

BHP Billiton Carbon Steel Materials



Metallurgical Coal Expansion Briefing

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High value incremental growth to meet customer demand

- BHP Billiton today announced its intention to increase production capacity to 100Mtpa (100% basis) by 2010 – compared to production of 58Mtpa in FY2004
- Brownfield and greenfield expansions at BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), BHP Mitsui Coal (BMC), Maruwai and Illawarra Coal
- Expansion tonnes will comprise a range of coals – majority hard coking coal
- High margin incremental capacity will meet market demand and deliver significant returns to shareholders



High value incremental growth to meet customer demand (cont'd)

- Broadmeadow on schedule for start-up in mid 2005 (3.6Mtpa)
- Dendrobium on schedule for start-up in mid 2005 (3.6Mtpa)
- Queensland coal 52Mtpa – 57Mtpa capacity expansion underway. Includes additional mining equipment, prep. plant upgrades and 132Mbcm of contract stripping. Expected completion mid 2005
- Announced today: the next stage of the Queensland coal expansion program which will increase production capacity to 59Mtpa by the 2nd half of 2006. Capital cost is expected to be US\$175 million (BHP Billiton share US\$87.5 million)
- This announcement includes the expansion of throughput capacity at the BMA-owned Hay Point Coal Terminal from 34Mtpa to 40Mtpa

