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Mineral Resource classification (100% basis) for each province, where relevant, are contained in Table 1.

Table 1

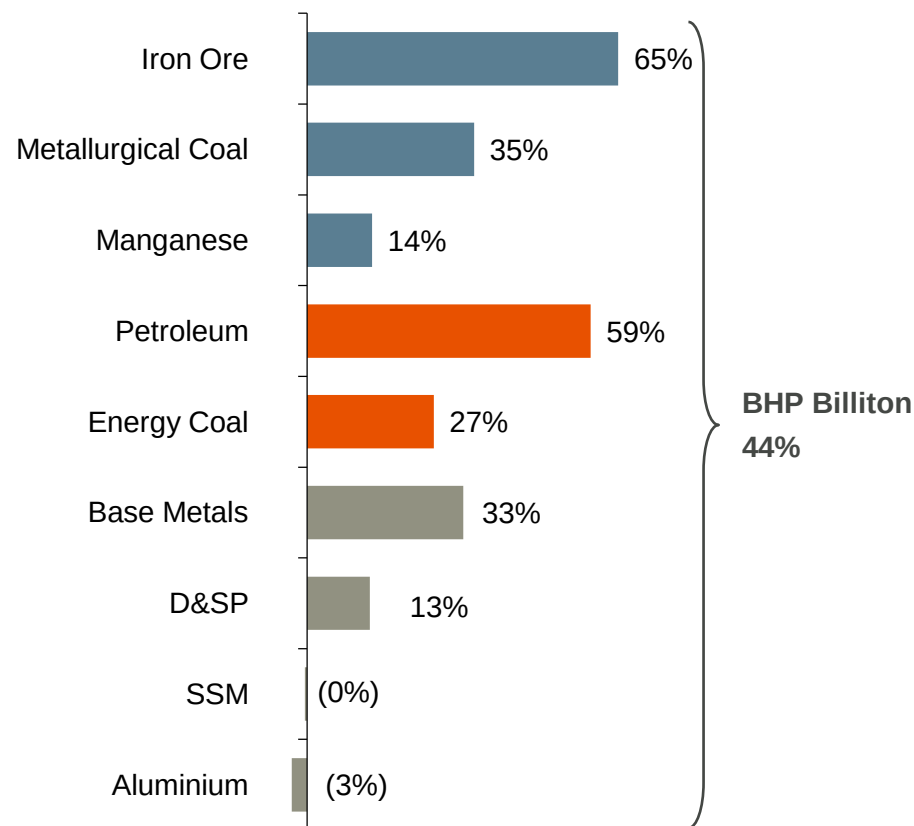
Province	Measured Resource (Mt)	Indicated Resource (Mt)	Inferred Resource (Mt)	BHP Billiton interest
				%
Western Australia Iron Ore	2,210	3,871	13,240	88
Samarco JV	2,200	2,329	1,551	50
Olympic Dam	1,408 @ 1.08% Cu	4,571 @ 0.88% Cu	3,150 @ 0.74% Cu	100
Queensland Coal	2,812	5,293	4,889	55 ¹
Illawarra Coal	297	381	503	100
Potash	–	3,250 @ 25.4% K ₂ O	119 @ 26.7% K ₂ O	100
Escondida district	4,087 @ 0.72% Cu	4,991 @ 0.57% Cu	12,634 @ 0.47% Cu	57.5
Cerro Colorado	153 @ 0.65% Cu	188 @ 0.66% Cu	83 @ 0.64% Cu	100
Spence	241 @ 0.92% Cu	1,278 @ 0.47% Cu	1,174 @ 0.39% Cu	100
Antamina	188 @ 0.85% Cu	1,018 @ 0.92% Cu	708 @ 0.73% Cu	33.75

1. Interest represents the weighted average of BHP Billiton's 50% ownership in the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) Coal Resource and 80% ownership in the BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal (BMC) Coal Resource.

