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BHP Billiton  
3 June 2008

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Resourcing the future  
Some implications in a sustained high energy price world  
BHP Billiton's future growth outlook  
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There are powerful socio-economic forces driving China / India growth, but what will be the impact of higher energy prices?

Finished steel consumption

(kg/capita)

Source:

World

Bank;

Government

Statistics

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High oil prices forecast to impact world GDP growth, but  
China impacted less than developed countries  
Factors impacting growth

Higher energy prices

Commodities price inflation

US Housing market

Source: IMF: World Economic Outlook 2008

1) Advanced Economies as defined by the IMF World Economic Outlook 2008

Revised 2009 GDP growth

Real GDP Growth %

Advanced Economies<sup>1</sup>

Revised April 2008

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World

China

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A period of sustained higher oil prices will reinforce the value  
of  
bulk commodity Tier 1 assets  
Impact of sustained higher oil prices  
Oil price impacts operations and  
freight  
Combination lifts and steepens the

curve

Prices move, set by the higher end

marginal cost of production

Steepening cost curve

With a steeper cost curve the

differential

to the marginal cost

producer widens

2

Tier 1 assets relative

profitability, at constant demand

scenarios, actually benefits from

an energy price induced upward

cost curve shift

2

Tier 1 producer volumes are

relatively protected from

demand contraction

Generic delivered bulk commodity cash cost curve

shift in high oil price environment

(Cash cost \$/t)

Source: BHP Billiton analysis

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In a world of high oil prices, the relative value of Tier 1 bulk commodity

assets that are close to Asian growth markets is enhanced

Source: CRU, BHP Billiton analysis

Transparent pricing

In a transparent pricing market the

value to customer of two identical products is fixed, and the supplier is paid that delivered price  
Impacts of higher oil prices

Freight costs become a much larger component of delivered cost

High freight costs with a variety of distance to market steepens the cost curve

Proximity to market delivers sustainable cost advantage

Regardless of demand impact the incentive to expand production is high for assets which are close to markets

Iron Ore cost FOB vs  
Delivered to Asia  
(\$/dmt)

BHP Billiton Weighted Avg.  
Cumulative production

(Mt)  
0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
600  
700  
800  
900  
1000  
0  
140  
130  
120  
110  
100  
90  
80  
70  
60  
50  
40  
30  
20

10  
2007 FOB  
2007 Delivered  
2008 Delivered  
Third quartile  
curve shift  
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~\$130  
EBIT uplift  
Increase in cost  
associated with oil  
Net EBIT impact  
~\$640  
~\$770

Net EBIT

(1)

impact of \$10 oil price increase

\$MM on FY08 Forecast production

At FY08 volumes, \$10 increase in the price of oil could

generate a net ~\$640m BHP Billiton EBIT uplift

The BHP Billiton energy hedge

Petroleum business creates a

hedge against petroleum products

cost increase for all BHP Billiton

For example:

An average \$10 increase in the

price of oil implies ~\$770m

EBIT uplift at FY08 volume

A similar 10% increase in the

price of petroleum products will

increase cost base

(2)

by

~\$130m

net gain of ~\$640m

BHP Billiton's portfolio also includes

other energy generating products:

energy coal, met coal and uranium

Source:

BHP

Billiton

Petroleum,

BHP

Billiton

analysis

1)

Estimate

based

on

FY08

production

forecast

but

using

FY07

average

margin

adjusted

for  
Oil/gas  
mix;  
EBIT  
margin  
excludes  
revenue  
and  
EBIT  
from  
third  
party  
trading  
activities  
2)  
Cost  
increase  
assumes  
a  
\$10/boe  
would  
translate  
to  
approximately  
a  
10%  
increase  
in  
costs  
of  
petroleum  
products  
consumed  
in  
all  
BHP  
Billiton  
activities  
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BHP Billiton Petroleum: Production growing to 170mmboe/yr,  
high EBIT margin per barrel and strong resource base

EBIT

(1)

margin per barrel at different price levels

(\$/boe)

0

50  
100  
150  
200  
FY07  
FY08E  
FY09E  
FY10E  
FY11E  
Liquids  
Gas  
Production Growth  
(mboe/yr)  
(3)  
Source:  
BHP  
Billiton  
2007  
Annual  
report  
and  
analysis  
1)  
FY07  
average  
margin  
adjusted  
for  
Oil/gas  
mix;  
EBIT  
margin  
excludes  
revenue  
and  
EBIT  
from  
third  
party  
trading  
activities  
2)  
Reference  
oil  
price  
is  
WTI  
3)  
Total  
barrels



of  
oil  
equivalent  
(boe)  
conversions  
are  
based  
on  
6000scf  
of  
natural  
gas  
equals

