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July 24, 2008

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BHP BILLITON LIMITED  
(ABN 49 004 028 077)  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in  
its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or  
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(REG. NO. 3196209)  
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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Annual production was significantly up in 13 commodities, with records achieved in seven commodities. These records were delivered in 14 assets across six of our nine Customer Sector Groups (CSG). This was achieved in an environment in which supply disruptions and input cost pressures are placing challenges on the industry response to continued strong global demand for commodities.


We achieved record shipments in iron ore and manganese, at a time when pricing reached unprecedented levels and demand outlook remains very strong. Western Australia Iron Ore achieved an eighth consecutive annual production record, maintaining an exceptional track record of project delivery. Metallurgical coal production recovered strongly from the extreme weather interruptions during the March 2008 quarter.

Newly commissioned petroleum projects in fiscally stable regimes contributed to a record performance. Ramp up of production from these projects and future growth options will continue to increase the weighting of high margin liquids in our portfolio mix at a time of historically high oil prices.

We continue to develop and deliver world class projects that add significant shareholder value. First product was delivered from 10 major projects across five commodities during the year. A further seven major projects were sanctioned during the period. Over the past quarter we announced a significant increase in our iron ore and manganese resources and reserves. This, along with the Pampa Escondida prospect (Chile), are excellent examples of our deep inventory of expansion options. These options are underpinned by an extensive exploration and development program.

- » Annual production records achieved in petroleum, copper, iron ore, manganese ore and alloy, alumina and molybdenum. Annual production also increased in crude oil and condensate, uranium, lead, zinc, silver and diamonds.
- » Quarterly production records achieved in alumina, copper, iron ore and manganese ore.
- » Annual production records delivered in Western Australia Iron Ore, GEMCO, TEMCO, Illawarra Coal, Hunter Valley Coal, Minerva and Worsley (all Australia), Escondida (Chile), Samarco and Alumar (both Brazil), Samancor (South Africa), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia), Zamzama (Pakistan) and Paranam (Suriname).
- » Quarterly production records delivered in Escondida, Yabulu (Australia), Western Australia Iron Ore, GEMCO, Samarco, Samancor, Alumar and New Mexico Coal (USA).
- » Annual volume growth of 27 per cent in crude oil and condensate from the continuing ramp up of newly commissioned projects and strong operational performance.
- » Annual uranium oxide concentrate production at Olympic Dam (Australia) was the highest since the Western Mining (WMC) acquisition.





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| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl) (a) | 68,168 | 20,331 | 20% | 41% | 10% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) (a)  | 368.01 | 95.37  | 5%  | 2%  | 11% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a)                   | 129.50 | 36.23  | 13% | 20% | 11% |

Total Petroleum Products – Strong growth in production mainly due to the continued ramp up of Stybarrow (Australia), Genghis Khan and Atlantis (both USA), excellent operated facility performance and record natural gas production. Record quarterly production and a 13 per cent year on year volume growth is a strong start to our expected 10 per cent compound annual growth rate through to financial year 2011.

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 more than offset natural field decline in existing fields.

Natural Gas – Second consecutive record annual production due to increased demand in Australia as well as continued strong market growth in Pakistan.

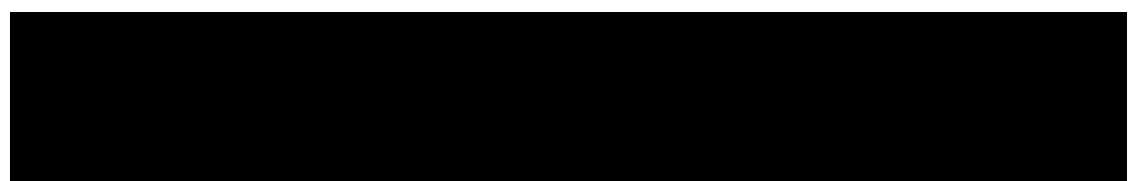


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|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| Alumina ('000 tonnes)   | 4,554 | 1,149 | 2%  | 0%  | 5%  |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 1,298 | 305   | -3% | -9% | -4% |

Alumina – Annual production and sales records were achieved for the second consecutive year. All operations achieved record annual output. Worsley operated consistently above the expanded nameplate capacity.

Production was marginally higher than the March 2008 quarter.

Aluminium – Southern African smelters continued to operate at reduced levels to comply with the mandatory reduction in power consumption. This was in part offset by equal annual record production from Alumar.



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| Copper ('000 tonnes)                         | 1,375.5 | 390.7  | 10% | 14%  | 19%  |
| Lead (tonnes)                                | 253,126 | 53,176 | 19% | -15% | -22% |
| Zinc (tonnes)                                | 144,490 | 43,454 | 22% | 11%  | 21%  |
| Silver ('000 ounces)                         | 43,487  | 9,236  | 19% | -21% | -18% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 4,144   | 1,027  | 19% | 4%   | 3%   |

Copper – A third consecutive annual 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 244,300 tonnes for the year ended June 2008. This was achieved despite the impact of two earthquakes in Chile in the December 2007 quarter.

Production increased by 19 per cent versus the March 2008 quarter. In addition, Olympic Dam performed at the highest level since the WMC acquisition, with the build up of underground stockpiles progressing according to the development program.

At 30 June 2008, the Group had 327,941 tonnes of outstanding copper sales that were revalued at a weighted average price of US\$8,555 per tonne. The final price of these sales will be determined in the 2009 financial year. In addition, 311,410 tonnes of copper sales were subject to a finalisation adjustment from the prior period. The finalisation adjustment and provisional pricing impact as at 30 June 2008 increased earnings(b) by US\$225 million for the period.

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Total copper production at Escondida is expected to decline by approximately 10 to 15 per cent in the 2009 financial year compared to the 2008 financial year levels due to lower ore grade. Production is then expected to continue at similar levels to the 2009 financial year. The Escondida resource base presents numerous options for delivering production growth in future years, which are currently under study. Exciting results from exploration of the Escondida mining lease are being obtained in areas close to existing infrastructure and processing facilities, including the new Pampa Escondida prospect. Refer to BHP Billiton's Quarterly Exploration and Development Report, also released today, for further information.

