely diversified portfolio of low cost and high quality assets places us at a competitive advantage in the current uncertain environment and we are well positioned to capitalise as markets recover. Our strong cash flow and balance sheet allows us to re-invest throughout the cycle, in our growth projects that are focused on lower risk brownfield expansions in high margin commodities.

- **Quarterly production records delivered at Hunter Valley Coal, Mining Area C, Saraji (all Australia), Samarco (Brazil), Samancor Manganese (South Africa), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and Zamzama (Pakistan) operations.**
- **Record quarterly shipments for iron ore to meet customer demand.**
- **Samarco Third Pellet Plant (Brazil) successfully ramped up to full design capacity.**
- **Olympic Dam (Australia) achieved a quarterly record for ore hoisted and material mined.**
- **Petroleum production was 15 per cent higher than the September 2007 quarter due to newly commissioned projects and strong operational performance. This was achieved despite the impact of two hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico (USA).**
- **Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter (Australia) rebuild was successfully completed ahead of schedule.**

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>PETROLEUM</b>			
Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl)	18,922	31%	-7%
Natural Gas (bcf)	95.28	0%	0%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	34.80	15%	-4%

**Total Petroleum Products** – Production was 15 per cent higher than the September 2007 quarter driven by the ramp up of new projects delivered in the 2008 financial year. In addition two new projects commenced during the quarter, Neptune (USA) and North West Shelf Train 5 (Australia), contributing additional volumes. Two million barrels of oil equivalent was delayed due to the impact of two hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

As announced by the operator, the Mad Dog (USA) drilling rig was lost as a result of Hurricane Ike. The facility was shut down for part of the September 2008 quarter. It is currently anticipated that production will resume in the next quarter. The operator and other owners are currently examining options to permanently address the rig loss at Mad Dog.

**Crude Oil, Condensate, and Natural Gas Liquids** – Production was 31 per cent higher than the September 2007 quarter due to significant growth in high margin crude production from new projects. This was achieved despite the impact of two hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Production was slightly lower than the previous quarter, mainly due to the impact of hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and unplanned interruptions at Bruce (UK).

**Natural Gas** – Production was in line with the September 2007 quarterly production record and the prior quarter.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>			
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	1,098	-5%	-4%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	309	-8%	1%

**Alumina** – Production decreased for the quarter mainly due to scheduled maintenance at Alumar (Brazil) and Worsley (Australia). Stockpiled hydrate from the calciner outages at Alumar and Worsley is expected to be processed next quarter.

**Aluminium** – The Southern African smelters continued to operate at reduced levels to comply with the mandatory reduction in power consumption. The September 2008 quarter included the complete shutdown of the B and C potlines at Bayside (South Africa).

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>BASE METALS</b>			
Copper ('000 tonnes)	308.9	0%	-21%
Lead (tonnes)	58,252	-5%	10%
Zinc (tonnes)	41,761	12%	-4%
Silver ('000 ounces)	10,300	-7%	12%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	1,110	19%	8%

**Copper** – Production was in line with the September 2007 quarter driven by the continued ramp up of Spence and Escondida Sulphide Leach (both Chile) and improved reliability, head grade and recovery at Olympic Dam; this was offset by lower production at Escondida.

In line with expectations, production was lower than the June 2008 quarter. Escondida's production was impacted by declining ore grade and poor reliability in the electrical motor of the Laguna Seca SAG mill. Escondida has reduced throughput to minimise potential of further stoppages. However, this will result in reduced copper concentrate production until a permanent solution is implemented within an estimated nine month period.

The impact to total copper production at Escondida is estimated to be around 10 per cent in the 2009 financial year. This is in addition to the impact of grade decline announced in the June 2008 quarter.

**Lead** – Production was lower than the September 2007 quarter due to lower head grades at Cannington (Australia) and Antamina (Peru). Production was higher than the June 2008 quarter due to increased mill throughput.

**Zinc** – Production was higher than the September 2007 quarter mainly due to improved grade at Antamina.

**Silver** – Production decreased versus the September 2007 quarter due to lower grades at Cannington and Antamina. Lower production at Escondida was in line with lower concentrate production. This was partially offset by improved mining performance at Olympic Dam.

Production increased versus the June 2008 quarter primarily due to increased mill throughput at Cannington and improved mining performance at Olympic Dam.

