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BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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23 April 2008
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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the nine months ended 31 March 2008. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

- **Year to date production increased for 12 commodities reflecting our strong track record of consistent growth on the back of projects delivered from our deep inventory of projects. First product was delivered from eight projects into commodity markets that remain strong.**
- **Significant increase in petroleum production with continuing ramp up of recently commissioned projects and strong facility and reservoir performance offsetting natural field decline. On track to deliver 10% volume growth for the 2008 financial year.**
- **Western Australia iron ore operations (Australia) achieved record quarterly and year to date production and shipments during a seasonally challenging quarter.**
- **Record year to date manganese ore and alloy production delivered in a strong price environment. Manganese ore also achieved quarterly production record. This was set despite restrictions on power consumption in South Africa.**
- **Record year to date copper production achieved as newly commissioned projects continue to ramp up in a period of strong pricing.**
- **The Yabulu Expansion Project (Australia) achieved first production during the quarter.**

- Record year to date production of natural gas and alumina.
- Year to date production records achieved at the Worsley, Western Australia Iron Ore, GEMCO, TEMCO, Illawarra Coal, and Hunter Valley Coal (all Australia), Escondida (Chile), Paranam (Suriname), Alumar and Samarco (both Brazil), Samancor (South Africa) and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) operations.
- Metallurgical coal production in Queensland (Australia) and nickel production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) has resumed following extreme weather conditions and industrial action respectively. Ramp up to normal operating levels continuing.
- Southern Africa aluminium production was impacted by a mandatory 10 per cent reduction. in power consumption.

| | MAR 2008 | MAR 2008 | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | | | vs | vs | vs |
| PETROLEUM | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl) (a) | 47,837 | 18,441 | 13% | 39% | 23% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) (a) | 272.65 | 85.75 | 6% | 1% | -6% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a) | 93.27 | 32.73 | 10% | 19% | 8% |

Total Petroleum Products -

Significant growth in production was mainly driven by the continued ramp up of Stybarrow (Australia), Genghis Khan and Atlantis (both USA) and excellent operated facility performance.

Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids -

Production was higher than all comparative periods due to significant growth in high margin crude production. Continued ramp up of new projects and successful development drilling had a very positive impact. Partially offsetting this was the impact of natural field decline, unplanned interruption at North West Shelf (Australia) and the impact of cyclone activities in Western Australia.

Natural Gas -

Production was lower than the December 2007 quarter due to expected lower seasonal gas demand in southeast Australia and unplanned interruption at North West Shelf.

| MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
|-----|-----|---------------|------------|------------|
|-----|-----|---------------|------------|------------|

| | 2008 | 2008 | vs | vs | vs |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|------------|------------|
| ALUMINIUM | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| Alumina ('000 tonnes) | 3,405 | 1,095 | 3% | 1% | -5% |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 993 | 318 | -1% | -4% | -6% |

Alumina -

Production and sales for the nine months ended March 2008 were all time records due to record performance from all operations.

Production was marginally lower than the December 2007 quarter. This primarily reflects reduced production at Worsley due to gas supply curtailments.

Aluminium

- Production was impacted by the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption across the Southern Africa smelters. This was in part offset by equalled quarterly and year to date record production from Alumar.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
|--|---------|--------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | vs | vs | vs |
| BASE METALS | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| Copper ('000 tonnes) | 984.8 | 328.9 | 8% | -8% | -6% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 199,950 | 67,885 | 34% | 7% | -4% |
| Zinc (tonnes) | 101,036 | 35,970 | 27% | 1% | 29% |
| Silver ('000 ounces) | 34,251 | 11,221 | 37% | 2% | -6% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 3,117 | 993 | 25% | 12% | -17% |

Copper -

Year to date production record was set with the continued ramp up of Escondida Sulphide Leach and Spence (both Chile) and Pinto Valley (USA). In aggregate, these projects contributed 166,000 tonnes during the nine months ended March 2008. This was achieved despite the impact of two earthquakes in Chile in the December 2007 quarter, and lower production from Antamina (Peru) and Olympic Dam (Australia).

Production was lower than the March 2007 and December 2007 quarters mainly due to lower grade and recovery from Escondida and unplanned interruptions at Olympic Dam.

Lead -

Year to date production increased due to the completion of the Cannington (Australia) rehabilitation project.

Zinc -

Production was higher than the nine months ended March 2007 and the December 2007 quarter due to higher grade and an increased proportion of zinc containing ore being processed at Antamina. The completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project also had a positive impact on the production for the nine months ended March 2008.

Silver -

Production for the nine months ended March 2008 improved significantly due to the successful completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project and record performance from Escondida and Antamina.

