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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2004

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 September 2004. Unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- **Record quarterly aluminium production of 339 thousand tonnes.**
- **Record quarterly manganese ore production of 1.4 million tonnes (100% basis).**
- **Continued ramp up of operating capacity at Western Australian Iron Ore operations, with record quarterly production of 23.5 million tonnes (100% basis).**
- **First shipment of LNG from the newly commissioned North West Shelf (Australia) fourth train.**

- Total Petroleum Products

- Total production for the September 2004 quarter was 27.6 million barrels of oil equivalent, 14 per cent lower than the September 2003 quarter and nine per cent lower than the June 2004 quarter.

- ◆ Oil and Condensate - Production for the September 2004 quarter was 12.4 million barrels, 20 per cent lower than the 15.5 million barrels produced in the September 2003 quarter. Planned maintenance at Liverpool Bay (UK) and Bruce (UK) resulted in shutdowns of 14 and 54 days respectively. Production was also lower due to natural field decline at Bass Strait, Laminaria, Griffin, North West Shelf (all Australia) and Liverpool Bay and the divestment in February 2004 of our producing assets in Bolivia. This was partly offset by new production from Ohanet (Algeria) and Boris North (USA) which were commissioned in October 2003 and September 2003 respectively. Production for the quarter was seven per cent lower than the 13.3 million barrels produced in the June 2004 quarter due to maintenance shutdowns at Liverpool Bay and Bruce as well as natural decline across the portfolio.
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's share of Ohanet production was also lower than the June 2004 quarter where under the terms of the risk sharing contractual agreement higher prices result in lower production entitlements. This was partly offset by higher production from Bass Strait and North West Shelf due to higher downtime in the previous quarter.

- Natural Gas - Production for the September 2004 quarter was 75.9 billion cubic feet, 11 per cent lower than the 85.2 billion cubic feet produced in the September 2003 quarter. This was due to planned maintenance at Liverpool Bay and Bruce plus subsequent production issues on restart of the Liverpool Bay gas plant. This was partially offset by increased production to support higher demand at Bass Strait and North West Shelf LNG. Production for the quarter

was 11 per cent lower than the June 2004 quarter due to maintenance shutdowns at Liverpool Bay and Bruce and subsequent restart issues at Liverpool Bay. This was partially offset by higher downtime at North West Shelf in the previous quarter and increased production due to demand for North West Shelf LNG.

- **Alumina**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter of 1.0 million tonnes was five per cent lower than the September 2003 quarter and six per cent lower than the June 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects scheduled and unscheduled calciner outages leading to increased stockpiling of hydrate at Worsley (Australia) and lower production at Alumar (Brazil) due to scheduled maintenance carried out in July 2004.

- **Aluminium**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was a record 339,000 tonnes, 20 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter, mainly reflecting the ramp up of production from the Mozal 2 (Mozambique) and Hillside 3 (South Africa) expansions, which reached full commissioning in August 2003 and December 2003 respectively. Production was also impacted by an electrical outage at Alumar in the September 2003 quarter. Production was two per cent higher than the June 2004 quarter mainly due to increased production from Hillside and Mozal.

- **Copper -**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was 248,800 tonnes, 16 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter. This mainly reflects restoration of full capacity at Escondida (Chile) and Tintaya (Peru) and Antamina's (Peru) return to normal mine plan following the removal of lakebed sediments. This was partly offset by lower head grade at Cerro Colorado (Chile) and sale of the Group's interest in Highland Valley Copper (Canada) in January 2004. Production was nine per cent lower than the June 2004 quarter, mainly reflecting lower head grades at Escondida, Tintaya and Cerro Colorado.

- **Silver -**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter of 11.8 million ounces was 11 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter and six per cent higher than the June 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects record quarterly mill throughput at Cannington (Australia) resulting from a continuing debottlenecking program.