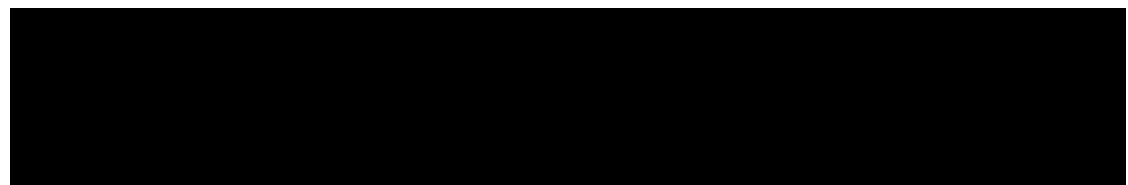
Lead – Production for the year ended June 2008 increased due to the completion of the Cannington (Australia) rehabilitation project. Production was lower compared to the March 2008 and June 2007 quarters due to reduced mill throughput and head grades.

Zinc – Production was higher than all comparative periods mainly due to improved grade and an increased proportion of zinc containing ore being processed at Antamina (Peru). The completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project also positively impacted production for the year ended June 2008.

Silver – Production for the year ended June 2008 improved significantly due to the successful completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project and record performance from Escondida and Antamina. Production decreased versus the March 2008 and June 2007 quarters primarily due to lower head grades at Cannington.

Uranium – Production increased significantly due to improvement in recovery and leach circuit performance at Olympic Dam. Olympic Dam achieved the highest production since the WMC acquisition and an all time record of ore hoisted and material milled.

Third party products were purchased from the spot market to meet contractual requirements. This decreased earnings (b) by US\$187 million for the financial year.



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|------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Diamonds ('000 carats) | 3,349 | 8644% | -5% | 39% |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|

Diamonds – Production increased compared to the March 2008 quarter mainly due to a record volume of ore processed during the quarter. As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time. In the year ended June 2008, Ekati processed a higher proportion of higher value carats from both Koala and Panda undergrounds versus the year ended June 2007.



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| Nickel ('000 tonnes) | 167.9 | 42.6 | -10% | -12% | -1% |
|----------------------|-------|------|------|------|-----|

Nickel – Production for the year ended June 2008 was impacted by industrial stoppage at Cerro Matoso (Colombia), wet weather interruptions at Yabulu and scheduled maintenance across all operations. This was partially offset by strong production from the Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia) and the continued ramp up of Ravensthorpe and the

Yabulu Expansion Project (both Australia). The start up of operations at Ravensthorpe and the Yabulu Expansion Project adversely impacted earnings(b) by US\$313 million for the year ended June 2008.

Towards the end of the June 2008 quarter, Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter (Australia) commenced a major rebuild of the furnace. The duration of the rebuild is estimated to be around four months. Kwinana Nickel Refinery production will be impacted for the duration of the rebuild.

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|----------------------------|---------|--------|-----|-----|----|
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (c) | 111,319 | 29,673 | 13% | 15% | 6% |
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Iron Ore – Record production and shipments were achieved for the year and quarter ended June 2008. Western Australia Iron Ore and Samarco (Brazil) set annual and quarterly production records. Successful delivery of ongoing expansion projects led to an eighth consecutive annual production record at our Western Australian iron ore operations. The Samarco expansion project delivered first production during the quarter and continues to ramp up in line with schedule.

With the successful ramp up of Western Australia Iron Ore Rapid Growth Project 3 and continuous operational improvement, Western Australia Iron Ore is expected to produce 137 million tonnes (100 per cent basis) in the next financial year.

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|----|-----|-----|
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)   | 6,575 | 1,851 | 9% | 22% | 11% |
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes) | 775   | 190   | 6% | 2%  | -1% |

Manganese Ore – Production for the year and quarter ended June 2008 were all time records for all operations. South African operations achieved a third consecutive quarterly record despite the impact of the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption. Furthermore, GEMCO production benefited from the implementation of improvement initiatives in preparation for the expansion project.

Manganese Alloy – Record annual production due to improved facility availability and utilisation at TEMCO and Samancor. This was achieved despite the impact of the mandatory 10 per cent reduction in power consumption and load shedding in South Africa.

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|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|------|-----|
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 35,193 | 9,132 | -8% | -18% | 33% |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----|------|-----|

Metallurgical Coal – Production and shipments were impacted by extreme wet weather experienced at Queensland Coal (Australia) during the March 2008 quarter. Production recovered strongly with force majeure lifted during the June 2008 quarter. Recovery efforts continue and on average, mines are operating at approximately 90 per cent capacity.

The extreme weather and declaration of force majeure also resulted in delivery delays for some of the 2007 sales contracts. Sales from Queensland Coal during the 2008 financial year are estimated to include 2.1 million tonnes of coal priced at the higher agreed prices. Approximately 1.4 million tonnes of coal that will be delivered in the first quarter of the next financial year will be sold at 2007 prices.

Illawarra Coal (Australia) had record annual production despite production for the June 2008 quarter being impacted by a planned longwall move.

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| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) (d) (e) | 80,868 | 21,353 | -2% | 1% 11% |

Energy Coal – Production was in line with the year ended June 2007. Record annual production was achieved for the third consecutive year at Cerrejon Coal and second consecutive year at Hunter Valley Coal.

New Mexico Coal production for the June 2008 quarter reached an all time high following the scheduled longwall move at San Juan (USA).

- (a) Excluding Illawarra Coal Bed Methane, this has not been reported through the Petroleum CSG since 1 July 2007.
- (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.
- (e) Including 11.3 million tonnes of production from our South African Optimum operation (3.96 million tonnes export and 7.3 million tonnes domestic). Earnings on these tonnes will be excluded as the entitlement to those earnings vested with the intended purchaser effective from 1 July 2007.

