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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2006

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 31 March 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- **Record year to date production of nickel, copper, natural gas and aluminium was achieved, up 122%, 25%, 6% and 1% respectively.**
- **Record year to date production was achieved at Hillside (South Africa), Escondida (Chile) and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia).**
- **Quarterly production records were achieved at Cerrejon Coal, and for oil at Angostura (Trinidad & Tobago) and gas at Zamzama (Pakistan).**
- **Petroleum, iron ore and nickel operations based in Western Australia were disrupted by cyclone activity and continuing wet weather. Ingwe (South Africa) was also impacted by higher than average rainfall.**

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
PETROLEUM					
Crude Oil & Condensate ('000 bbl)	34,320	10,886	-7%	-12%	-3%
Natural Gas (bcf)	261.85	77.85	6%	-5%	-10%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	85.32	26.01	-1%	-9%	-7%

Total Petroleum Products – Total production for the year to date March 2006 of 85.3 million barrels of oil equivalent was in line with the nine months to March 2005.

March 2006 quarterly production was lower than the comparative periods primarily as a result of lost production from the Typhoon/Boris facility (USA) due to hurricane damage sustained in the September 2005 quarter, natural field decline and lower gas demand at Bass Strait (Australia), well and weather related downtime in North West Shelf and Griffin (both Australia) and the sale of our interest in Laminaria (Australia) in January 2005. This was partly offset by increased production from Angostura (Trinidad & Tobago) and Mad Dog (USA), all commissioned in January 2005, and ROD (Algeria), commissioned in October 2004.

Crude Oil and Condensate - March 2006 year to date and quarterly production was lower than the March 2005 comparative periods. Lost production from the Typhoon/Boris facility, well and weather related downtime at North West Shelf and Griffin, natural field decline at Bass Strait, and the sale of Laminaria all had a negative impact on production. This was partially offset by ramp up of production at ROD, Mad Dog and Angostura.

Natural Gas – Record production for the nine months to March 2006 was primarily due to the commissioning of Minerva in January 2005.

March 2006 quarterly production was lower than the March 2005 quarter reflecting lower demand for Bass Strait and Minerva gas and lost production from the Typhoon/Boris facility.

Production for the March 2006 quarter was lower than the December 2005 quarter as a result of weather related downtime at North West Shelf and equipment downtime at Liverpool Bay (UK), in addition to lower demand for Bass Strait and Minerva gas.

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
ALUMINIUM					
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	3,115	1,075	0%	-2%	6%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	1,018	340	1%	2%	-1%

Alumina – Production on a year to date basis was in line with the comparative period. March 2006 quarterly production increased compared to the December 2005 quarter primarily as a result of Worsley recovering from gas supply curtailments in the previous quarter.

Aluminium – Production for the nine months and quarter ended March 2006 was in line with all comparative periods.

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
BASE METALS					
Copper ('000 tonnes)	956.4	319.1	25%	28%	-3%
Silver ('000 ounces)	36,883	11,655	-3%	-17%	-16%
Lead (tonnes)	210,814	68,754	-3%	-15%	-11%
Zinc (tonnes)	81,494	28,419	6%	-12%	19%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (tonnes)	3,071	913	n/a	n/a	-15%

Copper – Production for the nine months ended March 2006 was a record 956,400 tonnes, 25% higher than the March 2005 comparative period, reflecting year to date record performance at Escondida (Chile) and inclusion of a full nine months of production from Olympic Dam (Australia).

March 2006 quarterly production was marginally lower than the December 2005 quarter as a result of lower head grade and throughput at Olympic Dam and Escondida, partially offset by Cerro Colorado (Chile) operating at full capacity for the quarter having fully recovered from the earthquake in June 2005.

Silver – Production was lower on a year to date basis primarily as a result of lower head grade of ore mined at Cannington (Australia) in the nine months to March 2006. March 2006 quarterly production was lower than the previous period as a result of lower head grade and increased planned maintenance activity at Cannington during the period.

Lead – Year to date production to March 2006 decreased against all comparative periods as a result of lower head grade and increased planned maintenance activity at Cannington during the March 2006 quarter.

Zinc – Production increased against the March 2005 year to date and December 2005 comparative periods due to higher grade at Cannington. This was partially offset by a lower proportion of zinc contained ore processed at Antamina over recent quarters resulting in a decline against the March 2005 quarter.