- **Iron Ore**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was a record 22.5 million tonnes, eight per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter and ten per cent higher than the June 2004 quarter. The increase reflects additional capacity following the completion of the Area C, Products and Capacity Expansion and Accelerated Expansion projects at Western Australian Iron Ore, underpinned by strong customer demand for iron ore products.

- **Metallurgical Coal**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was 9.3 million tonnes, two per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter. This mainly reflects record production at Queensland Coal (Australia) underpinned by strong customer demand for metallurgical coal. This was partly offset by lower production from Illawarra Coal (Australia), largely due to a longwall changeout at Appin and Elouera and industrial activity at Elouera. Production was in line with the June 2004 quarter.

- **Manganese ore**

- Ore production for the September 2004 quarter was a record 1.4 million tonnes, 20 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter and three percent higher than the June 2004 quarter. This reflects our ability to increase production, mainly at our Australian operations to meet strong customer demand in all markets, particularly China, Japan and Europe.

• **Manganese alloys -**

Production for the September quarter of 195,000 tonnes was 33 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter. Production in the September 2003 quarter was affected by a fire in the Metalloy's South plant in South Africa. Production was in line with the June 2004 quarter.

• **Hot briquetted iron -**

Production remains suspended at the Boodarie Iron plant (Australia) following a gas explosion in May 2004. A number of investigations into the incident are continuing.

• **Diamonds**

- Production of 1.0 million carats at Ekati was 36 per cent lower than the September 2003 quarter and 19 per cent lower than the June 2004 quarter. This decrease primarily reflects processing of lower grade ore in the September 2004 quarter after mining of a high grade zone in the Koala pipe was completed in the June 2004 quarter.

• **Energy Coal**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was 23.2 million tonnes, 10 per cent higher than the September 2003 quarter. This primarily reflects the ramp up of production at Mt Arthur Coal (Australia) and improved operational performance at Ingwe (South Africa). September 2003 quarter production was also impacted by a longwall move at New Mexico Coal's (USA) San Juan mine. Production was eight per cent higher than the June 2004 quarter, primarily reflecting improved operational performance at Ingwe. Production in the June 2004 quarter was also impacted by two planned major dragline outages at the Navajo mine and a longwall move at the San Juan mine at New Mexico Coal.

• **Nickel**

- Production for the September 2004 quarter was 19,600 tonnes, five per cent lower than the September 2003 quarter. This mainly reflects lower production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) due to ore variations and unseasonably heavy rain, along with conversion of work in process inventories to finished goods at Yabulu (Australia) in the September 2003 quarter. Production was in line with the June 2004 quarter.

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | QUARTER ENDED | | % CHANGE | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|------------|------------|
| | | | SEPT | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | SEP Q04 | SEP Q04 |
| | | | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 | vs SEP Q03 | vs JUN Q04 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | 15,512 | 13,297 | 12,366 | 12,366 | 15,512 | -20% | -7% |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 85.19 | 85.11 | 75.85 | 75.85 | 85.19 | -11% | -11% |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 199.33 | 235.86 | 214.93 | 214.93 | 199.33 | 8% | -9% |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 27.32 | 25.14 | 27.75 | 27.75 | 27.32 | 2% | 10% |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 32.13 | 30.32 | 27.63 | 27.63 | 32.13 | -14% | -9% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | 1,053 | 1,059 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,053 | -5% | -6% |
| | Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | 282 | 333 | 339 | 339 | 282 | 20% | 2% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper | ('000 tonnes) | 214.5 | 272.6 | 248.8 | 248.8 | 214.5 | 16% | -9% |
| | Lead | (tonnes) | 59,364 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 64,910 | 59,364 | 9% | 1% |
| | Zinc | (tonnes) | 49,094 | 29,038 | 23,851 | 23,851 | 49,094 | -51% | -18% |
| | Gold | (ounces) | 29,170 | 31,145 | 30,132 | 30,132 | 29,170 | 3% | -3% |
| | Silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,596 | 11,053 | 11,769 | 11,769 | 10,596 | 11% | 6% |
| | Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 325 | 240 | 323 | 323 | 325 | -1% | 35% |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| | Iron ore | ('000 tonnes) | 20,870 | 20,537 | 22,545 | 22,545 | 20,870 | 8% | 10% |