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

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

|                              |               | QUARTER ENDED |             | YEAR ENDED   |              |              | % CHANGE       |                  |                  |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                              |               | JUNE<br>2007  | MAR<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2007 | JUNE<br>YTD 08 | JUN<br>Q08       | JUN<br>Q08       |
|                              |               |               |             |              |              |              | vs<br>YTD 07   | vs<br>JUN<br>Q07 | vs<br>MAR<br>Q08 |
| Crude oil & condensate       | ('000 bbl)    | 11,443        | 16,240      | 17,588       | 57,444       | 45,168       | 27%            | 54%              | 8%               |
| Natural gas (a)              | (bcf)         | 93.48         | 85.75       | 95.37        | 368.01       | 349.90       | 5%             | 2%               | 11%              |
| Natural gas liquid           | ('000 bbl)    | 3,018         | 2,201       | 2,743        | 10,724       | 11,522       | -7%            | -9%              | 25%              |
| Total Petroleum Products (a) | (million boe) | 30.18         | 32.73       | 36.23        | 129.50       | 115.05       | 13%            | 20%              | 11%              |
| Alumina                      | ('000 tonnes) | 1,144         | 1,095       | 1,149        | 4,554        | 4,460        | 2%             | 0%               | 5%               |
| Aluminium                    | ('000 tonnes) | 334           | 318         | 305          | 1,298        | 1,340        | -3%            | -9%              | -4%              |
| Copper                       | ('000 tonnes) | 342.1         | 328.9       | 390.7        | 1,375.5      | 1,250.1      | 10%            | 14%              | 19%              |
| Lead                         | (tonnes)      | 62,726        | 67,885      | 53,176       | 253,126      | 212,283      | 19%            | -15%             | -22%             |
| Zinc                         | (tonnes)      | 39,148        | 35,970      | 43,454       | 144,490      | 118,695      | 22%            | 11%              | 21%              |
| Gold                         | (ounces)      | 52,443        | 37,515      | 38,424       | 161,966      | 176,071      | -8%            | -27%             | 2%               |
| Silver                       | ('000 ounces) | 11,625        | 11,221      | 9,236        | 43,487       | 36,565       | 19%            | -21%             | -18%             |
| Uranium oxide concentrate    | (tonnes)      | 988           | 993         | 1,027        | 4,144        | 3,486        | 19%            | 4%               | 3%               |
| Molybdenum                   | (tonnes)      | 493           | 580         | 590          | 2,542        | 2,268        | 12%            | 20%              | 2%               |
| Diamonds                     | ('000 carats) | 911           | 620         | 864          | 3,349        | 3,224        | 4%             | -5%              | 39%              |
| Nickel                       | ('000 tonnes) | 48.6          | 43.0        | 42.6         | 167.9        | 187.2        | -10%           | -12%             | -1%              |
| Iron ore (b)                 | ('000 tonnes) | 25,746        | 28,033      | 29,673       | 111,319      | 98,197       | 13%            | 15%              | 6%               |
| Manganese ore                | ('000 tonnes) | 1,519         | 1,666       | 1,851        | 6,575        | 6,009        | 9%             | 22%              | 11%              |
| Manganese alloy              | ('000 tonnes) | 186           | 192         | 190          | 775          | 732          | 6%             | 2%               | -1%              |
| Metallurgical coal           | ('000 tonnes) | 11,132        | 6,846       | 9,132        | 35,193       | 38,429       | -8%            | -18%             | 33%              |
| Energy coal (c)              | ('000 tonnes) | 21,232        | 19,283      | 21,353       | 80,868       | 82,167       | -2%            | 1%               | 11%              |

- (a) Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter), Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter); and excludes Illawarra Coal Bed Methane as volumes have not been reported through the Petroleum CSG since July 1, 2007.
- (b) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.
- (c) Excluding Koorfontein which was disposed effective 1 July 2007.

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

|  | BHP Billiton<br>Interest | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        | YEAR<br>ENDED |         |         |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------|---------|
|  |                          | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE          | JUNE    | JUNE    |
|  |                          | 2007          | 2007   | 2007   | 2008   | 2008          | 2008    | 2007    |
| <b>Production</b>                              |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Crude oil & condensate                         | ('000 bbl)               | 11,443        | 11,299 | 12,317 | 16,240 | 17,588        | 57,444  | 45,168  |
| Natural gas                                    | (bcf)                    | 95.25         | 95.68  | 91.21  | 85.76  | 95.37         | 368.01  | 356.85  |
| NGL (a)  | ('000 bbl)               | 3,018         | 3,095  | 2,685  | 2,201  | 2,743         | 10,724  | 11,522  |
| Total Petroleum Products                       | (million boe)            | 30.47         | 30.34  | 30.20  | 32.73  | 36.23         | 129.50  | 116.20  |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>                                 |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Production ('000 tonnes)                       |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Worsley  | 86%                      | 768           | 784    | 771    | 712    | 768           | 3,035   | 2,956   |
| Suriname                                       | 45%                      | 243           | 244    | 252    | 247    | 240           | 983     | 978     |
| Alumar   | 36%                      | 133           | 125    | 134    | 136    | 141           | 536     | 526     |
| Total  |                          | 1,144         | 1,153  | 1,157  | 1,095  | 1,149         | 4,554   | 4,460   |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                               |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Production ('000 tonnes)                       |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Hillside                                       | 100%                     | 177           | 178    | 180    | 167    | 170           | 695     | 704     |
| Bayside  | 100%                     | 47            | 48     | 47     | 44     | 29            | 168     | 194     |
| Alumar   | 40%                      | 44            | 44     | 44     | 45     | 45            | 178     | 177     |
| Mozal  | 47%                      | 66            | 67     | 67     | 62     | 61            | 257     | 265     |
| Total  |                          | 334           | 337    | 338    | 318    | 305           | 1,298   | 1,340   |
| <b>COPPER</b>                                  |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate<br>( '000 tonnes) |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Escondida                                      | 57.5%                    | 170.5         | 167.0  | 177.3  | 157.0  | 178.2         | 679.5   | 638.9   |
| Antamina                                       | 33.8%                    | 26.4          | 27.5   | 29.3   | 24.1   | 30.8          | 111.7   | 113.7   |
| Pinto Valley                                   | 100%                     | --            | --     | 5.2    | 9.6    | 12.0          | 26.8-   | --      |
| Total  |                          | 196.9         | 194.5  | 211.8  | 190.7  | 221.0         | 818.0   | 752.6   |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes)                          |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Escondida                                      | 57.5%                    | 37.7          | 30.9   | 30.3   | 30.1   | 40.3          | 131.6   | 126.1   |
| Cerro Colorado                                 | 100%                     | 20.3          | 23.1   | 27.3   | 28.7   | 27.3          | 106.4   | 105.8   |
| Spence (c)                                     | 100%                     | 37.7          | 23.9   | 34.2   | 41.6   | 43.0          | 142.7   | 75.5    |
| Pinto Valley                                   | 100%                     | 1.9           | 1.8    | 1.7    | 1.8    | 1.6           | 6.9     | 7.6     |
| Olympic Dam                                    | 100%                     | 47.6          | 33.6   | 42.8   | 36.0   | 57.5          | 169.9   | 182.5   |
| Total  |                          | 145.2         | 113.3  | 136.3  | 138.2  | 169.7         | 557.5   | 497.5   |
| <b>LEAD</b>                                    |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate<br>(tonnes)       |                          |               |        |        |        |               |         |         |
| Cannington                                     | 100%                     | 62,409        | 61,073 | 70,369 | 67,505 | 52,601        | 251,548 | 210,814 |
| Antamina                                       | 33.8%                    | 317           | 448    | 175    | 380    | 575           | 1,578   | 1,469   |
| Total  |                          | 62,726        | 61,521 | 70,544 | 67,885 | 53,176        | 253,126 | 212,283 |