Uranium -

Production was higher than the nine months and quarter ended March 2007 due to ongoing progress at improving recovery and leach circuit performance at Olympic Dam.

Production was lower than the December 2007 quarter mainly due to decline in grade and scheduled maintenance.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR |
|--|-------|------|--------|------|------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | YTD 08 | Q08 | Q08 |
| | | | vs | vs | vs |
| DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | YTD | QTR | MAR | MAR | DEC |
| | | | YTD 07 | Q07 | Q07 |
| Diamonds ('000 carats) | 2,485 | 620 | 7% | -30% | -26% |

Diamonds -

Production decreased versus the March 2007 and December 2007 quarters mainly due to lower grades. Although production was lower, it included an increased proportion of higher value carats. As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| | 2008 | 2008 | YTD 08 | Q08 | Q08 |
| | | | vs | vs | vs |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | YTD | QTR | MAR | MAR | DEC |
| | | | YTD 07 | Q07 | Q07 |
| Nickel ('000 tonnes) | 125.3 | 43.0 | -10% | -6% | -2% |

Nickel

- Production in the nine months ended March 2008 was impacted by the industrial stoppage at Cerro Matoso, wet weather interruptions at Yabulu (Australia) and scheduled maintenance across all operations. This was partially offset by continued strong production from the Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia), which performed at near record levels.

The Yabulu Expansion Project delivered first production during the quarter, and the Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (Australia) ramp up continues to progress in line with schedule.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-----|
| | 2008 | 2008 | YTD 08 | Q08 | Q08 |
| | | | vs | vs | vs |
| IRON ORE | YTD | QTR | MAR | MAR | DEC |
| | | | YTD 07 | Q07 | Q07 |
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (c) | 81,646 | 28,033 | 13% | 22% | 1% |

Iron Ore -

Record production and shipments were achieved for the nine months and quarter ended March 2008. Western Australia Iron Ore continued to perform strongly and set new year to date and quarterly production records. Samarco also set a year to date production record.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| | 2008 | 2008 | YTD 08 | Q08 | Q08 |
| | | | vs | vs | vs |
| MANGANESE | YTD | QTR | MAR | MAR | DEC |
| | | | YTD 07 | Q07 | Q07 |
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes) | 4,724 | 1,666 | 5% | 15% | 3% |
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes) | 585 | 192 | 7% | -2% | -8% |

Manganese Ore -

Record year to date and quarterly production achieved due to record or near record performance from all operations. This was achieved despite a mandatory 10% reduction in power consumption for the South African sinter plant and weather related interruptions at GEMCO.

Manganese Alloy -

Year to date production increased due to improved facility availability and utilisation at Samancor achieved in the December 2007 quarter and record performance from TEMCO.

Production for the March 2008 quarter was impacted by the mandatory 10% reduction in power consumption in South Africa.

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| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | vs | vs | vs |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 26,061 | 6,846 | -5% | -25% | -29% |

Metallurgical Coal -

Production and shipments were significantly impacted by extreme wet weather experienced at Queensland Coal (Australia). Coal production has resumed but continues to be constrained as the recovery process proceeds and mines are brought back to full operational capacity. This was partially offset by record year to date performance at Illawarra Coal (Australia).

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2008 | vs | vs | vs |
| ENERGY COAL | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) (d) | 59,496 | 19,264 | -2% | -2% | -7% |

Energy Coal -

Production for the March 2008 quarter was mainly impacted by scheduled longwall move at San Juan (USA). This was offset by continued strong production at Hunter Valley Coal which achieved its' third consecutive quarterly record.

(a) Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

(b) Earnings before interest and tax.

(c) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.

(d) Excluding Koornfontein operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007.

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 31 March 2008.

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|--------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | YEAR TO DATE | | % CHANGE | | |
| | | | MAR | DEC | MAR | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q08 | MAR Q08 |
| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| | | | | | | | | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | DEC Q07 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | | 10,669 | 12,317 | 16,240 | 39,856 | 33,725 | 18% | 52% | 32% |
| Natural gas (a) | (bcf) | | 85.10 | 91.21 | 85.75 | 272.65 | 256.42 | 6% | 1% | -6% |
| Natural gas liquid | ('000 bbl) | | 2,626 | 2,685 | 2,201 | 7,981 | 8,503 | -6% | -16% | -18% |
| Total Petroleum Products (a) | (million boe) | | 27.42 | 30.20 | 32.73 | 93.27 | 84.87 | 10% | 19% | 8% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | | 1,085 | 1,157 | 1,095 | 3,405 | 3,316 | 3% | 1% | -5% |
| Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | | 331 | 338 | 318 | 993 | 1,006 | -1% | -4% | -6% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | ('000 tonnes) | | 357.6 | 348.1 | 328.9 | 984.8 | 908.0 | 8% | -8% | -6% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | | 63,443 | 70,544 | 67,885 | 199,950 | 149,557 | 34% | 7% | -4% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | | 35,760 | 27,807 | 35,970 | 101,036 | 79,547 | 27% | 1% | 29% |
| Gold | (ounces) | | 43,904 | 45,714 | 36,216 | 122,243 | 123,628 | -1% | -18% | -21% |
| Silver | ('000 ounces) | | 11,025 | 11,905 | 11,221 | 34,251 | 24,940 | 37% | 2% | -6% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | | 883 | 1,191 | 993 | 3,117 | 2,498 | 25% | 12% | -17% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | | 288 | 679 | 580 | 1,952 | 1,775 | 10% | 101% | -15% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diamonds | ('000 carats) | | 889 | 843 | 620 | 2,485 | 2,313 | 7% | -30% | -26% |
| STAINLESS | | | | | | | | | | |