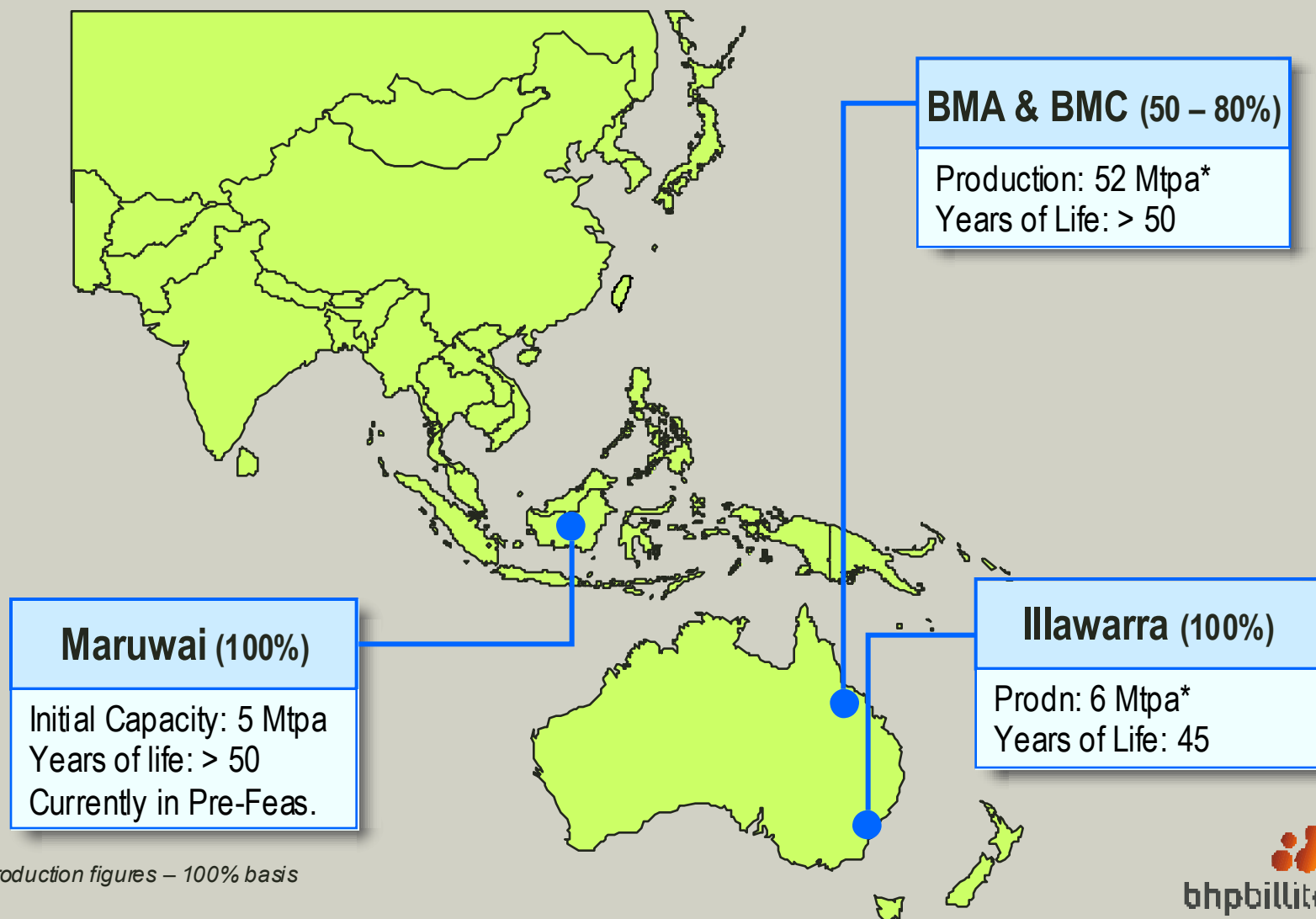


BHP Billiton - the premier supplier of metallurgical coal to the global steel industry

- BHP Billiton is the world's largest supplier of seaborne metallurgical coal - market share ~30%
- Coal supplied to more than 80 customers in 28 countries across the globe
- FY2004 highlights include record production and shipments of 52 million tonnes from the Queensland Coal operations
- Continued increase in demand will be met through both brownfield and greenfield growth options in Australia and Indonesia. Other global opportunities are also being investigated



Long life, tier 1 metallurgical coal assets



*FY2004 production figures – 100% basis

Steel and Metallurgical Coal Market Outlook

Andrew Offen

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What has changed?

More robust view of global steel demand and hence crude steel and pig iron production

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Increasing likelihood that the blast furnace/BOF will increase or at least maintain share of steel production

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Coke shock: high and volatile prices, increased fears over security of supply

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Steelmakers' announcements of investments in new or refurbished coke capacity to increase self-sufficiency