Uranium Oxide Concentrate – Production in the March 2006 quarter was lower than the December 2005 quarter as a result of lower grade and throughput at Olympic Dam.

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS					
Iron ore ('000 tonnes)	70,500	22,499	0%	-5%	-9%
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	26,419	8,460	-5%	-5%	-6%
Manganese Ores ('000 tonnes)	3,891	1,226	-4%	-5%	-4%
Manganese Alloys ('000 tonnes)	477	173	-20%	-12%	5%

Iron Ore – March 2006 year to date production was in line with the comparative period.

Production decreased in the March 2006 quarter versus the March 2005 and December 2005 quarters following disruptions at Western Australian Iron Ore operations (Australia) due to cyclone activity, higher than usual rainfall in the Pilbara and maintenance work at Area C.

Metallurgical Coal – March 2006 year to date and quarterly production was lower than the March 2005 comparatives. This primarily reflects reduced production at Queensland Coal (Australia) due to the depletion of reserves at Riverside and longer than scheduled dragline outages at South Walker Creek and Saraji. This was partially offset by increased production at Goonyella and the continued ramp up of Dendrobium and Broadmeadow (all Australia), commissioned in April 2005 and August 2005 respectively.

Production for the March 2006 quarter was lower than the December 2005 quarter as a result of reduced production at Queensland Coal due to unplanned downtime at Broadmeadow, an extended longwall change at the Crinum mine and scheduled downtime at Norwich Park.

Shiploader 1 at Hay Point Coal Terminal became fully operational on 13 April following a fifteen week shutdown for repairs.

Manganese ore – Production for the March 2006 year to date and quarter was lower than all comparative periods as a result of lower market demand.

Manganese alloys – March 2006 year to date and quarterly production decreased compared to the March 2005 comparative periods primarily reflecting lower market demand.

March 2006 quarterly production was higher than the December 2005 quarter as full operational stability was restored following scheduled maintenance at Metalloys (South Africa) in the September 2005 quarter.

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS					
Diamonds ('000 carats)	1,978	512	-26%	-36%	-17%
Fertiliser ('000 tonnes)	720.0	222.5	n/a	n/a	-12%

Diamonds – Carat production decreased in the nine months to March 2006 reflecting the processing of lower grade ore at Ekati (Canada).

March 2006 quarterly production was lower than the December 2005 quarter due to the impact of planned changes to the mix of ore sources being processed.

Fertiliser – March 2006 quarterly production was lower than the December 2005 quarter as a result of unplanned maintenance.

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
ENERGY COAL					
Energy Coal ('000 tonnes)	63,969	18,672	-1%	-7%	-12%

Energy Coal – Production for the year to date March 2006 was in line with the nine months ended March 2005.

Production for the March 2006 quarter was lower than the comparative periods mainly as a result of significantly higher than average rainfall at Ingwe (South Africa) and a planned outage for a longwall move at San Juan Coal (USA).

	MAR 2006 YTD	MAR 2006 QTR	MAR YTD 06 vs MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 vs MAR Q05	MAR Q06 vs DEC Q05
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS					
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	133.3	40.2	122%	93%	-18%

Nickel – Record production for the year to date March 2006 primarily reflects inclusion of a full nine months of production from Nickel West (Australia).

Production for the March 2006 quarter was lower than the December 2005 quarter due to disruption of the Nickel West operations primarily as a result of cyclone activity and continued wet weather. This was partly offset by increased production at Yabulu (Australia) due to fewer expansion related activities.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE		
		MAR 2005	DEC 2005	MAR 2006	MAR 2006	MAR 2005	MAR YTD 06 VS MAR YTD 05	MAR Q06 VS MAR Q05	MAR Q06 VS DEC Q05
PETROLEUM									
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	12,345	11,200	10,886	34,320	36,901	-7%	-12%	-3%
Natural gas	(bcf)	82.35	86.35	77.85	261.85	246.89	6%	-5%	-10%
LPG	('000 tonnes)	199.29	190.59	175.26	600.09	646.39	-7%	-12%	-8%
Ethane	('000 tonnes)	23.61	24.72	22.25	74.99	78.56	-5%	-6%	-10%
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	28.49	27.93	26.01	85.32	85.90	-1%	-9%	-7%
ALUMINIUM									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,092	1,012	1,075	3,115	3,128	0%	-2%	6%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	332	344	340	1,018	1,009	1%	2%	-1%
BASE METALS									
Copper	('000 tonnes)	249.6	328.4	319.1	956.4	764.2	25%	28%	-3%
Lead	(tonnes)	80,899	77,187	68,754	210,814	217,318	-3%	-15%	-11%
Zinc	(tonnes)	32,388	23,928	28,419	81,494	77,156	6%	-12%	19%
Gold	(ounces)	32,152	54,700	52,095	160,461	93,531	72%	62%	-5%
Silver	('000 ounces)	14,044	13,866	11,655	36,883	38,166	-3%	-17%	-16%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	-	1,070	913	3,071	-	-	-	-15%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	431	772	632	1,977	1,314	50%	47%	-18%
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS									
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	23,762	24,610	22,499	70,500	70,728	0%	-5%	-9%
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	8,883	8,973	8,460	26,419	27,733	-5%	-5%	-6%
Manganese ores	('000 tonnes)	1,297	1,278	1,226	3,891	4,037	-4%	-5%	-4%
Manganese alloys	('000 tonnes)	197	165	173	477	599	-20%	-12%	5%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
Diamonds	('000 carats)	802	614	512	1,978	2,660	-26%	-36%	-17%
Fertiliser	('000 tonnes)	-	252.6	222.5	720.0	-	-	-	-12%
ENERGY COAL									
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	20,079	21,287	18,672	63,969	64,713	-1%	-7%	-12%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	20.8	49.0	40.2	133.3	60.1	122%	93%	-18%
Ferrochrome	('000 tonnes)	240	-	-	-	776	-	-	-

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

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

								YEAR TO DATE	
	BHP Billiton Interest	MARCH 2005	JUNE 2005	SEPT 2005	DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	MAR 2006	MAR 2005	
PETROLEUM									
Production									
Crude oil & condensate	(000 bbl)	12,345	13,939	12,234	11,200	10,886	34,320	36,901	
Natural gas	(bcf)	82.35	98.79	97.65	86.35	77.85	261.85	246.89	
LPG	('000 tonnes)	199.29	213.71	234.24	190.59	175.26	600.09	646.39	
Ethane	('000 tonnes)	23.61	22.97	28.02	24.72	22.25	74.99	78.56	
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	28.49	33.13	31.38	27.93	26.01	85.32	85.90	
ALUMINIUM									
ALUMINA									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
Worsley	86%	746	718	689	663	717	2,069	2,095	
Suriname	45%	220	209	227	219	228	674	665	
Alumar	36%	126	127	112	130	130	372	368	
Total		1,092	1,054	1,028	1,012	1,075	3,115	3,128	
ALUMINIUM									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
Hillside	100%	169	172	172	177	174	523	513	
Bayside	100%	45	29	41	46	46	133	137	
Alumar	46.3%	43	44	45	45	44	134	132	
Valesul	45.5%	10	11	11	10	11	32	32	
Mozal	47%	65	65	65	66	65	196	195	
Total		332	321	334	344	340	1,018	1,009	
BASE METALS (a)									
COPPER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)									
Escondida	57.5%	135.4	154.0	168.6	169.0	168.2	505.8	424.2	
Antamina	33.8%	29.9	29.9	27.9	34.3	32.9	95.1	93.2	
Tintaya (b)	100%	20.7	15.3	17.3	18.1	16.2	51.6	57.4	
Total		186.0	199.2	213.8	221.4	217.3	652.5	574.8	
Cathode ('000 tonnes)									
Escondida	57.5%	21.8	21.4	19.6	20.0	15.4	55.0	65.9	
Cerro Colorado (c)	100%	29.8	24.6	14.5	21.5	28.1	64.1	88.5	
Tintaya (b)	100%	9.6	6.4	9.7	9.9	9.1	28.7	28.0	
Pinto Valley	100%	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	6.4	7.0	
Olympic Dam (d)	100%	-	16.1	49.1	53.5	47.1	149.7	-	
Total		63.6	70.6	95.1	107.0	101.8	303.9	189.4	
LEAD									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
Cannington	100%	80,899	64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	210,814	217,318	
Total		80,899	64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	210,814	217,318	
ZINC									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
Cannington	100%	15,241	12,676	14,188	18,780	20,885	53,853	40,164	
Antamina	33.8%	17,147	15,528	14,959	5,148	7,534	27,641	36,992	
Total		32,388	28,204	29,147	23,928	28,419	81,494	77,156	

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								YEAR TO DATE	
	BHP Billiton Interest	MARCH 2005	JUNE 2005	SEPT 2005	DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	MAR 2006	MAR 2005	
BASE METALS (continued)									
GOLD									
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)									
Escondida	57.5%	25,987	20,774	19,194	19,200	17,877	56,271	75,832	
Tintaya (b)	100%	6,165	4,066	8,048	8,200	8,032	24,280	17,699	
Olympic Dam (d) (refined gold)	100%	-	7,042	26,424	27,300	26,186	79,910	-	
Total		32,152	31,882	53,666	54,700	52,095	160,461	93,531	
SILVER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)									
Escondida	57.5%	650	658	795	945	714	2,454	1,893	
Antamina	33.8%	830	749	642	859	865	2,366	2,025	
Tintaya (b)	100%	181	129	167	168	138	473	501	
Cannington	100%	12,383	10,283	9,579	11,672	9,693	30,944	33,747	
Olympic Dam (d) (refined silver)	100%	-	62	179	222	245	646	-	
Total		14,044	11,881	11,362	13,866	11,655	36,883	38,166	
URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
Olympic Dam (d)	100%	-	415	1,088	1,070	913	3,071	-	
Total		-	415	1,088	1,070	913	3,071	-	
MOLYBDENUM									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
Antamina	33.8%	431	492	573	772	632	1,977	1,314	
Total		431	492	573	772	632	1,977	1,314	
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS									
IRON ORE (e)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,475	6,493	6,234	6,166	5,884	18,284	19,243	
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,017	1,593	1,393	1,669	1,371	4,433	3,092	
Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,451	4,813	4,286	4,969	3,332	12,587	11,799	
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,713	8,943	8,409	8,372	8,561	25,342	26,718	
Jimblebar (f)	85%	1,283	1,324	1,188	1,569	1,549	4,306	4,085	
Samarco	50%	1,823	1,896	1,881	1,865	1,802	5,548	5,791	
Total		23,762	25,062	23,391	24,610	22,499	70,500	70,728	
METALLURGICAL COAL (g)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
BMA	50%	5,959	7,021	6,693	6,441	5,972	19,106	18,374	
BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	1,205	882	726	710	763	2,199	4,775	
Illawarra	100%	1,719	1,667	1,567	1,822	1,725	5,114	4,584	
Total		8,883	9,570	8,986	8,973	8,460	26,419	27,733	
MANGANESE ORES									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
South Africa (i)	60%	606	631	566	529	532	1,627	1,877	
Australia (i)	60%	691	787	821	749	694	2,264	2,160	
Total		1,297	1,418	1,387	1,278	1,226	3,891	4,037	

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		YEAR TO DATE						
	BHP Billiton Interest	MARCH 2005	JUNE 2005	SEPT 2005	DEC 2005	MARCH 2006	MAR 2006	MAR 2005
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)								
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (i)	60%	137	98	79	105	119	303	394
Australia (i)	60%	60	58	60	60	54	174	205
Total		197	156	139	165	173	477	599
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS								
DIAMONDS								
Production ('000 carats)								
Ekati™	80%	802	957	852	614	512	1,978	2,660
FERTILISER								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (j)	100%	-	73.9	244.9	252.6	222.5	720.0	-
ENERGY COAL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa	100%	12,769	13,548	14,549	12,940	11,605	39,094	41,102
USA	100%	3,169	4,128	4,561	4,065	2,829	11,455	10,799
Australia	100%	2,258	2,823	2,568	2,045	1,897	6,510	7,042
Colombia	33%	1,883	2,204	2,332	2,237	2,341	6,910	5,770
Total		20,079	22,703	24,010	21,287	18,672	63,969	64,713
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
NICKEL								
Production ('000 tonnes)								
CMSA	99.8%	13.3	13.7	12.8	13.0	12.9	38.7	37.6
Yabulu	100%	7.5	8.9	6.1	5.9	7.0	19.0	22.5
Nickel West (k)	100%	-	9.2	25.2	30.1	20.3	75.6	-
Total		20.8	31.8	44.1	49.0	40.2	133.3	60.1
FERROCHROME								
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)								
South Africa (i) (l)	60%	240	178	-	-	-	-	776

(a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.

(b) Production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended on May 25, 2005 following civil unrest in the Espinar region. Production recommenced on June 20, 2005.