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| STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 45.8 | 43.7 | 43.0 | 125.3 | 138.6 | -10% | -6% | -2% | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron ore (b) | ('000 tonnes) | 22,884 | 27,746 | 28,033 | 81,646 | 72,451 | 13% | 22% | 1% | |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese ore | ('000 tonnes) | 1,452 | 1,613 | 1,666 | 4,724 | 4,490 | 5% | 15% | 3% | |
| Manganese alloy | ('000 tonnes) | 196 | 209 | 192 | 585 | 546 | 7% | -2% | -8% | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 9,084 | 9,643 | 6,846 | 26,061 | 27,297 | -5% | -25% | -29% | |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy coal (c) | ('000 tonnes) | 19,737 | 20,609 | 19,264 | 59,496 | 60,935 | -2% | -2% | -7% | |
| (a) | Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter). | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) | Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) | Excluding Koornfontein 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. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | BHP Billiton | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | Interest | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | | 2008 | 2007 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | 10,671 | 11,443 | 11,299 | 12,317 | 16,240 | | 39,856 | 33,725 |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 86.68 | 95.25 | 95.68 | 91.21 | 85.76 | | 272.65 | 261.60 |
| | NGL (a) | ('000 bbl) | 2,626 | 3,018 | 3,095 | 2,685 | 2,201 | | 7,981 | 8,504 |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 27.68 | 30.47 | 30.34 | 30.20 | 32.73 | | 93.27 | 85.73 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley | 86% | 708 | 768 | 784 | 771 | 712 | | 2,267 | 2,188 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 241 | 243 | 244 | 252 | 247 | | 743 | 735 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 136 | 133 | 125 | 134 | 136 | | 395 | 393 |
| | Total | | 1,085 | 1,144 | 1,153 | 1,157 | 1,095 | | 3,405 | 3,316 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 174 | 177 | 178 | 180 | 167 | | 525 | 527 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 48 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 44 | | 139 | 147 |
| | Alumar | 40% | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 | | 133 | 133 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 65 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 62 | | 196 | 199 |
| | Total | | 331 | 334 | 337 | 338 | 318 | | 993 | 1,006 |
| BASE METALS (b) | | | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 178.1 | 170.5 | 167.0 | 177.3 | 157.0 | | 501.3 | 468.4 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 24.2 | 26.4 | 27.5 | 29.3 | 24.1 | | 80.9 | 87.3 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | - | - | - | 5.2 | 9.6 | | 14.8 | - |
| | Total | | 202.3 | 196.9 | 194.5 | 211.8 | 190.7 | | 597.0 | 555.7 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 38.2 | 37.7 | 30.9 | 30.3 | 30.1 | | 91.3 | 88.4 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 28.1 | 20.3 | 23.1 | 27.3 | 28.7 | | 79.1 | 85.5 |
| | Spence (c) | 100% | 33.5 | 37.7 | 23.9 | 34.2 | 41.6 | | 99.7 | 37.8 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| | Olympic Dam | 100% | 53.6 | 47.6 | 33.6 | 42.8 | 36.0 | | 112.4 | 134.9 |

