

# **Aluminium Investor Presentation**

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## Presenter introduction



Jon Dudas
President Aluminium CSG

- 24 years resources experience
- 17 years at BHP Billiton



**Julius Matthys** COO Worsley Alumina

- 26 years resources experience
- 26 years at BHP Billiton



Markus Meurer VP Marketing Alumina

- 21 years resources experience
- 7 years at BHP Billiton



Warren McKenzie E&G Project Director

- 35 years resources experience
- 1 year at BHP Billiton



# Presentation agenda

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- Operating performance
- Significance to BHP Billiton portfolio
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- Global demand and China growth outlook
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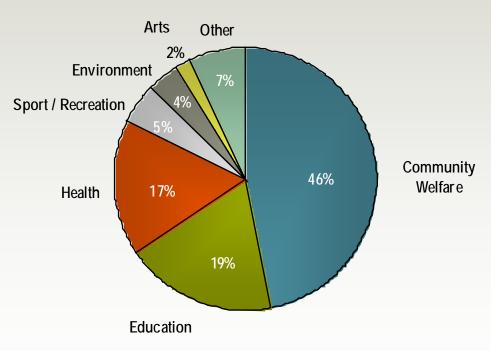
## Business overview: HSEC

## Safety



## Community

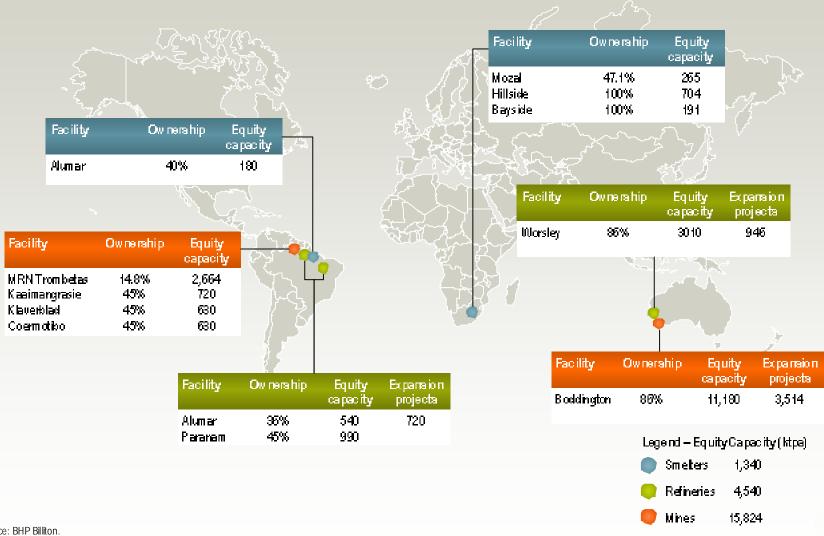
# Community Expenditure (US\$m)



FY08 Community Expenditure amounted to US\$ 12.6 m (BHP Billiton Share).



## Business overview: current assets



Source: BHP Billiton.

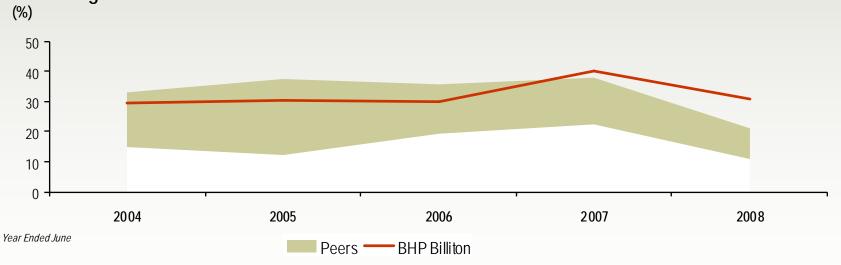
Bayside reduced capacity ~50%.