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Payable metal in concentrate

(tonnes)

|            |       |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Cannington | 100%  | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 | 13,735 | 17,244 | 60,969  | 45,682  |
| Antamina   | 33.8% | 27,793 | 22,756 | 12,320 | 22,235 | 26,210 | 83,521  | 73,013  |
| Total      |       | 39,148 | 37,259 | 27,807 | 35,970 | 43,454 | 144,490 | 118,695 |

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| BHP Billiton<br>Interest                   | QUARTER ENDED |              |             |             | YEAR ENDED   |              |              |         |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
|  | JUNE<br>2007  | SEPT<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | MAR<br>2007 | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2007 |         |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)      |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Escondida                                  | 57.5%         | 23,754       | 23,194      | 21,376      | 17,660       | 17,501       | 79,731       | 84,411  |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold)                 | 100%          | 28,689       | 17,119      | 24,338      | 18,555       | 20,505       | 80,517       | 91,660  |
| Pinto Valley                               | 100%-         | -            | -           | -           | 1,300        | 418          | 1,718        | -       |
| Total                                      |               | 52,443       | 40,313      | 45,714      | 37,515       | 38,424       | 161,966      | 176,071 |
| <b>SILVER</b>                              |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Escondida                                  | 57.5%         | 990          | 1,116       | 877         | 790          | 821          | 3,604        | 3,514   |
| Antamina                                   | 33.8%         | 934          | 1,056       | 652         | 803          | 994          | 3,505        | 3,132   |
| Cannington                                 | 100%          | 9,426        | 8,759       | 10,124      | 9,421        | 7,181        | 35,485       | 29,105  |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver)               | 100%          | 275          | 193         | 239         | 169          | 179          | 780          | 814     |
| Pinto Valley                               | 100%          | -            | -           | 13          | 38           | 62           | 113-         | -       |
| Total                                      |               | 11,625       | 11,124      | 11,905      | 11,221       | 9,236        | 43,487       | 36,565  |
| <b>URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE</b>           |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Olympic Dam                                | 100%          | 988          | 933         | 1,191       | 993          | 1,027        | 4,144        | 3,486   |
| Total                                      |               | 988          | 933         | 1,191       | 993          | 1,027        | 4,144        | 3,486   |
| <b>MOLYBDENUM</b>                          |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Antamina                                   | 33.8%         | 493          | 693         | 679         | 580          | 590          | 2,542        | 2,268   |
| Total                                      |               | 493          | 693         | 679         | 580          | 590          | 2,542        | 2,268   |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>                            |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Production ('000 carats)                   |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Ekati™                                     | 80%           | 911          | 1,022       | 843         | 620          | 864          | 3,349        | 3,224   |
| <b>NICKEL</b>                              |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| Production ('000 tonnes)                   |               |              |             |             |              |              |              |         |
| CMSA                                       | 99.9%         | 12.7         | 12.5        | 11.4        | 7.8          | 10.1         | 41.8         | 51.0    |
| Yabulu                                     | 100%          | 9.3          | 5.5         | 6.0         | 6.2          | 10.3         | 28.0         | 32.1    |

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|             |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Nickel West | 100% | 26.6 | 20.6 | 26.3 | 29.0 | 22.1 | 98.1  | 104.1 |
| Total       |      | 48.6 | 38.6 | 43.7 | 43.0 | 42.6 | 167.9 | 187.2 |

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

|                              | BHP Billiton<br>Interest | QUARTER ENDED |              |             |             | YEAR<br>ENDED |              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|                              |                          | JUNE<br>2007  | SEPT<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | MAR<br>2007 | JUNE<br>2008  | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2007 |
| Production ('000 tonnes) (d) |                          |               |              |             |             |               |              |              |
| Mt Newman Joint Venture      | 85%                      | 7,665         | 7,904        | 8,147       | 7,265       | 7,013         | 30,330       | 29,306       |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture    | 85%                      | 195           | 134          | 170         | 386         | 251           | 941          | 1,227        |
| Area C Joint Venture         | 85%                      | 5,078         | 4,916        | 6,474       | 7,114       | 8,626         | 27,130       | 20,086       |
| Yandi Joint Venture          | 85%                      | 9,661         | 9,823        | 9,770       | 10,061      | 10,622        | 40,276       | 35,548       |
| Jimblebar                    | 85%                      | 1,341         | 1,157        | 1,248       | 1,660       | 1,054         | 5,119        | 5,457        |
| Samarco                      | 50%                      | 2,001         | 2,067        | 2,107       | 1,933       | 2,357         | 8,464        | 7,800        |
| Total                        |                          | 25,941        | 26,001       | 27,916      | 28,419      | 29,924        | 112,260      | 99,424       |

**MANGANESE ORES**

Saleable production ('000 tonnes)

|                  |     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| South Africa (e) | 60% | 631   | 572   | 709   | 877   | 882   | 3,040 | 2,570 |
| Australia (e)    | 60% | 888   | 873   | 904   | 789   | 969   | 3,535 | 3,439 |
| Total            |     | 1,519 | 1,445 | 1,613 | 1,666 | 1,851 | 6,575 | 6,009 |

**MANGANESE ALLOYS**

Saleable production ('000 tonnes)

|                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| South Africa (e) (f) | 60% | 137 | 123 | 141 | 125 | 124 | 513 | 493 |
| Australia (e)        | 60% | 49  | 61  | 68  | 67  | 66  | 262 | 239 |
| Total                |     | 186 | 184 | 209 | 192 | 190 | 775 | 732 |

Production ('000 tonnes) (g)

|                     |      |        |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|---------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| BMA                 | 50%  | 7,442  | 5,917 | 6,138 | 4,232 | 6,508 | 22,795 | 26,683 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (h) | 80%  | 2,047  | 1,454 | 1,526 | 847   | 1,306 | 5,133  | 4,860  |
| Illawarra           | 100% | 1,643  | 2,201 | 1,979 | 1,767 | 1,318 | 7,265  | 6,886  |
| Total               |      | 11,132 | 9,572 | 9,643 | 6,846 | 9,132 | 35,193 | 38,429 |

Production ('000 tonnes)

|                  |      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| South Africa (i) | 100% | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 | 11,129 | 10,960 | 45,072 | 51,642 |
| USA              | 100% | 4,636  | 2,511  | 3,671  | 2,636  | 4,834  | 13,652 | 15,080 |
| Australia        | 100% | 2,610  | 2,918  | 2,959  | 2,965  | 2,934  | 11,776 | 10,897 |
| Colombia         | 33%  | 2,441  | 2,488  | 2,702  | 2,553  | 2,625  | 10,368 | 9,406  |
| Total            |      | 22,283 | 19,623 | 20,609 | 19,283 | 21,353 | 80,868 | 87,025 |

- (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%.
- (i) Including 11.3 million tonnes of production from our South African Optimum operation (3.96 million tonnes export and 7.3 million tonnes domestic). Earnings on these tonnes will be excluded as the entitlement to those earnings vested with the intended purchaser effective from 1 July 2007

|  | QUARTER ENDED |              |             |             | YEAR ENDED   |              |
|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | JUNE<br>2007  | SEPT<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | MAR<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2008 | JUNE<br>2007 |

BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.

CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000  
barrels)

|                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Bass Strait                      | 3,929  | 3,638  | 3,103  | 2,918  | 3,184  | 12,843 | 14,231 |
| North West Shelf                 | 2,514  | 2,532  | 2,493  | 1,912  | 2,153  | 9,090  | 10,765 |
| Atlantis (a)                     | -      | -      | 615    | 3,320  | 3,471  | 7,406  | -      |
| Shenzi (a)                       | -      | -      | 32     | 194    | 322    | 548    | -      |
| Liverpool Bay & Bruce /<br>Keith | 1,011  | 923    | 946    | 935    | 836    | 3,640  | 4,656  |
| ROD / Ohanet                     | 1,730  | 1,830  | 1,709  | 1,628  | 1,555  | 6,722  | 7,591  |
| Other (b)                        | 2,259  | 2,376  | 3,419  | 5,333  | 6,066  | 17,194 | 7,925  |
| Total                            | 11,443 | 11,299 | 12,317 | 16,240 | 17,588 | 57,444 | 45,168 |

NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (c)

|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Bass Strait                      | 37.70 | 39.77 | 28.41 | 22.44 | 33.31 | 123.93 | 114.50 |
| North West Shelf                 | 25.70 | 27.17 | 28.13 | 26.43 | 26.76 | 108.49 | 105.50 |
| Atlantis (a)                     | -     | -     | 0.12  | 1.54  | 2.07  | 3.73   | -      |
| Shenzi (a)                       | -     | -     | 0.01  | 0.06  | 0.07  | 0.14   | -      |
| Liverpool Bay & Bruce /<br>Keith | 12.71 | 8.87  | 12.70 | 12.32 | 11.32 | 45.21  | 53.26  |
| Other (b)                        | 19.14 | 19.87 | 21.84 | 22.97 | 21.83 | 86.51  | 83.60  |
| Total                            | 95.25 | 95.68 | 91.21 | 85.76 | 95.37 | 368.01 | 356.85 |

NGL ('000 barrels)

|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Bass Strait                      | 2,163 | 2,327 | 1,801 | 1,571 | 2,056 | 7,755  | 7,756  |
| North West Shelf                 | 369   | 438   | 417   | 300   | 343   | 1,498  | 1,689  |
| Liverpool Bay & Bruce /<br>Keith | 124   | 48    | 153   | 109   | 116   | 426    | 563    |
| ROD / Ohanet                     | 362   | 282   | 314   | 221   | 228   | 1,045  | 1,514  |
| Total                            | 3,018 | 3,095 | 2,685 | 2,201 | 2,743 | 10,724 | 11,522 |

TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
(million barrels of oil equivalent) (d)

|                          |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | 30.47 | 30.34 | 30.20 | 32.73 | 36.23 | 129.50 | 116.20 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|

- (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, and Pakistan. Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter.
- (c) Excludes Illawarra Coal Bed Methane as volumes have not been reported through the Petroleum CSG since 1 July 2007.
- (d) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.



|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2008 | 2007 |

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

## ALUMINA

## Production

|                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Worsley, Australia | 768   | 784   | 771   | 712   | 768   | 3,035 | 2,956 |
| Paranam, Suriname  | 243   | 244   | 252   | 247   | 240   | 983   | 978   |
| Alumar, Brazil     | 133   | 125   | 134   | 136   | 141   | 536   | 526   |
| Total              | 1,144 | 1,153 | 1,157 | 1,095 | 1,149 | 4,554 | 4,460 |

## Sales

|                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Worsley, Australia | 794   | 792   | 803   | 683   | 703   | 2,981 | 2,939 |
| Paranam, Suriname  | 253   | 244   | 265   | 246   | 261   | 1,016 | 957   |
| Alumar, Brazil     | 164   | 131   | 128   | 135   | 137   | 531   | 529   |
| Total (a)          | 1,211 | 1,167 | 1,196 | 1,064 | 1,101 | 4,528 | 4,425 |

## ALUMINIUM

## Production

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Hillside, South Africa | 177 | 178 | 180 | 167 | 170 | 695   | 704   |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 47  | 48  | 47  | 44  | 29  | 168   | 194   |
| Alumar, Brazil         | 44  | 44  | 44  | 45  | 45  | 178   | 177   |
| Mozal, Mozambique      | 66  | 67  | 67  | 62  | 61  | 257   | 265   |
| Total                  | 334 | 337 | 338 | 318 | 305 | 1,298 | 1,340 |

## Sales

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Hillside, South Africa | 188 | 165 | 180 | 159 | 183 | 687   | 693   |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 57  | 50  | 50  | 48  | 29  | 177   | 194   |
| Alumar, Brazil         | 47  | 43  | 48  | 43  | 47  | 181   | 171   |
| Mozal, Mozambique      | 70  | 56  | 72  | 57  | 73  | 258   | 260   |
| Total                  | 362 | 314 | 350 | 307 | 332 | 1,303 | 1,318 |
| Tolling Agreement (a)  | 32  | 33  | 33  | 30  | 34  | 130   | 109   |
|                        | 394 | 347 | 383 | 337 | 366 | 1,433 | 1,427 |