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| | Total | | 155.3 | 145.2 | 113.3 | 136.3 | 138.2 | | 387.8 | 352.3 |
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| LEAD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 62,974 | 62,409 | 61,073 | 70,369 | 67,505 | | 198,947 | 148,405 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 469 | 317 | 448 | 175 | 380 | | 1,003 | 1,152 |
| | Total | | 63,443 | 62,726 | 61,521 | 70,544 | 67,885 | | 199,950 | 149,557 |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 15,095 | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 | 13,735 | | 43,725 | 34,327 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 20,665 | 27,793 | 22,756 | 12,320 | 22,235 | | 57,311 | 45,220 |
| | Total | | 35,760 | 39,148 | 37,259 | 27,807 | 35,970 | | 101,036 | 79,547 |
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| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | | |
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| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21,243 | 23,754 | 23,194 | 21,376 | 17,660 | | 62,230 | 60,657 |
| | Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100% | 22,661 | 28,689 | 17,119 | 24,338 | 18,555 | | 60,012 | 62,971 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | - | - | - | - | 1 | | 1 | - |
| | Total | | 43,904 | 52,443 | 40,313 | 45,714 | 36,216 | | 122,243 | 123,628 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 920 | 990 | 1,116 | 877 | 790 | | 2,783 | 2,524 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 749 | 934 | 1,056 | 652 | 803 | | 2,511 | 2,198 |
| | Cannington | 100% | 9,160 | 9,426 | 8,759 | 10,124 | 9,421 | | 28,304 | 19,679 |
| | Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100% | 196 | 275 | 193 | 239 | 169 | | 601 | 539 |

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|--|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | - | - | - | 13 | 38 | | 52 | - |
| | Total | | 11,025 | 11,625 | 11,124 | 11,905 | 11,221 | | 34,251 | 24,940 |
| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Olympic Dam | 100% | 883 | 988 | 933 | 1,191 | 993 | | 3,117 | 2,498 |
| | Total | | 883 | 988 | 933 | 1,191 | 993 | | 3,117 | 2,498 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 288 | 493 | 693 | 679 | 580 | | 1,952 | 1,775 |
| | Total | | 288 | 493 | 693 | 679 | 580 | | 1,952 | 1,775 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati™ | 80% | 889 | 911 | 1,022 | 843 | 620 | | 2,485 | 2,313 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.9% | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 11.4 | 7.8 | | 31.7 | 38.3 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 8.0 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | | 17.7 | 22.8 |
| | Nickel West | 100% | 25.0 | 26.6 | 20.6 | 26.3 | 29.0 | | 75.9 | 77.5 |
| | Total | | 45.8 | 48.6 | 38.6 | 43.7 | 43.0 | | 125.3 | 138.6 |
| Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) (d) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 85% | 6,711 | 7,665 | 7,904 | 8,147 | 7,265 | | 23,316 | 21,641 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | | | | | | | |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 142 | 195 | 134 | 170 | 386 | 690 | 1,032 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 4,853 | 5,078 | 4,916 | 6,474 | 7,114 | 18,504 | 15,008 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,277 | 9,661 | 9,823 | 9,770 | 10,061 | 29,654 | 25,887 |
| | Jimblebar | 85% | 1,177 | 1,341 | 1,157 | 1,248 | 1,660 | 4,065 | 4,116 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,866 | 2,001 | 2,067 | 2,107 | 1,933 | 6,107 | 5,799 |
| | Total | | 23,026 | 25,941 | 26,001 | 27,916 | 28,419 | 82,336 | 73,483 |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (e) | 60% | 632 | 631 | 572 | 709 | 877 | 2,158 | 1,939 |
| | Australia (e) | 60% | 820 | 888 | 873 | 904 | 789 | 2,566 | 2,551 |
| | Total | | 1,452 | 1,519 | 1,445 | 1,613 | 1,666 | 4,724 | 4,490 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (e) (f) | 60% | 132 | 137 | 123 | 141 | 125 | 389 | 356 |
| | Australia (e) | 60% | 64 | 49 | 61 | 68 | 67 | 196 | 190 |
| | Total | | 196 | 186 | 184 | 209 | 192 | 585 | 546 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) (g) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 6,478 | 7,442 | 5,917 | 6,138 | 4,232 | 16,287 | 19,241 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (h) | 80% | 1,067 | 2,047 | 1,454 | 1,526 | 847 | 3,827 | 2,813 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,539 | 1,643 | 2,201 | 1,979 | 1,767 | 5,947 | 5,243 |
| | Total | | 9,084 | 11,132 | 9,572 | 9,643 | 6,846 | 26,061 | 27,297 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 12,863 | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 | 11,129 | 34,112 | 39,046 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,106 | 4,636 | 2,511 | 3,671 | 2,636 | 8,818 | 10,444 |

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| | Australia | 100% | 2,731 | 2,610 | 2,918 | 2,959 | 2,965 | | 8,842 | 8,287 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,230 | 2,441 | 2,488 | 2,702 | 2,534 | | 7,724 | 6,965 |
| | Total | | 20,930 | 22,283 | 19,623 | 20,609 | 19,264 | | 59,496 | 64,742 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (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) | Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | |
| | (e) | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |
| | (f) | Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese. | | | | | | | | |
| | (g) | Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | |
| | (h) | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | |
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| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (‘000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 3,144 | 3,929 | 3,638 | 3,103 | 2,918 | | 9,659 | 10,302 | |
| | North West Shelf | | 2,532 | 2,514 | 2,532 | 2,493 | 1,912 | | 6,937 | 8,251 | |
| | Atlantis (a) | | - | - | - | 615 | 3,320 | | 3,935 | - | |
| | Shenzi (a) | | - | - | - | 32 | 194 | | 226 | - | |
| | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith | | 1,053 | 1,011 | 923 | 946 | 935 | | 2,804 | 3,645 | |
| | ROD / Ohanet | | 2,104 | 1,730 | 1,830 | 1,709 | 1,628 | | 5,167 | 5,861 | |
| | Other (b) | | 1,838 | 2,259 | 2,376 | 3,419 | 5,333 | | 11,128 | 5,666 | |
| | Total | | 10,671 | 11,443 | 11,299 | 12,317 | 16,240 | | 39,856 | 33,725 | |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (c) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 22.73 | 37.70 | 39.77 | 28.41 | 22.44 | | 90.62 | 76.80 | |

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| | North West Shelf | | 27.10 | 25.70 | 27.17 | 28.13 | 26.43 | | 81.73 | 79.80 |
| | Atlantis (a) | | - | - | - | 0.12 | 1.54 | | 1.66 | - |
| | Shenzi (a) | | - | - | - | 0.01 | 0.06 | | 0.07 | - |
| | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith | | 15.18 | 12.71 | 8.87 | 12.70 | 12.32 | | 33.89 | 40.55 |
| | Other (b) | | 21.67 | 19.14 | 19.87 | 21.84 | 22.97 | | 64.68 | 64.46 |
| | Total | | 86.68 | 95.25 | 95.68 | 91.21 | 85.76 | | 272.65 | 261.60 |
| NGL ('000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 1,643 | 2,163 | 2,327 | 1,801 | 1,571 | | 5,699 | 5,593 |
| | North West Shelf | | 435 | 369 | 438 | 417 | 300 | | 1,155 | 1,320 |
| | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith | | 151 | 124 | 48 | 153 | 109 | | 310 | 439 |
| | ROD / Ohanet | | 397 | 362 | 282 | 314 | 221 | | 817 | 1,152 |
| | Total | | 2,626 | 3,018 | 3,095 | 2,685 | 2,201 | | 7,981 | 8,504 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) (d) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | Atlantis and Genghis Khan operations were commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. Genghis Khan is reported in Shenzi. | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) | Other includes Stybarrow, Griffin, Minerva, Angostura, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis, Starlifter, Green Canyon 18/60 and Pakistan. Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) | BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in the September 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
| | (d) | Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe. | | | | | | | | |

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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|--|------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 708 | 768 | 784 | 771 | 712 | | 2,267 | 2,188 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 241 | 243 | 244 | 252 | 247 | | 743 | 735 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 136 | 133 | 125 | 134 | 136 | | 395 | 393 |
| | Total | | 1,085 | 1,144 | 1,153 | 1,157 | 1,095 | | 3,405 | 3,316 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 659 | 794 | 792 | 803 | 683 | | 2,278 | 2,145 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 225 | 253 | 244 | 265 | 246 | | 755 | 704 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 120 | 164 | 131 | 128 | 135 | | 394 | 365 |
| | Total (a) | | 1,004 | 1,211 | 1,167 | 1,196 | 1,064 | | 3,427 | 3,214 |
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| | ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 174 | 177 | 178 | 180 | 167 | | 525 | 527 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 48 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 44 | | 139 | 147 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 | | 133 | 133 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 65 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 62 | | 196 | 199 |
| | Total | | 331 | 334 | 337 | 338 | 318 | | 993 | 1,006 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 162 | 188 | 165 | 180 | 159 | | 504 | 505 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 46 | 57 | 50 | 50 | 48 | | 148 | 137 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 38 | 47 | 43 | 48 | 43 | | 134 | 124 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 64 | 70 | 56 | 72 | 57 | | 185 | 190 |
| | Total | | 310 | 362 | 314 | 350 | 307 | | 971 | 956 |
| | Tolling Agreement (a) | | 33 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 30 | | 96 | 77 |
| | | | 343 | 394 | 347 | 383 | 337 | | 1,067 | 1,033 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales. | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | | 2008 | 2007 |
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| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Escondida, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 85,654 | 88,409 | 82,995 | 88,319 | 102,566 | | 273,880 | 239,025 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 23,450 | 23,064 | 22,406 | 21,777 | 22,029 | | 66,212 | 64,292 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.62% | 1.58% | 1.63% | 1.72% | 1.56% | | 1.64% | 1.58% |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 319.1 | 306.0 | 305.2 | 316.8 | 285.0 | | 907.0 | 842.5 |
| <u>Production</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 178.1 | 170.5 | 167.0 | 177.3 | 157.0 | | 501.3 | 468.4 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 21,243 | 23,754 | 23,194 | 21,376 | 17,660 | | 62,230 | 60,657 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 38.2 | 37.7 | 30.9 | 30.3 | 30.1 | | 91.3 | 88.4 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 920 | 990 | 1,116 | 877 | 790 | | 2,783 | 2,524 |
| <u>Sales</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 149.4 | 199.0 | 162.9 | 173.0 | 160.6 | | 496.5 | 451.1 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 17,966 | 27,623 | 22,957 | 21,158 | 18,190 | | 62,305 | 58,833 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 36.0 | 43.0 | 32.0 | 23.8 | 32.3 | | 88.1 | 77.5 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 785 | 1,153 | 1,089 | 864 | 813 | | 2,766 | 2,446 |
| <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 15,429 | 13,984 | 17,095 | 17,798 | 16,769 | | 51,662 | 50,621 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 4,398 | 4,365 | 4,278 | 4,410 | 4,437 | | 13,125 | 13,484 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.90% | 0.79% | 0.84% | 1.03% | 0.80% | | 0.88% | 0.83% |

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| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 28.1 | 20.3 | 23.1 | 27.3 | 28.7 | | 79.1 | 85.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 27.9 | 24.1 | 23.5 | 24.5 | 28.5 | | 76.5 | 84.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Spence, Chile (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 19,684 | 20,275 | 16,983 | 19,758 | 20,335 | | 57,076 | 40,013 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 4,282 | 3,718 | 4,132 | 4,333 | 3,918 | | 12,383 | 7,792 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 2.00% | 1.80% | 1.56% | 1.61% | 1.48% | | 1.60% | 1.89% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 33.5 | 37.7 | 23.9 | 34.2 | 41.6 | | 99.7 | 37.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 28.0 | 40.4 | 30.0 | 24.0 | 39.9 | | 93.9 | 29.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 24,428 | 29,034 | 31,145 | 31,289 | 29,095 | | 91,529 | 82,662 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 7,841 | 8,033 | 8,344 | 6,955 | 6,518 | | 21,817 | 23,352 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.10% | 1.17% | 1.15% | 1.47% | 1.21% | | 1.27% | 1.24% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.25% | 1.46% | 1.17% | 0.69% | 1.55% | | 1.16% | 0.92% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 24.2 | 26.4 | 27.5 | 29.3 | 24.1 | | 80.9 | 87.3 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 20,665 | 27,793 | 22,756 | 12,320 | 22,235 | | 57,311 | 45,220 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 749 | 934 | 1,056 | 652 | 803 | | 2,511 | 2,198 |

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| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 469 | 317 | 448 | 175 | 380 | | 1,003 | 1,152 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 288 | 493 | 693 | 679 | 580 | | 1,952 | 1,775 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 25.0 | 20.7 | 28.5 | 32.6 | 20.4 | | 81.5 | 94.2 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,479 | 31,914 | 25,306 | 12,458 | 16,630 | | 54,394 | 43,556 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 707 | 645 | 917 | 719 | 512 | | 2,148 | 2,185 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 686 | 394 | 334 | 140 | 261 | | 735 | 1,677 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 591 | 480 | 662 | 605 | 531 | | 1,798 | 1,953 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 732 | 717 | 824 | 808 | 698 | | 2,330 | 1,666 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 704 | 688 | 661 | 755 | 726 | | 2,142 | 1,660 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 477 | 493 | 478 | 489 | 472 | | 480 | 428 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 10.5% | 10.3% | 10.4% | 10.7% | 10.7% | | 10.6% | 10.3% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 3.6% | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.3% | 3.2% | | 3.3% | 3.5% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,160 | 9,426 | 8,759 | 10,124 | 9,421 | | 28,304 | 19,679 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 62,974 | 62,409 | 61,073 | 70,369 | 67,505 | | 198,947 | 148,405 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,095 | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 | 13,735 | | 43,725 | 34,327 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 8,331 | 10,352 | 6,725 | 11,266 | 7,727 | | 25,718 | 19,978 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 56,726 | 66,411 | 46,148 | 78,325 | 53,167 | | 177,640 | 147,941 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 11,585 | 14,888 | 9,257 | 19,577 | 9,629 | | 38,463 | 30,246 |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Olympic Dam, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (a) | ('000 tonnes) | 2,103 | 2,255 | 2,424 | 2,520 | 2,333 | | 7,277 | 6,311 |

