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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

- Robust operating performance in a challenging environment with annual production records achieved across ten operations.
- Twelfth consecutive annual production record in iron ore as Western Australia Iron Ore shipments rose to an annualised rate of 179 million tonnes in the June 2012 quarter (100% basis).
- Record annual metallurgical coal production achieved at Illawarra Coal. Queensland Coal production remained constrained as a result of industrial action and heavy rainfall.
- The successful integration and further development of our Onshore US shale liquids and gas assets contributed to a 40% increase in petroleum production in the 2012 financial year.
- An 11% increase in copper production in the June 2012 quarter established strong momentum in our Base Metals business.

Petroleum

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids ('000 boe)	85,286	19,484	-7%	-8%	-10%
Natural gas (bcf)	822.26	221.25	103%	68%	6%
Total petroleum products (million boe)	222.34	56.36	40%	30%	0%

Total petroleum production – The successful integration and further development of our Onshore US shale liquids and gas assets contributed to a 40 per cent increase in petroleum production in the 2012 financial year.

Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids – Lower liquids production for the 2012 financial year reflected downtime at our non-operated facilities in the Gulf of Mexico (USA) and natural field decline, particularly at Pyrenees (Australia). Mad Dog (USA) was offline for the full financial year while Atlantis (USA) was shut-in for an extended period of scheduled maintenance during the June 2012 quarter. Weather related downtime in the Gulf of Mexico also contributed to lower production in the period.

Onshore US liquids production increased by 10 per cent to 3.8 million barrels in the June 2012 quarter. Over 80 per cent of our Onshore US drilling activity was focused on the liquids rich Eagle Ford shale and Permian Basin at the end of the period.

Our conventional business will benefit from the recommencement of production at Mad Dog and Atlantis in the September 2012 quarter.

Natural gas – Strong performance at Angostura (Trinidad and Tobago) and the successful integration of our Onshore US business led to higher natural gas production in the 2012 financial year.

Aluminium

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	4,152	1,039	4%	1%	-1%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	1,153	248	-7%	-21%	-10%

Alumina – Record annual production at the Alumar refinery (Brazil) contributed to a four per cent increase in total alumina production in the 2012 financial year. Production at Worsley (Australia) is expected to increase during the 2013 financial year as the Efficiency & Growth project ramps up towards full capacity.

Aluminium – Production was lower than all comparable periods as potline capacity at Hillside (South Africa) remained curtailed following a major unplanned outage in the March 2012 quarter. Operations are expected to progressively return to full technical capacity during the 2013 financial year.

Despite our competitive position on the cost curve, our integrated Aluminium business continues to be challenged by weaker prices and underlying cost pressure.

Base Metals

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Copper ('000 tonnes)	1,094.5	312.5	-4%	15%	11%
Lead (tonnes)	239,878	63,667	-2%	9%	19%
Zinc (tonnes)	112,217	30,748	-26%	-11%	3%
Silver ('000 ounces)	41,308	11,539	-3%	17%	19%
Uranium oxide concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	3,885	1,080	-4%	6%	21%

Copper – An 11 per cent increase in copper production in the June 2012 quarter established strong momentum in our Base Metals business. At Escondida (Chile), production increased by 22 per cent as mining activities progressed towards higher grade ore, consistent with the mine plan. This strong performance was also supported by quarterly and annual material mined, mill throughput and copper production records at Antamina (Peru) following the successful commissioning of the expansion project.

Escondida copper production is forecast to increase by approximately 20 per cent in the 2013 financial year. Successful completion of both the Escondida Ore Access and Laguna Seca debottlenecking projects will facilitate a rise in Escondida copper production to over 1.3 million tonnes (100 per cent basis) in the 2015 financial year.

At 30 June 2012 the Group had 278,547 tonnes of outstanding copper sales that were revalued at a weighted average price of US\$3.49 per pound. The final price of these sales will be determined in the 2013 financial year. In addition, 239,156 tonnes of copper sales from the 2011 financial year were subject to a finalisation adjustment in 2012. This finalisation adjustment and the provisional pricing impact as at 30 June 2012 will decrease earnings before interest and tax by US\$265 million in the 2012 financial year (2011 financial year: US\$650 million gain).

Lead/silver – Production for the 2012 financial year was in line with the prior period.

Zinc – Production at Antamina declined during the 2012 financial year as mining progressed through a copper-rich ore zone.

Uranium – Production for the 2012 financial year was broadly in line with the prior period.

Diamonds & Specialty Products

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Diamonds ('000 carats)	1,784	413	-29%	-28%	-5%

Diamonds – Production was lower than all comparable periods, as expected. EKATI (Canada) production is forecast to remain constrained in the medium term as the operations extract lower grade material, consistent with the mine plan.

BHP Billiton announced a review of its diamonds business during the December 2011 quarter and this process is ongoing. The sale of BHP Billiton's 37 per cent non-operated interest in Richards Bay Minerals (South Africa) to Rio Tinto is progressing and remains subject to final regulatory approvals.

Stainless Steel Materials

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	157.9	42.7	3%	12%	2%

Nickel – The successful replacement of the Line 1 furnace at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) in the September 2011 quarter led to a modest increase in annual nickel production.

The Nickel West Mt Keith Talc Redesign Project and Kwinana hydrogen plant (Australia) were both commissioned in the 2012 financial year. However, despite improved refinery performance, a strong Australian dollar and weak nickel price continued to place pressure on Nickel West operating margins.

Iron Ore

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Iron ore ('000 tonnes)	159,478	40,891	19%	15%	8%

Iron ore – BHP Billiton's commitment to invest throughout the economic cycle delivered a twelfth consecutive annual production record in iron ore. Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) shipments rose to a record annualised rate of 179 million tonnes in the June 2012 quarter (100 per cent basis). Consistently strong operating performance, the ramp up of Ore Handling Plant 3 at Yandi, dual tracking of the company's rail infrastructure and additional ship loading capacity at Port Hedland contributed to the record result. WAIO production in the 2013 financial year is forecast to increase by approximately five per cent from the 2012 financial year.

Samarco's (Brazil) three pellet plants continued to operate at capacity during the period.

Manganese

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Manganese ore ('000 tonnes)	7,931	2,066	12%	15%	1%
Manganese alloy ('000 tonnes)	602	75	-20%	-61%	-46%

Manganese ore – Consistently strong operating performance and improved plant availability at both GEMCO (Australia) and Hotazel (South Africa) underpinned annual production and sales records in the 2012 financial year.

Manganese alloy – The termination of energy intensive silica manganese production at Metalloys (South Africa) and the temporary suspension of production at TEMCO (Australia) resulted in substantially lower alloy production in the 2012 financial year. TEMCO is expected to return to full capacity towards the end of the September 2012 quarter.

Metallurgical Coal

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Metallurgical coal ('000 tonnes)	33,230	8,109	2%	2%	11%

Metallurgical coal – A modest increase in metallurgical coal production was achieved in the 2012 financial year despite numerous operating challenges. Record annual production at Illawarra Coal (Australia) followed successful commissioning of the West Cliff Coal Preparation Plant upgrade project. A longwall move at the Appin mine is expected to have a minor impact on production in the September 2012 quarter.

Queensland Coal (Australia) production remained constrained during the June 2012 quarter largely as a result of industrial action. This disruption to production and sales has led to significant margin compression for our leading Queensland Coal business. BHP Billiton also announced the indefinite closure of the Norwich Park mine (Australia) during the June 2012 quarter following a review of the mine's profitability.

In July 2012, force majeure was lifted across all BMA sites. In addition, BMA and the unions reached a framework agreement that should guide the finalisation of the BMA Enterprise Agreement. Further work is underway to finalise local mine site details.

Energy Coal

	JUN 2012 YTD	JUN 2012 QTR	JUN YTD12 vs JUN YTD11	JUN Q12 vs JUN Q11	JUN Q12 vs MAR Q12
Energy coal ('000 tonnes)	71,111	18,484	2%	1%	7%

Energy coal – Volumes were higher than all comparable periods with annual and quarterly production records achieved at two of BHP Billiton's export orientated operations, Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and New South Wales Energy Coal (Australia). Longwall mining activity resumed at San Juan Coal (USA) during the June 2012 quarter.

The RX1 Project at New South Wales Energy Coal delivered first production during the June 2012 quarter, significantly ahead of schedule. This project capitalises on strong demand for high ash coal in our key growth markets.

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

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE		
		JUN	MAR	JUN	JUN	JUN	JUN YTD12	JUN Q12	JUN Q12
		2011	2012	2012	2012	2011	vs	vs	vs
							JUN YTD11	JUN Q11	MAR Q12
PETROLEUM									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	18,652	18,127	15,726	71,201	80,591	-12%	-16%	-13%
Natural gas	(bcf)	131.79	209.17	221.25	822.26	405.06	103%	68%	6%
NGL	('000 boe)	2,636	3,609	3,758	14,085	11,283	25%	43%	4%
Total petroleum products	(million boe)	43.25	56.60	56.36	222.34	159.38	40%	30%	0%
ALUMINIUM									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,026	1,052	1,039	4,152	4,010	4%	1%	-1%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	313	277	248	1,153	1,246	-7%	-21%	-10%
BASE METALS									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	272.3	281.4	312.5	1,094.5	1,139.4	-4%	15%	11%
Lead	(tonnes)	58,578	53,560	63,667	239,878	244,554	-2%	9%	19%
Zinc	(tonnes)	34,733	29,727	30,748	112,217	152,127	-26%	-11%	3%
Gold	(ounces)	45,545	44,684	40,569	168,699	196,091	-14%	-11%	-9%
Silver	('000 ounces)	9,877	9,715	11,539	41,308	42,656	-3%	17%	19%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,015	896	1,080	3,885	4,045	-4%	6%	21%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	418	521	464	2,346	1,445	62%	11%	-11%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	576	433	413	1,784	2,506	-29%	-28%	-5%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	38.2	41.7	42.7	157.9	152.7	3%	12%	2%
IRON ORE									
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	35,526	37,943	40,891	159,478	134,406	19%	15%	8%
MANGANESE									
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,790	2,040	2,066	7,931	7,093	12%	15%	1%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	190	138	75	602	753	-20%	-61%	-46%
METALLURGICAL COAL									
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	7,922	7,337	8,109	33,230	32,678	2%	2%	11%
ENERGY COAL									
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	18,338	17,248	18,484	71,111	69,500	2%	1%	7%

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

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

		QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
	BHP Billiton Interest	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2011
PETROLEUM								
Production								
Crude oil & condensate ('000 bbl)		18,652	18,482	18,866	18,127	15,726	71,201	80,591
Natural gas (bcf)		131.79	177.35	214.49	209.17	221.25	822.26	405.06
NGL ('000 boe) (a)		2,636	3,356	3,362	3,609	3,758	14,085	11,283
Total petroleum products (million boe)		43.25	51.40	57.98	56.60	56.36	222.34	159.38
ALUMINIUM								
ALUMINA								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Worsley	86%	725	752	694	741	730	2,917	2,902
Alumar	36%	301	308	307	311	309	1,235	1,108
Total		1,026	1,060	1,001	1,052	1,039	4,152	4,010
ALUMINIUM								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Hillside	100%	179	180	180	144	117	621	711
Bayside	100%	24	25	24	26	23	98	97
Alumar	40%	43	44	42	42	42	170	174
Mozal	47%	67	66	67	65	66	264	264
Total		313	315	313	277	248	1,153	1,246
BASE METALS (b)								
COPPER								
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)								
Escondida	57.5%	79.4	49.9	80.4	87.7	115.8	333.8	390.5
Antamina	33.8%	22.5	30.3	30.9	30.9	34.9	127.0	97.8
Total		101.9	80.2	111.3	118.6	150.7	460.8	488.3
Cathode ('000 tonnes)								
Escondida	57.5%	42.6	32.9	43.0	47.4	48.7	172.0	179.1
Pampa Norte (c)	100%	75.7	65.4	70.0	66.2	62.1	263.7	272.2
Pinto Valley	100%	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	5.4	5.7
Olympic Dam	100%	50.7	40.4	54.6	47.8	49.8	192.6	194.1
Total		170.4	140.1	169.0	162.8	161.8	633.7	651.1
LEAD								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	58,414	55,557	66,787	53,412	63,334	239,090	243,364
Antamina	33.8%	164	102	205	148	333	788	1,190
Total		58,578	55,659	66,992	53,560	63,667	239,878	244,554
ZINC								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	14,348	14,488	14,745	12,904	12,540	54,677	60,657
Antamina	33.8%	20,385	8,956	13,553	16,823	18,208	57,540	91,470
Total		34,733	23,444	28,298	29,727	30,748	112,217	152,127

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
		JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2011
BASE METALS (continued)								
GOLD								
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	17,116	11,063	14,242	12,732	12,817	50,854	84,723
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	28,429	28,376	29,765	31,952	27,752	117,845	111,368
Total		45,545	39,439	44,007	44,684	40,569	168,699	196,091
SILVER								
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	580	403	549	481	488	1,921	2,849
Antamina	33.8%	773	972	1,087	1,170	1,043	4,272	3,600
Cannington	100%	8,242	7,559	9,056	7,836	9,757	34,208	35,225
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	282	217	211	228	251	907	982
Total		9,877	9,151	10,903	9,715	11,539	41,308	42,656
URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Olympic Dam	100%	1,015	1,000	909	896	1,080	3,885	4,045
Total		1,015	1,000	909	896	1,080	3,885	4,045
MOLYBDENUM								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Antamina	33.8%	418	595	766	521	464	2,346	1,445
Total		418	595	766	521	464	2,346	1,445
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS								
DIAMONDS								
Production ('000 carats)								
EKATI™	80%	576	457	481	433	413	1,784	2,506
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
NICKEL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
CMSA	99.9%	7.4	10.4	12.3	13.4	12.8	48.9	40.0
Nickel West	100%	30.8	24.7	26.1	28.3	29.9	109.0	112.7
Total		38.2	35.1	38.4	41.7	42.7	157.9	152.7

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

		QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
	BHP Billiton Interest	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	DEC 2011	MAR 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2012	JUN 2011
IRON ORE								
Production ('000 tonnes) (d)								
Newman (e)	85%	12,480	13,158	13,247	11,789	13,132	51,326	45,245
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	284	254	334	37	143	768	1,198
Area C Joint Venture	85%	10,044	10,479	10,437	10,343	11,166	42,425	39,794
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	9,796	12,708	14,170	13,063	13,595	53,536	36,460
Samarco	50%	2,922	2,973	2,884	2,711	2,855	11,423	11,709
Total		35,526	39,572	41,072	37,943	40,891	159,478	134,406
MANGANESE								
MANGANESE ORES								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (f)	44.4%	776	911	808	917	989	3,625	3,007
Australia (f)	60%	1,014	1,108	998	1,123	1,077	4,306	4,086
Total		1,790	2,019	1,806	2,040	2,066	7,931	7,093
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (f) (g)	60%	120	124	124	81	75	404	486
Australia (f)	60%	70	70	71	57	-	198	267
Total		190	194	195	138	75	602	753
METALLURGICAL COAL								
Production ('000 tonnes) (h)								
BMA	50%	4,874	5,274	5,006	4,226	4,105	18,611	19,901
BHP Mitsui Coal (i)	80%	1,426	1,803	1,580	1,649	1,661	6,693	5,893
Illawarra	100%	1,622	2,214	1,907	1,462	2,343	7,926	6,884
Total		7,922	9,291	8,493	7,337	8,109	33,230	32,678
ENERGY COAL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa	100%	8,228	9,095	7,976	7,895	8,313	33,279	34,328
USA	100%	3,779	2,467	2,163	2,109	2,673	9,412	11,612
Australia	100%	3,793	4,046	4,027	4,291	4,393	16,757	13,671
Colombia	33%	2,538	2,852	2,753	2,953	3,105	11,663	9,889
Total		18,338	18,460	16,919	17,248	18,484	71,111	69,500

(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) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.

(d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.

(e) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.

(f) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%, except Hotazel Manganese Mines which is 44.4%.

(g) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

(h) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.

(i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	QUARTER ENDED					YEAR TO DATE	
	JUN	SEP	DEC	MAR	JUN	JUN	JUN
	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2011

PETROLEUM

BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.

CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)

Bass Strait	2,485	2,527	2,190	2,285	2,357	9,359	10,214
North West Shelf	1,442	1,400	1,686	1,671	1,587	6,344	7,586
Stybarrow	1,037	1,171	836	618	635	3,260	2,808
Pyrenees	4,584	3,901	3,207	2,540	2,482	12,130	19,788
Other Australia (a)	13	13	13	13	13	52	51
Atlantis (b)	2,098	2,081	2,390	2,262	39	6,772	10,711
Mad Dog (b)	128	-	-	-	-	-	3,029
Shenzi (b) (c)	3,630	3,848	4,119	4,071	3,607	15,645	14,783
Onshore US (d)	-	672	1,631	2,202	2,434	6,939	-
Trinidad/Tobago	687	466	466	453	488	1,873	1,271
Other Americas (b) (e)	448	373	374	373	348	1,468	1,634
UK	534	447	433	328	367	1,575	2,166
Algeria (f)	1,498	1,498	1,437	1,236	1,291	5,462	6,245
Pakistan	68	85	84	75	78	322	305
Total	18,652	18,482	18,866	18,127	15,726	71,201	80,591

NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)

Bass Strait	29.97	31.88	23.65	19.74	31.47	106.74	112.03
North West Shelf	35.44	32.97	32.56	29.60	29.80	124.93	143.51
Other Australia (a)	4.68	4.45	4.56	4.42	4.87	18.30	19.20
Atlantis (b)	0.67	0.64	0.67	1.18	0.01	2.50	3.91
Mad Dog (b)	0.01	-	-	-	-	-	0.45
Shenzi (b) (c)	0.67	0.62	0.57	0.56	0.47	2.22	2.83
Onshore US (d)	36.43	77.59	121.63	124.17	124.53	447.92	36.43
Trinidad/Tobago	4.69	9.31	9.72	9.50	9.54	38.07	4.69
Other Americas (b) (e)	1.42	1.19	0.98	1.09	0.79	4.05	5.47
UK	5.69	3.91	5.51	5.03	5.54	19.99	24.46
Pakistan	12.12	14.79	14.64	13.88	14.23	57.54	52.08
Total	131.79	177.35	214.49	209.17	221.25	822.26	405.06

NGL ('000 barrels of oil equivalent)

Bass Strait	1,554	1,823	1,407	1,355	1,738	6,323	6,248
North West Shelf	367	423	434	421	342	1,620	1,714
Atlantis (b)	117	120	123	221	1	465	632
Mad Dog (b)	11	-	-	-	-	-	134
Shenzi (b) (c)	252	296	293	291	244	1,124	1,029
Onshore US (d)	-	416	943	1,275	1,388	4,022	-
Other Americas (b) (e)	47	41	34	34	24	133	185
UK	66	18	45	12	21	96	279
Algeria (f)	222	219	83	-	-	302	1,062
Total	2,636	3,356	3,362	3,609	3,758	14,085	11,283

TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

(million barrels of oil equivalent) (g)

43.25	51.40	57.98	56.60	56.36	222.34	159.38
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(a) Other Australia includes Minerva.

(b) Gulf of Mexico volumes are net of royalties.

(c) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi.

(d) Fayetteville shale acquisition completed on 31 March 2011. Petrohawk Energy Corporation acquisition completed on 20 August 2011.

Onshore US volumes are net of mineral holder royalties.

(e) Other Americas includes Neptune, West Cameron 76, Genesis and Starlifter. West Cameron 76 and Starlifter were divested in May 2012.

(f) Algeria includes ROD and Ohanet. The Ohanet Risk Sharing Contract expired in October 2011.

(g) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6,000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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ALUMINIUM

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

ALUMINA

Production

Worsley, Australia	725	752	694	741	730	2,917	2,902
Alumar, Brazil	301	308	307	311	309	1,235	1,108
Total	1,026	1,060	1,001	1,052	1,039	4,152	4,010

Sales

Worsley, Australia	727	720	745	713	750	2,928	2,862
Alumar, Brazil	324	280	349	216	356	1,201	1,083
Total	1,051	1,000	1,094	929	1,106	4,129	3,945

ALUMINIUM

Production

Hillside, South Africa	179	180	180	144	117	621	711
Bayside, South Africa	24	25	24	26	23	98	97
Alumar, Brazil	43	44	42	42	42	170	174
Mozal, Mozambique	67	66	67	65	66	264	264
Total	313	315	313	277	248	1,153	1,246

Sales

Hillside, South Africa	181	163	186	141	126	616	652
Bayside, South Africa	29	24	25	27	21	97	127
Alumar, Brazil	44	44	43	31	45	163	174
Mozal, Mozambique	80	60	85	66	54	265	277
Total	334	291	339	265	246	1,141	1,230

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BASE METALS

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Escondida, Chile

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	97,705	69,006	96,152	103,321	109,724	378,203	400,679
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	16,399	12,029	18,663	16,449	18,640	65,781	70,878
Average copper grade	(%)	1.06%	0.97%	0.97%	1.14%	1.37%	1.13%	1.18%
Production ex mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	141.2	91.9	144.3	153.1	211.7	601.0	686.6

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	79.4	49.9	80.4	87.7	115.8	333.8	390.5
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,116	11,063	14,242	12,732	12,817	50,854	84,723
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	42.6	32.9	43.0	47.4	48.7	172.0	179.1
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	580	403	549	481	488	1,921	2,849

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	90.9	49.2	82.1	82.6	113.1	327.0	393.9
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	20,251	10,974	14,435	11,998	12,683	50,090	86,023
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	48.0	25.7	45.3	44.3	53.4	168.7	181.8
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	673	404	558	454	483	1,899	2,877

Pampa Norte, Chile

Cerro Colorado								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,840	14,736	16,792	16,320	16,246	64,094	68,094
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,771	4,608	4,601	4,300	4,388	17,897	18,237
Average copper grade	(%)	0.74%	0.72%	0.71%	0.72%	0.61%	0.69%	0.74%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	25.7	22.5	23.5	18.7	18.7	83.4	92.4
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	25.7	22.4	23.8	20.2	19.1	85.5	94.3
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Spence

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	19,487	19,816	26,511	29,982	28,594	104,903	74,070
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	4,545	3,862	4,909	4,279	3,604	16,654	18,431
Average copper grade	(%)	1.22%	1.30%	1.46%	1.20%	1.28%	1.32%	1.24%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	50.0	42.9	46.5	47.5	43.4	180.3	179.8
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	54.5	43.2	46.6	44.1	51.3	185.2	185.4
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BASE METALS

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Antamina, Peru

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	41,669	44,212	38,759	41,474	48,256	172,701	138,144
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	9,253	9,396	9,656	10,162	12,295	41,509	36,929
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	0.90%	1.11%	1.15%	1.10%	1.01%	1.09%	0.97%
- Zinc	(%)	1.03%	0.68%	0.72%	0.84%	0.80%	0.76%	1.16%

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	22.5	30.3	30.9	30.9	34.9	127.0	97.8
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	20,385	8,956	13,553	16,823	18,208	57,540	91,470
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	773	972	1,087	1,170	1,043	4,272	3,600
Payable lead	(tonnes)	164	102	205	148	333	788	1,190
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	418	595	766	521	464	2,346	1,445

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	23.5	28.2	31.7	30.7	32.7	123.3	99.1
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	18,479	9,586	12,654	13,464	18,174	53,878	92,899
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	658	833	940	1,114	896	3,783	3,621
Payable lead	(tonnes)	92	91	139	200	48	478	1,523
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	346	549	591	669	488	2,297	1,470