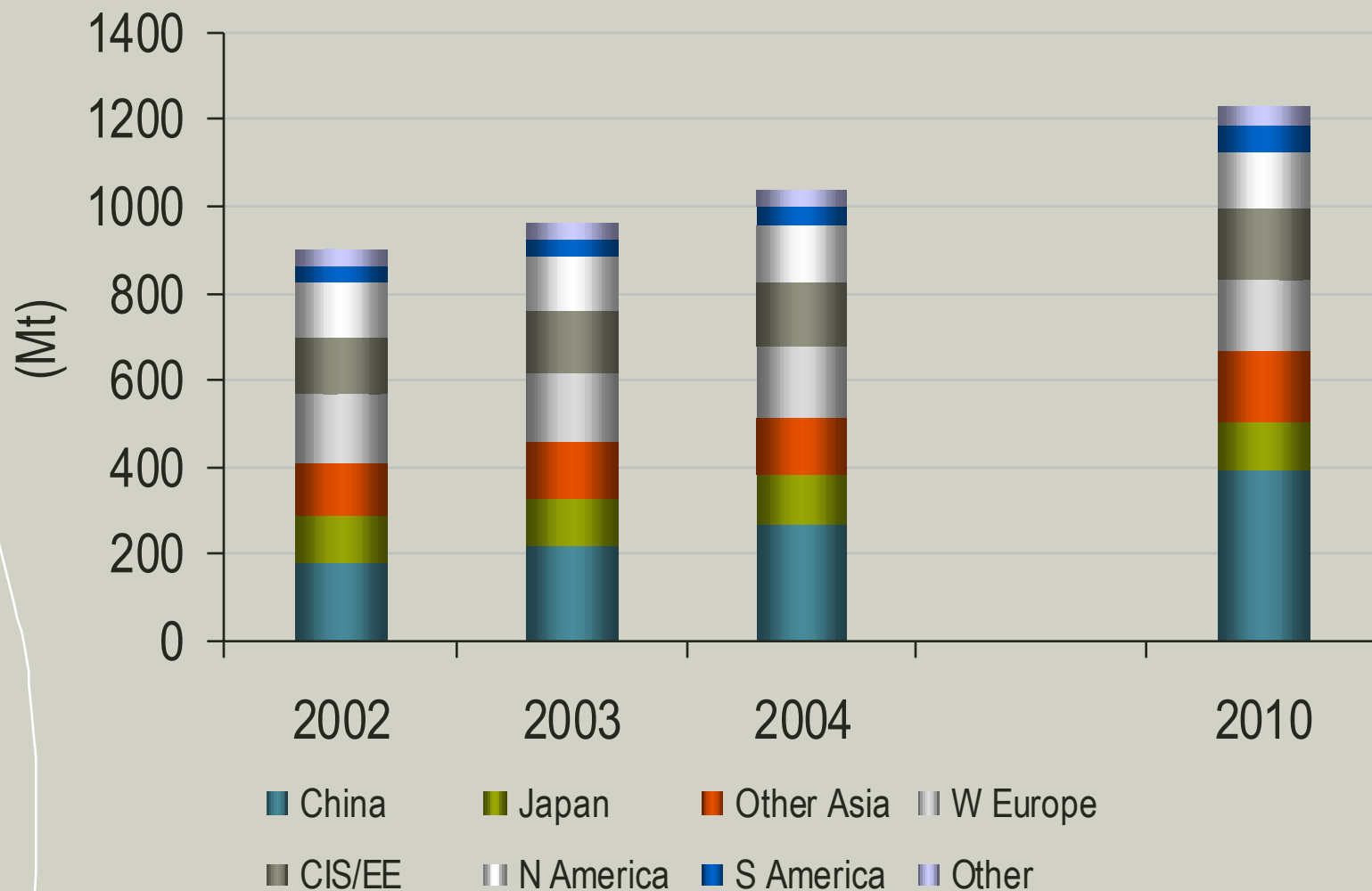
Global steel outlook and trends

- Global economic environment remains very positive for steel demand
 - Chinese steel demand strong
 - Signs of improved demand growth in the US, Brazil and India
- Additional Chinese steel making capacity being built
- Chinese import demand sustaining high global production
 - Japan, Korea, CIS all benefiting
- Global steel inventories balanced
- High probability of seeing 1 billion tonne production of crude steel this year