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| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 2,117 | 2,272 | 2,239 | 2,552 | 2,225 | | 7,016 | 6,342 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.96% | 1.93% | 1.83% | 1.86% | 1.86% | | 1.85% | 2.11% |
| | Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.59 | 0.58 | 0.57 | 0.63 | 0.59 | | 0.60 | 0.58 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 50.2 | 44.1 | 30.6 | 40.2 | 32.9 | | 103.7 | 124.0 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.1 | | 8.7 | 10.9 |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 883 | 988 | 933 | 1,191 | 993 | | 3,117 | 2,498 |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 22,661 | 28,689 | 17,119 | 24,338 | 18,555 | | 60,012 | 62,971 |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 196 | 275 | 193 | 239 | 169 | | 601 | 539 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 51.6 | 45.2 | 30.7 | 41.0 | 31.9 | | 103.6 | 126.9 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | | 7.9 | 10.8 |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,043 | 646 | 562 | 346 | 1,182 | | 2,090 | 2,672 |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 22,983 | 27,589 | 20,118 | 21,760 | 19,767 | | 61,645 | 64,620 |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 183 | 294 | 192 | 237 | 173 | | 602 | 528 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper concentrate (a) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 5.2 | 9.6 | | 14.8 | - |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| | Payable silver (a) | ('000 ounces) | - | - | - | 13.3 | 38.4 | | 51.7 | - |
| | Payable gold (a) | | - | - | - | - | 1.3 | | 1.3 | - |

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| | | ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | |
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| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper concentrate | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 2.6 | 7.9 | | 10.5 | - |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.5 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 4.0 | | 5.8 | 4.7 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | - | - | - | 13.3 | 38.4 | | 51.7 | - |
| | Payable gold | ('000 ounces) | - | - | - | - | 1.3 | | 1.3 | - |
| | (a) | Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter. | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ekati™, Canada | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,046 | 1,194 | 1,009 | 1,080 | 967 | | 3,056 | 3,345 |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 889 | 911 | 1,022 | 843 | 620 | | 2,485 | 2,313 |

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| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |

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| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 11.4 | 7.8 | | 31.7 | 38.3 |
| | Sales | | 12.4 | 12.5 | 6.9 | 13.2 | 13.6 | | 33.7 | 38.5 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 8.0 | 9.3 | 5.5 | 6.0 | 6.2 | | 17.7 | 22.8 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 7.1 | 9.6 | 5.3 | 6.3 | 6.5 | | 18.1 | 20.3 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in concentrate | | - | 0.9 | - | 1.2 | 1.3 | | 2.5 | - |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | 12.9 | 13.2 | 3.9 | 8.5 | 10.3 | | 22.7 | 36.4 |
| | Nickel metal | | 12.1 | 12.5 | 16.7 | 16.6 | 17.4 | | 50.7 | 41.1 |
| | Nickel production | | 25.0 | 26.6 | 20.6 | 26.3 | 29.0 | | 75.9 | 77.5 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in concentrate | | - | 0.9 | - | 0.9 | 0.6 | | 1.5 | - |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | 9.9 | 15.1 | 6.2 | 9.5 | 9.4 | | 25.1 | 32.7 |
| | Nickel metal | | 14.2 | 11.5 | 14.7 | 14.4 | 15.7 | | 44.8 | 41.4 |
| | Nickel sales | | 24.1 | 27.5 | 20.9 | 24.8 | 25.7 | | 71.4 | 74.1 |

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| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | | 2008 | 2007 |

| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | 6,711 | 7,665 | 7,904 | 8,147 | 7,265 | | 23,316 | 21,641 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | | 142 | 195 | 134 | 170 | 386 | | 690 | 1,032 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | | 4,853 | 5,078 | 4,916 | 6,474 | 7,114 | | 18,504 | 15,008 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | | 8,277 | 9,661 | 9,823 | 9,770 | 10,061 | | 29,654 | 25,887 |
| | Jimblebar | | 1,177 | 1,341 | 1,157 | 1,248 | 1,660 | | 4,065 | 4,116 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 21,160 | 23,940 | 23,934 | 25,809 | 26,486 | | 76,229 | 67,684 |
| | Total production (100%) | | 24,896 | 28,165 | 28,159 | 30,363 | 31,160 | | 89,682 | 79,630 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 5,193 | 5,753 | 6,076 | 7,179 | 7,603 | | 20,858 | 17,478 |
| | Fines | | 15,454 | 17,458 | 17,979 | 18,847 | 19,714 | | 56,540 | 50,175 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 20,647 | 23,211 | 24,055 | 26,026 | 27,317 | | 77,398 | 67,653 |
| | Total sales (100%) | | 24,290 | 27,307 | 28,300 | 30,619 | 32,138 | | 91,057 | 79,591 |
| | (a) | Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,866 | 2,001 | 2,067 | 2,107 | 1,933 | | 6,107 | 5,799 |
| | Shipments | | 1,684 | 2,159 | 1,850 | 2,316 | 1,589 | | 5,755 | 5,913 |