1  
boe  
Reference  
Oil Price

(2)  
\$90  
\$100  
\$110  
\$120  
EBIT  
\$42  
\$48  
\$54  
\$59

Attributable Reserves and Resources  
(mmboe, as at 30-Jun-2007)

(3)  
Proved Reserves  
1,353 mmboe  
Probable  
Reserves + 2C  
Contingent  
Resources  
Total  
Resources  
3,594  
mmboe  
2,241 mmboe  
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Resourcing the future  
Some implications in a sustained high energy price world  
BHP Billiton's future growth outlook  
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0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000

10,000

12,000

14,000

CY07

CY08

CY09

CY10

CY11

CY12

BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale

Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000

Production in copper equivalent tonnes

Simple Copper Equivalent

Focused on deliverable  
growth over the next five  
years

Commence from CY07, a  
year of known production

BHP Billiton 6.9% CAGR,  
and growing from 8.2 million  
tonnes of Cu equivalent to  
11.4 million tonnes of Cu  
equivalent

Rio Tinto on the same basis  
shows a growth rate of 6.0%  
CAGR but of lesser scale

BHP Billiton 82% of growth  
from brownfields

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Note: Copper equivalent units calculated using BHP Billiton (BHPB) estimates for BHPB production; Rio Tinto forecasts for Industrial Minerals, Lead and Zinc businesses; BHPB's Specialty Products operation; all bauxite production. All energy coal production forecasts to copper equivalent units completed using long term consensus price forecasts, plus BHPB assumptions for year Alcan alumina and aluminium as per 12 March 2008 announcement.

Estimated &

unrisked

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

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BHP Billiton's growth capital expenditure is focused on high margin commodities

Source: BHP Billiton analysis. EBIT margin excludes third party trading.

Note: BHP Billiton margins are actual CY07 margins.

Carbon Steel Materials

Non-Ferrous

Energy  
Margins matter

Cu equivalent production is  
based on implied revenue

\$1 million of revenue from  
energy coal  
calculates to the  
same tonnage  
of copper  
equivalent as \$1 million of  
revenue from **petroleum**

One tonne of petroleum  
derived copper is worth more  
than 4 times as much as one  
tonne of energy coal derived  
copper  
Using BHP Billiton CY07  
EBIT margins







Page 14  
Boffa/Santou  
Refinery  
2010  
As at 2 May 2008  
Proposed  
capital expenditure  
<\$500m  
\$501m-\$2bn  
\$2bn+  
SSM  
Energy Coal  
D&SP  
Iron Ore  
Base Metals  
Petroleum  
Met Coal  
CSG  
Manganese  
Aluminium  
2008  
Execution  
Pyrenees  
Samarco  
Neptune  
Shenzi  
Alumar  
Atlantis  
North  
Klipspruit

GEMCO  
Zamzama  
Phase 2  
2013  
Feasibility  
Guinea  
Alumina  
Worsley  
E&G  
Perseverance  
Deeps  
Maruwai  
Stage 1  
Douglas-  
Middelburg  
Mt Arthur  
Coal UG  
Future Options  
Cliffs  
Newcastle  
Third Port  
NWS  
Angel  
Nimba  
Ekati  
Canadian  
Potash  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
Angola  
& DRC  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 2  
Macedon  
Turrum  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 1  
NWS  
CWLH  
Peak Downs  
Exp  
DRC  
Smelter  
Mad Dog  
West  
KNS

Exp  
Hallmark  
Corridor  
Sands 1  
Puma  
Cerrejon  
Opt Exp  
Angostura  
Gas  
NWS  
T5  
Beyond our 5 year growth plans, the future options portfolio is  
deep and diversified  
Navajo  
Sth  
Bakhuis  
Maruwai  
Stage 2  
NWS Nth  
Rankin B  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 4  
Kipper  
Antamina  
Exp  
Goonyella  
Expansions  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 3  
Corridor  
Sands 2  
Knotty  
Head  
Maya  
Nickel  
Gabon  
Daunia  
RBM  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 2  
Browse  
LNG  
Resolution  
Saraji  
Thebe  
CMSA  
Pyro Expansion  
Cannington  
Life Ext  
SA Mn

Ore Exp  
Wards  
Well  
Eastern  
Indonesian  
Facility  
NWS  
WFGH  
Blackwater  
UG  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 1  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 2  
Escondida  
3rd Conc  
Red Hill  
UG  
GEMCO  
Exp  
Samarco 4  
Shenzi  
Nth  
Neptune  
Nth  
MKO  
Talc  
Scarborough  
Caroona  
Kennedy