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

|   | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |         |         | YEAR ENDED |         |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
|   | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR     | JUNE    | JUNE       | JUNE    |
|   | 2007          | 2007   | 2007   | 2008    | 2008    | 2008       | 2007    |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Escondida, Chile  |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Material mined (100%) ('000 tonnes)   | 88,409        | 82,995 | 88,319 | 102,566 | 103,253 | 377,134    | 327,434 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) ('000 tonnes)  | 23,064        | 22,406 | 21,777 | 22,029  | 24,491  | 90,703     | 87,356  |
| Average copper grade (%)  | 1.58%         | 1.63%  | 1.72%  | 1.56%   | 1.55%   | 1.62%      | 1.58%   |
| Production ex Mill (100%) ('000 tonnes)   | 306.0         | 305.2  | 316.8  | 285.0   | 313     | 1,219.8    | 1,149   |
| Production  |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Payable copper ('000 tonnes)  | 170.5         | 167.0  | 177.3  | 157.0   | 178.2   | 679.5      | 638.9   |
| Payable gold concentrate (fine ounces)  | 23,754        | 23,194 | 21,376 | 17,660  | 17,501  | 79,731     | 84,411  |
| Copper cathode (EW) ('000 tonnes)   | 37.7          | 30.9   | 30.3   | 30.1    | 40.3    | 131.6      | 126.1   |
| Payable silver concentrate ('000 ounces)  | 990           | 1,116  | 877    | 790     | 821     | 3,604      | 3,514   |
| Sales   |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Payable copper ('000 tonnes)  | 199.0         | 162.9  | 173.0  | 160.6   | 178.4   | 674.9      | 650.1   |
| Payable gold concentrate (fine ounces)  | 27,623        | 22,957 | 21,158 | 18,190  | 17,477  | 79,782     | 86,456  |
| Copper cathode (EW) ('000 tonnes)   | 43.0          | 31.7   | 23.8   | 32.3    | 41.6    | 129.4      | 120.5   |
| Payable silver concentrate ('000 ounces)  | 1,153         | 1,089  | 864    | 813     | 820     | 3,586      | 3,599   |
| Cerro Colorado, Chile   |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Material mined ('000 tonnes)  | 13,984        | 17,095 | 17,798 | 16,769  | 17,107  | 68,769     | 64,605  |
| Ore milled ('000 tonnes)  | 4,365         | 4,278  | 4,410  | 4,437   | 4,599   | 17,724     | 17,849  |
| Average copper grade (%)  | 0.79%         | 0.84%  | 1.03%  | 0.80%   | 0.85%   | 0.88%      | 0.83%   |
| Production  |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Copper cathode (EW) ('000 tonnes)   | 20.3          | 23.1   | 27.3   | 28.7    | 27.3    | 106.4      | 105.8   |
| Sales   |               |        |        |         |         |            |         |
| Copper cathode (EW) ('000 tonnes)   | 24.1          | 23.5   | 24.5   | 28.5    | 29.8    | 106.3      | 108.2   |



|   |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        | YEAR ENDED |         |         |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
|   |               | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE       | JUNE    | JUNE    |
|   |               | 2007          | 2007   | 2007   | 2008   | 2008       | 2008    | 2007    |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Spence, Chile (a)   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Material mined  | ('000 tonnes) | 20,275        | 16,983 | 19,758 | 20,335 | 20,065     | 77,141  | 60,288  |
| Ore milled  | ('000 tonnes) | 3,718         | 4,132  | 4,333  | 3,918  | 4,255      | 16,638  | 11,510  |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.80%         | 1.56%  | 1.61%  | 1.48%  | 1.85%      | 1.63%   | 1.86%   |
| Production  |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 37.7          | 23.9   | 34.2   | 41.6   | 43.0       | 142.7   | 75.5    |
| Sales   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 40.4          | 29.5   | 24.0   | 39.9   | 51.3       | 144.7   | 69.7    |
| (a) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Antamina, Peru  |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Material mined (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 29,034        | 31,145 | 31,289 | 29,095 | 29,336     | 120,865 | 111,696 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%)  | ('000 tonnes) | 8,033         | 8,344  | 6,955  | 6,518  | 7,729      | 29,546  | 31,385  |
| Average head grades   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| - Copper  | (%)           | 1.17%         | 1.15%  | 1.47%  | 1.21%  | 1.38%      | 1.30%   | 1.23%   |
| - Zinc  | (%)           | 1.46%         | 1.17%  | 0.69%  | 1.55%  | 1.46%      | 1.22%   | 1.06%   |
| Production  |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 26.4          | 27.5   | 29.3   | 24.1   | 30.8       | 111.7   | 113.7   |
| Payable zinc  | (tonnes)      | 27,793        | 22,756 | 12,320 | 22,235 | 26,210     | 83,521  | 73,013  |
| Payable silver  | ('000 ounces) | 934           | 1,056  | 652    | 803    | 994        | 3,505   | 3,132   |
| Payable lead  | (tonnes)      | 317           | 448    | 175    | 380    | 575        | 1,578   | 1,469   |
| Payable molybdenum  | (tonnes)      | 493           | 693    | 679    | 580    | 590        | 2,542   | 2,268   |
| Sales   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 20.7          | 28.5   | 32.6   | 20.4   | 33.5       | 115.0   | 114.9   |
| Payable zinc  | (tonnes)      | 31,914        | 25,306 | 12,458 | 16,630 | 29,385     | 83,779  | 75,470  |
| Payable silver  | ('000 ounces) | 645           | 917    | 719    | 512    | 940        | 3,088   | 2,830   |
| Payable lead  | (tonnes)      | 394           | 334    | 140    | 261    | 461        | 1,196   | 2,071   |
| Payable molybdenum  | (tonnes)      | 480           | 662    | 605    | 531    | 837        | 2,635   | 2,433   |
| Cannington, Australia   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| Material mined  | ('000 tonnes) | 717           | 824    | 808    | 698    | 821        | 3,151   | 2,383   |
| Ore milled  | ('000 tonnes) | 688           | 661    | 755    | 726    | 658        | 2,801   | 2,348   |
| Average head grades   |               |               |        |        |        |            |         |         |
| - Silver  | (g/t)         | 493           | 478    | 489    | 472    | 397        | 459     | 447     |

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|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| - Lead         | (%)           | 10.3%  | 10.4%  | 10.7%  | 10.7%  | 9.2%   | 10.2%   | 10.3%   |
| - Zinc         | (%)           | 3.0%   | 3.5%   | 3.3%   | 3.2%   | 3.8%   | 3.5%    | 3.3%    |
| Production     |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,426  | 8,759  | 10,124 | 9,421  | 7,181  | 35,485  | 29,105  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 62,409 | 61,073 | 70,369 | 67,505 | 52,601 | 251,548 | 210,814 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 | 13,735 | 17,244 | 60,969  | 45,682  |
| Sales          |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,352 | 6,725  | 11,266 | 7,727  | 8,918  | 34,636  | 30,330  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 66,411 | 46,148 | 78,325 | 53,167 | 62,997 | 240,637 | 214,352 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 14,888 | 9,257  | 19,577 | 9,629  | 17,710 | 56,173  | 45,134  |