**Uranium** – Production increased versus all comparative quarters due to an improvement in uranium recovery at Olympic Dam. Olympic Dam also achieved a record for ore hoisted and material mined.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>DIAMONDS &amp; SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>			
Diamonds ('000 carats)	773	-24%	-11%

**Diamonds** – Production decreased compared to the June 2008 and September 2007 quarters mainly due to lower grades and a change in ore source. As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time. During the quarter Ekati processed a higher proportion of higher value carats from Koala underground as production continues to ramp up.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>			
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	26.8	-31%	-37%

**Nickel** – In line with expectations, production for the quarter was affected by a major furnace rebuild at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter. The Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia) was shut down for the same duration for maintenance activities. The furnace rebuild was successfully completed ahead of schedule. Production at the smelter is now back at full capacity and the refinery is expected to be at full capacity by the end of October 2008. In addition, Yabulu (Australia) was impacted by planned maintenance. This was partially offset by the continued ramp up of Ravensthorpe and the Yabulu Extension Project (both Australia).

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>IRON ORE</b>			
Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (a)	29,824	15%	0%

**Iron Ore** – Record shipments were achieved for the quarter ended September 2008. Production was 15 per cent higher than the September 2007 quarter due to the successful execution of a series of growth projects in Western Australia.

In addition, Samarco (Brazil) set a quarterly production record as the operations benefited from the successful ramp up of the third pellet plant.

Production at Western Australian Iron Ore for the September 2008 quarter was impacted by the temporary suspension of operations following safety incidents.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>MANGANESE</b>			
Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)	1,830	27%	-1%
Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)	203	10%	7%

**Manganese Ore** – Production was higher than the September 2007 quarter due to improved mine performance at GEMCO (Australia) and Hotazel (South Africa) and increased availability of rail and port capacity in South Africa.

Production for the quarter was in line with the June 2008 quarter. The South African operations achieved a fourth consecutive quarterly record. GEMCO production was impacted by maintenance and tie-in activities for its expansion project.

**Manganese Alloy** – Production for the quarter was higher than both comparative quarters despite the impact of the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption and load shedding in South Africa.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>			
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	9,209	-4%	1%

**Metallurgical Coal** – Production continued to recover strongly from the wet weather events earlier in the year with record production for the quarter achieved at Saraji. Mines are now operating at full capacity whilst continuing to manage water and mud removal. Queensland Coal (Australia) had record shipments for the quarter.

Illawarra Coal's (Australia) production decreased for the quarter mainly due to extended longwall change outs.

	SEPT 2008 QTR	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>			
Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) (b)	18,796	11%	0%

**Energy Coal** – Quarterly production records were achieved at Cerrejon Coal and Hunter Valley Coal. Production at New Mexico Coal (USA) was higher than the September 2007 quarter due to increased operational efficiencies at Navajo (USA). Moreover, the comparative quarter was impacted by poor geological conditions at San Juan (USA). Production was in line with the quarter ended June 2008.

(a) Including Goldsworthy operations classified as continuing operations as at 1 July 2008. Reclassification is consistent with the long term mine production strategy.

(b) Excluding Optimum operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007

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

This report together with the Exploration and Development Report represent the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. There have been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 30 September 2008.

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

		QUARTER ENDED			QUARTER ENDED		% CHANGE	
		SEPT 2007	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2007	SEPT Q08 vs SEPT Q07	SEPT Q08 vs JUNE Q08
<b>PETROLEUM</b>								
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	11,299	17,588	<b>16,182</b>	<b>16,182</b>	11,299	43%	-8%
Natural gas	(bcf)	95.68	95.37	<b>95.28</b>	<b>95.28</b>	95.68	0%	0%
Natural gas liquid	('000 bbl)	3,095	2,743	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,740</b>	3,095	-11%	0%
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	30.34	36.23	<b>34.80</b>	<b>34.80</b>	30.34	15%	-4%
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>								
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,153	1,149	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>	1,153	-5%	-4%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	337	305	<b>309</b>	<b>309</b>	337	-8%	1%
<b>BASE METALS</b>								
Copper	('000 tonnes)	307.8	390.7	<b>308.9</b>	<b>308.9</b>	307.8	0%	-21%
Lead	(tonnes)	61,521	53,176	<b>58,252</b>	<b>58,252</b>	61,521	-5%	10%
Zinc	(tonnes)	37,259	43,454	<b>41,761</b>	<b>41,761</b>	37,259	12%	-4%
Gold	(ounces)	40,313	38,424	<b>41,751</b>	<b>41,751</b>	40,313	4%	9%
Silver	('000 ounces)	11,124	9,236	<b>10,300</b>	<b>10,300</b>	11,124	-7%	12%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	933	1,027	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,110</b>	933	19%	8%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	693	590	<b>608</b>	<b>608</b>	693	-12%	3%
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>								
Diamonds	('000 carats)	1,022	864	<b>773</b>	<b>773</b>	1,022	-24%	-11%
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>								
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	38.6	42.6	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.8</b>	38.6	-31%	-37%
<b>IRON ORE</b>								
Iron ore (a)	('000 tonnes)	26,001	29,924	<b>29,824</b>	<b>29,824</b>	26,001	15%	0%
<b>MANGANESE</b>								
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,445	1,851	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,830</b>	1,445	27%	-1%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	184	190	<b>203</b>	<b>203</b>	184	10%	7%
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>								
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	9,572	9,132	<b>9,210</b>	<b>9,210</b>	9,572	-4%	1%
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>								
Energy coal (b)	('000 tonnes)	19,623	21,353	<b>18,796</b>	<b>18,796</b>	19,623	-4%	-12%