(c) Production at Cerro Colorado was temporarily suspended on June 14, 2005 following an earthquake. Production recommenced on June 30, 2005.

(d) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.

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

(f) Jimblebar production restated on a saleable production basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 85%.

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

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

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

(j) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.

(k) BHP Billiton acquired Nickel West with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.

(l) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Samancor Chrome with effect from June 1, 2005.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	YEAR TO DATE						
	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MAR	MAR	MAR
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2005

PETROLEUM

BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.

CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)

Bass Strait	3,754	3,921	3,720	3,584	3,414	10,718	12,815
Minerva (a)	21	33	34	26	18	78	21
North West Shelf - condensate	1,305	1,431	1,370	1,405	1,263	4,038	3,909
North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack	1,535	1,571	1,149	979	751	2,879	4,282
Laminaria (b)	84	-	-	-	-	-	1,153
Griffin	403	453	436	344	204	984	1,290
Pakistan	58	49	49	54	59	162	162
Typhoon/Boris (c)	907	672	306	21	-	327	3,658
Mad Dog (a)	251	562	440	604	549	1,593	251
Other Americas (d)	160	145	123	161	68	352	521
Angostura (a)	799	997	998	1,018	1,080	3,096	799
Liverpool Bay	1,289	1,625	1,160	1,161	1,278	3,599	4,491
Bruce/Keith	290	279	254	256	209	719	732
Ohanet	589	461	483	353	389	1,225	1,579
ROD (e)	900	1,740	1,712	1,234	1,604	4,550	1,238
Total	12,345	13,939	12,234	11,200	10,886	34,320	36,901

NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)

Bass Strait	20.71	31.98	35.93	21.12	18.26	75.31	83.76
Minerva (a)	6.63	9.79	10.30	8.14	5.78	24.22	6.63
North West Shelf - Domestic	3.64	3.98	3.97	3.81	3.55	11.33	10.65
North West Shelf - LNG	20.81	22.14	21.19	23.16	21.15	65.50	60.95
Griffin	0.54	0.70	0.56	0.41	0.12	1.09	1.93
Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (f)	1.07	1.64	1.65	1.73	1.75	5.13	1.60
Illawarra Coal Bed Methane (g)	1.39	1.10	1.12	1.60	1.50	4.22	4.38
Pakistan	8.88	7.25	7.32	8.40	8.52	24.24	24.44
Typhoon/Boris (c)	1.32	0.95	0.46	0.01	-	0.47	6.17
Mad Dog (a)	0.03	0.18	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.31	0.03
Other Americas	1.76	1.88	1.89	1.00	1.78	4.67	5.80
Bruce/Keith	7.22	6.90	5.81	6.28	6.52	18.61	16.87
Liverpool Bay	8.35	10.30	7.37	10.57	8.81	26.75	23.68
Total	82.35	98.79	97.65	86.35	77.85	261.85	246.89

LPG ('000 tonnes)

Bass Strait	108.56	128.50	143.55	108.47	99.96	351.98	382.11
North West Shelf	32.28	33.15	39.64	40.05	35.32	115.01	96.37
Bruce/Keith	17.85	16.53	13.73	15.21	8.12	37.06	43.43
Ohanet	40.60	35.53	37.32	26.86	31.86	96.04	124.48
Total	199.29	213.71	234.24	190.59	175.26	600.09	646.39

ETHANE ('000 tonnes)

	23.61	22.97	28.02	24.72	22.25	74.99	78.56
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TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

	28.49	33.13	31.38	27.93	26.01	85.32	85.90
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(million barrels of oil equivalent) (h)

- (a) Minerva, Mad Dog and Angostura commenced production in January 2005.
(b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Laminaria with effect from January 14, 2005.
(c) Typhoon/Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform.
(d) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from January 16, 2006.
(e) ROD commenced production in October 2004.
(f) Moranbah Coal Bed Methane commenced production in September 2004 and was first reported in December 2004.
(g) Illawarra Coal Bed Methane production was first reported in December 2004.
(h) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on the following:
6000 cf of natural gas equals 1 boe; 1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe; 1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe.

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ALUMINIUM

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

ALUMINA

Production

Worsley, Australia	746	718	689	663	717	2,069	2,095
Paranam, Suriname	220	209	227	219	228	674	665
Alumar, Brazil	126	127	112	130	130	372	368
Total	1,092	1,054	1,028	1,012	1,075	3,115	3,128

Sales

Worsley, Australia	734	774	584	710	709	2,003	2,082
Paranam, Suriname	210	221	203	249	213	665	670
Alumar, Brazil	118	146	107	121	130	358	378
Total (a)	1,062	1,141	894	1,080	1,052	3,026	3,130

ALUMINIUM

Production

Hillside, South Africa	169	172	172	177	174	523	513
Bayside, South Africa	45	29	41	46	46	133	137
Alumar, Brazil	43	44	45	45	44	134	132
Valesul, Brazil	10	11	11	10	11	32	32
Mozal, Mozambique	65	65	65	66	65	196	195
Total	332	321	334	344	340	1,018	1,009

Sales

Hillside, South Africa	153	185	168	175	162	505	497
Bayside, South Africa	39	45	34	43	40	117	125
Alumar, Brazil	43	46	42	44	48	134	130
Valesul, Brazil	11	10	11	12	10	33	34
Mozal, Mozambique	62	74	54	79	58	191	190
Total	308	360	309	353	318	980	976
Tolling Agreement (a)	24	25	23	22	22	67	69
	332	385	332	375	340	1,047	1,045

(a) Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages were previously reported under third party trading and are now allocated to equity sales.

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BASE METALS

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Escondida, Chile

Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	90,838	85,592	90,919	92,155	90,781	273,855	288,816
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	19,913	21,725	22,255	22,161	21,843	66,259	61,476
Average copper grade	(%)	1.41%	1.51%	1.60%	1.58%	1.62%	1.60%	1.45%
Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	241.1	277.8	304.4	304.0	302.8	911.2	763.0

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	135.4	154.0	168.6	169.0	168.2	505.8	424.2
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	25,987	20,774	19,194	19,200	17,877	56,271	75,832
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	21.8	21.4	19.6	20.0	15.4	55.0	65.9
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	650	658	795	945	714	2,454	1,893

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	137.1	146.0	169.4	160.7	184.4	514.5	425.4
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	27,882	19,816	19,294	18,145	20,159	57,598	78,076
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	18.6	26.8	19.3	19.4	16.7	55.4	64.0
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	712	631	803	892	802	2,497	1,984

Tintaya, Peru (a)

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,575	12,385	17,228	17,107	15,960	50,295	53,737
Sulphide Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,560	1,086	1,546	1,734	1,523	4,803	4,745
Average copper grade	(%)	1.56%	1.67%	1.33%	1.26%	1.26%	1.28%	1.44%

Production

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	20.7	15.3	17.3	18.1	16.2	51.6	57.4
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	6,165	4,066	8,048	8,200	8,032	24,280	17,699
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	9.6	6.4	9.7	9.9	9.1	28.7	28.0
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	181	129	167	168	138	473	501

Sales

Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	23.3	17.2	17.0	19.4	15.1	51.5	54.9
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	7,593	7,073	6,783	8,376	8,016	23,175	17,303
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	9.2	8.2	10.3	9.8	8.3	28.4	27.7
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	193	160	161	207	127	495	491

(a) Production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended on May 25, 2005 following civil unrest in the Espinar region. Production recommenced on June 20, 2005.

Cerro Colorado, Chile (a)

Material mined	('000 tonnes)	16,856	14,805	16,696	17,107	17,926	51,729	50,788
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	3,865	3,144	3,344	4,348	4,266	11,958	12,460
Average copper grade	(%)	1.00%	0.83%	0.79%	0.90%	0.94%	0.88%	0.92%

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	29.8	24.6	14.5	21.5	28.1	64.1	88.5
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	32.5	24.8	15.0	19.7	24.4	59.1	89.6
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(a) Production at Cerro Colorado was temporarily suspended on June 14, 2005 following an earthquake. Production recommenced on June 30, 2005.

