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## BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

- The release of latent capacity at a number of our highest margin businesses and strong growth across our broader portfolio is expected to deliver a compound annual growth rate of 10% in copper equivalent terms over the two years to the end of the 2014 financial year.
- Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) delivered a twelfth consecutive December half year production and sales record. First ore was received by the fifth car dumper, which is the last major piece of infrastructure required to increase WAIO port capacity to 220 million tonnes per annum (100% basis). WAIO production guidance remains unchanged with a 5% increase anticipated in the 2013 financial year.
- Petroleum production of 121 million barrels of oil equivalent during the December 2012 half year underpins full year guidance, which remains unchanged at 240 million barrels of oil equivalent.
- Copper in concentrate production at Escondida increased by 70% in the December 2012 half year when compared with the prior corresponding period. Total Escondida copper production is on track to increase by 20% in the 2013 financial year.
- At the end of the December 2012 quarter, Queensland Coal production was approaching full supply chain capacity. The associated increase in productivity, broader economies of scale and the closure of high cost capacity is expected to deliver a substantial reduction in unit costs in the second half of the 2013 financial year.

### Petroleum

|                                                          | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids ('000 boe) | 45,739              | 23,292             | 4%                       | 5%                       | 4%                       |
| Natural gas (bcf)                                        | 452.51              | 219.66             | 15%                      | 2%                       | -6%                      |
| Total petroleum products (million boe)                   | 121.15              | 59.90              | 11%                      | 3%                       | -2%                      |

**Total petroleum production** – Petroleum production of 121 million barrels of oil equivalent during the December 2012 half year underpins full year guidance, which remains unchanged at 240 million barrels of oil equivalent.

**Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids** – Liquids volumes increased by four per cent from the September 2012 quarter and reflected continued growth in Onshore US liquids production, development drilling at Shenzhi (US) and a full quarter contribution from the Atlantis and Mad Dog facilities (both US). These strong results were partially offset by a seasonal reduction in Bass Strait (Australia) production and natural field decline at Pyrenees (Australia).

Record Onshore US liquids production of 48 thousand barrels per day during the December 2012 quarter represented a 13 per cent increase from the prior period. A focused drilling program in the liquids-rich areas of the Eagle Ford and Permian is expected to drive strong growth in Onshore US liquids production over the remainder of the 2013 financial year.

**Natural gas** – Lower gas production in the December 2012 quarter reflected the seasonal reduction in demand for Bass Strait natural gas that followed a particularly strong September 2012 quarter.

## Aluminium and Nickel

|                         | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alumina ('000 tonnes)   | 2,402               | 1,232              | 17%                      | 23%                      | 5%                       |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 567                 | 297                | -10%                     | -5%                      | 10%                      |
| Nickel ('000 tonnes)    | 71.7                | 34.7               | -2%                      | -10%                     | -6%                      |

**Alumina** – Strong performance at Worsley (Australia) contributed to record alumina production in the December 2012 quarter and half year. Worsley operated at 95 per cent of design capacity during the December 2012 quarter following the successful ramp up of the Efficiency and Growth project.

**Aluminium** – Metal production increased by 10 per cent from the September 2012 quarter as Hillside (South Africa) production returned to full technical capacity, ahead of schedule.

**Nickel** – Nickel production declined by six per cent from the September 2012 quarter as strong operating performance at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) was more than offset by planned maintenance at the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter and Kwinana refinery (both Australia), which was completed during the period.

From a broader perspective, the strong Australian dollar and weak pricing environment continued to place pressure on the Group's Australian alumina and nickel operations.

## Base Metals

|                                              | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Copper ('000 tonnes)                         | 569.1               | 295.2              | 14%                      | 5%                       | 8%                       |
| Lead (tonnes)                                | 98,318              | 46,135             | -20%                     | -31%                     | -12%                     |
| Zinc (tonnes)                                | 52,131              | 26,209             | 1%                       | -7%                      | 1%                       |
| Silver ('000 ounces)                         | 17,722              | 8,557              | -12%                     | -22%                     | -7%                      |
| Uranium oxide concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 2,056               | 1,014              | 8%                       | 12%                      | -3%                      |

**Copper** – Copper in concentrate production at Escondida (Chile) increased by 70 per cent in the December 2012 half year when compared with the prior corresponding period. Production benefited from the transition to higher grade ore feed and the successful completion of large scale maintenance programs that have increased concentrator throughput. The average copper grade mined during the December 2012 quarter increased to 1.39 per cent. Total Escondida copper production is on track to increase by 20 per cent in the 2013 financial year.

Record production at Antamina (Peru) over the six month period also contributed to the 14 per cent increase in total copper production for the December 2012 half year, while a 26 per cent reduction in copper production at Olympic Dam (Australia) reflected the impact of a planned smelter outage in the period. The Olympic Dam smelter is expected to return to full capacity during the March 2013 quarter.

At 31 December 2012, the Group had 311,847 tonnes of outstanding copper sales that were revalued at a weighted average price of US\$3.59 per pound. The final price of these sales will be determined over the remainder of the 2013 financial year. In addition, 278,547 tonnes of copper sales from the 2012 financial year were subject to a finalisation adjustment in the current period. The finalisation adjustment and provisional pricing impact as at 31 December 2012 will increase earnings before interest and tax by US\$48 million for the period.

**Lead/silver** – Lead and silver production was lower than all comparable periods and reflected lower head grades at Cannington (Australia).

**Zinc** – Production was broadly in line with all comparable periods.

**Uranium** – Higher recoveries associated with improved plant availability at Olympic Dam led to an eight per cent increase in production in the December 2012 half year when compared with the prior corresponding period.

## Diamonds and Specialty Products

|                        | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Diamonds ('000 carats) | 608                 | 295                | -35%                     | -39%                     | -6%                      |

**Diamonds** – EKATI (Canada) production was lower than all comparable periods.

BHP Billiton has agreed to sell its diamonds business, comprising its interests in the EKATI Diamond Mine and Diamonds Marketing operations, to Harry Winston Diamond Mines Ltd for an aggregate cash consideration of US\$500 million. The transactions are subject to regulatory approval and other customary conditions. Completion is expected in the first half of calendar year 2013.

## Iron Ore

|                        | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) | 81,962              | 42,190             | 2%                       | 3%                       | 6%                       |

**Iron ore** – Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) delivered a twelfth consecutive December half year production and sales record as the business continued to benefit from the Company's decade long investment in supply chain capacity. Our Pilbara operations achieved another significant milestone during the December 2012 quarter with first ore received by the recently installed fifth car dumper at Finucane Island. This car dumper is the last major piece of infrastructure required to increase WAIO port capacity from the December 2012 quarter run-rate of 188 million tonnes per annum to 220 million tonnes per annum (100 per cent basis).