(a) Including Goldsworthy operations classified as continuing operations as at 1 July 2008. Reclassification is consistent with the long term mine production strategy.

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

Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2007
<b>PETROLEUM</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Crude oil & condensate ('000 bbl)	11,299	12,317	16,240	17,588	<b>16,182</b>	<b>16,182</b>	11,299
Natural gas (bcf)	95.68	91.21	85.76	95.37	<b>95.28</b>	<b>95.28</b>	95.68
NGL (a) ('000 bbl)	3,095	2,685	2,201	2,743	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,740</b>	3,095
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	30.34	30.20	32.73	36.23	<b>34.80</b>	<b>34.80</b>	30.34

**ALUMINIUM**
**ALUMINA**
**Production ('000 tonnes)**

Worsley	86%	784	771	712	768	<b>733</b>	<b>733</b>	784
Suriname	45%	244	252	247	240	<b>241</b>	<b>241</b>	244
Alumar	36%	125	134	136	141	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	125
Total		1,153	1,157	1,095	1,149	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>	1,153

**ALUMINIUM**
**Production ('000 tonnes)**

Hillside	100%	178	180	167	170	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	178
Bayside	100%	48	47	44	29	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	48
Alumar	40%	44	44	45	45	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	44
Mozal	47%	67	67	62	61	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	67
Total		337	338	318	305	<b>309</b>	<b>309</b>	337

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

Escondida	57.5%	167.0	177.3	157.0	178.2	<b>116.8</b>	<b>116.8</b>	167.0
Antamina	33.8%	27.5	29.3	24.1	30.8	<b>28.4</b>	<b>28.4</b>	27.5
Pinto Valley (d)	100%	-	5.2	9.6	12.0	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	-
Total		194.5	211.8	190.7	221.0	<b>159.4</b>	<b>159.4</b>	194.5

**Cathode ('000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	30.9	30.3	30.1	40.3	<b>35.6</b>	<b>35.6</b>	30.9
Cerro Colorado	100%	23.1	27.3	28.7	27.3	<b>21.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>	23.1
Spence (c)	100%	23.9	34.2	41.6	43.0	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.7</b>	23.9
Pinto Valley (d)	100%	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	1.8
Olympic Dam	100%	33.6	42.8	36.0	57.5	<b>54.8</b>	<b>54.8</b>	33.6
Total		113.3	136.3	138.2	169.7	<b>149.5</b>	<b>149.5</b>	113.3

**LEAD**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	61,073	70,369	67,505	52,601	<b>57,768</b>	<b>57,768</b>	61,073
Antamina	33.8%	448	175	380	575	<b>484</b>	<b>484</b>	448
Total		61,521	70,544	67,885	53,176	<b>58,252</b>	<b>58,252</b>	61,521

**ZINC**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	14,503	15,487	13,735	17,244	<b>14,449</b>	<b>14,449</b>	14,503
Antamina	33.8%	22,756	12,320	22,235	26,210	<b>27,312</b>	<b>27,312</b>	22,756
Total		37,259	27,807	35,970	43,454	<b>41,761</b>	<b>41,761</b>	37,259

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2007

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

Escondida	57.5%	23,194	21,376	17,660	17,501	<b>14,391</b>	<b>14,391</b>	23,194
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	17,119	24,338	18,555	20,505	<b>27,360</b>	<b>27,360</b>	17,119
Pinto Valley (d)	100%	-	-	1,300	418	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>40,313</b>	<b>45,714</b>	<b>37,515</b>	<b>38,424</b>	<b>41,751</b>	<b>41,751</b>	<b>40,313</b>