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| | Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 9,099 | 9,284 | 9,277 | 9,277 | 9,099 | 2% | 0% |
| | Manganese ores | ('000 tonnes) | 1,153 | 1,337 | 1,379 | 1,379 | 1,153 | 20% | 3% |
| | Manganese alloys | ('000 tonnes) | 147 | 203 | 195 | 195 | 147 | 33% | -4% |
| | Hot briquetted iron | ('000 tonnes) | 496 | 294 | - | - | 496 | -100% | -100% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| | Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 1,552 | 1,211 | 986 | 986 | 1,552 | -36% | -19% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| | Energy coal | ('000 tonnes) | 21,134 | 21,494 | 23,245 | 23,245 | 21,134 | 10% | 8% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 20.6 | 19.9 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 20.6 | -5% | -2% |
| | Ferrochrome | ('000 tonnes) | 227 | 264 | 265 | 265 | 227 | 17% | 0% |

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | BHP Billiton | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | Interest | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 15,512 | 14,877 | 14,341 | 13,297 | 12,366 | 12,366 | 15,512 |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 85.19 | 77.57 | 76.47 | 85.11 | 75.85 | 75.85 | 85.19 |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 199.33 | 200.51 | 217.83 | 235.86 | 214.93 | 214.93 | 199.33 |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 27.32 | 25.25 | 16.59 | 25.14 | 27.75 | 27.75 | 27.32 |

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| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 32.13 | 30.24 | 29.78 | 30.32 | 27.63 | 27.63 | 32.13 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley | 86% | 699 | 700 | 704 | 696 | 663 | 663 | 699 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 227 | 230 | 228 | 233 | 223 | 223 | 227 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 127 | 120 | 130 | 130 | 114 | 114 | 127 |
| | Total | | 1,053 | 1,050 | 1,062 | 1,059 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,053 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 135 | 151 | 169 | 167 | 173 | 173 | 135 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 47 | 46 | 45 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 47 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 31 | 36 | 44 | 45 | 44 | 44 | 31 |
| | Valesul | 45.5% | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 58 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 58 |
| | Total | | 282 | 308 | 333 | 333 | 339 | 339 | 282 |
| BASE METALS (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 115.9 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 159.1 | 142.5 | 142.5 | 115.9 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | - | 15.0 | 22.9 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | - |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 16.9 | 20.5 | 24.6 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 16.9 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (c) | 33.6% | 14.1 | 14.2 | - | - | - | - | 14.1 |
| | Selbaie (d) | 100% | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.8 | - | - | - | 1.6 |
| | Total | | 148.5 | 160.6 | 179.1 | 208.6 | 187.0 | 187.0 | 148.5 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21.4 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.4 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 33.1 | 33.0 | 28.1 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 33.1 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.0 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| | Total | | 66.0 | 66.2 | 61.5 | 64.0 | 61.8 | 61.8 | 66.0 |

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| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 64,910 | 59,364 |
| | Total | | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 64,910 | 59,364 |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 14,850 | 11,692 | 13,589 | 13,493 | 10,968 | 10,968 | 14,850 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 27,933 | 27,026 | 19,099 | 15,545 | 12,883 | 12,883 | 27,933 |
| | Selbaie (d) | 100% | 6,311 | 7,194 | 2,506 | - | - | - | 6,311 |
| | Total | | 49,094 | 45,912 | 35,194 | 29,038 | 23,851 | 23,851 | 49,094 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 25,016 | 24,833 | 27,492 | 26,044 | 25,370 | 25,370 | 25,016 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | - | 2,658 | 4,009 | 5,101 | 4,762 | 4,762 | - |
| | Selbaie (d) | 100% | 3,129 | 3,428 | 1,413 | - | - | - | 3,129 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (c) | 33.6% | 1,025 | 1,166 | - | - | - | - | 1,025 |
| | Total | | 29,170 | 32,085 | 32,914 | 31,145 | 30,132 | 30,132 | 29,170 |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 9,177 | 8,287 | 10,485 | 9,471 | 10,339 | 10,339 | 9,177 |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 561 | 550 | 614 | 720 | 604 | 604 | 561 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 435 | 494 | 588 | 662 | 692 | 692 | 435 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100.0% | - | 170 | 239 | 200 | 134 | 134 | - |
| | Highland Valley Copper (c) | 33.6% | 160 | 163 | - | - | - | - | 160 |