The Jumblebar Mine Expansion, which is on schedule for first production in the March 2014 quarter, will broadly match mine and port capacity at this expanded rate, while the progressive debottlenecking of the supply chain is expected to underpin substantial low cost, longer term growth in our WAIO business.

The strong outlook for our WAIO business is underpinned by an anticipated five per cent increase in production in the 2013 financial year, for unchanged guidance of 183 million tonnes (100 per cent basis).

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

## Manganese

|                               | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Manganese ore ('000 tonnes)   | 4,263               | 2,117              | 11%                      | 17%                      | -1%                      |
| Manganese alloy ('000 tonnes) | 283                 | 153                | -27%                     | -22%                     | 18%                      |

**Manganese ore** – Record ore production in the December 2012 half year reflected a substantial improvement in plant availability at GEMCO (Australia).

**Manganese alloy** – Alloy volumes increased by 18 per cent from the September 2012 quarter as TEMCO (Australia) production returned to full capacity following the temporary suspension of operations that occurred during the 2012 financial year.

The decline in alloy production in the December 2012 half year when compared with the prior corresponding period reflected the permanent closure of energy intensive silicomanganese production at Metalloys (South Africa) in January 2012.

## Metallurgical Coal

|                                  | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Metallurgical coal ('000 tonnes) | 17,826              | 8,888              | 0%                       | 5%                       | -1%                      |

**Metallurgical coal** – Queensland Coal (Australia) sales increased by 30 per cent from the September 2012 quarter. However, the strong recovery in production that followed the conclusion of the BMA Enterprise Agreement was largely offset by planned wash plant outages at South Walker Creek and Goonyella, and the closure of high cost capacity at Gregory. The Gregory open-cut mine ceased production on 10 October 2012.

At the end of the December 2012 quarter, Queensland Coal production was approaching full supply chain capacity. The associated increase in productivity, broader economies of scale and the closure of high cost capacity is expected to deliver a substantial reduction in unit costs in the second half of the 2013 financial year.

At Illawarra Coal (Australia), a longwall move at the Dendrobium mine commenced at the end of the December 2012 quarter. Illawarra Coal achieved record sales during the December 2012 half year.

## Energy Coal

|                           | DEC<br>2012<br>HALF | DEC<br>2012<br>QTR | DEC H12<br>vs<br>DEC H11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>DEC Q11 | DEC Q12<br>vs<br>SEP Q12 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Energy coal ('000 tonnes) | 37,863              | 18,256             | 7%                       | 8%                       | -7%                      |

**Energy coal** – A seven per cent increase in production in the December 2012 half year when compared with the prior corresponding period was underpinned by record production at New South Wales Energy Coal (Australia), which continued to benefit from the ramp up of the RX1 project. However, dragline outages at Navajo Coal and an unplanned shutdown at San Juan Coal (both US) contributed to a seven per cent decline in volumes from the September 2012 quarter.

The New South Wales Energy Coal and BECSA (South Africa) product mix continued to evolve with an increase in the overall proportion of high ash coal sold to key growth markets during the December 2012 half year.