**SILVER**
**Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)**

Escondida	57.5%	1,116	877	790	821	<b>668</b>	<b>668</b>	1,116
Antamina	33.8%	1,056	652	803	994	<b>932</b>	<b>932</b>	1,056
Cannington	100%	8,759	10,124	9,421	7,181	<b>8,391</b>	<b>8,391</b>	8,759
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	193	239	169	179	<b>244</b>	<b>244</b>	193
Pinto Valley (d)	100%	-	13	38	62	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,124</b>	<b>11,905</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>9,236</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>11,124</b>

**URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Olympic Dam	100%	933	1,191	993	1,027	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,110</b>	933
<b>Total</b>		<b>933</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>933</b>

**MOLYBDENUM**
**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Antamina	33.8%	693	679	580	590	<b>514</b>	<b>514</b>	693
Pinto Valley (d)	100%	-	-	-	-	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>693</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>693</b>

**DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS**
**DIAMONDS**
**Production ('000 carats)**

Ekati™	80%	1,022	843	620	864	<b>773</b>	<b>773</b>	1,022
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**STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS**
**NICKEL**
**Production ('000 tonnes)**

CMSA	99.9%	12.5	11.4	7.8	10.1	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	12.5
Yabulu	100%	5.5	6.0	6.2	10.3	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	5.5
Nickel West	100%	20.6	26.3	29.0	22.1	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	20.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>38.6</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>38.6</b>

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
		SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2007
<b>IRON ORE</b>								
<b>Production ('000 tonnes) (e)</b>								
Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	7,904	8,147	7,265	7,013	<b>7,210</b>	<b>7,210</b>	7,904
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	134	170	386	251	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>	134
Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,916	6,474	7,114	8,626	<b>9,209</b>	<b>9,209</b>	4,916
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	9,823	9,770	10,061	10,622	<b>8,961</b>	<b>8,961</b>	9,823
Jimblebar	85%	1,157	1,248	1,660	1,054	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,461</b>	1,157
Samarco	50%	2,067	2,107	1,933	2,357	<b>2,751</b>	<b>2,751</b>	2,067
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,001</b>	<b>27,916</b>	<b>28,419</b>	<b>29,924</b>	<b>29,824</b>	<b>29,824</b>	<b>26,001</b>

**MANGANESE**
**MANGANESE ORES**
**Saleable production ('000 tonnes)**

South Africa (f)	60%	572	709	877	882	<b>929</b>	<b>929</b>	572
Australia (f)	60%	873	904	789	969	<b>901</b>	<b>901</b>	873
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,445</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,830</b>	<b>1,445</b>

**MANGANESE ALLOYS**
**Saleable production ('000 tonnes)**

South Africa (f) (g)	60%	123	141	125	124	<b>133</b>	<b>133</b>	123
Australia (f)	60%	61	68	67	66	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	61
<b>Total</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>184</b>

**METALLURGICAL COAL**
**Production ('000 tonnes) (h)**

BMA	50%	5,917	6,138	4,232	6,508	<b>6,384</b>	<b>6,384</b>	5,917
BHP Mitsui Coal (i)	80%	1,454	1,526	847	1,306	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,633</b>	1,454
Illawarra	100%	2,201	1,979	1,767	1,318	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,193</b>	2,201
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,572</b>	<b>9,643</b>	<b>6,846</b>	<b>9,132</b>	<b>9,210</b>	<b>9,210</b>	<b>9,572</b>