Strong and predictable interim financial results

- **Underlying EBITDA** of US\$18.7 billion, up 8%
- **Attributable profit** (excluding exceptional items) of US\$9.9 billion, down 7%
- **Net operating cash flow** of US\$12.3 billion, up 1%
- **Capital and exploration expenditure** of US\$9.6 billion
- **Interim dividend** of 55 US cents per share
- **Gearing** increased to 25% following acquisition of Petrohawk Energy Corporation

Underlying EBIT margin¹ (H1 FY12, %)



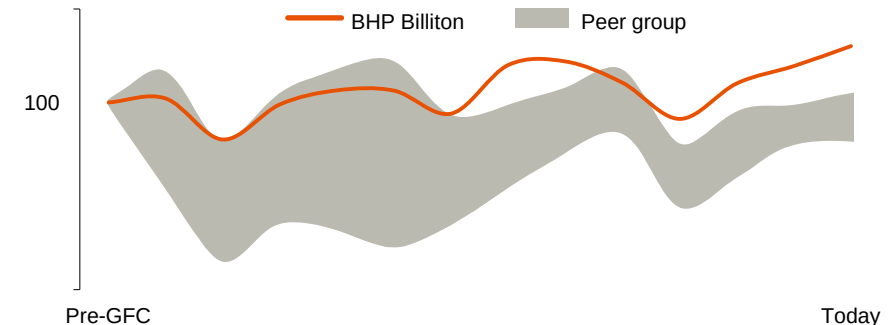
Note: Variance relates to the relative performance of BHP Billiton during the December 2011 half year compared with the December 2010 half year.

1. Excludes third party trading activities.

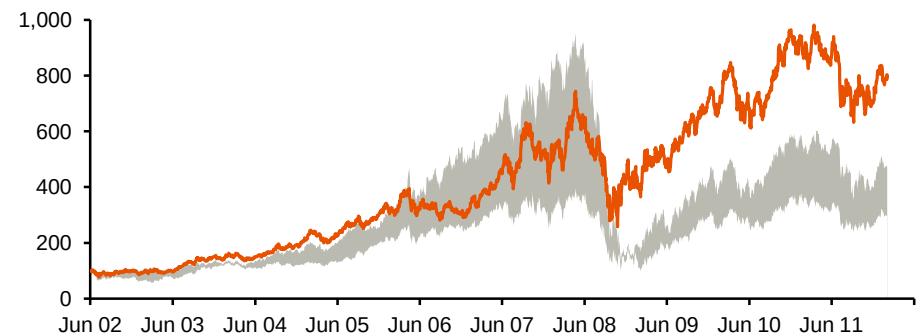
Delivering superior performance throughout the economic cycle

- Unchanged and proven strategy focused on large, long life, low cost, expandable and upstream assets
- Strong production performance reflects our commitment to invest throughout the economic cycle
- We prioritise investment in businesses that meet all of the criteria defined by our strategy
- Our strategy delivers
 - Strong and stable margins
 - Greater earnings certainty
 - Lower cash flow at risk
 - Superior total shareholder returns

Diversified peer production comparison¹ (copper equivalent units)



Total Shareholder Returns² (index, rebased to June 2002)

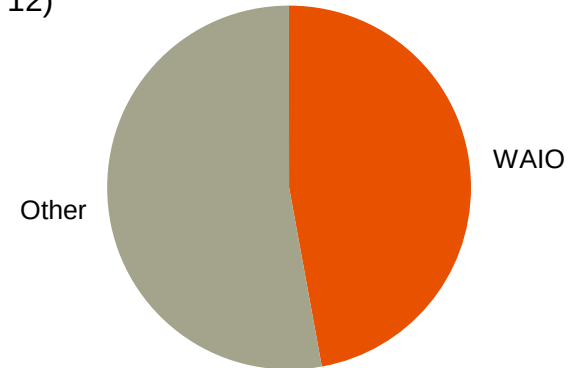


1. Copper equivalent units based on long term consensus price estimates where available. Peer group includes Rio Tinto, Vale, Anglo American and Xstrata.
Source: Annual Reports, press releases and BHP Billiton analysis.
2. BHP Billiton Plc TSR in local currency. Peer group includes Rio Tinto Plc, Anglo American and Xstrata (i.e. constituents listed on the LSE).
Source: DataStream.

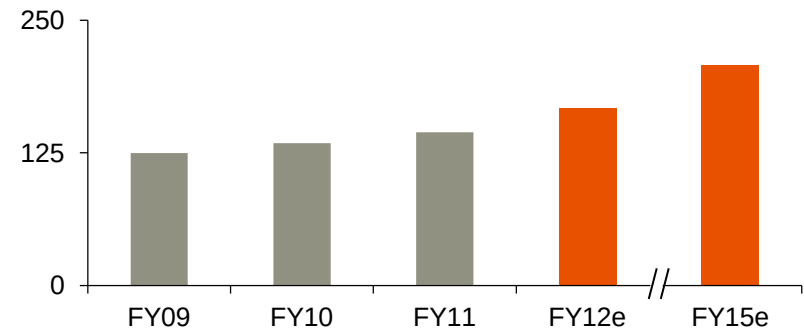
Strong growth in our Western Australia Iron Ore business