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY**

|                                        |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |               | YEAR TO DATE  |         | % CHANGE        |               |               |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                        |               | DEC           | SEP    | DEC           | DEC           | DEC     | DEC YTD12       | DEC Q12       | DEC Q12       |
|                                        |               | 2011          | 2012   | 2012          | 2012          | 2011    | vs<br>DEC YTD11 | vs<br>DEC Q11 | vs<br>SEP Q12 |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                       |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Crude oil & condensate                 | ('000 bbl)    | 18,866        | 18,036 | <b>19,228</b> | <b>37,264</b> | 37,348  | 0%              | 2%            | 7%            |
| Natural gas                            | (bcf)         | 214.49        | 232.85 | <b>219.66</b> | <b>452.51</b> | 391.84  | 15%             | 2%            | -6%           |
| NGL                                    | ('000 boe)    | 3,362         | 4,411  | <b>4,064</b>  | <b>8,475</b>  | 6,718   | 26%             | 21%           | -8%           |
| Total petroleum products               | (million boe) | 57.98         | 61.25  | <b>59.90</b>  | <b>121.15</b> | 109.38  | 11%             | 3%            | -2%           |
| <b>ALUMINIUM AND NICKEL</b>            |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Alumina                                | ('000 tonnes) | 1,001         | 1,170  | <b>1,232</b>  | <b>2,402</b>  | 2,061   | 17%             | 23%           | 5%            |
| Aluminium                              | ('000 tonnes) | 313           | 270    | <b>297</b>    | <b>567</b>    | 628     | -10%            | -5%           | 10%           |
| Nickel                                 | ('000 tonnes) | 38.4          | 37.0   | <b>34.7</b>   | <b>71.7</b>   | 73.50   | -2%             | -10%          | -6%           |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>                     |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Copper                                 | ('000 tonnes) | 280.3         | 273.9  | <b>295.2</b>  | <b>569.1</b>  | 500.6   | 14%             | 5%            | 8%            |
| Lead                                   | (tonnes)      | 66,992        | 52,183 | <b>46,135</b> | <b>98,318</b> | 122,651 | -20%            | -31%          | -12%          |
| Zinc                                   | (tonnes)      | 28,298        | 25,922 | <b>26,209</b> | <b>52,131</b> | 51,742  | 1%              | -7%           | 1%            |
| Gold                                   | (ounces)      | 44,007        | 32,436 | <b>38,092</b> | <b>70,528</b> | 83,446  | -15%            | -13%          | 17%           |
| Silver                                 | ('000 ounces) | 10,903        | 9,165  | <b>8,557</b>  | <b>17,722</b> | 20,054  | -12%            | -22%          | -7%           |
| Uranium oxide concentrate              | (tonnes)      | 909           | 1,042  | <b>1,014</b>  | <b>2,056</b>  | 1,909   | 8%              | 12%           | -3%           |
| Molybdenum                             | (tonnes)      | 766           | 454    | <b>410</b>    | <b>864</b>    | 1,361   | -37%            | -46%          | -10%          |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b> |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Diamonds                               | ('000 carats) | 481           | 313    | <b>295</b>    | <b>608</b>    | 938     | -35%            | -39%          | -6%           |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                        |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Iron ore                               | ('000 tonnes) | 41,072        | 39,772 | <b>42,190</b> | <b>81,962</b> | 80,644  | 2%              | 3%            | 6%            |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                       |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Manganese ore                          | ('000 tonnes) | 1,806         | 2,146  | <b>2,117</b>  | <b>4,263</b>  | 3,825   | 11%             | 17%           | -1%           |
| Manganese alloy                        | ('000 tonnes) | 195           | 130    | <b>153</b>    | <b>283</b>    | 389     | -27%            | -22%          | 18%           |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>              |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Metallurgical coal                     | ('000 tonnes) | 8,493         | 8,938  | <b>8,888</b>  | <b>17,826</b> | 17,784  | 0%              | 5%            | -1%           |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                     |               |               |        |               |               |         |                 |               |               |
| Energy coal                            | ('000 tonnes) | 16,919        | 19,607 | <b>18,256</b> | <b>37,863</b> | 35,379  | 7%              | 8%            | -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<br>interest                          |  | DEC<br>2011   | MAR<br>2012 | JUN<br>2012 | SEP<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012  | DEC<br>2011 |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                                  |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Production</b>                                 |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Crude oil & condensate ('000 bbl)                 |  | 18,866        | 18,127      | 15,726      | 18,036      | 19,228      | 37,264       | 37,348      |
| Natural gas (bcf)                                 |  | 214.49        | 209.17      | 221.25      | 232.85      | 219.66      | 452.51       | 391.84      |
| NGL ('000 boe) (a)                                |  | 3,362         | 3,609       | 3,758       | 4,411       | 4,064       | 8,475        | 6,718       |
| Total petroleum products (million boe)            |  | 57.98         | 56.60       | 56.36       | 61.25       | 59.90       | 121.15       | 109.38      |
| <b>ALUMINIUM AND NICKEL</b>                       |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>                                    |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>                   |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Worsley 86%                                       |  | 694           | 741         | 730         | 859         | 944         | 1,803        | 1,446       |
| Alumar 36%                                        |  | 307           | 311         | 309         | 311         | 288         | 599          | 615         |
| Total                                             |  | 1,001         | 1,052       | 1,039       | 1,170       | 1,232       | 2,402        | 2,061       |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                                  |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>                   |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Hillside 100%                                     |  | 180           | 144         | 117         | 139         | 166         | 305          | 360         |
| Bayside 100%                                      |  | 24            | 26          | 23          | 25          | 25          | 50           | 49          |
| Alumar 40%                                        |  | 42            | 42          | 42          | 39          | 39          | 78           | 86          |
| Mozal 47%                                         |  | 67            | 65          | 66          | 67          | 67          | 134          | 133         |
| Total                                             |  | 313           | 277         | 248         | 270         | 297         | 567          | 628         |
| <b>NICKEL</b>                                     |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>                   |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| CMSA 99.9%                                        |  | 12.3          | 13.4        | 12.8        | 13.3        | 12.4        | 25.7         | 22.7        |
| Nickel West 100%                                  |  | 26.1          | 28.3        | 29.9        | 23.7        | 22.3        | 46.0         | 50.8        |
| Total                                             |  | 38.4          | 41.7        | 42.7        | 37.0        | 34.7        | 71.700       | 73.5        |
| <b>BASE METALS (b)</b>                            |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>COPPER</b>                                     |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</b> |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Escondida 57.5%                                   |  | 80.4          | 87.7        | 115.8       | 101.2       | 120.7       | 221.9        | 130.3       |
| Antamina 33.8%                                    |  | 30.9          | 30.9        | 34.9        | 40.2        | 39.6        | 79.8         | 61.2        |
| Pinto Valley 100%                                 |  | -             | -           | -           | -           | 0.5         | 0.5          | -           |
| Total                                             |  | 111.3         | 118.6       | 150.7       | 141.4       | 160.8       | 302.2        | 191.5       |
| <b>Cathode ('000 tonnes)</b>                      |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Escondida 57.5%                                   |  | 43.0          | 47.4        | 48.7        | 41.6        | 40.8        | 82.4         | 75.9        |
| Pampa Norte (c) 100%                              |  | 70.0          | 66.2        | 62.1        | 52.7        | 58.8        | 111.5        | 135.4       |
| Pinto Valley 100%                                 |  | 1.4           | 1.4         | 1.2         | 1.2         | 1.2         | 2.4          | 2.8         |
| Olympic Dam 100%                                  |  | 54.6          | 47.8        | 49.8        | 37.0        | 33.6        | 70.6         | 95.0        |
| Total                                             |  | 169.0         | 162.8       | 161.8       | 132.5       | 134.4       | 266.9        | 309.1       |
| Total Copper                                      |  | 280.3         | 281.4       | 312.5       | 273.9       | 295.2       | 569.1        | 500.6       |
| <b>LEAD</b>                                       |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Cannington 100%                                   |  | 66,787        | 53,412      | 63,334      | 51,923      | 45,937      | 97,860       | 122,344     |
| Antamina 33.8%                                    |  | 205           | 148         | 333         | 260         | 198         | 458          | 307         |
| Total                                             |  | 66,992        | 53,560      | 63,667      | 52,183      | 46,135      | 98,318       | 122,651     |
| <b>ZINC</b>                                       |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |  |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Cannington 100%                                   |  | 14,745        | 12,904      | 12,540      | 11,408      | 13,622      | 25,030       | 29,233      |
| Antamina 33.8%                                    |  | 13,553        | 16,823      | 18,208      | 14,514      | 12,587      | 27,101       | 22,509      |
| Total                                             |  | 28,298        | 29,727      | 30,748      | 25,922      | 26,209      | 52,131       | 51,742      |

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

|                                            |                          | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |             |             | YEAR TO DATE |             |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                            | BHP Billiton<br>interest | DEC<br>2011   | MAR<br>2012 | JUN<br>2012 | SEP<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012  | DEC<br>2011 |
| BASE METALS (continued)                    |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| GOLD                                       |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)      |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Escondida                                  | 57.5%                    | 14,242        | 12,732      | 12,817      | 9,419       | 13,877      | 23,296       | 25,305      |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold)                 | 100%                     | 29,765        | 31,952      | 27,752      | 23,017      | 24,215      | 47,232       | 58,141      |
| Total                                      |                          | 44,007        | 44,684      | 40,569      | 32,436      | 38,092      | 70,528       | 83,446      |
|                                            |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| SILVER                                     |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Escondida                                  | 57.5%                    | 549           | 481         | 488         | 350         | 481         | 831          | 952         |
| Antamina                                   | 33.8%                    | 1,087         | 1,170       | 1,043       | 919         | 934         | 1,853        | 2,059       |
| Cannington                                 | 100%                     | 9,056         | 7,836       | 9,757       | 7,689       | 6,949       | 14,638       | 16,615      |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver)               | 100%                     | 211           | 228         | 251         | 207         | 193         | 400          | 428         |
| Total                                      |                          | 10,903        | 9,715       | 11,539      | 9,165       | 8,557       | 17,722       | 20,054      |
|                                            |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE                  |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Olympic Dam                                | 100%                     | 909           | 896         | 1,080       | 1,042       | 1,014       | 2,056        | 1,909       |
| Total                                      |                          | 909           | 896         | 1,080       | 1,042       | 1,014       | 2,056        | 1,909       |
|                                            |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| MOLYBDENUM                                 |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Antamina                                   | 33.8%                    | 766           | 521         | 464         | 454         | 410         | 864          | 1,361       |
| Total                                      |                          | 766           | 521         | 464         | 454         | 410         | 864          | 1,361       |
|                                            |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS            |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| DIAMONDS                                   |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| Production ('000 carats)                   |                          |               |             |             |             |             |              |             |
| EKATI™                                     | 80%                      | 481           | 433         | 413         | 313         | 295         | 608          | 938         |