**ENERGY COAL**
**Production ('000 tonnes)**

South Africa	100%	11,706	11,277	11,129	10,960	<b>9,009</b>	<b>9,009</b>	11,706
USA	100%	2,511	3,671	2,636	4,834	<b>4,005</b>	<b>4,005</b>	2,511
Australia	100%	2,918	2,959	2,965	2,934	<b>2,975</b>	<b>2,975</b>	2,918
Colombia	33%	2,488	2,702	2,553	2,625	<b>2,807</b>	<b>2,807</b>	2,488
<b>Total</b>		<b>19,623</b>	<b>20,609</b>	<b>19,283</b>	<b>21,353</b>	<b>18,796</b>	<b>18,796</b>	<b>19,623</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) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.
- (d) The Pinto Valley operations were restarted during the December 2007 quarter.
- (e) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (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				QUARTER ENDED		
	SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007
<b>PETROLEUM</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
<b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)</b>							
Bass Strait	3,638	3,103	2,918	3,184	<b>3,412</b>	<b>3,412</b>	3,638
North West Shelf (a)	2,532	2,493	1,912	2,153	<b>2,115</b>	<b>2,115</b>	2,532
Atlantis (b)	-	615	3,320	3,471	<b>2,232</b>	<b>2,232</b>	-
Shenzi (b)	-	32	194	322	<b>188</b>	<b>188</b>	-
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	923	946	935	836	<b>680</b>	<b>680</b>	923
ROD / Ohanet	1,830	1,709	1,628	1,555	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,624</b>	1,830
Other (c)	2,376	3,419	5,333	6,066	<b>5,931</b>	<b>5,931</b>	2,376
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,299</b>	<b>12,317</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>17,588</b>	<b>16,182</b>	<b>16,182</b>	<b>11,299</b>
<b>NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (d)</b>							
Bass Strait	39.77	28.41	22.44	33.31	<b>37.08</b>	<b>37.08</b>	39.77
North West Shelf (a)	27.17	28.13	26.43	26.76	<b>27.01</b>	<b>27.01</b>	27.17
Atlantis (b)	-	0.12	1.54	2.07	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.25</b>	-
Shenzi (b)	-	0.01	0.06	0.07	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>	-
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	8.87	12.70	12.32	11.32	<b>7.51</b>	<b>7.51</b>	8.87
Other (c)	19.87	21.84	22.97	21.83	<b>22.39</b>	<b>22.39</b>	19.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.68</b>	<b>91.21</b>	<b>85.76</b>	<b>95.37</b>	<b>95.28</b>	<b>95.28</b>	<b>95.68</b>
<b>NGL ('000 barrels)</b>							
Bass Strait	2,327	1,801	1,571	2,056	<b>2,149</b>	<b>2,149</b>	2,327
North West Shelf (a)	438	417	300	343	<b>364</b>	<b>364</b>	438
Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith	48	153	109	116	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	48
ROD / Ohanet	282	314	221	228	<b>186</b>	<b>186</b>	282
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,685</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>3,095</b>
<b>TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b>	<b>30.34</b>	<b>30.20</b>	<b>32.73</b>	<b>36.23</b>	<b>34.80</b>	<b>34.80</b>	<b>30.34</b>
<b>(million barrels of oil equivalent) (d)</b>							

(a) North West Shelf LNG Train 5 was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter.

(b) The Atlantis and Genghis Khan operations were commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. Genghis Khan is reported in Shenzi.

(c) Other includes Neptune, Stybarrow, Griffin, Minerva, Angostura, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis, Starlifter, and Pakistan. The Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter and the Neptune operation was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter.

(d) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007

### ALUMINIUM

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

#### ALUMINA

##### Production

Worsley, Australia	784	771	712	768	<b>733</b>	<b>733</b>	784
Paranam, Suriname	244	252	247	240	<b>241</b>	<b>241</b>	244
Alumar, Brazil	125	134	136	141	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,153</b>

##### Sales

Worsley, Australia	792	803	683	703	<b>781</b>	<b>781</b>	792
Paranam, Suriname	244	265	246	261	<b>216</b>	<b>216</b>	244
Alumar, Brazil	131	128	135	137	<b>128</b>	<b>128</b>	131
<b>Total (a)</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,167</b>

### ALUMINIUM

##### Production

Hillside, South Africa	178	180	167	170	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	178
Bayside, South Africa	48	47	44	29	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	48
Alumar, Brazil	44	44	45	45	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	44
Mozal, Mozambique	67	67	62	61	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>337</b>

##### Sales

Hillside, South Africa	165	180	159	183	<b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	165
Bayside, South Africa	50	50	48	29	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	50
Alumar, Brazil	43	48	43	47	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	43
Mozal, Mozambique	56	72	57	73	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>314</b>
Tolling Agreement (a)	33	33	30	34	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	33
	<b>347</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>347</b>

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

## PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

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2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Escondida, Chile

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	82,995	88,319	102,566	103,253	<b>99,375</b>	<b>99,375</b>	82,995
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	22,406	21,777	22,029	24,491	<b>20,416</b>	<b>20,416</b>	22,406
Average copper grade	(%)	1.63%	1.72%	1.56%	1.55%	<b>1.32%</b>	<b>1.32%</b>	1.63%
Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	305.2	316.8	285.0	312.7	<b>208.6</b>	<b>208.6</b>	305.2

#### Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	167.0	177.3	157.0	178.2	<b>116.8</b>	<b>116.8</b>	167.0
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	23,194	21,376	17,660	17,501	<b>14,391</b>	<b>14,391</b>	23,194
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	30.9	30.3	30.1	40.3	<b>35.6</b>	<b>35.6</b>	30.9
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	1,116	877	790	821	<b>668</b>	<b>668</b>	1,116

#### Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	162.9	173.0	160.6	178.4	<b>118.2</b>	<b>118.2</b>	162.9
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	22,957	21,158	18,190	17,477	<b>14,521</b>	<b>14,521</b>	22,957
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	31.7	23.8	32.3	41.6	<b>31.2</b>	<b>31.2</b>	31.7
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	1,089	864	813	820	<b>666</b>	<b>666</b>	1,089

#### Cerro Colorado, Chile

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,095	17,798	16,769	17,107	<b>16,526</b>	<b>16,526</b>	17,095
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,278	4,410	4,437	4,599	<b>4,594</b>	<b>4,594</b>	4,278
Average copper grade	(%)	0.84%	1.03%	0.80%	0.85%	<b>0.86%</b>	<b>0.86%</b>	0.84%

#### Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	23.1	27.3	28.7	27.3	<b>21.8</b>	<b>21.8</b>	23.1
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#### Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	23.5	24.5	28.5	29.8	<b>23.7</b>	<b>23.7</b>	23.5
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## PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED			
	SEPT 2007	DEC 2007	MAR 2008	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2008	SEPT 2007	
<b>BASE METALS</b>								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.								
<b>Spence, Chile (a)</b>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	16,983	19,758	20,335	20,065	<b>18,738</b>	<b>18,738</b>	16,983
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,132	4,333	3,918	4,255	<b>4,490</b>	<b>4,490</b>	4,132
Average copper grade	(%)	1.56%	1.61%	1.48%	1.85%	<b>2.18%</b>	<b>2.18%</b>	1.56%
<b>Production</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	23.9	34.2	41.6	43.0	<b>35.7</b>	<b>35.7</b>	23.9
<b>Sales</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	29.5	24.0	39.9	51.3	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.6</b>	29.5
(a) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.								
<b>Antamina, Peru</b>								
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	31,145	31,289	29,095	29,336	<b>30,026</b>	<b>30,026</b>	31,145
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	8,344	6,955	6,518	7,729	<b>8,133</b>	<b>8,133</b>	8,344
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.15%	1.47%	1.21%	1.38%	<b>1.15%</b>	<b>1.15%</b>	1.15%
- Zinc	(%)	1.17%	0.69%	1.55%	1.46%	<b>1.54%</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	1.17%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	27.5	29.3	24.1	30.8	<b>28.4</b>	<b>28</b>	28
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	22,756	12,320	22,235	26,210	<b>27,312</b>	<b>27,312</b>	22,756
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	1,056	652	803	994	<b>932</b>	<b>932</b>	1,056
Payable lead	(tonnes)	448	175	380	575	<b>484</b>	<b>484</b>	448
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	693	679	580	590	<b>514</b>	<b>514</b>	693
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	28.5	32.6	20.4	33.5	<b>26.7</b>	<b>27</b>	29
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	25,306	12,458	16,630	29,385	<b>26,402</b>	<b>26,402</b>	25,306
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	917	719	512	940	<b>719</b>	<b>719</b>	917
Payable lead	(tonnes)	334	140	261	461	<b>387</b>	<b>387</b>	334
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	662	605	531	837	<b>482</b>	<b>482</b>	662
<b>Cannington, Australia</b>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	824	808	698	821	<b>724</b>	<b>724</b>	824
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	661	755	726	658	<b>824</b>	<b>824</b>	661
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	478	489	472	397	<b>384</b>	<b>384</b>	478
- Lead	(%)	10.4%	10.7%	10.7%	9.2%	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	10.40%
- Zinc	(%)	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	3.8%	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	3.50%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	8,759	10,124	9,421	7,181	<b>8,391</b>	<b>8,391</b>	8,759
Payable lead	(tonnes)	61,073	70,369	67,505	52,601	<b>57,768</b>	<b>57,768</b>	61,073
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	14,503	15,487	13,735	17,244	<b>14,449</b>	<b>14,449</b>	14,503
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	6,725	11,266	7,727	8,918	<b>9,507</b>	<b>9,507</b>	6,725
Payable lead	(tonnes)	46,148	78,325	53,167	62,997	<b>64,980</b>	<b>64,980</b>	46,148
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	9,257	19,577	9,629	17,710	<b>16,949</b>	<b>16,949</b>	9,257