# Business overview: operating performance

Year ended June (US\$m)	2008	2007	% Change
Aluminium EBIT	1,465	1,856	-21.1

- Record alumina production
- South African power situation will continue to impact metal production
- Worsley E&G approved

#### **EBIT Margin**



Source: BHP Billiton and companies' annual and half year reports

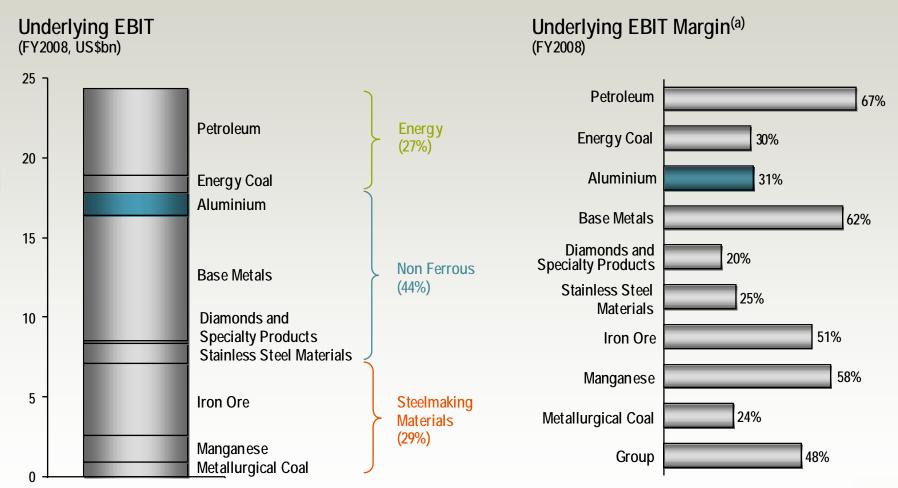
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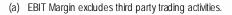


<sup>\*</sup> Peers include AWAC, Chalco and the aluminium segments Rio Tinto, Vale and the upstream segments of Alcoa and Alcan (until June 2007).

# Business overview: contribution to group

(Our portfolio is diversified and balanced across high margin commodities)







# Business overview: key challenges

- Raw material price pressures
- Global power supply
- Bringing on new capacity
- Quality of Chinese bauxite



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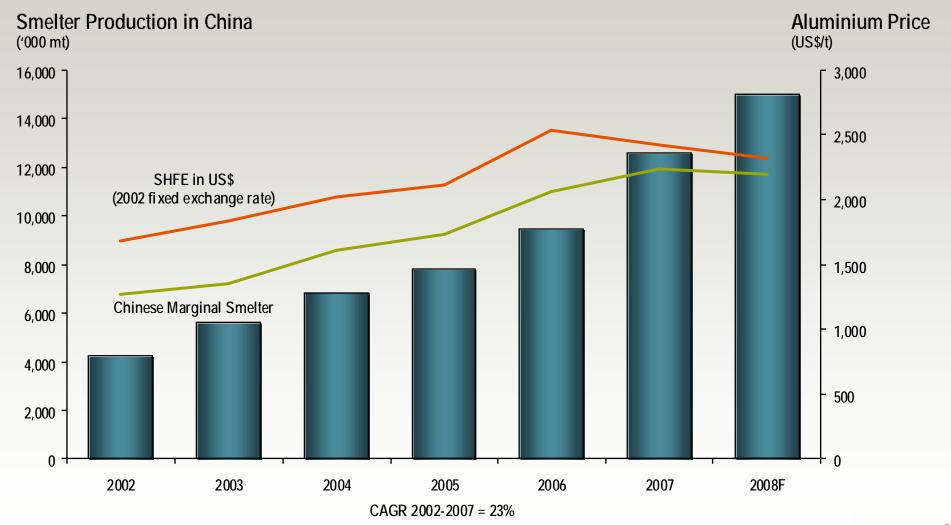
# Aluminium and alumina commodity outlook

## **Key China Messages**

- China has a significant influence on the Aluminium market
  - Aluminium is required to supply the intensive urbanisation of China
  - A question of self sufficiency of aluminium supply
  - Is power a constraining factor?
  - Domestic aluminium supply is positioned high on the cost curve
- Short on quality bauxite and thus alumina
  - Domestic alumina additions are positioned high on the cost curve