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

|                                          |                       | QUARTER ENDED |          |          |          |          | YEAR TO DATE |          |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                                          | BHP Billiton interest | DEC 2011      | MAR 2012 | JUN 2012 | SEP 2012 | DEC 2012 | DEC 2012     | DEC 2011 |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                          |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes) (d)</b>      |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| Newman (e)                               | 85%                   | 13,247        | 11,789   | 13,132   | 11,752   | 12,809   | 24,561       | 26,405   |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture                | 85%                   | 334           | 37       | 143      | 432      | 378      | 810          | 588      |
| Area C Joint Venture                     | 85%                   | 10,437        | 10,343   | 11,166   | 10,937   | 10,245   | 21,182       | 20,916   |
| Yandi Joint Venture                      | 85%                   | 14,170        | 13,063   | 13,595   | 13,771   | 15,954   | 29,725       | 26,878   |
| Samarco                                  | 50%                   | 2,884         | 2,711    | 2,855    | 2,880    | 2,804    | 5,684        | 5,857    |
| Total                                    |                       | 41,072        | 37,943   | 40,891   | 39,772   | 42,190   | 81,962       | 80,644   |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                         |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>MANGANESE ORES</b>                    |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b> |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| South Africa (f)                         | 44.4%                 | 808           | 917      | 989      | 858      | 834      | 1,692        | 1,719    |
| Australia (f)                            | 60%                   | 998           | 1,123    | 1,077    | 1,288    | 1,283    | 2,571        | 2,106    |
| Total                                    |                       | 1,806         | 2,040    | 2,066    | 2,146    | 2,117    | 4,263        | 3,825    |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>                  |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b> |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| South Africa (f) (g)                     | 60%                   | 124           | 81       | 75       | 93       | 91       | 184          | 248      |
| Australia (f)                            | 60%                   | 71            | 57       | -        | 37       | 62       | 99           | 141      |
| Total                                    |                       | 195           | 138      | 75       | 130      | 153      | 283          | 389      |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>                |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes) (h)</b>      |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| BMA                                      | 50%                   | 5,006         | 4,226    | 4,105    | 5,182    | 5,440    | 10,622       | 10,280   |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (i)                      | 80%                   | 1,580         | 1,649    | 1,661    | 1,766    | 1,589    | 3,355        | 3,383    |
| Illawarra                                | 100%                  | 1,907         | 1,462    | 2,343    | 1,990    | 1,859    | 3,849        | 4,121    |
| Total                                    |                       | 8,493         | 7,337    | 8,109    | 8,938    | 8,888    | 17,826       | 17,784   |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                       |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>          |                       |               |          |          |          |          |              |          |
| South Africa                             | 100%                  | 7,976         | 7,895    | 8,313    | 8,454    | 7,969    | 16,423       | 17,071   |
| USA                                      | 100%                  | 2,163         | 2,109    | 2,673    | 3,871    | 2,798    | 6,669        | 4,630    |
| Australia                                | 100%                  | 4,027         | 4,291    | 4,393    | 4,453    | 4,827    | 9,280        | 8,073    |
| Colombia                                 | 33%                   | 2,753         | 2,953    | 3,105    | 2,829    | 2,662    | 5,491        | 5,605    |
| Total                                    |                       | 16,919        | 17,248   | 18,484   | 19,607   | 18,256   | 37,863       | 35,379   |

- (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 Jumblebar.
- (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 SALES REPORT

### PETROLEUM

BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.

#### CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)

|                        | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | YEAR TO DATE |        |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                        | DEC           | MAR    | JUN    | SEP    | DEC    | DEC          | DEC    |
|                        | 2011          | 2012   | 2012   | 2012   | 2012   | 2012         | 2011   |
| Bass Strait            | 2,190         | 2,285  | 2,357  | 2,569  | 2,081  | 4,650        | 4,717  |
| North West Shelf       | 1,686         | 1,671  | 1,587  | 1,867  | 1,829  | 3,696        | 3,086  |
| Stybarrow              | 836           | 618    | 635    | 534    | 464    | 998          | 2,007  |
| Pyrenees               | 3,207         | 2,540  | 2,482  | 2,605  | 2,379  | 4,984        | 7,108  |
| Other Australia (a)    | 13            | 13     | 13     | 17     | 15     | 32           | 26     |
| Atlantis (b)           | 2,390         | 2,262  | 39     | 1,554  | 2,376  | 3,930        | 4,471  |
| Mad Dog (b)            | -             | -      | -      | 369    | 906    | 1,275        | -      |
| Shenzi (b)             | 4,119         | 4,071  | 3,607  | 3,783  | 4,008  | 7,791        | 7,967  |
| Onshore US (c)         | 1,631         | 2,202  | 2,434  | 2,358  | 2,658  | 5,016        | 2,303  |
| Trinidad/Tobago        | 466           | 453    | 488    | 376    | 362    | 738          | 932    |
| Other Americas (b) (d) | 374           | 373    | 348    | 367    | 410    | 777          | 747    |
| UK                     | 433           | 328    | 367    | 260    | 355    | 615          | 880    |
| Algeria (e)            | 1,437         | 1,236  | 1,291  | 1,309  | 1,316  | 2,625        | 2,935  |
| Pakistan               | 84            | 75     | 78     | 68     | 69     | 137          | 169    |
| Total                  | 18,866        | 18,127 | 15,726 | 18,036 | 19,228 | 37,264       | 37,348 |

#### NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)

|                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Bass Strait            | 23.65  | 19.74  | 31.47  | 40.06  | 26.67  | 66.73  | 55.53  |
| North West Shelf       | 32.56  | 29.60  | 29.80  | 35.33  | 34.09  | 69.42  | 65.53  |
| Other Australia (a)    | 4.56   | 4.42   | 4.87   | 6.20   | 5.48   | 11.68  | 9.01   |
| Atlantis (b)           | 0.67   | 1.18   | 0.01   | 0.59   | 0.89   | 1.48   | 1.31   |
| Mad Dog (b)            | -      | -      | -      | 0.06   | 0.18   | 0.24   | -      |
| Shenzi (b)             | 0.57   | 0.56   | 0.47   | 2.11   | 0.94   | 3.05   | 1.19   |
| Onshore US (c)         | 121.63 | 124.17 | 124.53 | 122.59 | 123.03 | 245.62 | 199.22 |
| Trinidad/Tobago        | 9.72   | 9.50   | 9.54   | 9.21   | 9.15   | 18.36  | 19.03  |
| Other Americas (b) (d) | 0.98   | 1.09   | 0.79   | 0.35   | 0.48   | 0.83   | 2.17   |
| UK                     | 5.51   | 5.03   | 5.54   | 3.29   | 5.26   | 8.55   | 9.42   |
| Pakistan               | 14.64  | 13.88  | 14.23  | 13.06  | 13.49  | 26.55  | 29.43  |
| Total                  | 214.49 | 209.17 | 221.25 | 232.85 | 219.66 | 452.51 | 391.84 |