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| | Selbaie (d) | 100% | 263 | 316 | 138 | - | - | - | 263 |
| | Total | | 10,596 | 9,980 | 12,064 | 11,053 | 11,769 | 11,769 | 10,596 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 25 | 20 | 81 | 240 | 323 | 323 | 25 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (c) | 33.6% | 300 | 270 | - | - | - | - | 300 |
| | Total | | 325 | 290 | 81 | 240 | 323 | 323 | 325 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (e) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 6,639 | 6,707 | 6,031 | 5,084 | 6,157 | 6,157 | 6,639 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,633 | 1,477 | 1,348 | 1,386 | 1,038 | 1,038 | 1,633 |
| | Area C Joint Venture (f) | 85% | 341 | 1,048 | 1,768 | 2,519 | 2,990 | 2,990 | 341 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,679 | 9,005 | 8,429 | 8,046 | 8,767 | 8,767 | 8,679 |
| | Jimblebar | 100% | 1,622 | 1,520 | 1,647 | 1,566 | 1,675 | 1,675 | 1,622 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,956 | 1,971 | 1,862 | 1,936 | 1,918 | 1,918 | 1,956 |
| | Total | | 20,870 | 21,728 | 21,085 | 20,537 | 22,545 | 22,545 | 20,870 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (g) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 5,591 | 5,395 | 5,263 | 6,285 | 6,231 | 6,231 | 5,591 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (h) | 80% | 1,926 | 1,591 | 1,811 | 1,653 | 1,748 | 1,748 | 1,926 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,582 | 1,459 | 1,458 | 1,346 | 1,298 | 1,298 | 1,582 |
| | Total | | 9,099 | 8,445 | 8,532 | 9,284 | 9,277 | 9,277 | 9,099 |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