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BASE METALS								
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Antamina, Peru								
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	30,808	31,802	32,839	32,598	28,982	94,419	97,186
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,072	7,557	7,367	8,349	7,549	23,265	23,168
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.41%	1.35%	1.30%	1.36%	1.48%	1.38%	1.37%
- Zinc	(%)	1.16%	1.09%	1.04%	0.51%	0.62%	0.71%	0.87%
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	29.9	29.9	27.9	34.3	32.9	95.1	93.2
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	17,147	15,528	14,959	5,148	7,534	27,641	36,992
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	830	749	642	859	865	2,366	2,025
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	431	492	573	772	632	1,977	1,314
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	30.0	28.7	30.7	35.5	30.5	96.7	94.3
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	18,293	15,066	13,203	7,894	9,634	30,731	36,095
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	718	769	669	813	750	2,232	1,974
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	592	587	538	751	697	1,986	1,052
Cannington, Australia								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	885	880	910	887	799	2,596	2,556
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	788	746	772	850	809	2,431	2,343
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	571	482	453	493	431	460	525
- Lead	(%)	11.9%	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%	9.8%	10.2%	10.8%
- Zinc	(%)	3.5%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	4.0%	3.6%	3.2%
Production								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	12,383	10,283	9,579	11,672	9,693	30,944	33,747
Payable lead	(tonnes)	80,899	64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	210,814	217,318
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,241	12,676	14,188	18,780	20,885	53,853	40,164
Sales								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	13,514	12,265	9,078	11,972	9,061	30,111	31,786
Payable lead	(tonnes)	88,237	76,680	59,942	79,474	63,112	202,528	208,296
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	18,628	13,415	10,676	16,814	17,508	44,998	39,944

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BASE METALS

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Olympic Dam, Australia (a)

Material mined (b)	('000 tonnes)	-	855	2,007	2,145	2,065	6,217	-
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	-	933	2,345	2,430	2,343	7,118	-
Average copper grade	(%)	-	2.15%	2.26%	2.32%	2.10%	2.23%	-
Average uranium grade	kg/t	-	0.60	0.64	0.65	0.60	0.63	-

Production

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	-	14.5	44.2	48.6	43.1	135.9	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	1.6	4.9	4.9	4.0	13.8	-
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	-	415	1,088	1,070	913	3,071	-
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	-	7,042	26,424	27,300	26,186	79,910	-
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	-	62	179	222	245	646	-

Sales

Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	-	16.2	47.5	44.9	44.1	136.5	-
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	1.1	5.2	5.8	4.2	15.2	-
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	-	391	879	1,287	992	3,158	-
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	-	10,555	21,192	26,369	27,300	74,861	-
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	-	68	144	254	178	576	-

(a) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005.

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.4	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	6.4	7.0
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Sales

Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	7.5	6.1
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CARBON STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

IRON ORE (a)

Pilbara, Australia

Production

Mt Newman Joint Venture	6,475	6,493	6,234	6,166	5,884	18,284	19,243
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	1,017	1,593	1,393	1,669	1,371	4,433	3,092
Area C Joint Venture	4,451	4,813	4,286	4,969	3,332	12,587	11,799
Yandi Joint Venture	8,713	8,943	8,409	8,372	8,561	25,342	26,718
Jimblebar (b)	1,283	1,324	1,188	1,569	1,549	4,306	4,085
Total (BHP Billiton share)	21,939	23,166	21,510	22,745	20,697	64,952	64,937
Total production (100%)	25,810	27,254	25,306	26,760	24,350	76,416	76,397

Sales

Lump	5,757	6,849	5,879	6,483	5,276	17,638	17,234
Fines	15,909	17,052	15,702	16,357	15,547	47,606	46,529
Total (BHP Billiton share)	21,666	23,901	21,581	22,840	20,823	65,244	63,763
Total shipments (100%)	25,489	28,119	25,389	26,871	24,498	76,758	75,015

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

(b) Jimblebar production restated on a saleable production basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 85%.

Samarco, Brazil

Production	1,823	1,896	1,881	1,865	1,802	5,548	5,791
Shipments	1,768	1,728	1,900	2,155	1,532	5,587	5,886

METALLURGICAL COAL (a)

Queensland, Australia

Production

<u>BMA</u>							
Blackwater	1,615	1,603	1,627	1,409	1,533	4,569	4,962
Goonyella	1,355	1,740	1,609	1,921	1,751	5,281	3,721
Peak Downs	842	1,322	1,250	1,186	1,095	3,531	3,204
Saraji	752	878	675	602	563	1,840	2,373
Norwich Park	664	836	759	678	550	1,987	2,044
Gregory Joint Venture	731	642	773	645	480	1,898	2,070
BMA total	5,959	7,021	6,693	6,441	5,972	19,106	18,374

BHP Mitsui Coal (b)