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|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2008 | 2007 |

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#### Olympic Dam, Australia

|                       |               |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Material mined (a)    | ('000 tonnes) | 2,255 | 2,424 | 2,520 | 2,333 | 2,397 | 9,674 | 8,566 |
| Ore milled            | ('000 tonnes) | 2,272 | 2,239 | 2,552 | 2,225 | 2,570 | 9,586 | 8,614 |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.93% | 1.83% | 1.86% | 1.86% | 2.06% | 1.85% | 2.06% |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t          | 0.58  | 0.57  | 0.63  | 0.59  | 0.58  | 0.60  | 0.58  |

#### Production

|                           |               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ('000 tonnes) | 44.1   | 30.6   | 40.2   | 32.9   | 53.2   | 156.9  | 168.1  |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ('000 tonnes) | 3.5    | 3.0    | 2.6    | 3.1    | 4.4    | 13.1   | 14.4   |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 988    | 933    | 1,191  | 993    | 1,027  | 4,144  | 3,486  |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 28,689 | 17,119 | 24,338 | 18,555 | 20,505 | 80,517 | 91,660 |
| Refined silver            | ('000 ounces) | 275    | 193    | 239    | 169    | 179    | 780    | 814    |

#### Sales

|                           |               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ('000 tonnes) | 45.2   | 30.7   | 41.0   | 31.9   | 52.0   | 155.6  | 172.1  |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ('000 tonnes) | 4.4    | 3.1    | 2.5    | 2.3    | 4.3    | 12.2   | 15.2   |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 646    | 562    | 346    | 1,182  | 1,610  | 3,700  | 3,318  |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 27,589 | 20,118 | 21,760 | 19,767 | 19,556 | 81,201 | 92,209 |
| Refined silver            | ('000 ounces) | 294    | 192    | 237    | 173    | 185    | 787    | 822    |

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

#### Pinto Valley, USA

##### Production

|                        |               |     |     |      |      |      |       |     |
|------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-----|
| Copper concentrate (a) | ('000 tonnes) | -   | -   | 5.2  | 9.6  | 12.0 | 26.8  | -   |
| Copper cathode (EW)    | ('000 tonnes) | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.7  | 1.8  | 1.6  | 6.9   | 7.6 |
| Payable silver (a)     | ('000 ounces) | -   | -   | 13.3 | 38.4 | 61.7 | 113.4 | -   |
| Payable gold (a)       | ('000 ounces) | -   | -   | -    | 1.3  | 0.4  | 1.7   | -   |

#### Sales

|                     |               |     |     |      |      |      |       |     |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-------|-----|
| Copper concentrate  | ('000 tonnes) | -   | -   | 2.6  | 7.9  | 12.4 | 22.9  | -   |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.5 | 0.9 | 0.9  | 4.0  | 1.4  | 7.2   | 7.2 |
| Payable silver      | ('000 ounces) | -   | -   | 13.3 | 38.4 | 61.7 | 113.4 | -   |
| Payable gold        | ('000 ounces) | -   | -   | -    | 1.3  | 0.4  | 1.7   | -   |

(a) Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter.





|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2008 | 2007 |



BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS

Ekati™, Canada

|                      |               |       |       |       |     |       |       |       |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,194 | 1,009 | 1,080 | 967 | 1,356 | 4,412 | 4,538 |
| Production           | ('000 carats) | 911   | 1,022 | 843   | 620 | 864   | 3,349 | 3,224 |

|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |       |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------------|------|-------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE  |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2008 | 2007  |
| <b>BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.</b> |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| <b>('000 tonnes)</b>   |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| <b>NICKEL</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| <b>CMSA, Colombia</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| Production   | 12.7          | 12.5 | 11.4 | 7.8  | 10.1       | 41.8 | 51.0  |
| Sales  | 12.5          | 6.9  | 13.2 | 13.6 | 8.2        | 41.9 | 51.0  |
| <b>Yabulu, Australia</b>   |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| Nickel metal   | 9.3           | 5.5  | 6.0  | 6.2  | 10.3       | 28.0 | 32.1  |
| Cobalt   | 0.5           | 0.5  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.5        | 1.7  | 1.7   |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| Nickel metal   | 9.6           | 5.3  | 6.3  | 6.5  | 9.7        | 27.8 | 29.9  |
| Cobalt   | 0.5           | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.4  | 0.5        | 1.8  | 1.7   |
| <b>Nickel West, Australia</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| Nickel contained in concentrate  | 0.9           | -    | 1.2  | 1.3  | 2.8        | 5.3  | 0.9   |
| Nickel contained in finished matte   | 13.2          |      | 3.9  | 8.5  | 10.3       | 4.9  | 27.6  |
| Nickel metal   | 12.5          |      | 16.7 | 16.6 | 17.4       | 14.5 | 65.2  |
| Nickel production  | 26.6          |      | 20.6 | 26.3 | 29.0       | 22.1 | 98.1  |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |      |      |      |            |      |       |
| Nickel contained in concentrate  | 0.9           | -    | 0.9  | 0.6  | 3.8        | 5.3  | 0.9   |
| Nickel contained in finished matte   | 15.1          |      | 6.2  | 9.5  | 9.4        | 7.2  | 32.3  |
| Nickel metal   | 11.5          |      | 14.7 | 14.4 | 15.7       | 20.7 | 65.5  |
| Nickel sales   | 27.5          |      | 20.9 | 24.8 | 25.7       | 31.7 | 103.1 |

|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE | JUNE       | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2008       | 2007 |

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

IRON ORE (a)  
Pilbara, Australia

Production

|                            |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Mt Newman Joint Venture    | 7,665  | 7,904  | 8,147  | 7,265  | 7,013  | 30,330  | 29,306  |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture  | 195    | 134    | 170    | 386    | 251    | 941     | 1,227   |
| Area C Joint Venture       | 5,078  | 4,916  | 6,474  | 7,114  | 8,626  | 27,130  | 20,086  |
| Yandi Joint Venture        | 9,661  | 9,823  | 9,770  | 10,061 | 10,622 | 40,276  | 35,548  |
| Jimblebar                  | 1,341  | 1,157  | 1,248  | 1,660  | 1,054  | 5,119   | 5,457   |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 23,940 | 23,934 | 25,809 | 26,486 | 27,567 | 103,796 | 91,624  |
| Total production (100%)    | 28,165 | 28,159 | 30,363 | 31,160 | 32,432 | 122,114 | 107,795 |