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| | | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2007 | |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | | |

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-------|-------|
| MANGANESE ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 632 | 631 | 572 | 709 | 877 | | 2,158 | 1,939 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 820 | 888 | 873 | 904 | 789 | | 2,566 | 2,551 |
| MANGANESE ALLOY | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) (b) | | 132 | 137 | 123 | 141 | 125 | | 389 | 356 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 64 | 49 | 61 | 68 | 67 | | 196 | 190 |
| (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 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,484 | 1,730 | 1,407 | 1,370 | 1,345 | | 4,122 | 4,408 |

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| | Goonyella | | 1,896 | 2,268 | 1,677 | 1,505 | 1,117 | | 4,299 | 5,084 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,076 | 1,045 | 881 | 1,243 | 849 | | 2,973 | 3,439 |
| | Saraji | | 883 | 939 | 777 | 890 | 376 | | 2,043 | 2,458 |
| | Norwich Park | | 745 | 797 | 502 | 576 | 306 | | 1,384 | 2,053 |
| | Gregory Joint Venture | | 394 | 663 | 673 | 554 | 239 | | 1,466 | 1,799 |
| | BMA total | | 6,478 | 7,442 | 5,917 | 6,138 | 4,232 | | 16,287 | 19,241 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Walker Creek | | 785 | 982 | 939 | 868 | 438 | | 2,245 | 2,440 |
| | Poitrel (c) | | 282 | 1,065 | 515 | 658 | 409 | | 1,582 | 373 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 1,067 | 2,047 | 1,454 | 1,526 | 847 | | 3,827 | 2,813 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 7,545 | 9,489 | 7,371 | 7,664 | 5,079 | | 20,114 | 22,054 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 5,368 | 5,684 | 5,479 | 5,875 | 3,790 | | 15,144 | 15,598 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,710 | 1,804 | 1,668 | 1,966 | 1,726 | | 5,360 | 5,059 |
| | Thermal coal | | 419 | 854 | 516 | 328 | 497 | | 1,341 | 1,265 |
| | Total | | 7,497 | 8,343 | 7,663 | 8,169 | 6,013 | | 21,845 | 21,922 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (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%. | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) | Poitrel was commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,539 | 1,643 | 2,201 | 1,979 | 1,767 | | 5,947 | 5,243 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,624 | 1,724 | 1,906 | 1,851 | 1,549 | | 5,306 | 4,573 |
| | Thermal coal | | 175 | 288 | 199 | 290 | 194 | | 683 | 643 |
| | Total | | 1,799 | 2,012 | 2,105 | 2,141 | 1,743 | | 5,989 | 5,216 |
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| | | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | | 2008 | 2007 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
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| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | 12,863 | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 | 11,129 | | 34,112 | 39,046 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | 5,068 | 5,218 | 4,207 | 4,269 | 2,936 | | 11,412 | 15,447 |
| | Local utility | 7,874 | 7,416 | 7,063 | 7,351 | 7,430 | | 21,844 | 22,839 |
| | Inland | 259 | 310 | 388 | 209 | 190 | | 787 | 741 |
| | Total | 13,201 | 12,944 | 11,658 | 11,829 | 10,556 | | 34,043 | 39,027 |
| | (a) | Koornfontein was sold with effect from 1 July 2007. | | | | | | | |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | 1,971 | 2,321 | 1,548 | 1,899 | 1,800 | | 5,247 | 5,853 |
| | San Juan Coal | 1,135 | 2,315 | 963 | 1,772 | 836 | | 3,571 | 4,591 |
| | Total | 3,106 | 4,636 | 2,511 | 3,671 | 2,636 | | 8,818 | 10,444 |
| | Sales - local utility | 3,400 | 3,185 | 3,693 | 3,254 | 2,573 | | 9,520 | 10,838 |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | 2,731 | 2,610 | 2,918 | 2,959 | 2,965 | | 8,842 | 8,287 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | 1,479 | 1,934 | 1,423 | 1,892 | 1,842 | | 5,157 | 4,582 |
| | Inland | 1,168 | 909 | 1,179 | 985 | 791 | | 2,955 | 3,204 |
| | Total | 2,647 | 2,843 | 2,602 | 2,877 | 2,633 | | 8,112 | 7,786 |
| <u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | 2,230 | 2,441 | 2,488 | 2,702 | 2,534 | | 7,724 | 6,965 |
| | Sales - export | 2,446 | 2,401 | 2,761 | 2,334 | 2,534 | | 7,629 | 7,105 |

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 23 April 2008

By: Jane McAloon

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Title: Group Company Secretary