# China production capacity can respond rapidly to pricing opportunities

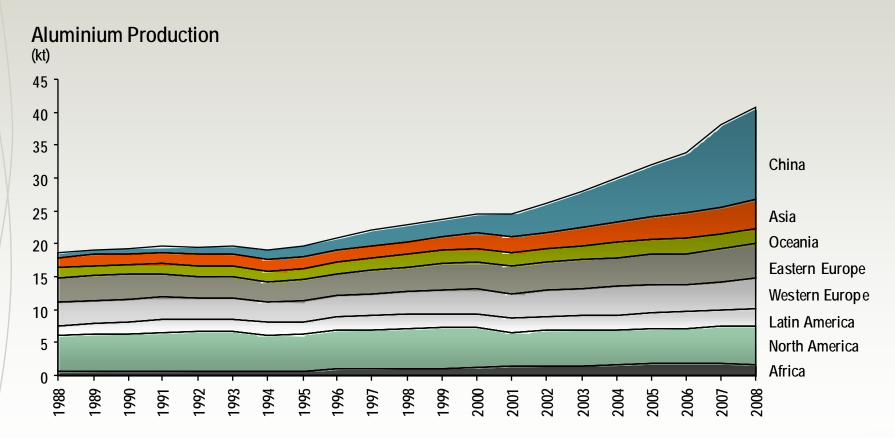


Source: Brook Hunt data.



# China has been self-sufficient in smelting

Chinese Aluminium supply is up 650% driven by low capital construction costs and strong domestic demand

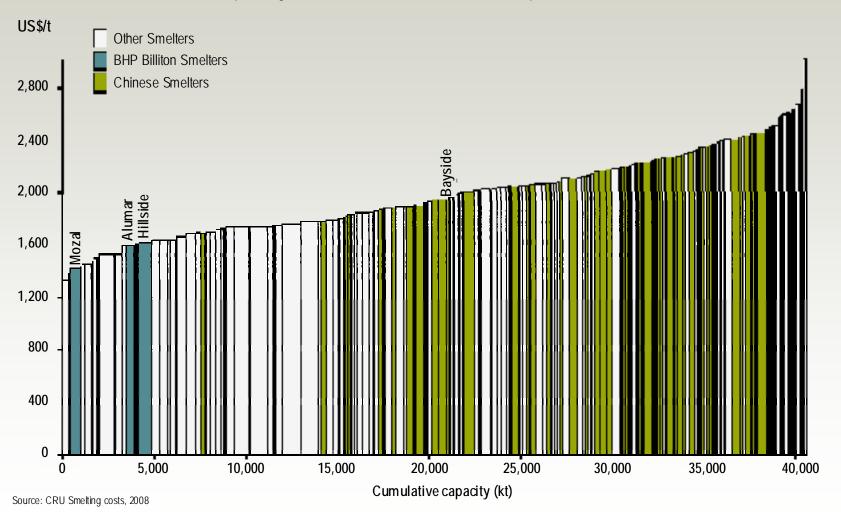


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# Chinese Aluminium capacity additions at the top end of cost curve

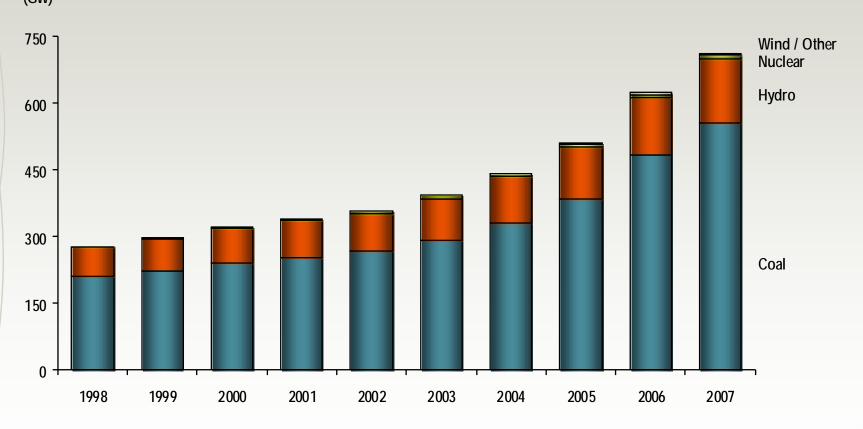
Chinese Aluminium capacity additions come at the top end of the cost curve



# China has a track record of bringing on new power capacity

Ability to bring on new power capacity on time as planned

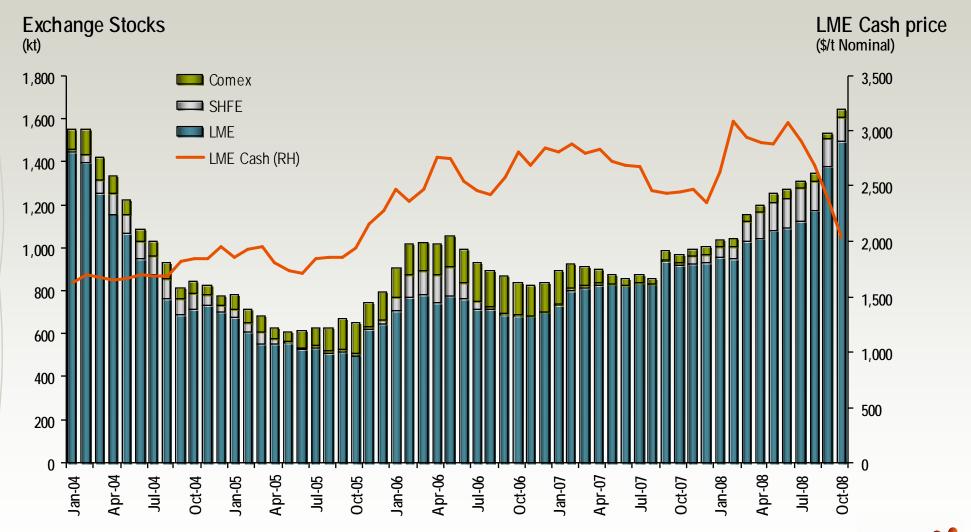
Sources of Chinese power (GW)



Source: CEC.



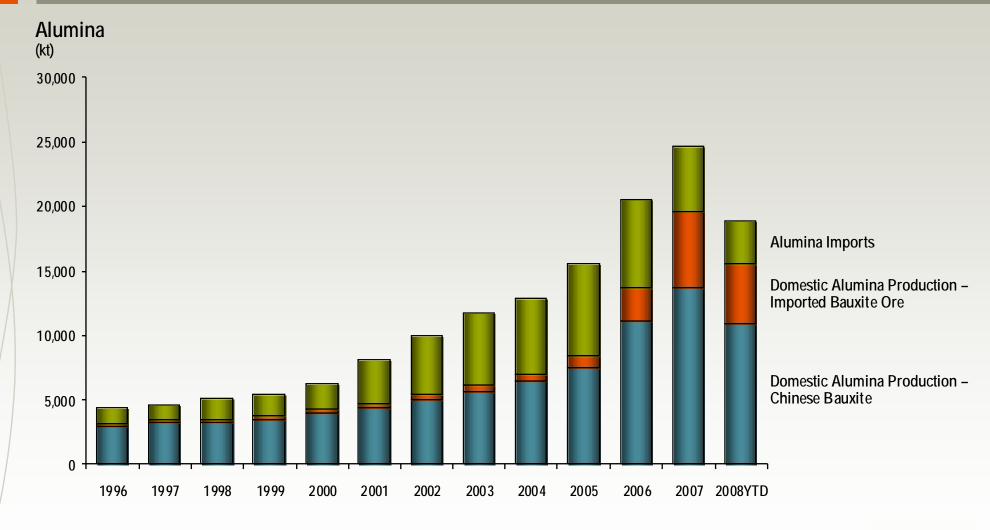
## Aluminium stocks



Source: LME, SHFE and Comex.



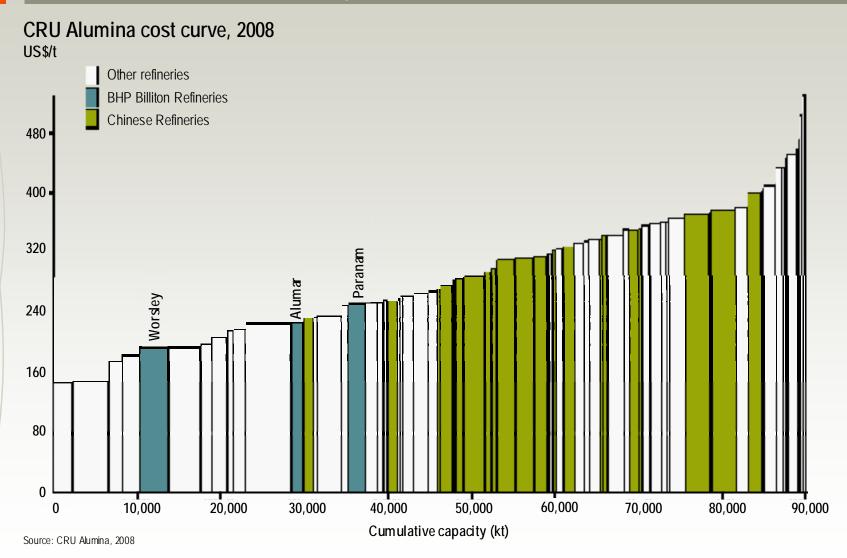
# Chinese demand for imported Alumina and Bauxite