STEEL DEMAND PICTURE VERY ROBUST

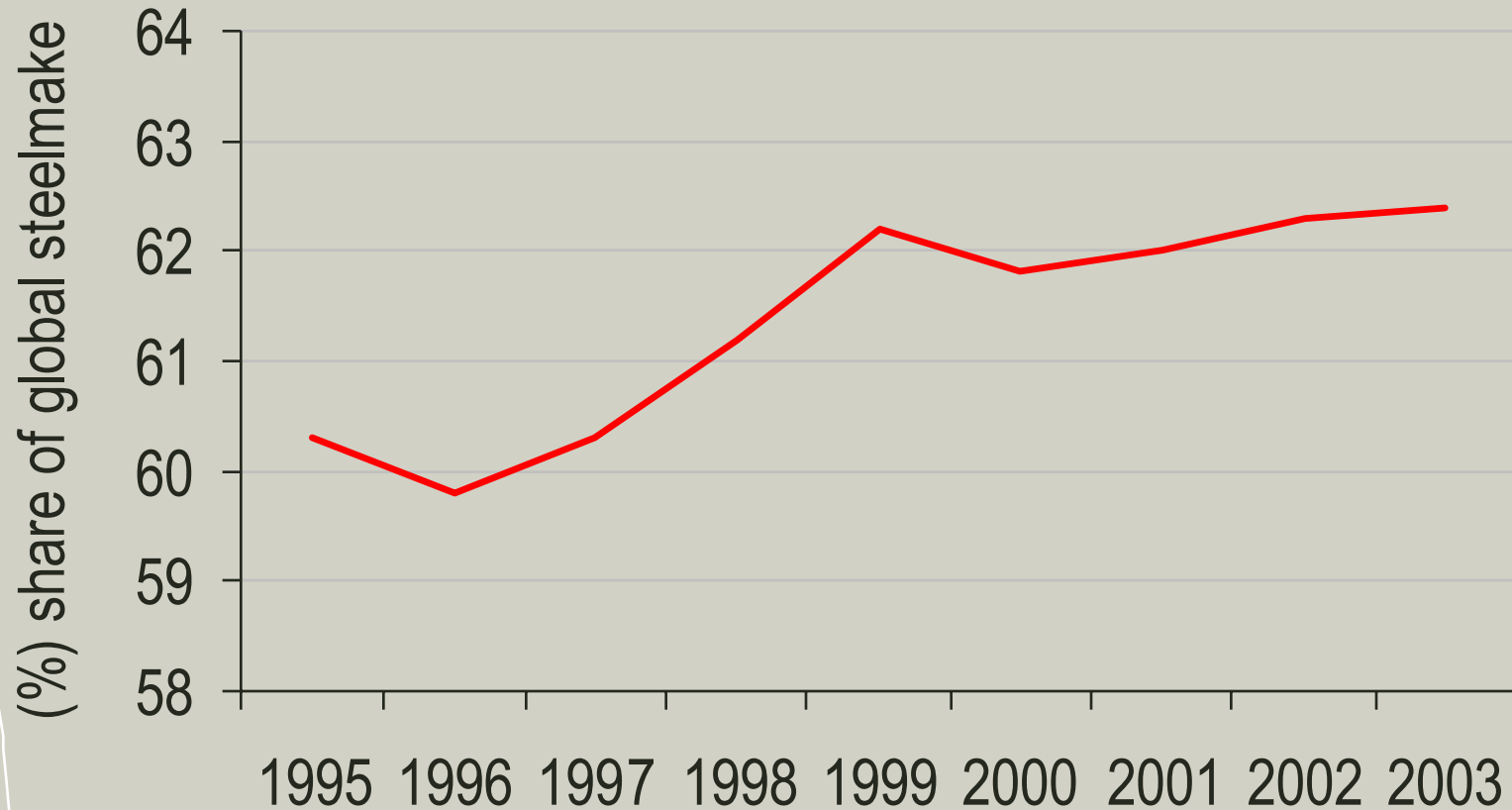


Global steel production outlook



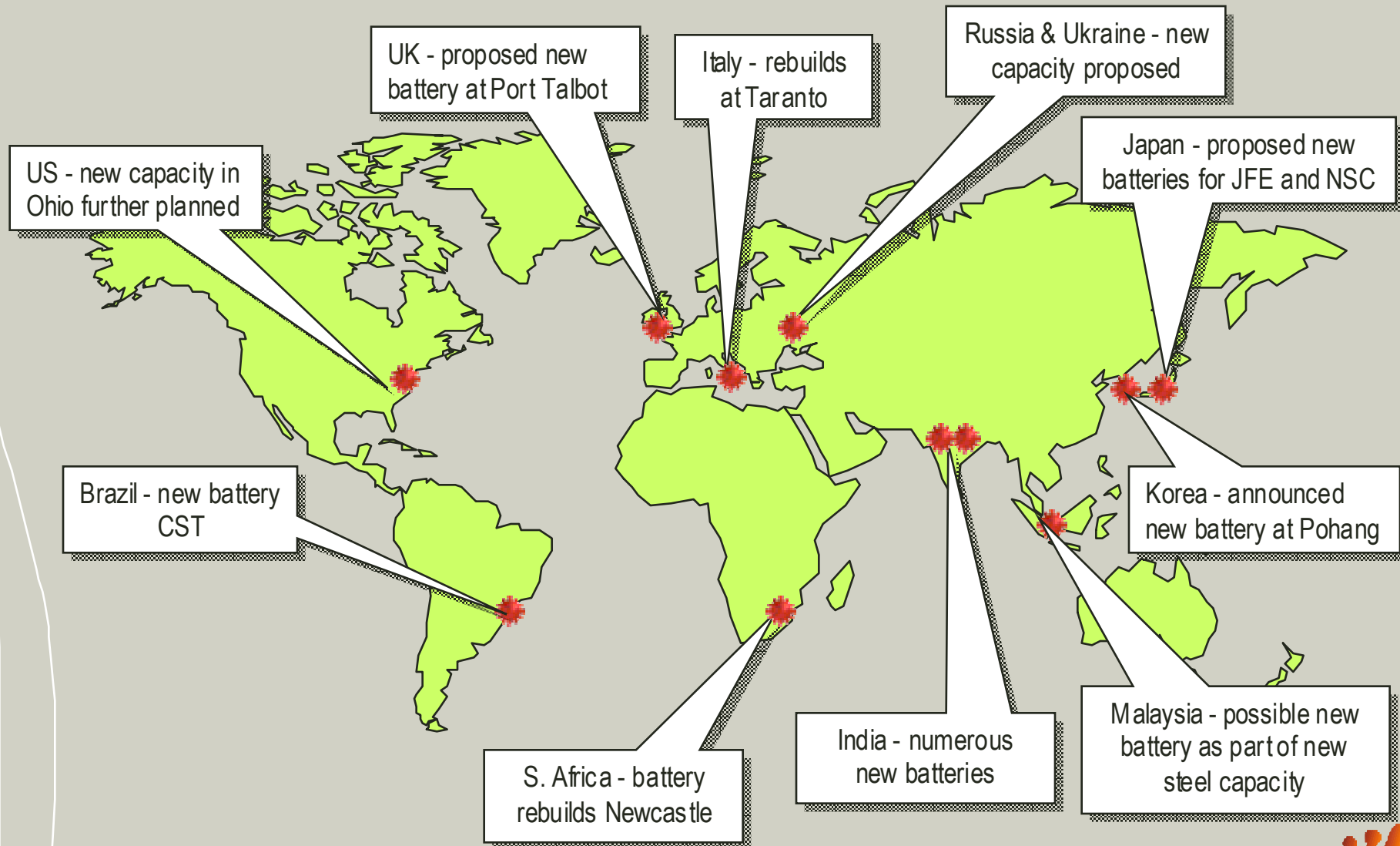
Source: IISI & CRU

Blast Furnace/BOF maintaining market share



Source: BHP Billiton

Our major customers are building/planning new coke battery capacity

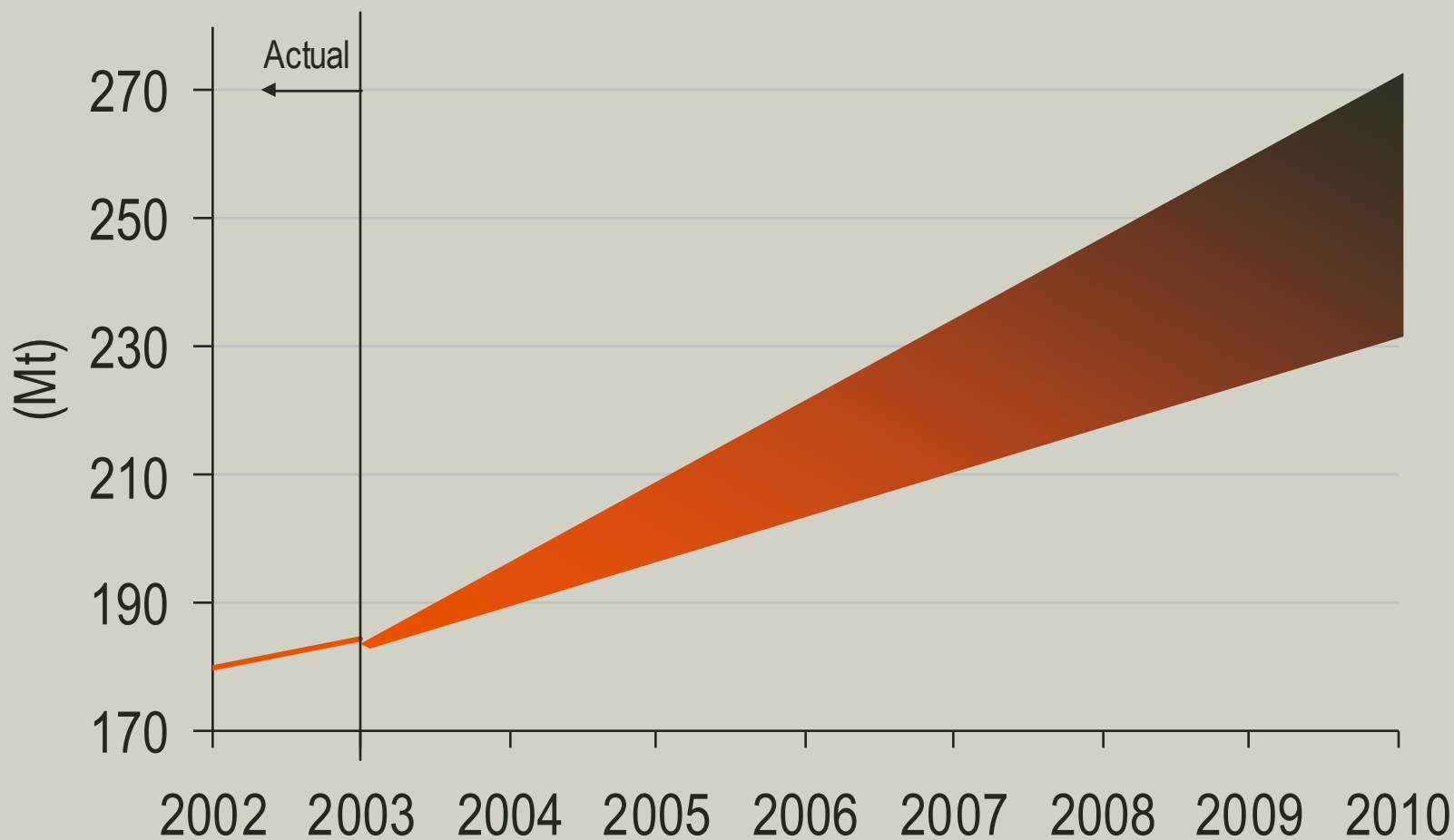


Source Market sources and public announcements



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Seaborne metallurgical coal demand outlook



Source: BHP Billiton

Increased supply will not be sufficient to meet increased demand

SEABORNE SUPPLY GROWTH

- Queensland
- Canada
- China
- USA (swing)
- New Zealand
- New South Wales
- Indonesia/Venezuela/Vietnam (weak coking coal and PCI)
- Potentially Russia, Mongolia, Mozambique



Less than

SEABORNE DEMAND GROWTH

- Increasing coke production by traditional customers
 - Japan, Europe, India, Brazil, South Korea
- New growth opportunities
 - China, India, Brazil, Eastern Europe, Germany, USA, SE Asia

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High value growth to meet customer demand ~ 100Mtpa capacity by 2010