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| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 600 | 651 | 604 | 647 | 632 | 632 | 600 |
| | Australia (i) | 60% | 553 | 548 | 660 | 690 | 747 | 747 | 553 |
| | Total | | 1,153 | 1,199 | 1,264 | 1,337 | 1,379 | 1,379 | 1,153 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 93 | 122 | 116 | 131 | 121 | 121 | 93 |
| | Australia (i) | 60% | 54 | 61 | 63 | 72 | 74 | 74 | 54 |
| | Total | | 147 | 183 | 179 | 203 | 195 | 195 | 147 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Boodarie(TM) Iron (j) | 100% | 496 | 527 | 399 | 294 | - | - | 496 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati(TM) | 80% | 1,552 | 1,704 | 1,015 | 1,211 | 986 | 986 | 1,552 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 13,782 | 13,472 | 13,231 | 13,768 | 14,588 | 14,588 | 13,782 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,560 | 2,829 | 3,687 | 3,154 | 3,899 | 3,899 | 3,560 |
| | Australia | 100% | 1,756 | 2,054 | 2,318 | 2,590 | 2,595 | 2,595 | 1,756 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,036 | 1,623 | 2,043 | 1,982 | 2,163 | 2,163 | 2,036 |
| | Total | | 21,134 | 19,978 | 21,279 | 21,494 | 23,245 | 23,245 | 21,134 |
| STAINLESS STEEL | | | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | 2003 | 2003 | |
| | | | | | | | 2004 | 2004 | |
| | | | | | | | 2004 | 2004 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (’000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 5,872 | 5,333 | 5,174 | 4,641 | 4,835 | 4,835 | 5,872 |
| | North West Shelf - condensate | | 1,491 | 1,204 | 1,352 | 1,367 | 1,330 | 1,330 | 1,491 |
| | North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | 1,604 | 1,675 | 1,519 | 1,357 | 1,475 | 1,475 | 1,604 |
| | Laminaria | | 1,151 | 966 | 928 | 803 | 597 | 597 | 1,151 |
| | Griffin | | 742 | 563 | 380 | 585 | 414 | 414 | 742 |
| | Pakistan | | 53 | 53 | 50 | 49 | 50 | 50 | 53 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | 1,214 | 1,605 | 1,457 | 1,462 | 1,461 | 1,461 | 1,214 |
| | Americas | | 608 | 586 | 332 | 213 | 181 | 181 | 608 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 2,324 | 2,061 | 1,926 | 1,788 | 1,344 | 1,344 | 2,324 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 453 | 387 | 423 | 388 | 121 | 121 | 453 |
| | Algeria (b) | | - | 444 | 800 | 644 | 558 | 558 | - |
| | Total | | 15,512 | 14,877 | 14,341 | 13,297 | 12,366 | 12,366 | 15,512 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 33.04 | 23.86 | 24.95 | 34.62 | 35.61 | 35.61 | 33.04 |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.99 | 3.95 | 3.91 | 3.76 | 3.50 | 3.50 | 3.99 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 16.74 | 14.93 | 13.74 | 15.43 | 17.78 | 17.78 | 16.74 |
| | Griffin | | 0.96 | 0.90 | 0.44 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.96 |
| | Pakistan | | 7.86 | 7.83 | 7.51 | 7.10 | 7.69 | 7.69 | 7.86 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | 1.58 | 2.41 | 2.14 | 2.13 | 2.32 | 2.32 | 1.58 |
| | Americas | | 3.25 | 3.73 | 2.60 | 2.75 | 1.99 | 1.99 | 3.25 |
| | Bruce | | 8.77 | 8.52 | 9.27 | 8.29 | 2.23 | 2.23 | 8.77 |
| | Keith | | 0.11 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.11 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 8.89 | 11.36 | 11.74 | 10.16 | 4.02 | 4.02 | 8.89 |