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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)	2,424	2,520	2,333	2,397	<b>2,628</b>	<b>2,628</b>	2,424
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	2,239	2,552	2,225	2,570	<b>2,518</b>	<b>2,518</b>	2,239
Average copper grade	(%)	1.83%	1.86%	1.86%	2.06%	<b>2.08%</b>	<b>2.08%</b>	1.83%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.57	0.63	0.59	0.58	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.56</b>	0.57

#### Production

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	30.6	40.2	32.9	53.2	<b>51.9</b>	<b>51.9</b>	30.6
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	3.0	2.6	3.1	4.4	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	3.0
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	933	1,191	993	1,027	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,110</b>	933
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	17,119	24,338	18,555	20,505	<b>27,360</b>	<b>27,360</b>	17,119
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	193	239	169	179	<b>244</b>	<b>244</b>	193

#### Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	30.7	41.0	31.9	52.0	<b>49.5</b>	<b>49.5</b>	30.7
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	3.1	2.5	2.3	4.3	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	3.1
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	562	346	1,182	1,610	<b>868</b>	<b>868</b>	562
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	20,118	21,760	19,767	19,556	<b>26,121</b>	<b>26,121</b>	20,118
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	192	237	173	185	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>	192

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

#### Pinto Valley, USA

#### Production

Copper concentrate (a)	('000 tonnes)	-	5.2	9.6	12.0	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	1.8
Payable silver (a)	('000 ounces)	-	13.3	38.4	61.7	<b>65.2</b>	<b>65.2</b>	-
Payable gold (a)	('000 ounces)	-	-	1.3	0.4	-	-	-
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>93.7</b>	<b>93.7</b>	-

#### Sales

Copper concentrate	('000 tonnes)	-	2.6	7.9	12.4	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	0.9	0.9	4.0	1.4	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	0.9
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	-	13.3	38.4	61.7	<b>65.2</b>	<b>65.2</b>	-
Payable gold	('000 ounces)	-	-	1.3	0.4	-	-	-
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	-	-	-	-	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	-

(a) Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter.

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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)	1,009	1,080	967	1,356	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,192</b>	1,009
<b>Production</b>	('000 carats)	1,022	843	620	864	<b>773</b>	<b>773</b>	1,022

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### STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

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

<b>NICKEL</b>							
<b>CMSA, Colombia</b>							
<b>Production</b>	12.5	11.4	7.8	10.1	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	12.5
<b>Sales</b>	6.9	13.2	13.6	8.2	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	6.9

### Yabulu, Australia (a)

<b>Production</b>							
Nickel metal	5.5	6.0	6.2	10.3	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	5.5
Cobalt	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	0.5
<b>Sales</b>							
Nickel metal	5.3	6.3	6.5	9.7	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	5.3
Cobalt	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	0.4

(a) Yabulu Extension was commissioned during the March 2008 quarter.

### Nickel West, Australia

<b>Production</b>							
Nickel contained in concentrate	-	1.2	1.3	2.8	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	-
Nickel contained in finished matte	3.9	8.5	10.3	4.9	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	3.9
Nickel metal	16.7	16.6	17.4	14.5	-	-	16.7
Nickel production	20.6	26.3	29.0	22.1	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	20.6
<b>Sales</b>							
Nickel contained in concentrate	-	0.9	0.6	3.8	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	-
Nickel contained in finished matte	6.2	9.5	9.4	7.2	-	-	6.2
Nickel metal	14.7	14.4	15.7	20.7	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	14.7
Nickel sales	20.9	24.8	25.7	31.7	<b>10.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	20.9



## PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

QUARTER ENDED				QUARTER ENDED		
SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2007

### IRON ORE

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

#### IRON ORE (a)

##### Pilbara, Australia

###### Production

Mt Newman Joint Venture	7,904	8,147	7,265	7,013	<b>7,210</b>	<b>7,210</b>	7,904
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	134	170	386	251	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>	134
Area C Joint Venture	4,916	6,474	7,114	8,626	<b>9,209</b>	<b>9,209</b>	4,916
Yandi Joint Venture	9,823	9,770	10,061	10,622	<b>8,961</b>	<b>8,961</b>	9,823
Jimblebar	1,157	1,248	1,660	1,054	<b>1,461</b>	<b>1,461</b>	1,157
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<u>23,934</u>	<u>25,809</u>	<u>26,486</u>	<u>27,567</u>	<b><u>27,073</u></b>	<b><u>27,073</u></b>	<u>23,934</u>
Total production (100%)	28,159	30,363	31,160	32,432	<b>31,851</b>	<b>31,851</b>	28,159