#### NGL ('000 barrels of oil equivalent)

|                        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bass Strait            | 1,407 | 1,355 | 1,738 | 2,053 | 1,342 | 3,395 | 3,230 |
| North West Shelf       | 434   | 421   | 342   | 385   | 354   | 739   | 857   |
| Atlantis (b)           | 123   | 221   | 1     | 54    | 209   | 263   | 243   |
| Mad Dog (b)            | -     | -     | -     | 16    | 72    | 88    | -     |
| Shenzi (b)             | 293   | 291   | 244   | 370   | 324   | 694   | 589   |
| Onshore US (c)         | 943   | 1,275 | 1,388 | 1,516 | 1,736 | 3,252 | 1,359 |
| Other Americas (b) (d) | 34    | 34    | 24    | 17    | 16    | 33    | 75    |
| UK                     | 45    | 12    | 21    | -     | 11    | 11    | 63    |
| Algeria (e)            | 83    | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     | 302   |
| Total                  | 3,362 | 3,609 | 3,758 | 4,411 | 4,064 | 8,475 | 6,718 |

#### TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (million barrels of oil equivalent) (f)

|  |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|  | 57.98 | 56.60 | 56.36 | 61.25 | 59.90 | 121.15 | 109.38 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|

(a) Other Australia includes Minerva.

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

(c) Petrohawk Energy Corporation acquisition completed on 20 August 2011. Onshore US volumes are net of mineral holder royalties.

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

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

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

(g) Minor restatements across individual conventional fields have been made to September 2012 quarter production numbers, however total quarterly production has not changed.

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

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

### ALUMINIUM AND NICKEL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

#### ALUMINA

##### Saleable production

|                    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Worsley, Australia | 694   | 741   | 730   | 859   | 944   | 1,803 | 1,446 |
| Alumar, Brazil     | 307   | 311   | 309   | 311   | 288   | 599   | 615   |
| Total              | 1,001 | 1,052 | 1,039 | 1,170 | 1,232 | 2,402 | 2,061 |

##### Sales

|                    |       |     |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Worsley, Australia | 745   | 713 | 750   | 820   | 916   | 1,736 | 1,465 |
| Alumar, Brazil     | 349   | 216 | 356   | 352   | 298   | 650   | 629   |
| Total              | 1,094 | 929 | 1,106 | 1,172 | 1,214 | 2,386 | 2,094 |

#### ALUMINIUM

##### Production

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hillside, South Africa | 180 | 144 | 117 | 139 | 166 | 305 | 360 |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 24  | 26  | 23  | 25  | 25  | 50  | 49  |
| Alumar, Brazil         | 42  | 42  | 42  | 39  | 39  | 78  | 86  |
| Mozal, Mozambique      | 67  | 65  | 66  | 67  | 67  | 134 | 133 |
| Total                  | 313 | 277 | 248 | 270 | 297 | 567 | 628 |

##### Sales

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hillside, South Africa | 186 | 141 | 126 | 139 | 171 | 310 | 349 |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 25  | 27  | 21  | 26  | 26  | 52  | 49  |
| Alumar, Brazil         | 43  | 31  | 45  | 46  | 41  | 87  | 87  |
| Mozal, Mozambique      | 85  | 66  | 54  | 58  | 65  | 123 | 145 |
| Total                  | 339 | 265 | 246 | 269 | 303 | 572 | 630 |

#### NICKEL

##### Cerro Matoso, Colombia

|            |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Production | 12.3 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 12.4 | 25.7 | 22.7 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

|       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sales | 13.1 | 13.8 | 12.9 | 12.3 | 13.7 | 26.0 | 20.8 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

##### Nickel West, Australia

##### Saleable production

|                                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Nickel contained in concentrate    | 1.8  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 1.3  | 4.1  | 5.4  | 4.4  |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 15.2 | 10.5 | 14.2 | 5.8  | 7.6  | 13.4 | 24.2 |
| Nickel metal                       | 9.1  | 15.5 | 13.4 | 16.6 | 10.6 | 27.2 | 22.2 |
| Nickel production                  | 26.1 | 28.3 | 29.9 | 23.7 | 22.3 | 46.0 | 50.8 |

##### Sales

|                                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Nickel contained in concentrate    | 2.6  | 1.5  | 3.6  | 1.6  | 2.9  | 4.5  | 3.8  |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 13.9 | 10.2 | 16.7 | 6.7  | 7.0  | 13.7 | 24.0 |
| Nickel metal                       | 10.9 | 14.2 | 15.7 | 14.2 | 12.8 | 27.0 | 20.3 |
| Nickel sales                       | 27.4 | 25.9 | 36.0 | 22.5 | 22.7 | 45.2 | 48.1 |

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

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Escondida, Chile

|                            |               |        |         |         |         |               |                |         |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Material mined (100%)      | ('000 tonnes) | 96,152 | 103,321 | 109,724 | 102,499 | <b>96,938</b> | <b>199,437</b> | 165,158 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 18,663 | 16,449  | 18,640  | 16,850  | <b>18,796</b> | <b>35,646</b>  | 30,692  |
| Average copper grade       | (%)           | 0.97%  | 1.14%   | 1.37%   | 1.35%   | <b>1.39%</b>  | <b>1.37%</b>   | 0.97%   |
| Production ex mill (100%)  | ('000 tonnes) | 144.3  | 153.1   | 211.7   | 185.2   | <b>216.6</b>  | <b>401.8</b>   | 236.2   |

#### Production

|                            |               |        |        |        |       |               |               |        |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable copper             | ('000 tonnes) | 80.4   | 87.7   | 115.8  | 101.2 | <b>120.7</b>  | <b>221.9</b>  | 130.3  |
| Payable gold concentrate   | (fine ounces) | 14,242 | 12,732 | 12,817 | 9,419 | <b>13,877</b> | <b>23,296</b> | 25,305 |
| Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes) | 43.0   | 47.4   | 48.7   | 41.6  | <b>40.8</b>   | <b>82.4</b>   | 75.9   |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 549    | 481    | 488    | 350   | <b>481</b>    | <b>831</b>    | 952    |