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|---|------------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Total | | 85.19 | 77.57 | 76.47 | 85.11 | 75.85 | 75.85 | 85.19 |
| LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 150.19 | 130.02 | 111.26 | 136.52 | 145.85 | 145.85 | 150.19 |
| | North West Shelf | | 34.21 | 28.11 | 29.59 | 32.95 | 34.66 | 34.66 | 34.21 |
| | Bruce | | 14.12 | 17.71 | 18.40 | 18.64 | 6.63 | 6.63 | 14.12 |
| | Keith | | 0.81 | 0.31 | 0.82 | 0.63 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.81 |
| | Algeria (b) | | - | 24.36 | 57.76 | 47.12 | 27.49 | 27.49 | - |
| | Total | | 199.33 | 200.51 | 217.83 | 235.86 | 214.93 | 214.93 | 199.33 |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 27.32 | 25.25 | 16.59 | 25.14 | 27.75 | 27.75 | 27.32 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | 32.13 | 30.24 | 29.78 | 30.32 | 27.63 | 27.63 | 32.13 |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Boris commenced production in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Ohanet commenced production in October 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions based on the following: | | | | | | | | | |
| 6000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 699 | 700 | 704 | 696 | 663 | | 663 699 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 227 | 230 | 228 | 233 | 223 | | 223 227 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 127 | 120 | 130 | 130 | 114 | | 114 127 |
| | Total | | 1,053 | 1,050 | 1,062 | 1,059 | 1,000 | | 1,000 1,053 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 697 | 740 | 652 | 732 | 667 | | 667 697 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 221 | 250 | 233 | 214 | 239 | | 239 221 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 120 | 128 | 144 | 111 | 129 | | 129 120 |
| | Total | | 1,038 | 1,118 | 1,029 | 1,057 | 1,035 | | 1,035 1,038 |
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| | ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 135 | 151 | 169 | 167 | 173 | | 173 135 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 47 | 46 | 45 | 46 | 46 | | 46 47 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 31 | 36 | 44 | 45 | 44 | | 44 31 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | 11 11 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 58 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 65 | | 65 58 |
| | Total | | 282 | 308 | 333 | 333 | 339 | | 339 282 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 134 | 145 | 176 | 171 | 155 | | 155 134 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 54 | 35 | 49 | 45 | 45 | | 45 54 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 38 | 25 | 39 | 55 | 43 | | 43 38 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 12 | | 12 11 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 61 | 40 | 78 | 56 | 59 | | 59 61 |
| | Total | | 298 | 257 | 353 | 339 | 314 | | 314 298 |
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| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| 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) | 69,342 | 82,909 | 83,640 | 95,757 | 100,466 | 100,466 | 69,342 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 18,888 | 18,299 | 19,620 | 21,197 | 20,637 | 20,637 | 18,888 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.33% | 1.31% | 1.48% | 1.61% | 1.47% | 1.47% | 1.33% |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 208.2 | 197.1 | 239.6 | 284.2 | 256.8 | 256.8 | 208.2 |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 115.9 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 159.1 | 142.5 | 142.5 | 115.9 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 25,016 | 24,833 | 27,492 | 26,044 | 25,370 | 25,370 | 25,016 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.4 | 21.8 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 21.9 | 21.4 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 561 | 550 | 614 | 720 | 604 | 604 | 561 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 116.2 | 114.8 | 127.3 | 150.4 | 140.0 | 140.0 | 116.2 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 25,335 | 26,984 | 28,545 | 24,874 | 24,732 | 24,732 | 25,335 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 18.1 | 23.8 | 26.2 | 21.3 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 18.1 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 574 | 634 | 612 | 683 | 582 | 582 | 574 |
| <u>Tintaya, Peru (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 4,151 | 17,450 | 17,206 | 17,944 | 18,676 | 18,676 | 4,151 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | - | 1,408 | 1,609 | 1,616 | 1,621 | 1,621 | - |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | - | 1.38% | 1.61% | 1.45% | 1.14% | 1.14% | - |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | - | 15.0 | 22.9 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 14.6 | - |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | - | 2,658 | 4,009 | 5,101 | 4,762 | 4,762 | - |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.0 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | - | 170 | 239 | 200 | 134 | 134 | - |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | - | 10.6 | 23.1 | 20.6 | 5.7 | 5.7 | - |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | - | 3,086 | 4,372 | 4,100 | 1,219 | 1,219 | - |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 8.9 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | - | 100.0 | 240.1 | 226.4 | 64.0 | 64.0 | - |
| | (a) Sulphide production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended in January 2002 due to weak market conditions. | | | | | | | | |
| | Sulphide mining operations recommenced during August 2003. | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 20,332 | 19,855 | 16,199 | 16,697 | 17,554 | 17,554 | 20,332 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 4,346 | 4,405 | 3,700 | 4,330 | 4,232 | 4,232 | 4,346 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.99% | 1.00% | 0.92% | 0.90% | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.99% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 33.1 | 33.0 | 28.1 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 33.1 |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 28.9 | 35.2 | 27.8 | 35.5 | 28.9 | 28.9 | 28.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 30,174 | 28,474 | 28,588 | 36,035 | 33,177 | 33,177 | 30,174 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 6,018 | 7,273 | 6,954 | 8,205 | 8,069 | 8,069 | 6,018 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.17% | 1.17% | 1.26% | 1.37% | 1.26% | 1.26% | 1.17% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 2.17% | 1.77% | 1.48% | 0.97% | 1.02% | 1.02% | 2.17% |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 16.9 | 20.5 | 24.6 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 16.9 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 27,933 | 27,026 | 19,099 | 15,545 | 12,883 | 12,883 | 27,933 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 435 | 494 | 588 | 662 | 692 | 692 | 435 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.03 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 18.6 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 26.4 | 32.1 | 32.1 | 18.6 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 26,781 | 26,928 | 14,219 | 19,931 | 13,617 | 13,617 | 26,781 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 420 | 491 | 423 | 655 | 624 | 624 | 420 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.01 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 637 | 699 | 729 | 681 | 828 | 828 | 637 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 589 | 598 | 698 | 724 | 730 | 730 | 589 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
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|---|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| - Silver | (g/t) | 564 | 497 | 539 | 486 | 504 | 504 | 564 |
| - Lead | (%) | 11.5% | 10.5% | 11.4% | 10.8% | 10.3% | 10.3% | 11.5% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 4.0% | 3.4% | 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.1% | 3.1% | 4.0% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,177 | 8,287 | 10,485 | 9,471 | 10,339 | 10,339 | 9,177 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 64,910 | 59,364 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 14,850 | 11,692 | 13,589 | 13,493 | 10,968 | 10,968 | 14,850 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 6,765 | 10,716 | 8,569 | 12,583 | 9,266 | 9,266 | 6,765 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 43,953 | 69,447 | 56,259 | 84,315 | 62,774 | 62,774 | 43,953 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 16,223 | 15,443 | 12,790 | 13,410 | 12,170 | 12,170 | 16,223 |
| Pinto Valley, USA | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | |
| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| | | 6,639 | 6,707 | 6,031 | 5,084 | 6,157 | 6,157 | 6,639 |