###### Shipments

Lump	6,076	7,179	7,603	8,282	<b>9,172</b>	<b>9,172</b>	6,076
Fines	17,979	18,847	19,714	19,881	<b>19,013</b>	<b>19,013</b>	17,979
Total (BHP Billiton share)	<u>24,055</u>	<u>26,026</u>	<u>27,317</u>	<u>28,164</u>	<b><u>28,185</u></b>	<b><u>28,185</u></b>	<u>24,055</u>
Total sales (100%)	28,300	30,619	32,138	33,134	<b>33,159</b>	<b>33,159</b>	28,300

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

##### Samarco, Brazil

Production	2,067	2,107	1,933	2,357	<b>2,751</b>	<b>2,751</b>	2,067
Shipments	1,850	2,316	1,589	2,234	<b>2,836</b>	<b>2,836</b>	1,850

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**MANGANESE**

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

**MANGANESE ORE****South Africa**

Saleable production (a)	572	709	877	882	929	929	572
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**Australia**

Saleable production (a)	873	904	789	969	901	901	873
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**MANGANESE ALLOY****South Africa**

Saleable production (a) (b)	123	141	125	124	133	133	123
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**Australia**

Saleable production (a)	61	68	67	66	70	70	61
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(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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### METALLURGICAL COAL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

#### METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

##### Queensland, Australia

###### Production

###### BMA

Blackwater	1,407	1,370	1,345	1,510	1,457	1,457	1,407
Goonyella	1,677	1,505	1,117	1,737	1,699	1,699	1,677
Peak Downs	881	1,243	849	1,121	914	914	881
Saraji	777	890	376	853	1,104	1,104	777
Norwich Park	502	576	306	642	439	439	502
Gregory Joint Venture	673	554	239	644	771	771	673
<b>BMA total</b>	<b>5,917</b>	<b>6,138</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>6,508</b>	<b>6,384</b>	<b>6,384</b>	<b>5,917</b>

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

South Walker Creek	939	868	438	617	1,049	1,049	939
Poitrel	515	658	409	688	584	584	515
<b>BHP Mitsui Coal total</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,454</b>
<b>Queensland total</b>	<b>7,371</b>	<b>7,664</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>8,017</b>	<b>8,017</b>	<b>7,371</b>

###### Shipments

Coking coal	5,479	5,875	3,790	5,275	5,923	5,923	5,479
Weak coking coal	1,668	1,966	1,726	1,442	1,961	1,961	1,668
Thermal coal	516	328	497	491	462	462	516
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,663</b>	<b>8,169</b>	<b>6,013</b>	<b>7,207</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>8,346</b>	<b>7,663</b>

(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>	2,201	1,979	1,767	1,318	1,193	1,193	2,201
<b>Shipments</b>							
Coking coal	1,906	1,851	1,549	1,097	895	895	1,906
Thermal coal	199	290	194	157	160	160	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>2,105</b>

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### ENERGY COAL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

#### South Africa (a)

<b>Production</b>	11,706	11,277	11,129	10,960	<b>9,009</b>	<b>9,009</b>	11,706
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	4,207	4,269	3,119	3,989	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,329</b>	4,207
Local utility	7,063	7,351	7,430	7,381	<b>7,066</b>	<b>7,066</b>	7,063
Inland	388	209	190	487	<b>376</b>	<b>376</b>	388
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,658</b>	<b>11,829</b>	<b>10,739</b>	<b>11,857</b>	<b>9,771</b>	<b>9,771</b>	<b>11,658</b>

(a) Comparative periods include production from the South African Optimum operations, which was sold effective from 1 July 2007

#### New Mexico, USA

<b>Production</b>							
Navajo Coal	1,548	1,899	1,800	2,286	<b>2,064</b>	<b>2,064</b>	1,548
San Juan Coal	963	1,772	836	2,548	<b>1,941</b>	<b>1,941</b>	963
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>2,511</b>
<b>Sales - local utility</b>	<b>3,693</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>3,207</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>3,693</b>

#### Hunter Valley, Australia

<b>Production</b>	2,918	2,959	2,965	2,934	<b>2,975</b>	<b>2,975</b>	2,918
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	1,423	1,892	1,842	2,549	<b>1,849</b>	<b>1,849</b>	1,423
Inland	1,179	985	791	512	<b>946</b>	<b>946</b>	1,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>2,602</b>

#### Cerrejon Coal, Colombia

<b>Production</b>	2,488	2,702	2,553	2,625	<b>2,807</b>	<b>2,807</b>	2,488
<b>Sales - export</b>	<b>2,761</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>2,593</b>	<b>2,761</b>