#### Sales

|                            |               |        |        |        |       |               |               |        |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable copper             | ('000 tonnes) | 82.1   | 82.6   | 113.1  | 95.7  | <b>134.7</b>  | <b>230.4</b>  | 131.3  |
| Payable gold concentrate   | (fine ounces) | 14,435 | 11,998 | 12,683 | 8,999 | <b>11,060</b> | <b>20,059</b> | 25,409 |
| Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes) | 45.3   | 44.3   | 53.4   | 38.8  | <b>46.8</b>   | <b>85.6</b>   | 71.0   |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 558    | 454    | 483    | 324   | <b>444</b>    | <b>768</b>    | 962    |

#### Pampa Norte, Chile

|                       |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| <u>Cerro Colorado</u> |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| Material mined        | ('000 tonnes) | 16,792 | 16,320 | 16,246 | 16,067 | <b>15,722</b> | <b>31,789</b> | 31,528 |
| Ore milled            | ('000 tonnes) | 4,601  | 4,300  | 4,388  | 4,505  | <b>4,206</b>  | <b>8,711</b>  | 9,209  |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 0.71%  | 0.72%  | 0.61%  | 0.55%  | <b>0.66%</b>  | <b>0.60%</b>  | 0.72%  |

#### Production

|                     |               |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 23.5 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 17.8 | <b>17.9</b> | <b>35.7</b> | 46.0 |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|

#### Sales

|                     |               |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 23.8 | 20.2 | 19.1 | 16.1 | <b>18.8</b> | <b>34.9</b> | 46.2 |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|

#### Spence

|                      |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Material mined       | ('000 tonnes) | 26,511 | 29,982 | 28,594 | 27,541 | <b>25,999</b> | <b>53,540</b> | 46,327 |
| Ore milled           | ('000 tonnes) | 4,909  | 4,279  | 3,604  | 3,752  | <b>4,161</b>  | <b>7,913</b>  | 8,771  |
| Average copper grade | (%)           | 1.46%  | 1.20%  | 1.28%  | 1.17%  | <b>1.29%</b>  | <b>1.23%</b>  | 1.39%  |

#### Production

|                     |               |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 46.5 | 47.5 | 43.4 | 34.9 | <b>40.9</b> | <b>75.8</b> | 89.4 |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|

#### Sales

|                     |               |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 46.6 | 44.1 | 51.3 | 31.1 | <b>42.6</b> | <b>73.7</b> | 89.8 |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

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

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Antamina, Peru

|                            |               |        |        |        |        |               |                |        |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Material mined (100%)      | ('000 tonnes) | 38,759 | 41,474 | 48,256 | 54,482 | <b>49,246</b> | <b>103,728</b> | 82,971 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 9,656  | 10,162 | 12,295 | 12,274 | <b>11,752</b> | <b>24,026</b>  | 19,052 |
| Average head grades        |               |        |        |        |        |               |                |        |
| - Copper                   | (%)           | 1.15%  | 1.10%  | 1.01%  | 1.15%  | <b>1.16%</b>  | <b>1.15%</b>   | 1.13%  |
| - Zinc                     | (%)           | 0.72%  | 0.84%  | 0.80%  | 0.66%  | <b>0.64%</b>  | <b>0.65%</b>   | 0.70%  |

#### **Production**

|                    |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable copper     | ('000 tonnes) | 30.9   | 30.9   | 34.9   | 40.2   | <b>39.6</b>   | <b>79.8</b>   | 61.2   |
| Payable zinc       | (tonnes)      | 13,553 | 16,823 | 18,208 | 14,514 | <b>12,587</b> | <b>27,101</b> | 22,509 |
| Payable silver     | ('000 ounces) | 1,087  | 1,170  | 1,043  | 919    | <b>934</b>    | <b>1,853</b>  | 2,059  |
| Payable lead       | (tonnes)      | 205    | 148    | 333    | 260    | <b>198</b>    | <b>458</b>    | 307    |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes)      | 766    | 521    | 464    | 454    | <b>410</b>    | <b>864</b>    | 1,361  |

#### **Sales**

|                    |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable copper     | ('000 tonnes) | 31.7   | 30.7   | 32.7   | 39.7   | <b>42.7</b>   | <b>82.4</b>   | 59.9   |
| Payable zinc       | (tonnes)      | 12,654 | 13,464 | 18,174 | 15,519 | <b>17,874</b> | <b>33,393</b> | 22,240 |
| Payable silver     | ('000 ounces) | 940    | 1,114  | 896    | 849    | <b>1,101</b>  | <b>1,950</b>  | 1,773  |
| Payable lead       | (tonnes)      | 139    | 200    | 48     | 330    | <b>597</b>    | <b>927</b>    | 230    |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes)      | 591    | 669    | 488    | 536    | <b>381</b>    | <b>917</b>    | 1,140  |

#### Cannington, Australia

|                     |               |      |      |      |      |             |              |       |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Material mined      | ('000 tonnes) | 778  | 756  | 880  | 717  | <b>817</b>  | <b>1,534</b> | 1,597 |
| Ore milled          | ('000 tonnes) | 888  | 778  | 845  | 773  | <b>793</b>  | <b>1,566</b> | 1,714 |
| Average head grades |               |      |      |      |      |             |              |       |
| - Silver            | (g/t)         | 370  | 367  | 417  | 355  | <b>317</b>  | <b>336</b>   | 352   |
| - Lead              | (%)           | 8.8% | 8.0% | 8.6% | 7.6% | <b>7.0%</b> | <b>7.3%</b>  | 8.4%  |
| - Zinc              | (%)           | 2.9% | 2.7% | 2.5% | 2.5% | <b>2.9%</b> | <b>2.7%</b>  | 2.9%  |

#### **Production**

|                |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |         |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,056  | 7,836  | 9,757  | 7,689  | <b>6,949</b>  | <b>14,638</b> | 16,615  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 66,787 | 53,412 | 63,334 | 51,923 | <b>45,937</b> | <b>97,860</b> | 122,344 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 14,745 | 12,904 | 12,540 | 11,408 | <b>13,622</b> | <b>25,030</b> | 29,233  |

#### **Sales**

|                |               |        |        |        |        |               |                |         |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 8,960  | 7,081  | 10,784 | 8,506  | <b>6,694</b>  | <b>15,200</b>  | 15,394  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 66,657 | 49,027 | 73,400 | 59,042 | <b>46,319</b> | <b>105,361</b> | 114,915 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 14,078 | 10,780 | 14,399 | 10,379 | <b>16,321</b> | <b>26,700</b>  | 29,812  |

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

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

### BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

#### Olympic Dam, Australia

|                       |               |       |       |       |       |              |              |       |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Material mined (a)    | ('000 tonnes) | 2,440 | 2,389 | 2,629 | 2,226 | <b>2,123</b> | <b>4,349</b> | 4,983 |
| Ore milled            | ('000 tonnes) | 2,440 | 2,195 | 2,475 | 2,471 | <b>2,435</b> | <b>4,906</b> | 4,911 |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 2.08% | 2.01% | 1.86% | 1.90% | <b>1.71%</b> | <b>1.81%</b> | 2.03% |
| Average uranium grade | (kg/t)        | 0.50  | 0.57  | 0.55  | 0.54  | <b>0.51</b>  | <b>0.53</b>  | 0.52  |

#### **Production**

|                           |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ('000 tonnes) | 51.5   | 45.2   | 46.0   | 34.0   | <b>30.4</b>   | <b>64.4</b>   | 89.1   |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ('000 tonnes) | 3.1    | 2.6    | 3.8    | 3.0    | <b>3.2</b>    | <b>6.2</b>    | 5.9    |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 909    | 896    | 1,080  | 1,042  | <b>1,014</b>  | <b>2,056</b>  | 1,909  |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 29,765 | 31,952 | 27,752 | 23,017 | <b>24,215</b> | <b>47,232</b> | 58,141 |
| Refined silver            | ('000 ounces) | 211    | 228    | 251    | 207    | <b>193</b>    | <b>400</b>    | 428    |

#### **Sales**

|                           |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ('000 tonnes) | 51.7   | 44.4   | 47.8   | 35.1   | <b>33.2</b>   | <b>68.3</b>   | 88.1   |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ('000 tonnes) | 2.5    | 3.0    | 3.1    | 3.4    | <b>2.7</b>    | <b>6.1</b>    | 6.0    |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 1,126  | 640    | 1,252  | 615    | <b>1,343</b>  | <b>1,958</b>  | 2,036  |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 24,327 | 36,832 | 29,257 | 20,949 | <b>25,227</b> | <b>46,176</b> | 53,306 |
| Refined silver            | ('000 ounces) | 155    | 268    | 200    | 265    | <b>169</b>    | <b>434</b>    | 444    |

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

#### Pinto Valley, US (a)

#### **Production**

|                     |               |     |     |     |     |            |            |     |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Payable copper      | ('000 tonnes) | -   | -   | -   | -   | <b>0.5</b> | <b>0.5</b> | -   |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | <b>1.2</b> | <b>2.4</b> | 2.8 |

#### **Sales**

|                     |               |     |     |     |     |            |            |     |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Payable copper      | ('000 tonnes) | -   | -   | -   | -   | -          | -          | -   |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | <b>1.2</b> | <b>2.4</b> | 2.9 |

(a) Mining operations at Pinto Valley were restarted during the December 2012 quarter.

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

| QUARTER ENDED |             |             |             |             | YEAR TO DATE |             |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| DEC<br>2011   | MAR<br>2012 | JUN<br>2012 | SEP<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012 | DEC<br>2012  | DEC<br>2011 |

## DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

### DIAMONDS

#### EKATI™, Canada (a)

|                             |               |       |       |       |       |            |              |       |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|--------------|-------|
| <b>Ore Processed (100%)</b> | ('000 tonnes) | 1,090 | 1,001 | 1,214 | 1,042 | <b>982</b> | <b>2,024</b> | 2,267 |
| <b>Production</b>           | ('000 carats) | 481   | 433   | 413   | 313   | <b>295</b> | <b>608</b>   | 938   |

(a) The sale of the diamonds business was announced on 13 November 2012. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and completion is expected in the first half of calendar year 2013.

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

|                                                                                          | QUARTER ENDED |               |               |               |               | YEAR TO DATE  |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                                                                          | DEC           | MAR           | JUN           | SEP           | DEC           | DEC           | DEC           |
|                                                                                          | 2011          | 2012          | 2012          | 2012          | 2012          | 2012          | 2011          |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                                                                          |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>('000 tonnes) |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>IRON ORE (a)</b>                                                                      |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b><u>Pilbara, Australia</u></b>                                                         |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Newman (b)                                                                               | 13,247        | 11,789        | 13,132        | 11,752        | <b>12,809</b> | <b>24,561</b> | 26,405        |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture                                                                | 334           | 37            | 143           | 432           | <b>378</b>    | <b>810</b>    | 588           |
| Area C Joint Venture                                                                     | 10,437        | 10,343        | 11,166        | 10,937        | <b>10,245</b> | <b>21,182</b> | 20,916        |
| Yandi Joint Venture                                                                      | 14,170        | 13,063        | 13,595        | 13,771        | <b>15,954</b> | <b>29,725</b> | 26,878        |
| Total (BHP Billiton share)                                                               | <b>38,188</b> | <b>35,232</b> | <b>38,036</b> | <b>36,892</b> | <b>39,386</b> | <b>76,278</b> | <b>74,787</b> |
| Total production (100%)                                                                  | <b>44,927</b> | <b>41,449</b> | <b>44,748</b> | <b>43,403</b> | <b>46,337</b> | <b>89,740</b> | <b>87,985</b> |
| <b>Sales</b>                                                                             |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Lump                                                                                     | 8,700         | 8,235         | 9,100         | 8,338         | <b>9,806</b>  | <b>18,144</b> | 16,444        |
| Fines                                                                                    | 28,406        | 26,523        | 28,870        | 28,718        | <b>30,479</b> | <b>59,197</b> | 57,717        |
| Total (BHP Billiton share)                                                               | <b>37,106</b> | <b>34,758</b> | <b>37,970</b> | <b>37,056</b> | <b>40,285</b> | <b>77,341</b> | <b>74,161</b> |
| Total sales (100%)                                                                       | <b>43,654</b> | <b>40,892</b> | <b>44,670</b> | <b>43,595</b> | <b>47,393</b> | <b>90,988</b> | <b>87,248</b> |
| <b><u>Samarco, Brazil</u></b>                                                            |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        | 2,884         | 2,711         | 2,855         | 2,880         | <b>2,804</b>  | <b>5,684</b>  | 5,857         |
| <b>Sales</b>                                                                             | 2,961         | 2,453         | 2,778         | 2,622         | <b>3,227</b>  | <b>5,849</b>  | 5,887         |

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

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

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

|                                                                                          | QUARTER ENDED |       |       |       |       | YEAR TO DATE |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
|                                                                                          | DEC           | MAR   | JUN   | SEP   | DEC   | DEC          | DEC   |
|                                                                                          | 2011          | 2012  | 2012  | 2012  | 2012  | 2012         | 2011  |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                                                                         |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>('000 tonnes) |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| <b>MANGANESE ORE</b>                                                                     |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| <b>South Africa</b> (a)                                                                  |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| Saleable production                                                                      | 808           | 917   | 989   | 858   | 834   | 1,692        | 1,719 |
| Sales                                                                                    | 853           | 871   | 866   | 878   | 808   | 1,686        | 1,714 |
| <b>Australia</b> (a)                                                                     |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| Saleable production                                                                      | 998           | 1,123 | 1,077 | 1,288 | 1,283 | 2,571        | 2,106 |
| Sales                                                                                    | 876           | 1,115 | 1,343 | 1,171 | 979   | 2,150        | 1,970 |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOY</b>                                                                   |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| <b>South Africa</b> (a) (b)                                                              |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| Saleable production                                                                      | 124           | 81    | 75    | 93    | 91    | 184          | 248   |
| Sales                                                                                    | 138           | 122   | 104   | 74    | 112   | 186          | 233   |
| <b>Australia</b> (a)                                                                     |               |       |       |       |       |              |       |
| Saleable production                                                                      | 71            | 57    | -     | 37    | 62    | 99           | 141   |
| Sales                                                                                    | 58            | 57    | 23    | 46    | 52    | 98           | 149   |

(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.

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

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

### METALLURGICAL COAL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

#### METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

##### Queensland, Australia

###### Production

|                           |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>BMA</b>                |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |
| Blackwater                | 1,122        | 955          | 991          | 1,148        | 1,588        | 2,736         | 2,489         |
| Goonyella                 | 1,375        | 1,153        | 1,012        | 1,535        | 1,392        | 2,927         | 2,838         |
| Peak Downs                | 992          | 788          | 783          | 1,029        | 1,151        | 2,180         | 1,963         |
| Saraji                    | 900          | 627          | 724          | 773          | 994          | 1,767         | 1,702         |
| Norwich Park (b)          | 369          | 248          | 193          | -            | -            | -             | 734           |
| Gregory Joint Venture (c) | 248          | 455          | 402          | 697          | 315          | 1,012         | 554           |
| <b>BMA total</b>          | <b>5,006</b> | <b>4,226</b> | <b>4,105</b> | <b>5,182</b> | <b>5,440</b> | <b>10,622</b> | <b>10,280</b> |

###### BHP Mitsui Coal (d)

|                              |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| South Walker Creek           | 901          | 1,040        | 1,034        | 1,084        | 864          | 1,948         | 2,007         |
| Poitrel                      | 679          | 609          | 627          | 682          | 725          | 1,407         | 1,376         |
| <b>BHP Mitsui Coal total</b> | <b>1,580</b> | <b>1,649</b> | <b>1,661</b> | <b>1,766</b> | <b>1,589</b> | <b>3,355</b>  | <b>3,383</b>  |
| <b>Queensland total</b>      | <b>6,586</b> | <b>5,875</b> | <b>5,766</b> | <b>6,948</b> | <b>7,029</b> | <b>13,977</b> | <b>13,663</b> |

###### Sales

|                  |              |              |              |              |              |               |               |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Coking coal      | 4,845        | 4,522        | 4,007        | 4,058        | 5,561        | 9,619         | 9,911         |
| Weak coking coal | 1,747        | 1,595        | 1,512        | 1,545        | 1,820        | 3,365         | 3,438         |
| Thermal coal     | 20           | 111          | 90           | 239          | 237          | 476           | 196           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>6,612</b> | <b>6,228</b> | <b>5,609</b> | <b>5,842</b> | <b>7,618</b> | <b>13,460</b> | <b>13,545</b> |

##### Illawarra, Australia

|                   |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Production</b> | <b>1,907</b> | <b>1,462</b> | <b>2,343</b> | <b>1,990</b> | <b>1,859</b> | <b>3,849</b> | <b>4,121</b> |
| <b>Sales</b>      |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Coking coal       | 1,255        | 1,460        | 1,845        | 1,775        | 1,785        | 3,560        | 2,928        |
| Thermal coal      | 441          | 219          | 279          | 502          | 327          | 829          | 600          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,696</b> | <b>1,679</b> | <b>2,124</b> | <b>2,277</b> | <b>2,112</b> | <b>4,389</b> | <b>3,528</b> |

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

(b) Norwich Park ceased production on 11 May 2012.

(c) Gregory open-cut ceased production on 10 October 2012.

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

## PRODUCTION AND SALES REPORT

|                                                                                          | QUARTER ENDED |       |       |       |              | YEAR TO DATE  |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------|
|                                                                                          | DEC           | MAR   | JUN   | SEP   | DEC          | DEC           | DEC    |
|                                                                                          | 2011          | 2012  | 2012  | 2012  | 2012         | 2012          | 2011   |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                                                                       |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>('000 tonnes) |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| <b>South Africa</b>                                                                      |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        | 7,976         | 7,895 | 8,313 | 8,454 | <b>7,969</b> | <b>16,423</b> | 17,071 |
| <b>Sales</b>                                                                             |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| Export                                                                                   | 3,546         | 3,807 | 3,314 | 3,385 | <b>3,583</b> | <b>6,968</b>  | 6,985  |
| Local utility                                                                            | 4,582         | 4,397 | 4,571 | 4,869 | <b>4,615</b> | <b>9,484</b>  | 10,204 |
| Inland                                                                                   | 165           | 124   | 74    | 38    | <b>28</b>    | <b>66</b>     | 250    |
| Total                                                                                    | 8,293         | 8,328 | 7,959 | 8,292 | <b>8,226</b> | <b>16,518</b> | 17,439 |
| <b>New Mexico, US</b>                                                                    |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| Navajo Coal                                                                              | 2,060         | 1,913 | 1,853 | 1,804 | <b>1,377</b> | <b>3,181</b>  | 3,238  |
| San Juan Coal                                                                            | 103           | 196   | 820   | 2,067 | <b>1,421</b> | <b>3,488</b>  | 1,392  |
| Total                                                                                    | 2,163         | 2,109 | 2,673 | 3,871 | <b>2,798</b> | <b>6,669</b>  | 4,630  |
| <b>Sales - local utility</b>                                                             | 3,108         | 3,057 | 2,773 | 3,420 | <b>3,265</b> | <b>6,685</b>  | 6,738  |
| <b>NSW Energy Coal, Australia</b>                                                        |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        | 4,027         | 4,291 | 4,393 | 4,453 | <b>4,827</b> | <b>9,280</b>  | 8,073  |
| <b>Sales</b>                                                                             |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| Export                                                                                   | 3,566         | 3,160 | 4,388 | 4,488 | <b>4,187</b> | <b>8,675</b>  | 7,089  |
| Inland                                                                                   | 333           | 297   | 404   | 250   | <b>265</b>   | <b>515</b>    | 958    |
| Total                                                                                    | 3,899         | 3,457 | 4,792 | 4,738 | <b>4,452</b> | <b>9,190</b>  | 8,047  |
| <b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>                                                           |               |       |       |       |              |               |        |
| <b>Production</b>                                                                        | 2,753         | 2,953 | 3,105 | 2,829 | <b>2,662</b> | <b>5,491</b>  | 5,605  |
| <b>Sales - export</b>                                                                    | 2,784         | 2,652 | 2,942 | 2,630 | <b>2,702</b> | <b>5,332</b>  | 5,685  |