- WAIO annualised production rose to 178 mtpa (100% basis) in the December 2011 quarter
- Prior FY12 production guidance for WAIO of 159 mtpa (100% basis) increased by approximately 5%
- Well placed to achieve a production rate of +200 mtpa (100% basis) at WAIO by the end of CY14 without the need for additional major growth project approvals

BHP Billiton Underlying EBIT contribution (H1 FY12)



Targeted growth in WAIO production (mtpa, 100% basis)

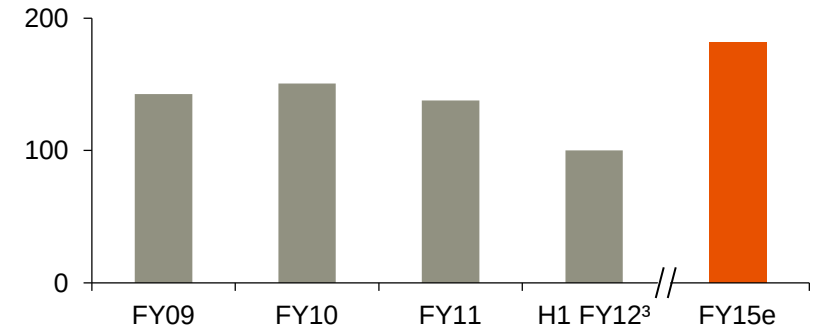


Substantial low risk volume growth anticipated at key assets

- A substantial increase in copper production at Escondida as operations progress towards higher grade ore in the main pit
- Queensland Coal positioned for strong production growth following the weather related challenges of the last twelve months
- Development drilling at non-operated Gulf of Mexico facilities to deliver an increase in high margin oil production following a recovery from the drilling moratorium

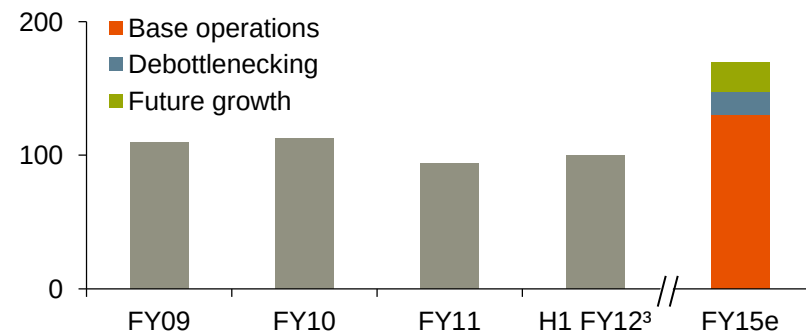
Escondida production¹

(index annualised H1 FY12, BHP Billiton share)



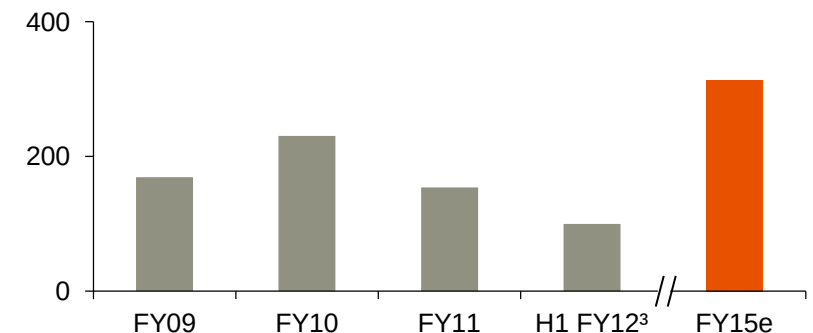
Queensland Coal production

(index annualised H1 FY12, BHP Billiton share)



GoM non-operated assets production²

(index annualised H1 FY12, BHP Billiton share)