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| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | | | | | | | | |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | | 1,633 | 1,477 | 1,348 | 1,386 | 1,038 | | 1,038 | 1,633 |
| | Area C Joint Venture (b) | | 341 | 1,048 | 1,768 | 2,519 | 2,990 | | 2,990 | 341 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | | 8,679 | 9,005 | 8,429 | 8,046 | 8,767 | | 8,767 | 8,679 |
| | Jimblebar | | 1,622 | 1,520 | 1,647 | 1,566 | 1,675 | | 1,675 | 1,622 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 18,914 | 19,757 | 19,223 | 18,601 | 20,627 | | 20,627 | 18,914 |
| | Total production (100%) | | 21,965 | 22,975 | 22,326 | 21,608 | 23,517 | | 23,517 | 21,965 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 4,898 | 5,169 | 5,402 | 5,064 | 5,532 | | 5,532 | 4,898 |
| | Fines | | 13,334 | 13,968 | 13,181 | 14,067 | 14,457 | | 14,457 | 13,334 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 18,232 | 19,137 | 18,583 | 19,131 | 19,989 | | 19,989 | 18,232 |
| | Total shipments (100%) | | 21,450 | 22,515 | 21,862 | 22,507 | 23,971 | | 23,971 | 21,450 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Production commenced in May 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,956 | 1,971 | 1,862 | 1,936 | 1,918 | | 1,918 | 1,956 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | 2,013 | 1,886 | 1,918 | 1,994 | 1,976 | | 1,976 | 2,013 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,578 | 1,581 | 1,508 | 1,864 | 1,638 | | 1,638 | 1,578 |
| | Goonyella | | 994 | 829 | 1,019 | 935 | 1,112 | | 1,112 | 994 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,004 | 1,004 | 881 | 1,223 | 1,198 | | 1,198 | 1,004 |
| | Saraji | | 747 | 655 | 703 | 806 | 809 | | 809 | 747 |