Cannington, Australia

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	841	819	778	756	880	3,233	3,110
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	786	826	888	778	845	3,337	3,090
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	381	332	370	367	417	372	417
- Lead	(%)	8.6%	7.9%	8.8%	8.0%	8.6%	8.3%	9.2%
- Zinc	(%)	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.5%	2.8%	3.2%

Production

Payable silver	('000 ounces)	8,242	7,559	9,056	7,836	9,757	34,208	35,225
Payable lead	(tonnes)	58,414	55,557	66,787	53,412	63,334	239,090	243,364
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	14,348	14,488	14,745	12,904	12,540	54,677	60,657

Sales

Payable silver	('000 ounces)	8,235	6,434	8,960	7,081	10,784	33,259	34,690
Payable lead	(tonnes)	58,868	48,258	66,657	49,027	73,400	237,342	241,973
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	14,530	15,734	14,078	10,780	14,399	54,991	56,614

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Olympic Dam, Australia

Material mined (a)	('000 tonnes)	2,675	2,543	2,440	2,389	2,629	10,001	10,331
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	2,533	2,471	2,440	2,195	2,475	9,581	10,330
Average copper grade	(%)	1.92%	1.98%	2.08%	2.01%	1.86%	1.98%	1.86%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.54	0.54	0.50	0.57	0.55	0.54	0.53

Production

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	47.0	37.6	51.5	45.2	46.0	180.3	181.4
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	3.7	2.8	3.1	2.6	3.8	12.3	12.7
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,015	1,000	909	896	1,080	3,885	4,045
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	28,429	28,376	29,765	31,952	27,752	117,845	111,368
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	282	217	211	228	251	907	982

Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	46.5	36.4	51.7	44.4	47.8	180.3	182.7
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	4.1	3.5	2.5	3.0	3.1	12.1	12.5
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,143	910	1,126	640	1,252	3,928	3,945
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	30,323	28,979	24,327	36,832	29,257	119,395	110,736
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	269	289	155	268	200	912	954

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.2	5.4	5.7
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	5.3	5.9
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DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS

EKATI™, Canada

Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	1,212	1,177	1,090	1,001	1,214	4,482	4,692
Production	('000 carats)	576	457	481	433	413	1,784	2,506

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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

NICKEL

CMSA, Colombia

Production	7.4	10.4	12.3	13.4	12.8	48.9	40.0
Sales	8.5	7.7	13.1	13.8	12.9	47.5	41.8

Nickel West, Australia

Production							
Nickel contained in concentrate	3.3	2.6	1.8	2.3	2.3	9.0	7.5
Nickel contained in finished matte	16.1	9.0	15.2	10.5	14.2	48.9	63.9
Nickel metal	11.4	13.1	9.1	15.5	13.4	51.1	41.3
Nickel production	30.8	24.7	26.1	28.3	29.9	109.0	112.7
Sales							
Nickel contained in concentrate	3.9	1.2	2.6	1.5	3.6	8.9	8.5
Nickel contained in finished matte	14.9	10.1	13.9	10.2	16.7	50.9	64.1
Nickel metal	12.4	9.4	10.9	14.2	15.7	50.2	43.4
Nickel sales	31.2	20.7	27.4	25.9	36.0	110.0	116.0

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IRON ORE

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

IRON ORE (a)

Pilbara, Australia

Production

Newman (b)	12,480	13,158	13,247	11,789	13,132	51,326	45,245
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	284	254	334	37	143	768	1,198
Area C Joint Venture	10,044	10,479	10,437	10,343	11,166	42,425	39,794
Yandi Joint Venture	9,796	12,708	14,170	13,063	13,595	53,536	36,460
Total (BHP Billiton share)	32,604	36,599	38,188	35,232	38,036	148,055	122,697
Total production (100%)	38,358	43,058	44,927	41,449	44,748	174,182	144,349

Shipments

Lump	7,463	7,744	8,700	8,235	9,100	33,779	30,784
Fines	25,379	29,311	28,406	26,523	28,870	113,110	92,946
Total (BHP Billiton share)	32,842	37,055	37,106	34,758	37,970	146,889	123,730
Total sales (100%)	38,638	43,594	43,654	40,892	44,670	172,810	145,565

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

(b) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.

Samarco, Brazil

Production

	2,922	2,973	2,884	2,711	2,855	11,423	11,709
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Shipments

	2,736	2,926	2,961	2,453	2,778	11,118	11,428
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MANGANESE							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (’000 tonnes)							
MANGANESE ORE							
<u>South Africa (a)</u>							
Saleable production	776	911	808	917	989	3,625	3,007
Sales	746	861	853	871	866	3,451	3,051
<u>Australia (a)</u>							
Saleable production	1,014	1,108	998	1,123	1,077	4,306	4,086
Sales	1,108	1,094	876	1,115	1,343	4,428	3,960
MANGANESE ALLOY							
<u>South Africa (a) (b)</u>							
Saleable production	120	124	124	81	75	404	486
Sales	123	95	138	122	104	459	516
<u>Australia (a)</u>							
Saleable production	70	70	71	57	-	198	267
Sales	75	91	58	57	23	229	258

(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%, except Hotazel Manganese Mines which is 44.4%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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METALLURGICAL COAL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

Queensland, Australia

Production

BMA

Blackwater	1,127	1,367	1,122	955	991	4,435	4,589
Goonyella	1,417	1,463	1,375	1,153	1,012	5,003	5,359
Peak Downs	543	971	992	788	783	3,534	3,402
Saraji	556	802	900	627	724	3,053	2,779
Norwich Park	386	365	369	248	193	1,175	1,055
Gregory Joint Venture	845	306	248	455	402	1,411	2,717
BMA total	4,874	5,274	5,006	4,226	4,105	18,611	19,901

BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

South Walker Creek	690	1,106	901	1,040	1,034	4,081	3,134
Poitrel	736	697	679	609	627	2,612	2,759
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,426	1,803	1,580	1,649	1,661	6,693	5,893
Queensland total	6,300	7,077	6,586	5,875	5,766	25,304	25,794

Shipments

Coking coal	4,865	5,066	4,845	4,522	4,007	18,440	20,224
Weak coking coal	1,411	1,691	1,747	1,595	1,512	6,545	5,920
Thermal coal	285	176	20	111	90	397	984
Total	6,561	6,933	6,612	6,228	5,609	25,382	27,128

(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%.

Illawarra, Australia

Production	1,622	2,214	1,907	1,462	2,343	7,926	6,884
Shipments							
Coking coal	1,407	1,673	1,255	1,460	1,845	6,233	5,664
Thermal coal	216	159	441	219	279	1,098	1,325
Total	1,623	1,832	1,696	1,679	2,124	7,331	6,989

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ENERGY COAL							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ('000 tonnes)							
South Africa							
Production	8,228	9,095	7,976	7,895	8,313	33,279	34,328
Sales							
Export	3,082	3,439	3,546	3,807	3,314	14,106	12,381
Local utility	5,363	5,622	4,582	4,397	4,571	19,172	21,308
Inland	37	85	165	124	74	448	321
Total	8,482	9,146	8,293	8,328	7,959	33,726	34,010
New Mexico, USA							
Production							
Navajo Coal	2,271	1,178	2,060	1,913	1,853	7,004	7,472
San Juan Coal	1,508	1,289	103	196	820	2,408	4,140
Total	3,779	2,467	2,163	2,109	2,673	9,412	11,612
Sales - local utility	3,106	3,630	3,108	3,057	2,773	12,568	13,191
NSW Energy Coal, Australia							
Production	3,793	4,046	4,027	4,291	4,393	16,757	13,671
Sales							
Export	3,522	3,523	3,566	3,160	4,388	14,637	13,225
Inland	364	625	333	297	404	1,659	1,287
Total	3,886	4,148	3,899	3,457	4,792	16,296	14,512
Cerrejon Coal, Colombia							
Production	2,538	2,852	2,753	2,953	3,105	11,663	9,889
Sales - export	2,853	2,901	2,784	2,652	2,942	11,279	10,450