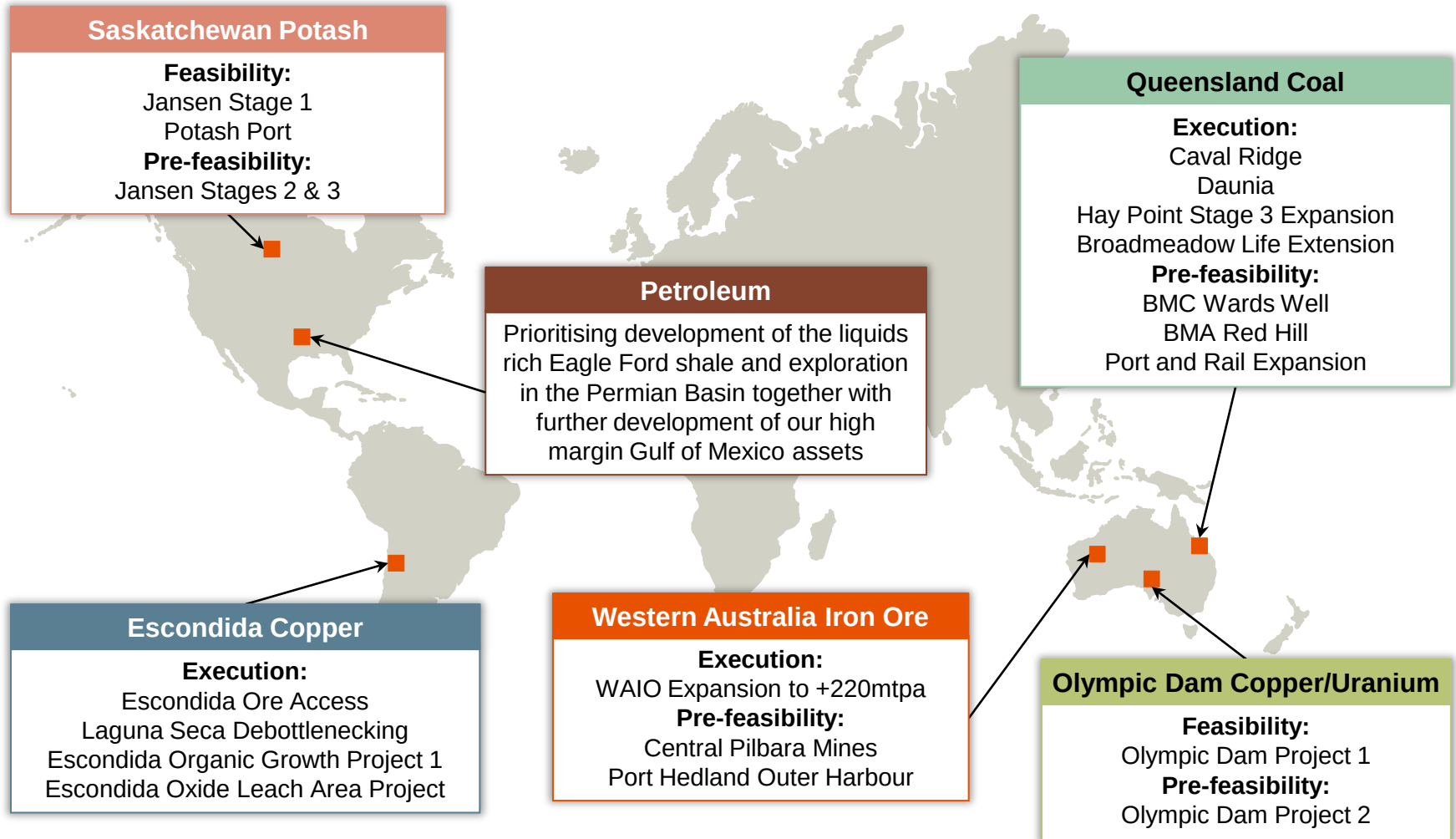


1. Includes volumes related to minor unapproved capital projects.

2. Includes volumes from development drilling.

3. H1 production annualised for FY12, indexed to 100.

The options and capability to develop large scale, high quality projects

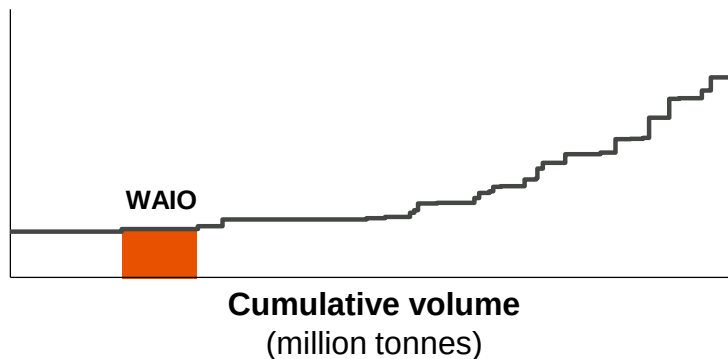


Note: All projects remain under review until such time as they are sanctioned for execution.
Reflects recent Escondida project approvals, all other projects as at 8 February 2012.

A large, low cost iron ore business with significant expansion potential

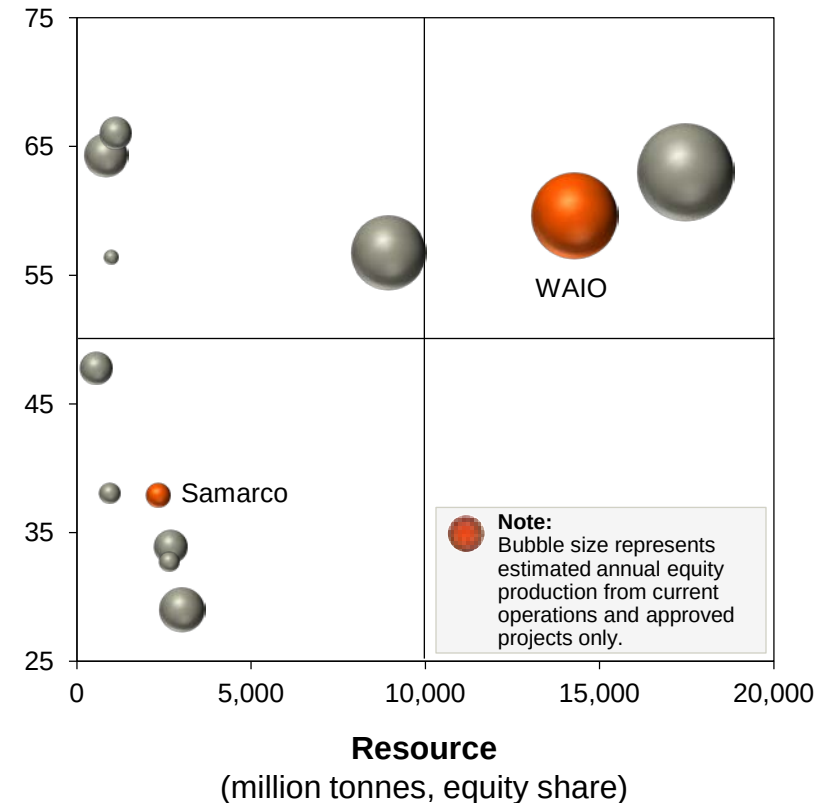
- WAIO US\$779 million (BHP Billiton share) pre-commitment investment for an outer harbour development at Port Hedland
- Targeting Board approval in H2 CY12 with commissioning scheduled for CY16
- Longer term development has the potential to increase WAIO capacity to 450 mtpa (100% basis)

Iron ore cost curve – fines
(US\$ per tonne, CIF China equivalent basis)



Source: Macquarie Research, January 2012.

Global iron ore deposits¹
(average Fe grade, %)



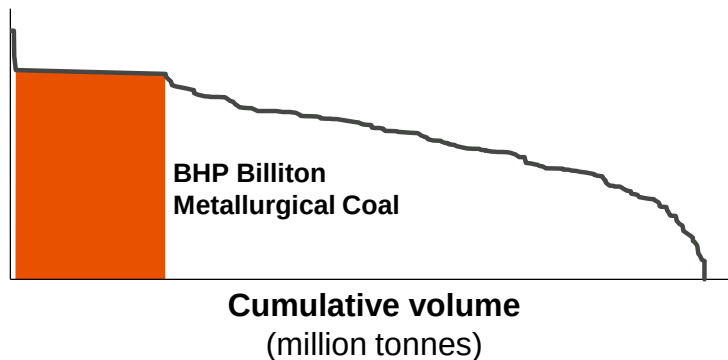
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1. Based on a selection of iron ore peers that provides a fair representation of the industry. Excludes Vale.

The leading metallurgical coal business

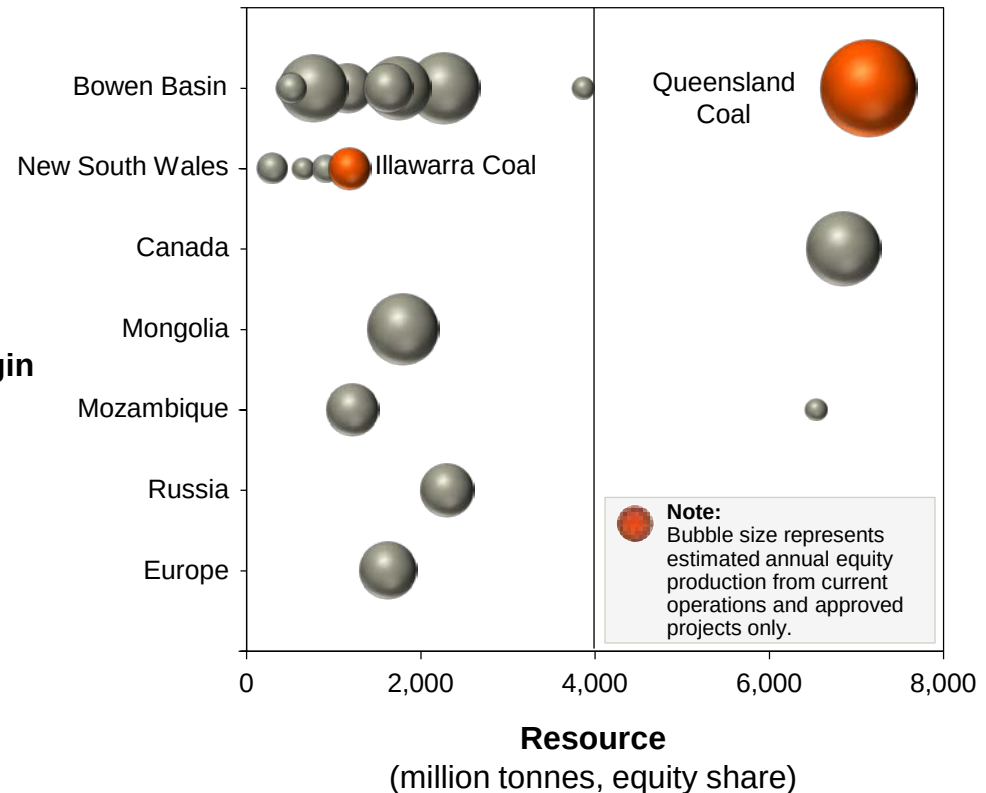
- Leading resource position, premier products and industry leading margins
- Projects in execution total US\$4.9 billion²
- Numerous longer term development options
- Preferred developer status for 60 mtpa export terminal at Abbot Point

Seaborne metallurgical coal producer operating margin (2016, US\$ per tonne FOB)



Source: Wood Mackenzie and BHP Billiton analysis.
 Note: Based on internal production profile at weighted average Wood Mackenzie operating margin for BHP Billiton Metallurgical Coal assets. Metallurgical coal prices used (real): US\$200/t (HCC), US\$150/t (WCC), US\$90/t (Thermal). Exchange rates relative to the US\$: A\$ 1.20, C\$ 1.04, CNY 5.2, BWP 7.2, R 8, NZ\$ 1.65, RBL 27.5, VND 24,000.
 2. BHP Billiton share. Includes announced pre-commitment funding for projects in execution.

Global metallurgical coal deposits¹ (by basin)



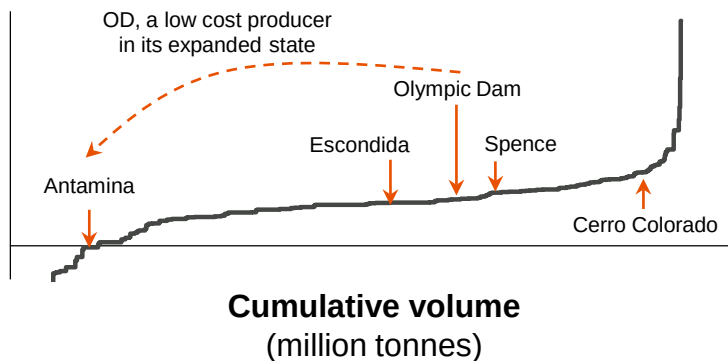
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Large and expandable Base Metals assets

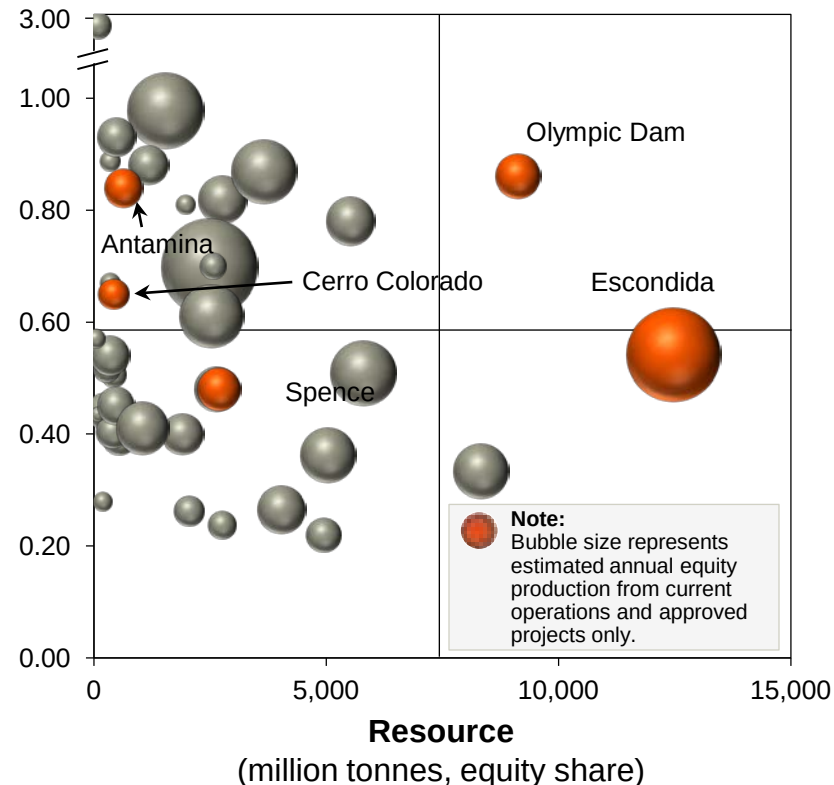
- Escondida Organic Growth Project 1 will set the framework for multiple phases of expansion
 - Approved in February 2012 with commissioning scheduled for CY15
- Olympic Dam is a unique resource, an open pit will exploit superior grades for decades to come
 - Targeting Board approval for phase one in CY12

C1 cash cost (US cents per pound Cu)



Source: Brook Hunt Q4 2011, 2011 C1 cash cost (normal costing).

Global copper deposits¹ (Cu grade excluding by-products¹, %)



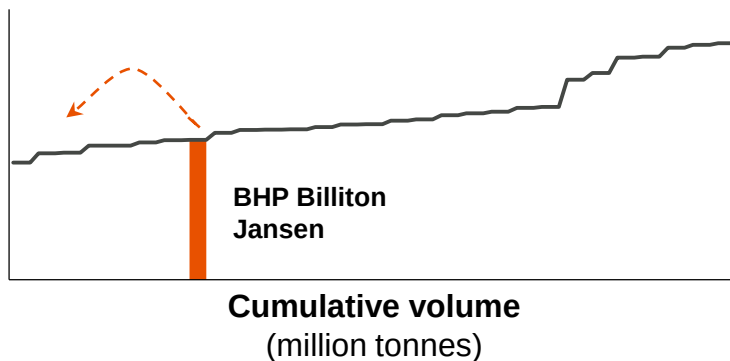
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1. Based on a selection of copper peers that provides a fair representation of the industry. Grades not inclusive of by-product credits which can be significant, particularly in the case of poly-metallic resources such as Olympic Dam.

Developing a world class presence in potash

- Three billion tonne resource delineated at Jansen¹
- US\$1.2 billion committed to date with ground freezing and shaft sinking programs underway
- Targeting Board approval for the first phase in CY12
- Planned capacity of 8 mtpa with longer term potential to expand potash production to 16 mtpa

Export cost curve
(2020, US\$ per tonne FOB)



Source: CRU and BHP Billiton analysis.

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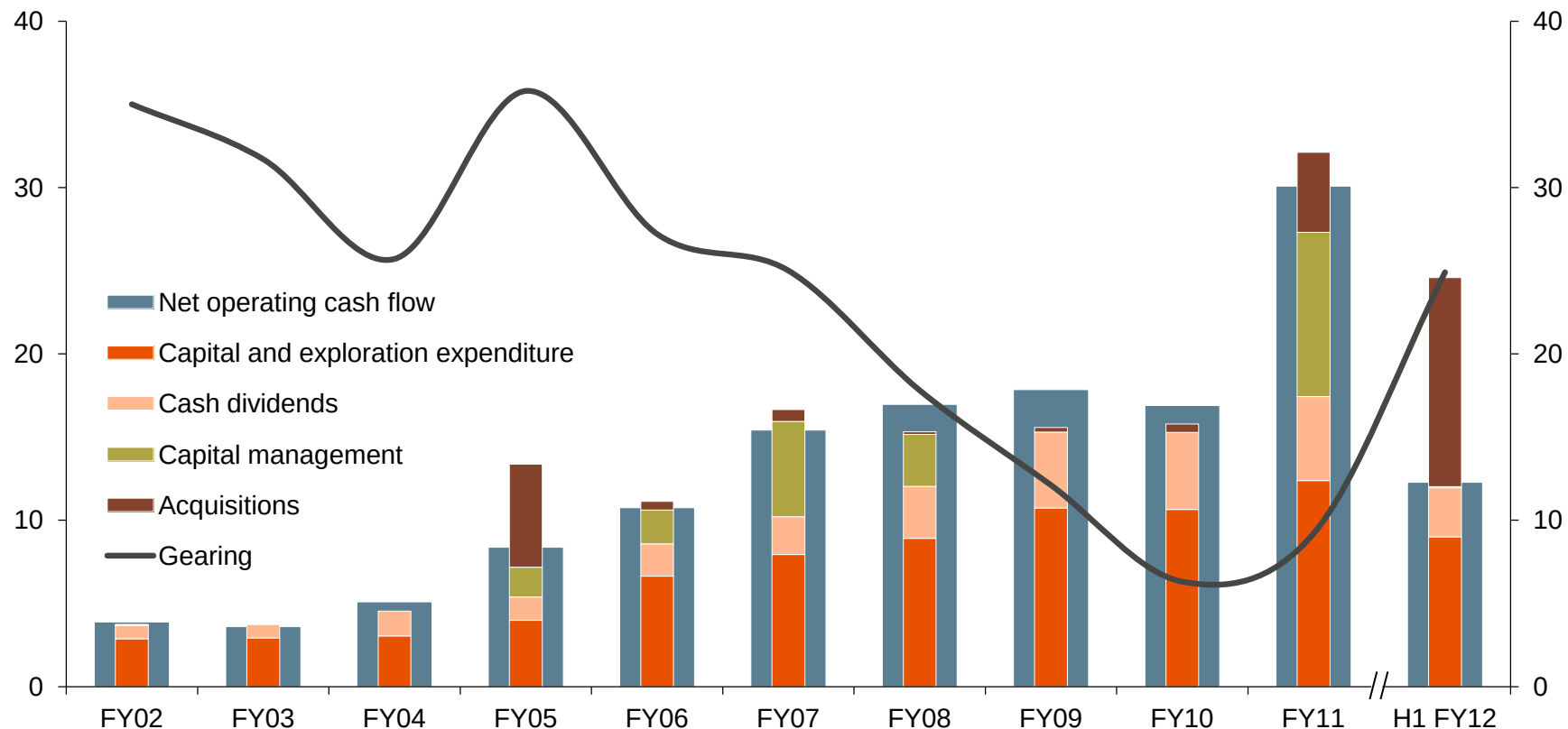
Prioritising development of the liquids rich Eagle Ford shale

- Completed the acquisition of Petrohawk Energy Corporation
- Successful combination of high quality Onshore US assets into the BHP Billiton portfolio
- Large 7.6 billion barrels of oil equivalent Onshore US resource enables us to plan for the very long term
- Increasing focus on the high return, liquids rich Eagle Ford shale and Permian Basin
- Targeting 20% liquids contribution by FY15
- Selectively developing the most productive areas in our dry gas fields



We will live within our means as we progress our growth options

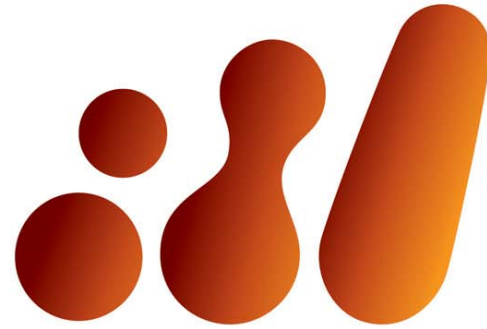
Sources and uses of cash¹
(US\$ billion)



1. Calculated on the basis of UK GAAP for periods prior to FY05. Cash flow reflects proportional consolidation of joint ventures for FY07 and future periods. Exploration expenditure incurred which has not been capitalised has been re-classified to net operating cash flow for FY06 and future periods.

Consistent execution of a well defined strategy

- Strong and predictable financial results
- Substantial, low risk volume growth is anticipated at key assets in the short to medium term
- We will live within our means as we look to exercise our world class portfolio of growth options



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