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| | Norwich Park | | 524 | 582 | 556 | 682 | 700 | | 700 | 524 |
| | Gregory Joint Venture | | 744 | 744 | 596 | 775 | 774 | | 774 | 744 |
| | BMA total | | 5,591 | 5,395 | 5,263 | 6,285 | 6,231 | | 6,231 | 5,591 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riverside | | 969 | 812 | 967 | 575 | 910 | | 910 | 969 |
| | South Walker Creek | | 957 | 779 | 844 | 1,078 | 838 | | 838 | 957 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 1,926 | 1,591 | 1,811 | 1,653 | 1,748 | | 1,748 | 1,926 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 7,517 | 6,986 | 7,074 | 7,938 | 7,979 | | 7,979 | 7,517 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 4,838 | 5,258 | 5,116 | 4,777 | 5,188 | | 5,188 | 4,838 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,617 | 1,649 | 1,585 | 1,569 | 1,665 | | 1,665 | 1,617 |
| | Thermal coal | | 801 | 987 | 803 | 756 | 743 | | 743 | 801 |
| | Total | | 7,256 | 7,894 | 7,504 | 7,102 | 7,596 | | 7,596 | 7,256 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) BHP Mitsui Coal production shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,582 | 1,459 | 1,458 | 1,346 | 1,298 | | 1,298 | 1,582 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,513 | 1,293 | 1,359 | 1,215 | 1,097 | | 1,097 | 1,513 |
| | Thermal coal | | 91 | 47 | 134 | 114 | 82 | | 82 | 91 |
| | Total | | 1,604 | 1,340 | 1,493 | 1,329 | 1,179 | | 1,179 | 1,604 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 600 | 651 | 604 | 647 | 632 | | 632 | 600 |
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| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 553 | 548 | 660 | 690 | 747 | | 747 | 553 |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 93 | 122 | 116 | 131 | 121 | | 121 | 93 |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 54 | 61 | 63 | 72 | 74 | | 74 | 54 |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Boodarie(TM) Iron, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production (a) | | 496 | 527 | 399 | 294 | - | | - | 496 |
| | Shipments | | 435 | 570 | 436 | 318 | - | | - | 435 |
| | (a) Production was suspended at Boodarie Iron following a gas explosion in May 2004. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | | 2004 | 2003 |

| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati(TM), Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,064 | 1,123 | 1,052 | 1,207 | 1,184 | 1,184 | 1,064 |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 1,552 | 1,704 | 1,015 | 1,211 | 986 | 986 | 1,552 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 13,782 | 13,472 | 13,231 | 13,768 | 14,588 | 14,588 | 13,782 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 5,274 | 5,500 | 5,354 | 4,830 | 5,551 | 5,551 | 5,274 |
| | Local utility | | 8,215 | 7,701 | 7,579 | 8,426 | 8,546 | 8,546 | 8,215 |
| | Inland | | 338 | 326 | 330 | 361 | 383 | 383 | 338 |
| | Total | | 13,827 | 13,527 | 13,263 | 13,617 | 14,480 | 14,480 | 13,827 |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | | 2,240 | 1,553 | 1,709 | 1,714 | 2,083 | 2,083 | 2,240 |
| | San Juan Coal | | 1,320 | 1,276 | 1,978 | 1,440 | 1,816 | 1,816 | 1,320 |
| | Total | | 3,560 | 2,829 | 3,687 | 3,154 | 3,899 | 3,899 | 3,560 |
| | Sales - local utility | | 3,713 | 3,327 | 3,213 | 3,353 | 3,897 | 3,897 | 3,713 |

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| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,756 | 2,054 | 2,318 | 2,590 | 2,595 | 2,595 | 1,756 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 952 | 861 | 1,729 | 1,734 | 1,440 | 1,440 | 952 |
| | Inland | | 873 | 633 | 1,044 | 958 | 1,220 | 1,220 | 873 |
| | Total | | 1,825 | 1,494 | 2,773 | 2,692 | 2,660 | 2,660 | 1,825 |
| <u>Carrejon Coal, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 2,036 | 1,623 | 2,043 | 1,982 | 2,163 | 2,163 | 2,036 |
| | Sales - export | | 1,966 | 1,999 | 1,828 | 2,283 | 2,166 | 2,166 | 1,966 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2003 | 2003 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2003 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 12.4 |
| | Sales | | 11.1 | 13.1 | 11.2 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.2 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.8 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 227 | 269 | 266 | 264 | 265 | | 265 | 227 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | | |
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SIGNATURES

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
 /s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
 Title: Company Secretary
 Date:

21 October 2004