Shipments

|                            |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Lump                       | 5,753  | 6,076  | 7,179  | 7,603  | 8,282  | 29,140  | 23,231  |
| Fines                      | 17,458 | 17,979 | 18,847 | 19,714 | 19,881 | 76,422  | 67,633  |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 23,211 | 24,055 | 26,026 | 27,317 | 28,164 | 105,562 | 90,864  |
| Total sales (100%)         | 27,307 | 28,300 | 30,619 | 32,138 | 33,134 | 124,190 | 106,898 |

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

Samarco, Brazil

|            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 2,001 | 2,067 | 2,107 | 1,933 | 2,357 | 8,464 | 7,800 |
| Shipments  | 2,159 | 1,850 | 2,316 | 1,589 | 2,234 | 7,989 | 8,072 |

|   | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |       |       |       |
|---|---------------|------|------|------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
|   | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE  |       |       |
|   | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2007  |       |       |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| ('000 tonnes)   |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| <b>MANGANESE ORE</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| South Africa  |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)   | 631           | 572  | 709  | 877  | 882        | 3,040 | 2,570 |       |
| Australia   |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)   |               | 888  | 873  | 904  | 789        | 969   | 3,535 | 3,439 |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOY</b>  |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| South Africa  |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| Saleable production (a) (b)   |               | 137  | 123  | 141  | 125        | 124   | 513   | 493   |
| Australia   |               |      |      |      |            |       |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)   |               | 49   | 61   | 68   | 67         | 66    | 262   | 239   |

(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.



|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008       | 2008 | 2007 |

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

#### METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

##### Queensland, Australia

##### Production

##### BMA

|                       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Blackwater            | 1,730 | 1,407 | 1,370 | 1,345 | 1,510 | 5,632  | 6,138  |
| Goonyella             | 2,268 | 1,677 | 1,505 | 1,117 | 1,737 | 6,036  | 7,352  |
| Peak Downs            | 1,045 | 881   | 1,243 | 849   | 1,121 | 4,094  | 4,484  |
| Saraji                | 939   | 777   | 890   | 376   | 853   | 2,896  | 3,397  |
| Norwich Park          | 797   | 502   | 576   | 306   | 642   | 2,026  | 2,850  |
| Gregory Joint Venture | 663   | 673   | 554   | 239   | 644   | 2,110  | 2,462  |
| BMA total             | 7,442 | 5,917 | 6,138 | 4,232 | 6,508 | 22,795 | 26,683 |

##### BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

|                       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| South Walker Creek    | 982   | 939   | 868   | 438   | 617   | 2,862  | 3,422  |
| Poitrel (c)           | 1,065 | 515   | 658   | 409   | 688   | 2,270  | 1,438  |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total | 2,047 | 1,454 | 1,526 | 847   | 1,306 | 5,133  | 4,860  |
| Queensland total      | 9,489 | 7,371 | 7,664 | 5,079 | 7,814 | 27,928 | 31,543 |

##### Shipments

|                  |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Coking coal      | 5,684 | 5,479 | 5,875 | 3,790 | 5,275 | 20,419 | 21,282 |
| Weak coking coal | 1,804 | 1,668 | 1,966 | 1,726 | 1,442 | 6,802  | 6,863  |
| Thermal coal     | 854   | 516   | 328   | 497   | 491   | 1,832  | 2,119  |
| Total            | 8,343 | 7,663 | 8,169 | 6,013 | 7,207 | 29,052 | 30,265 |

- (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.

##### Illawarra, Australia

##### Production

|              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|              | 1,643 | 2,201 | 1,979 | 1,767 | 1,318 | 7,265 | 6,886 |
| Shipments    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Coking coal  | 1,724 | 1,906 | 1,851 | 1,549 | 1,097 | 6,403 | 6,297 |
| Thermal coal | 288   | 199   | 290   | 194   | 157   | 840   | 931   |
| Total        | 2,012 | 2,105 | 2,141 | 1,743 | 1,254 | 7,243 | 7,228 |



|  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      |      | YEAR ENDED |      |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|
|  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MAR  | JUNE | JUNE       | JUNE |
|  | 2007          | 2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008 | 2008       | 2007 |

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

|                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| South Africa (a) (b) |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
| Production           | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 | 11,129 | 10,960 | 45,072 | 51,642 |  |
| Sales                |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
| Export               | 5,218  | 4,207  | 4,269  | 3,119  | 3,989  | 15,584 | 20,665 |  |
| Local utility        | 7,416  | 7,063  | 7,351  | 7,430  | 7,381  | 29,225 | 30,255 |  |
| Inland               | 310    | 388    | 209    | 190    | 487    | 1,274  | 1,051  |  |
| Total                | 12,944 | 11,658 | 11,829 | 10,739 | 11,857 | 46,083 | 51,971 |  |

(a) Koornfontein was sold with effect from 1 July 2007.

(b) Including 11.3 million tonnes of production from our South African Optimum operation (3.96 million tonnes export and 7.3 million tonnes domestic). Earnings on these tonnes will be excluded as the entitlement to those earnings vested with the intended purchaser effective from 1 July 2007

|                          |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| New Mexico, USA          |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Production               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Navajo Coal              | 2,321 | 1,548 | 1,899 | 1,800 | 2,286 | 7,533  | 8,174  |
| San Juan Coal            | 2,315 | 963   | 1,772 | 836   | 2,548 | 6,119  | 6,906  |
| Total                    | 4,636 | 2,511 | 3,671 | 2,636 | 4,834 | 13,652 | 15,080 |
| Sales - local utility    | 3,185 | 3,693 | 3,254 | 2,573 | 3,207 | 12,727 | 14,023 |
| Hunter Valley, Australia |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Production               | 2,610 | 2,918 | 2,959 | 2,965 | 2,934 | 11,776 | 10,897 |
| Sales                    |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Export                   | 1,934 | 1,423 | 1,892 | 1,842 | 2,549 | 7,706  | 6,516  |
| Inland                   | 909   | 1,179 | 985   | 791   | 512   | 3,467  | 4,113  |
| Total                    | 2,843 | 2,602 | 2,877 | 2,633 | 3,061 | 11,173 | 10,629 |
| Cerrejon Coal, Colombia  |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Production               | 2,441 | 2,488 | 2,702 | 2,553 | 2,625 | 10,368 | 9,406  |
| Sales - export           | 2,401 | 2,761 | 2,334 | 2,534 | 2,547 | 10,176 | 9,506  |



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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 24 July 2008

By: Jane McAloon

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Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary