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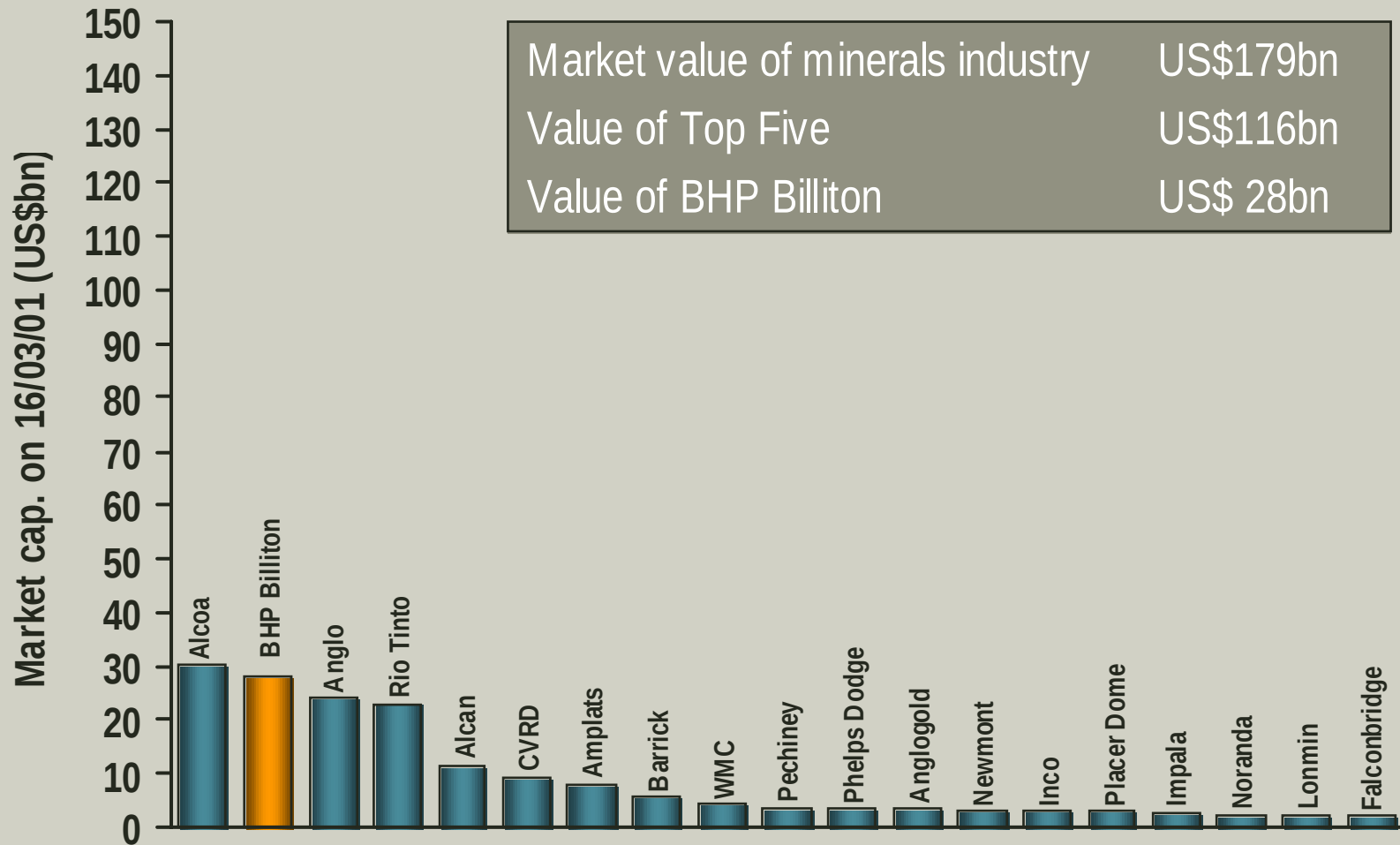


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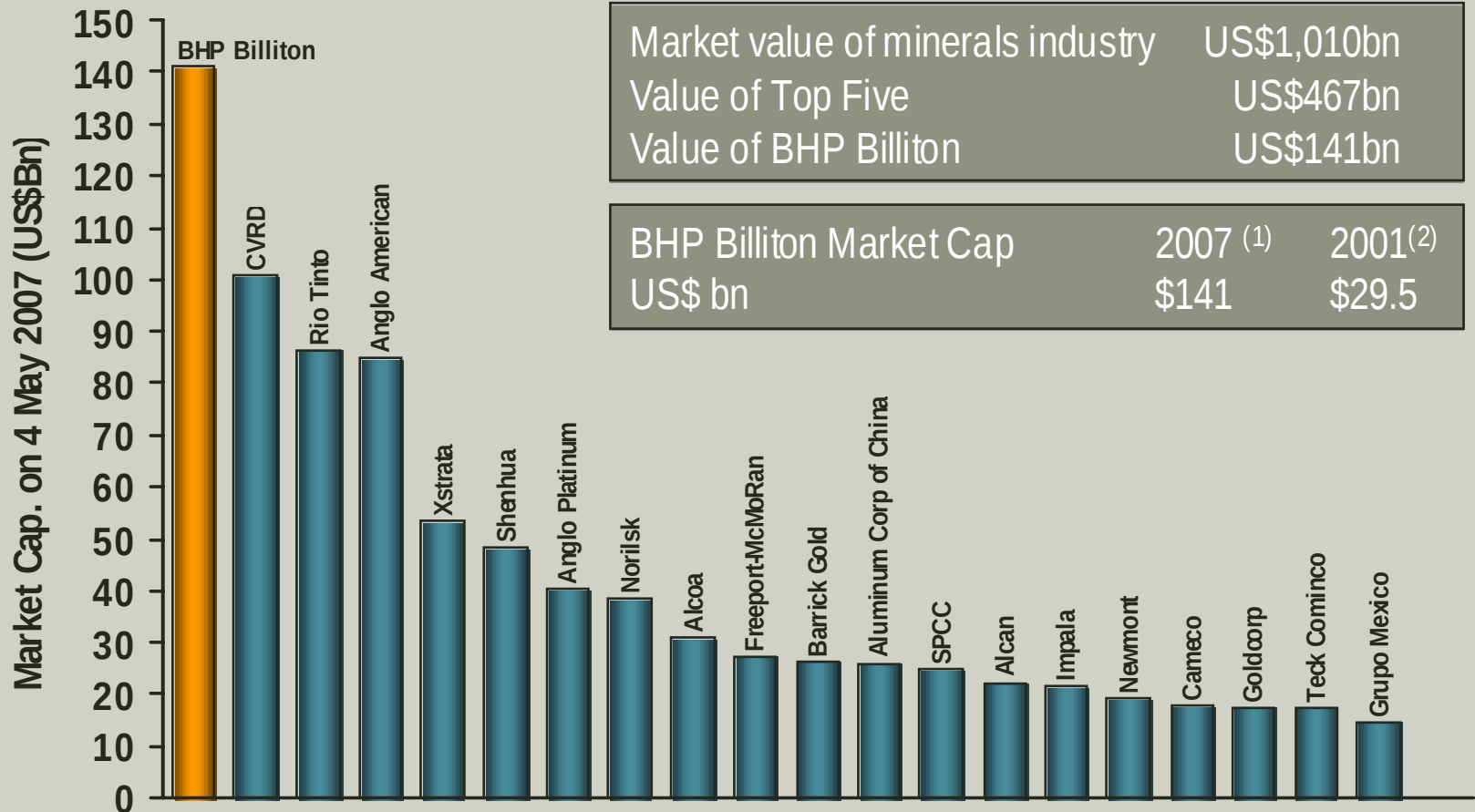
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Top 20 companies in the sector – March 2001



Source: Datastream (data as at 16 March 2001)

The largest company in a consolidating sector



Source: Bloomberg (data as at 4 May 2007)

1. Market Capitalisation on 4 May 2007

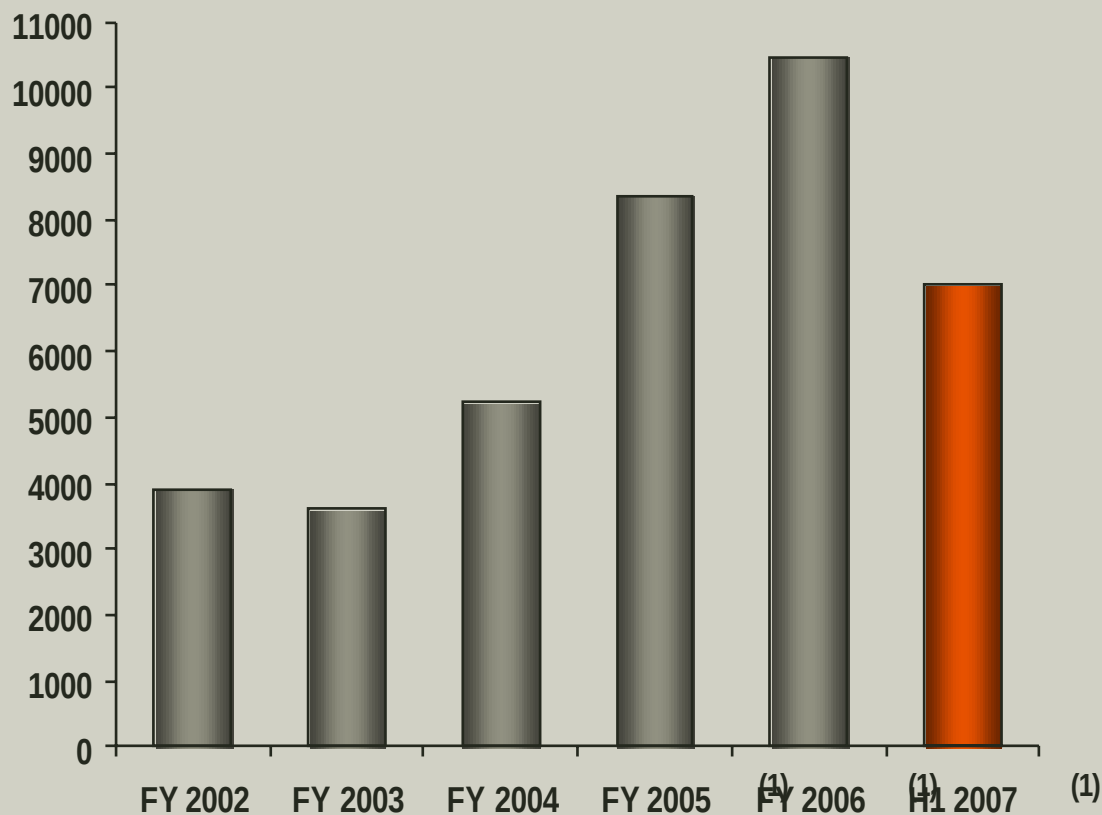
2. Market Capitalisation on 28 June 2001

Highlights – six months ended December 2006

- **HSEC** – 12 month rolling Classified Injury Frequency Rate of 4.8
- **Record half year earnings**
 - Underlying EBITDA up 32% to US\$10.5 billion
 - Underlying EBIT up 37% to US\$9.1 billion
 - Attributable profit of US\$6.2 billion and earnings per share of 104 US cents, up 41% and 44% , respectively
- **Underlying EBIT margin and ROCE increased** to 47% and 37% respectively
- Current pipeline 29 projects, US\$17.5 billion of investments
- **Genghis Khan** transaction signed
- **Interim dividend increased 14% to 20 US cents per share**, consistent with outlook and higher earnings and cash flow
- Board approved further **US\$10 billion capital management programme**
- **Outlook remains positive**

Strong Cash Flow - delivering value to shareholders

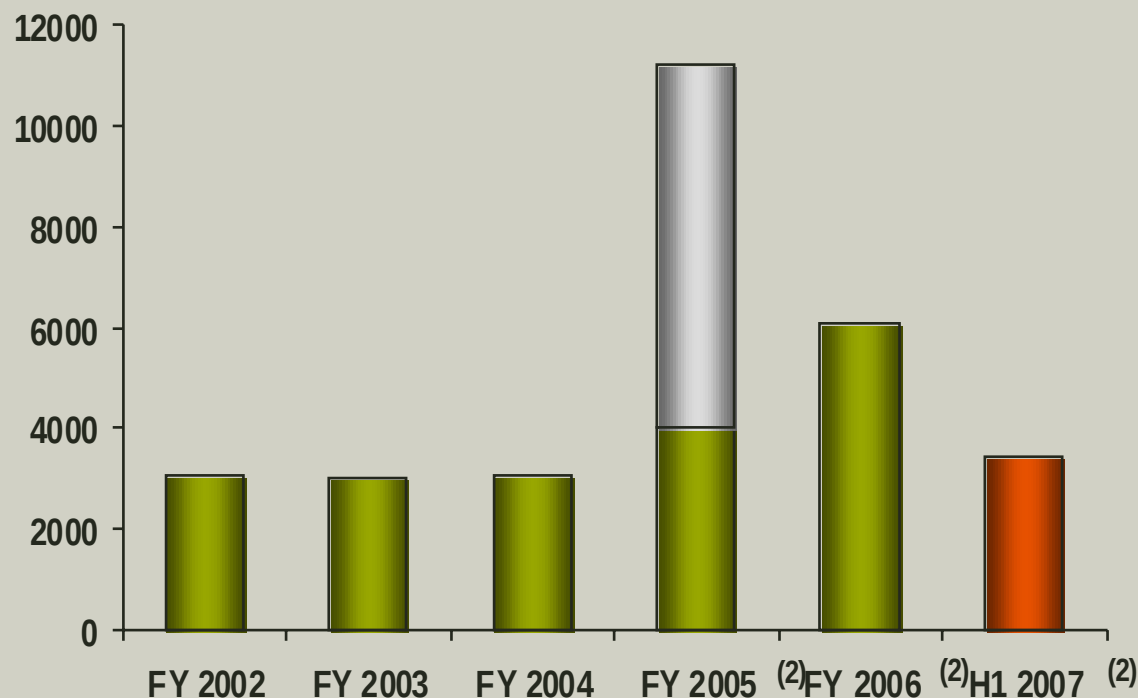
Net Operating Cash Flow US\$M



(1) FY 2005, FY 2006 and H1 2007 data have been calculated on the basis of IFRS prior periods have been calculated on the basis of UKGAAP.

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Organic Growth and WMC acquisition - US\$29.9 billion ⁽¹⁾

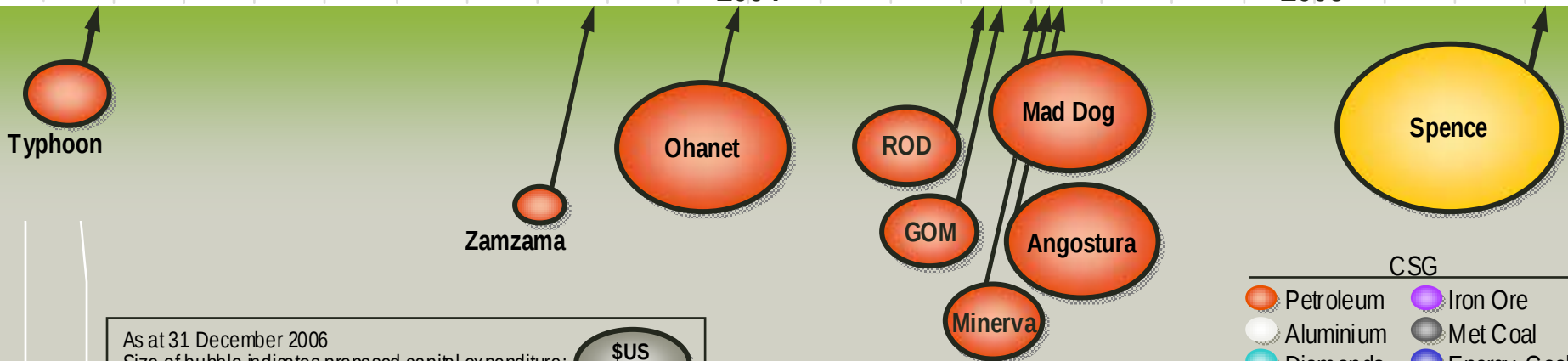
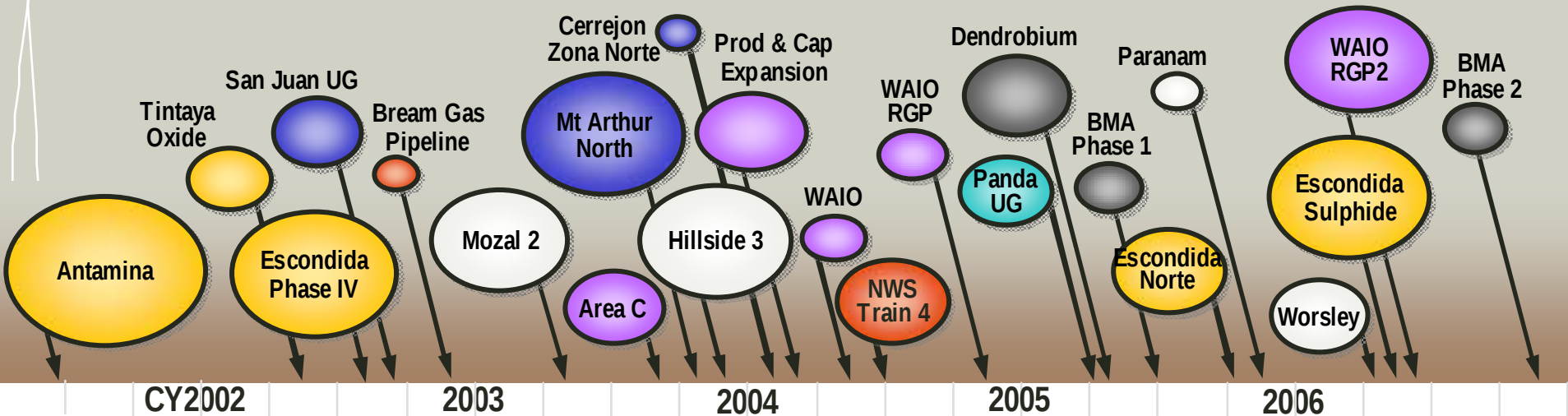


(1) Including US\$7.2 billion paid for WMC acquisition in FY 2005.

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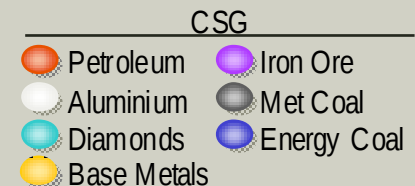
Projects commissioned since July 2001

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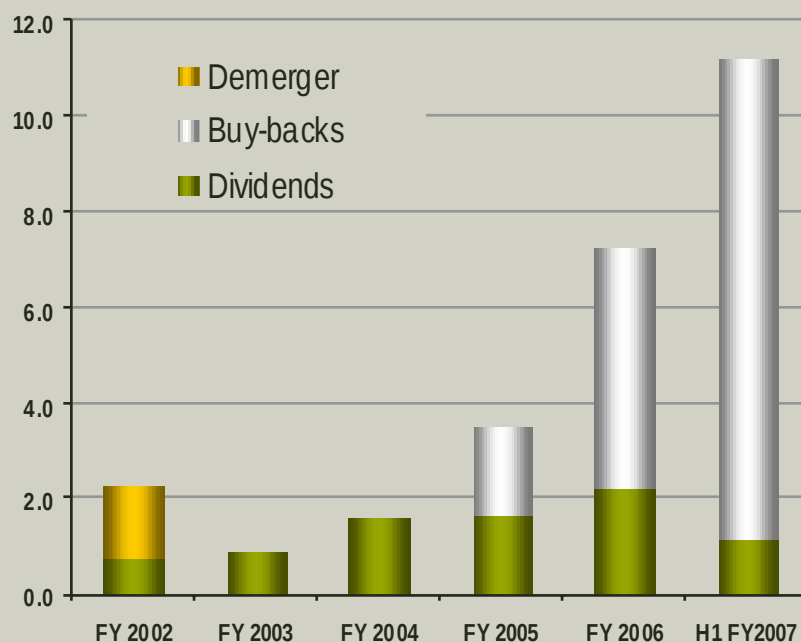
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bold outer border signifies sanctioned project.

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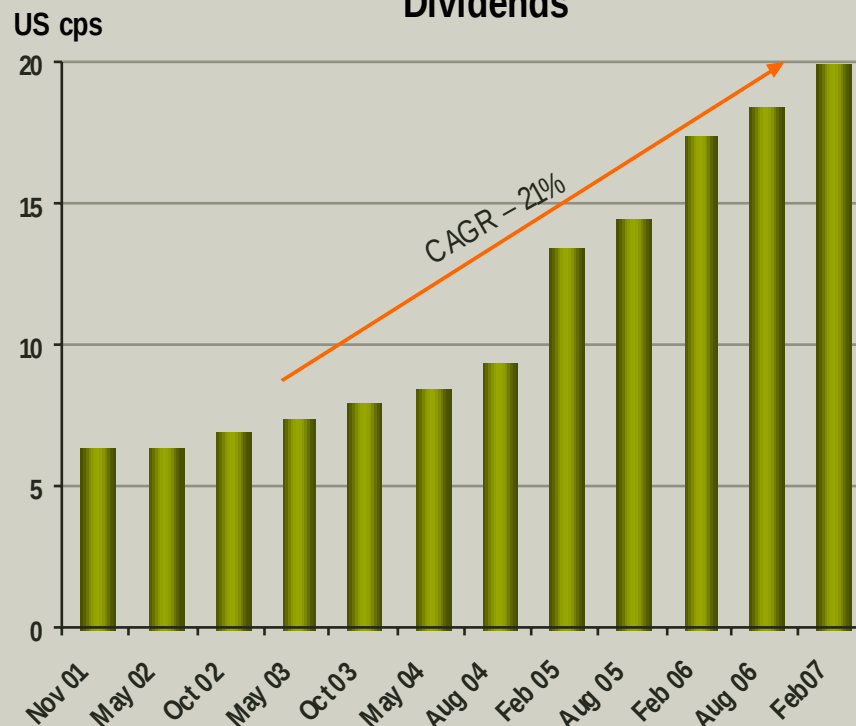


Disciplined capital management

US\$ bn Returns



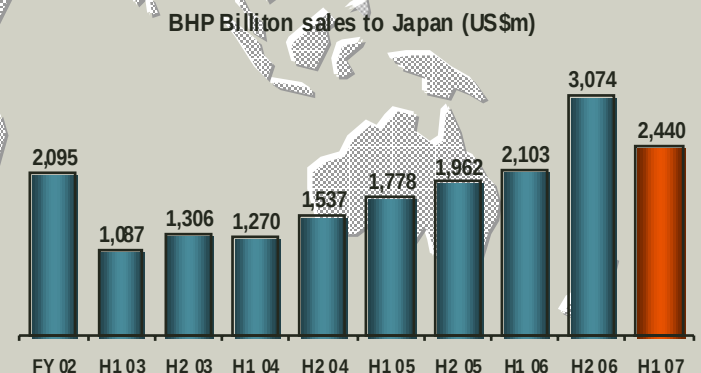
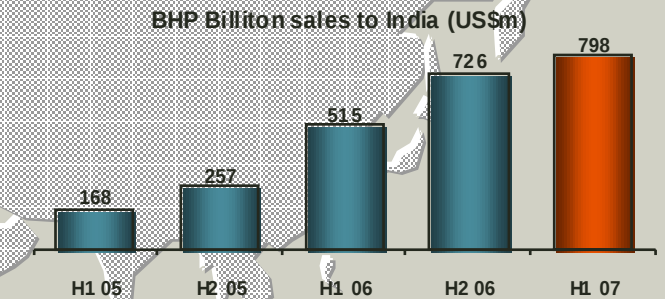
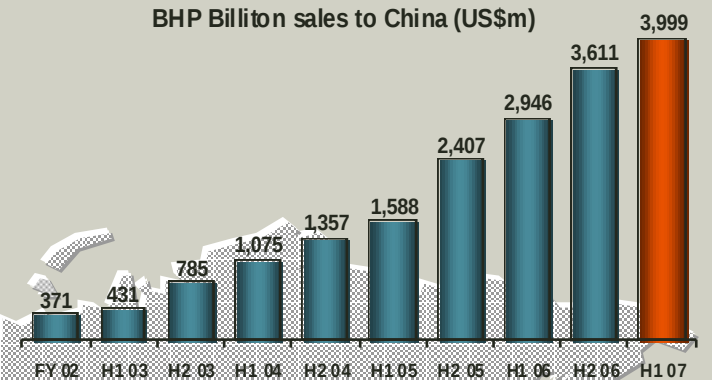
Dividends



US\$26.6 billion initiatives to shareholders since July 2001,
10th consecutive dividend increase

Global demand growth continues

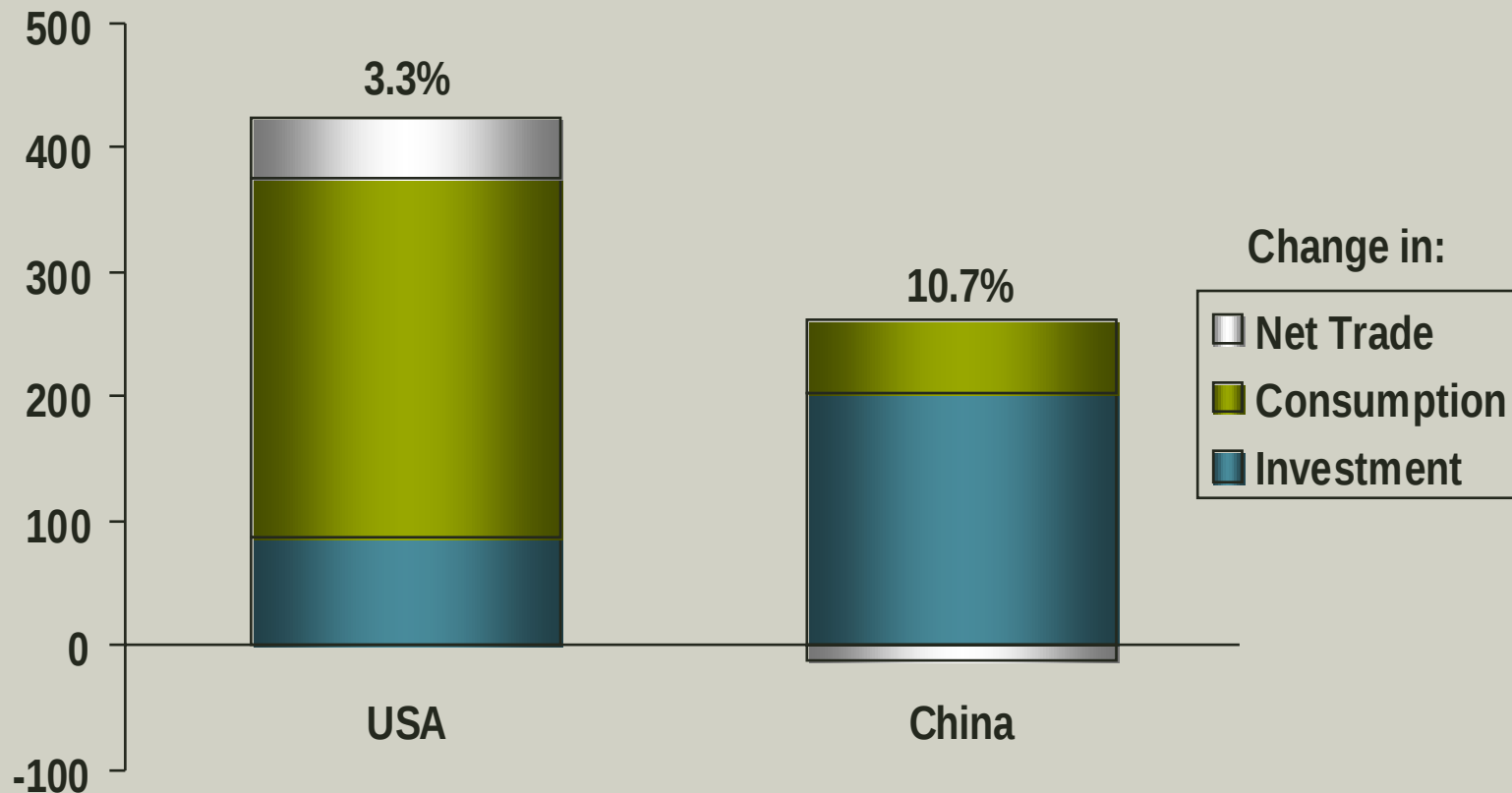
- **China**
 - GDP growth 10.7% for CY2006
 - Forecast 10.2% for CY2007
 - Economy running well
- **India**
 - GDP growth 9.0% for CY2006
 - Forecast 8.2% for CY2007
 - Economic growth remains robust
- **US**
 - GDP growth 3.3% for CY2006
 - Forecast 2.3% for CY2007
 - Mixed signals, but remaining resilient
- **Japan**
 - GDP growth 2.2% for CY2006
 - Forecast 2.3% for CY2007
 - Weak Yen, low inflation supporting growth
- **Europe**
 - GDP growth 2.8% for CY2006
 - Forecast 2.5% for CY2007
 - Growth gaining momentum



Solid global economic growth to continue
Long term outlook remains intact

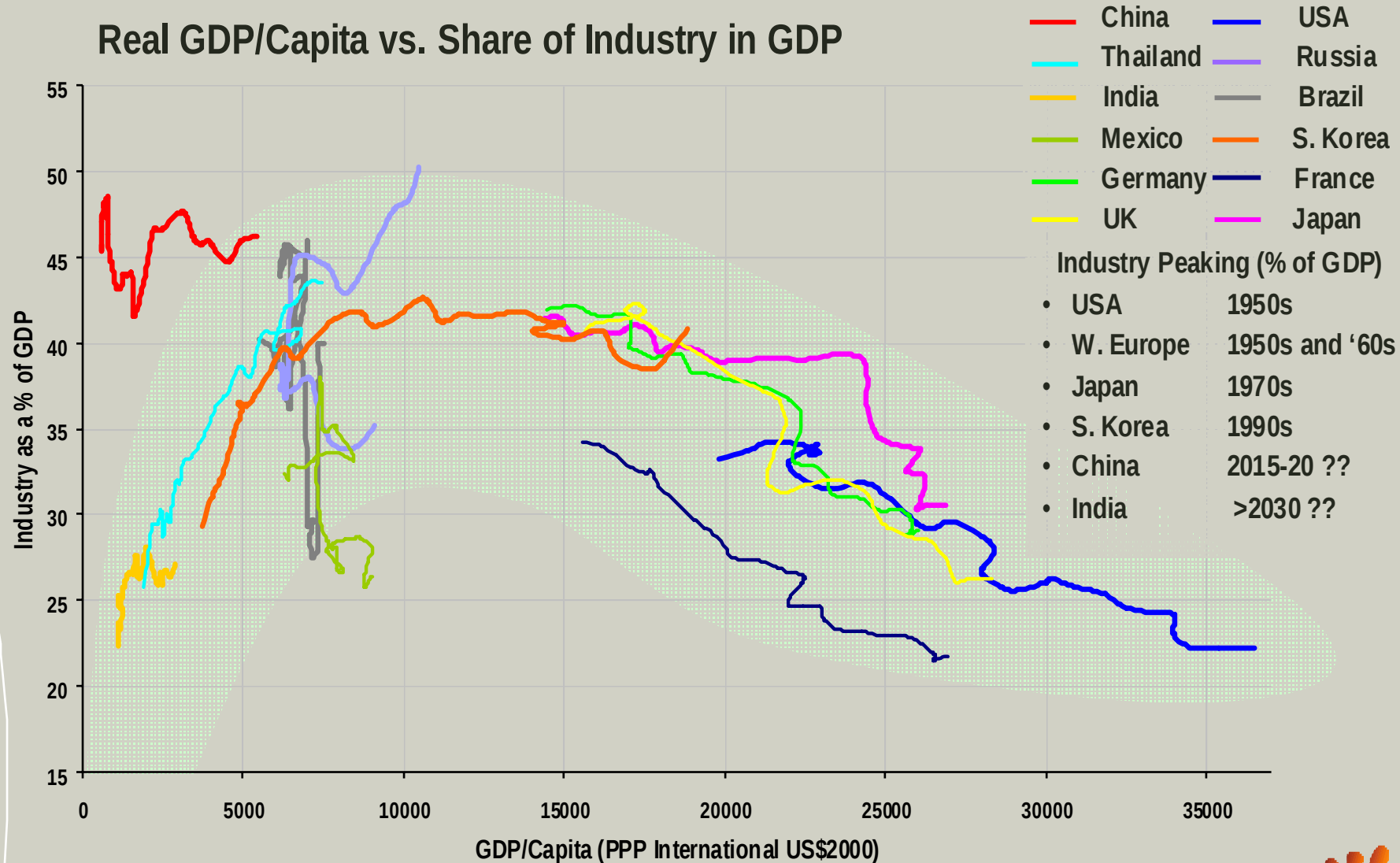
China's contribution is strong in terms of incremental growth in GDP...stimulated by raw materials-intensive Fixed Investment

Change in GDP in US\$ Billions in 2006



Source: Global Insight. GDP at 2006 market exchange rates

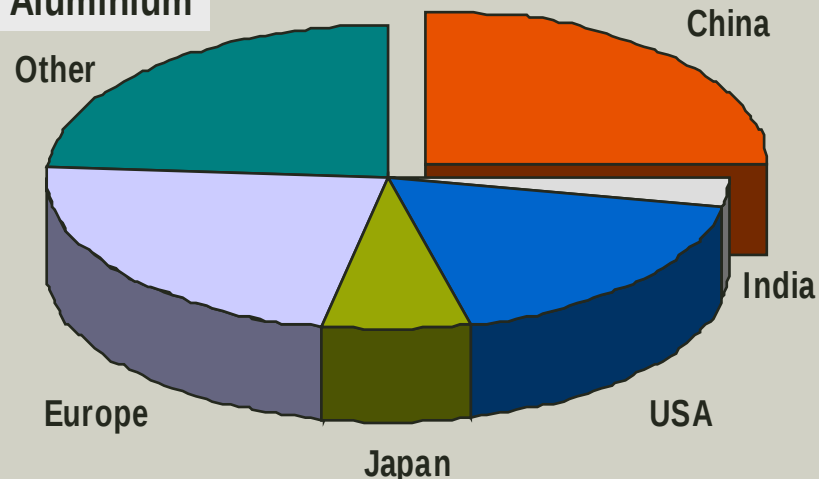
Industry as a proportion of GDP: The global economic development path



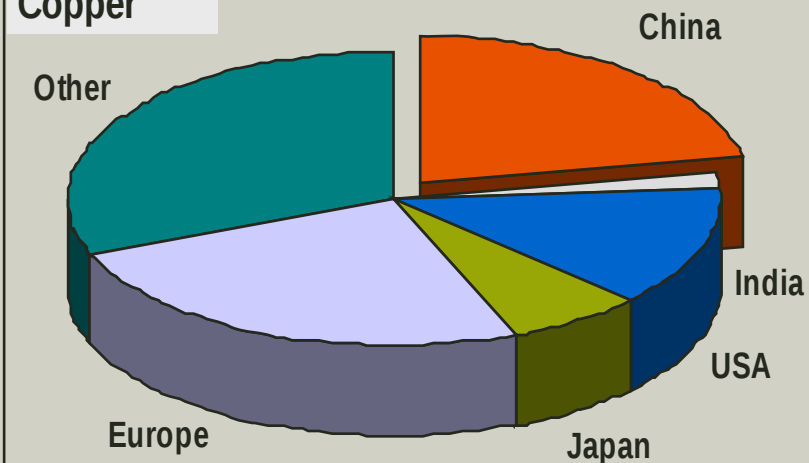
Source: World Bank

Global commodity consumption

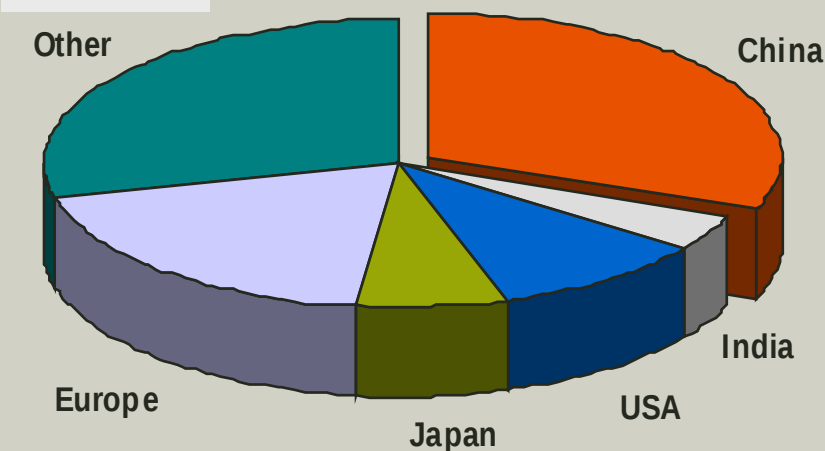
Aluminium



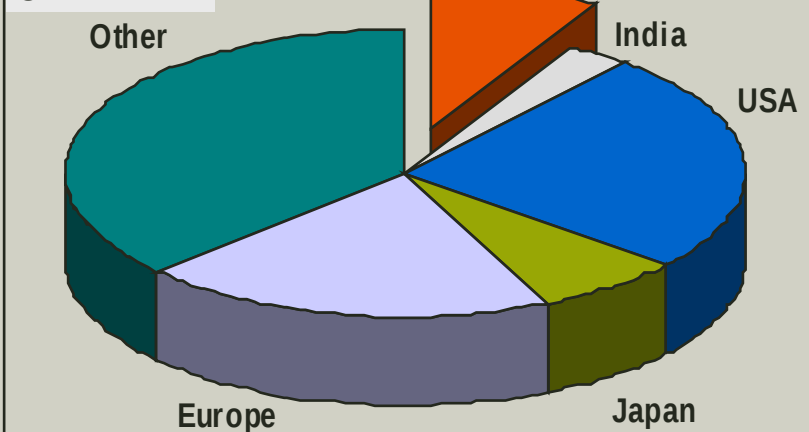
Copper



Steel*



Oil*

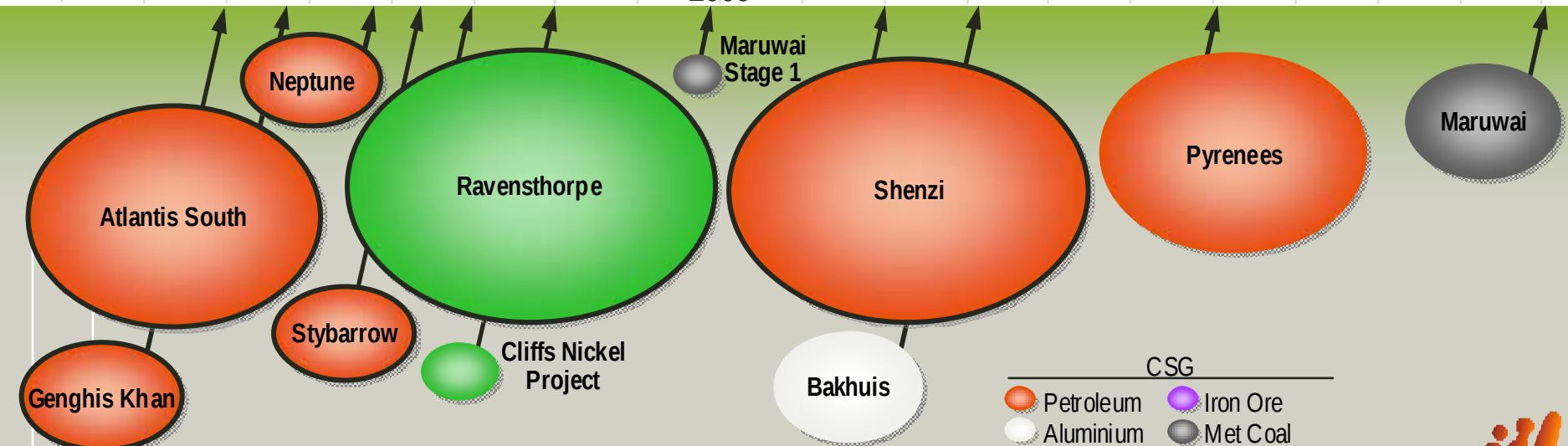
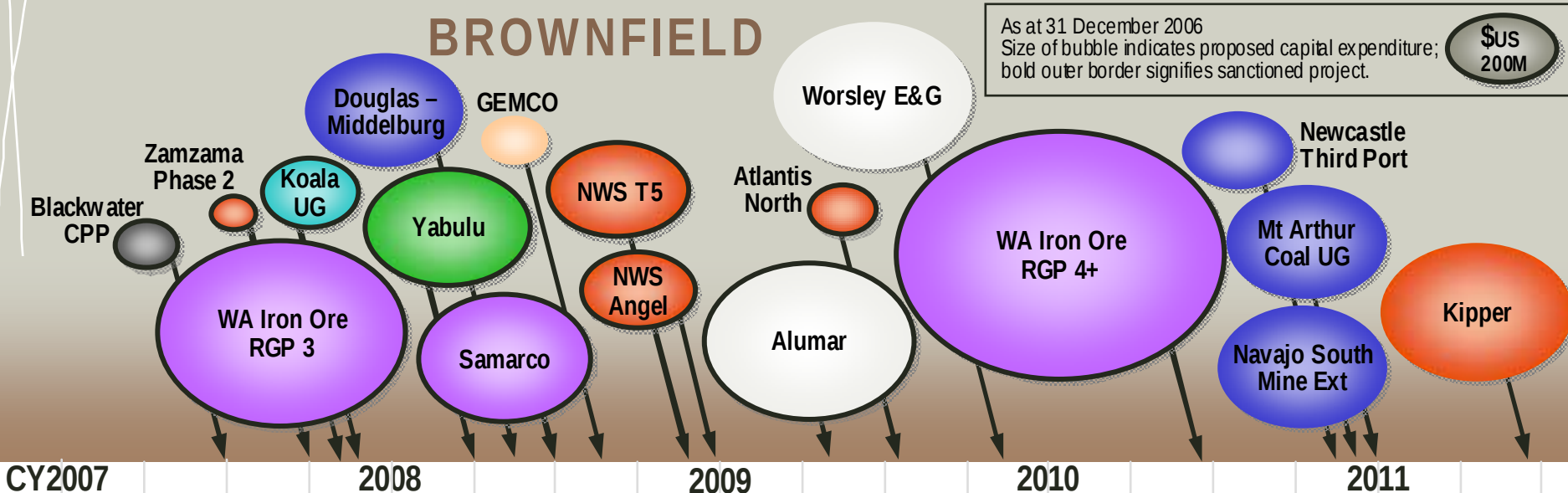


Current growth pipeline

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CSG

- Petroleum
- Aluminium
- Diamonds
- SSM
- Iron Ore
- Met Coal
- Manganese
- Energy Coal

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Olympic Dam – A world class resource

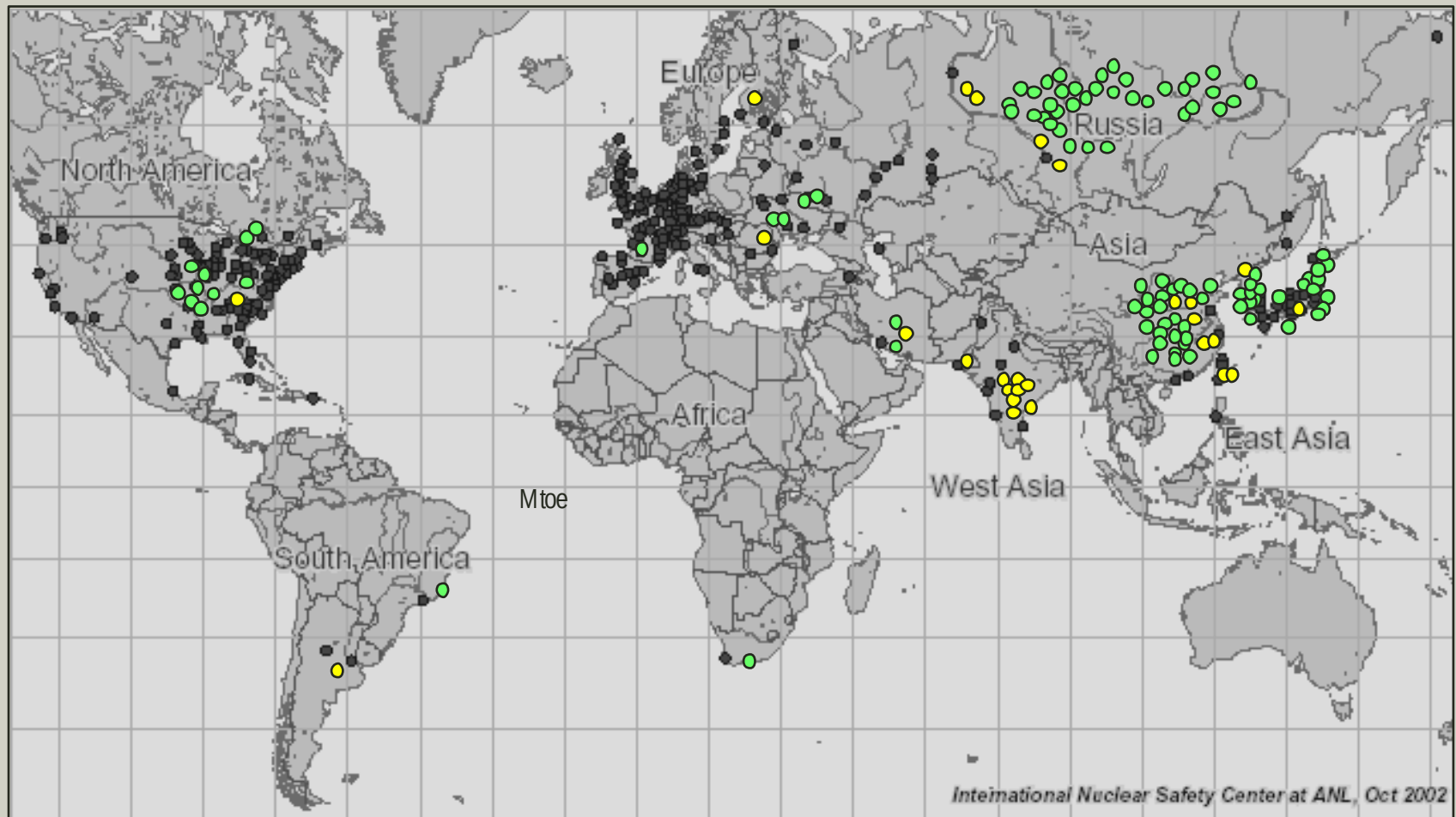
- World class mineral resource
 - Largest known Uranium mineral deposit
 - Sixth largest Copper deposit
 - Top ten gold deposit and significant silver deposit



- Pre-feasibility ongoing for up to 500,000tpa copper mine (15,000tpa uranium)
- Current resource supports a >50 year mine life at increased rate
- Operation of expanded facilities – ramp up from end 2013 to 2015

Nuclear growth will be especially strong in Asia

● Under construction - 27 ● Planned - > 80 ● Operational - 441



Key Actions in forthcoming Climate Change policy

1. **Enhancing understanding of emissions** from the full life-cycle of our products
2. Establishing a **5 year financial commitment to support low emissions technology development** and encourage emissions abatement by our employees and our local communities
3. **Working with governments and other stakeholders** on the design of effective, equitable and efficient climate change policies including **market based mechanisms** such as emissions trading
4. **Reducing the intensity of emissions in production** through improved energy efficiency and better management of greenhouse gas emissions



Summary

- **Consistent execution of our strategy**
- **Increase volumes** through organic growth and acquisitions
- **Continued outstanding operating and financial results**
- **Disciplined capital management** for long-term value creation
- **Demand outlook remains positive**
- **Growth in developing economies** supports long-term fundamentals
- **Inventories low and supply constrained**
- **Project pipeline and global footprint** offers excellent investment opportunities
- **Overriding commitment to sustainable growth**



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