Riverside	480	43	-	-	-	-	2,341
South Walker Creek	725	839	726	710	763	2,199	2,434
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,205	882	726	710	763	2,199	4,775
<u>Queensland total</u>	7,164	7,903	7,419	7,151	6,735	21,305	23,149

Shipments

Coking coal	5,440	5,705	4,869	4,987	5,032	14,888	16,429
Weak coking coal	1,609	1,619	1,207	1,366	1,342	3,915	4,996
Thermal coal	632	815	579	403	482	1,464	1,902
Total	7,681	8,139	6,655	6,756	6,856	20,267	23,327

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

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

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CARBON STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

Illawarra, Australia

Production	1,719	1,667	1,567	1,822	1,725	5,114	4,584
Shipments							
Coking coal	1,447	1,500	1,190	1,457	1,508	4,155	4,154
Thermal coal	93	27	383	103	313	799	319
Total	1,540	1,527	1,573	1,560	1,821	4,954	4,473

MANGANESE ORES

South Africa

Saleable production (a)	606	631	566	529	532	1,627	1,877
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Australia

Saleable production (a)	691	787	821	749	694	2,264	2,160
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MANGANESE ALLOYS

South Africa

Saleable production (a)	137	98	79	105	119	303	394
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Australia

Saleable production (a)	60	58	60	60	54	174	205
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(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

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DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS**Ekati™, Canada**

Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	1,101	1,216	1,158	962	995	3,115	3,379
Production	('000 carats)	802	957	852	614	512	1,978	2,660

FERTILISER**Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)**

Production (b)	('000 tonnes)	-	73.9	244.9	252.6	222.5	720.0	-
Sales (b)	('000 tonnes)	-	105.9	175.5	221.2	200.4	597.1	-

(a) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005.

(b) Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate.

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ENERGY COAL								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (‘000 tonnes)								
<u>Ingwe, South Africa</u>								
Production	12,769	13,548	14,549	12,940	11,605		39,094	41,102
Sales								
Export	5,082	5,094	5,436	6,273	5,658		17,367	15,383
Local utility	7,069	7,560	8,013	7,250	7,328		22,591	23,721
Inland	353	186	309	268	203		780	1,044
Total	12,504	12,840	13,758	13,791	13,189		40,738	40,148
<u>New Mexico, USA</u>								
Production								
Navajo Coal	2,008	2,389	2,238	2,252	2,305		6,795	5,856
San Juan Coal	1,161	1,739	2,323	1,813	524		4,660	4,943
Total	3,169	4,128	4,561	4,065	2,829		11,455	10,799
Sales - local utility	3,447	3,319	3,769	3,628	3,553		10,950	11,083
<u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>								
Production	2,258	2,823	2,568	2,045	1,897		6,510	7,042
Sales								
Export	1,866	1,746	1,570	1,312	1,267		4,149	4,507
Inland	872	1,186	983	793	643		2,419	2,687
Total	2,738	2,932	2,553	2,105	1,910		6,568	7,194
<u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u>								
Production	1,883	2,204	2,332	2,237	2,341		6,910	5,770
Sales - export	1,927	2,338	2,170	2,087	2,116		6,373	6,047

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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

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

NICKEL

CMSA, Colombia

Production	13.3	13.7	12.8	13.0	12.9	38.7	37.6
Sales	13.4	12.8	11.1	14.2	12.4	37.7	37.3

Yabulu, Australia

Production							
Nickel metal	7.5	8.9	6.1	5.9	7.0	19.0	22.5
Cobalt	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.4
Sales							
Nickel metal	7.7	8.3	6.3	6.6	6.9	19.8	23.2
Cobalt	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.1	1.2

Nickel West, Australia (a)

Production							
Nickel contained in finished matte	-	3.3	9.7	13.9	5.2	28.8	-
Nickel metal	-	5.9	15.5	16.2	15.1	46.8	-
Nickel production	-	9.2	25.2	30.1	20.3	75.6	-
Sales							
Nickel contained in finished matte	-	3.5	7.6	14.3	8.8	30.7	-
Nickel metal	-	4.7	15.9	15.5	16.6	48.0	-
Nickel sales	-	8.2	23.5	29.8	25.4	78.7	-

(a) BHP Billiton acquired Nickel West with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005.

FERROCHROME

South Africa (a)

Saleable production (b)	240	178	-	-	-	-	776
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(a) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Samancor Chrome with effect from June 1, 2005.

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