Source: BHP Billiton Internal Analysis, Chinese customs data, CNIA.



# Chinese alumina supply at the top end of the cost curve





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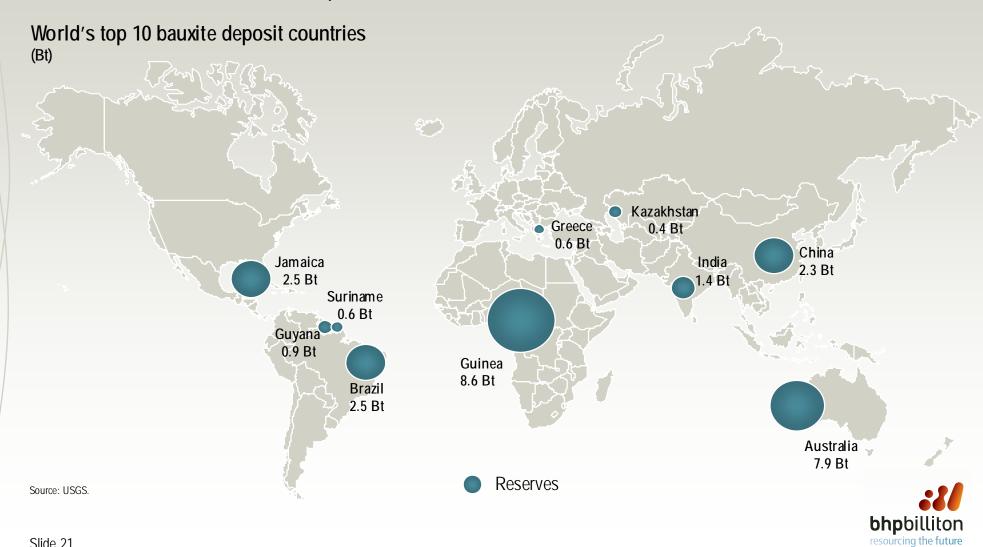
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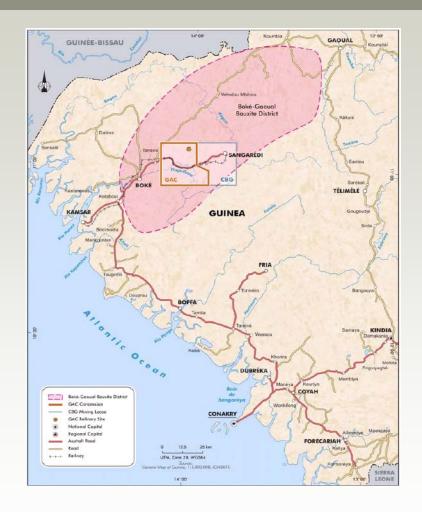
## Most attractive bauxite deposits are in Guinea



# Guinea project

#### Guinea

- Long life, world class bauxite resource with embedded options
- Strong government support
- Currently finalising feasibility study
- Greenfield projects are more challenging in new geographies





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#### Growth profile and capital projects



- China's focus is on self-sufficiency in aluminium
- China's growing requirement to import alumina or bauxite to meet domestic metal demands
- Our growth options and project pipeline are aligned to this view (to feed the emerging seaborne bauxite/alumina market)
- We have a track record of delivering these projects on time and on budget
- Our strategy of having world class long life, low cost assets enables us to maintain a strong EBIT and EBIT margin performance in relation to our peers
- Commitment to safety, the community and the environment