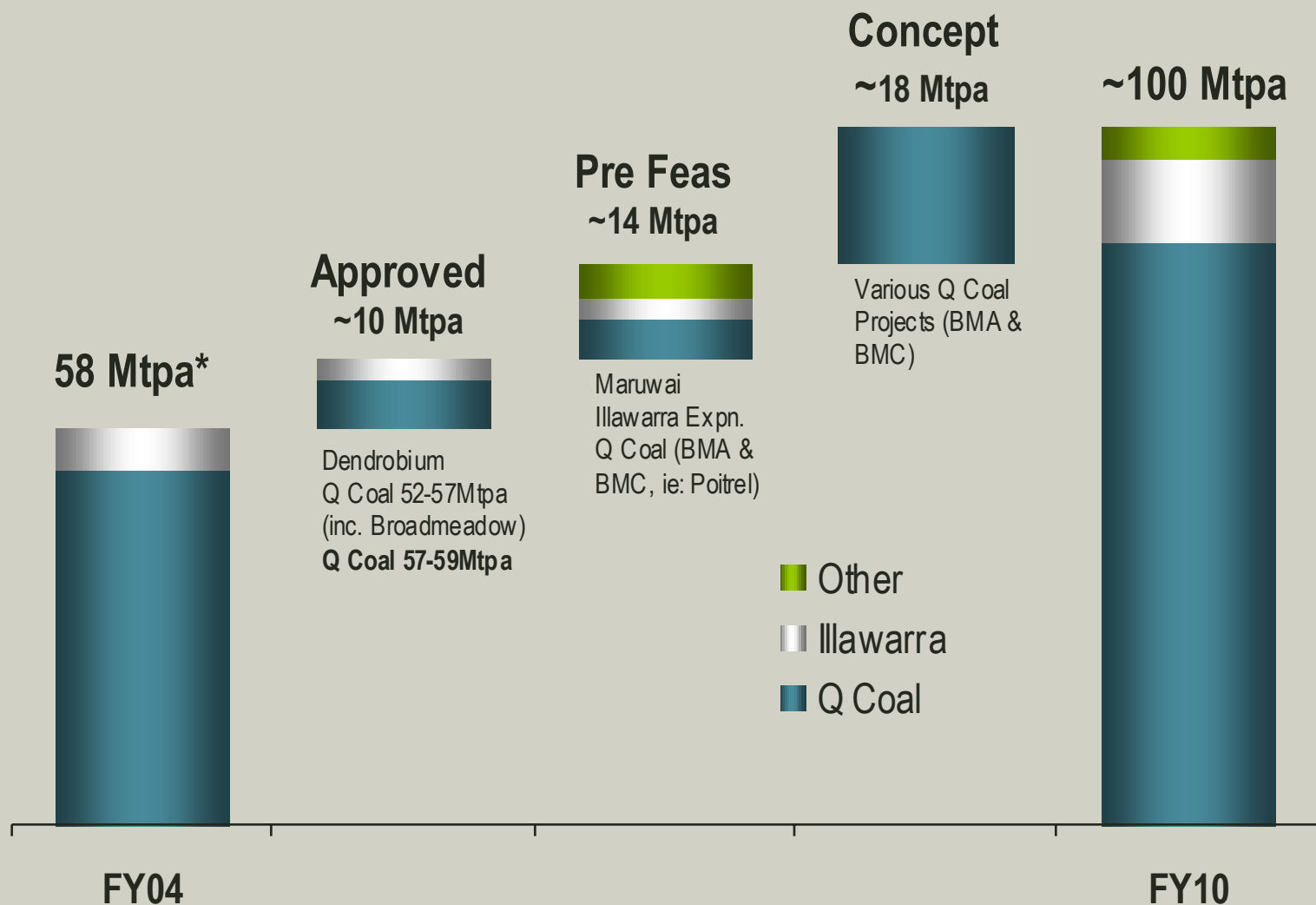
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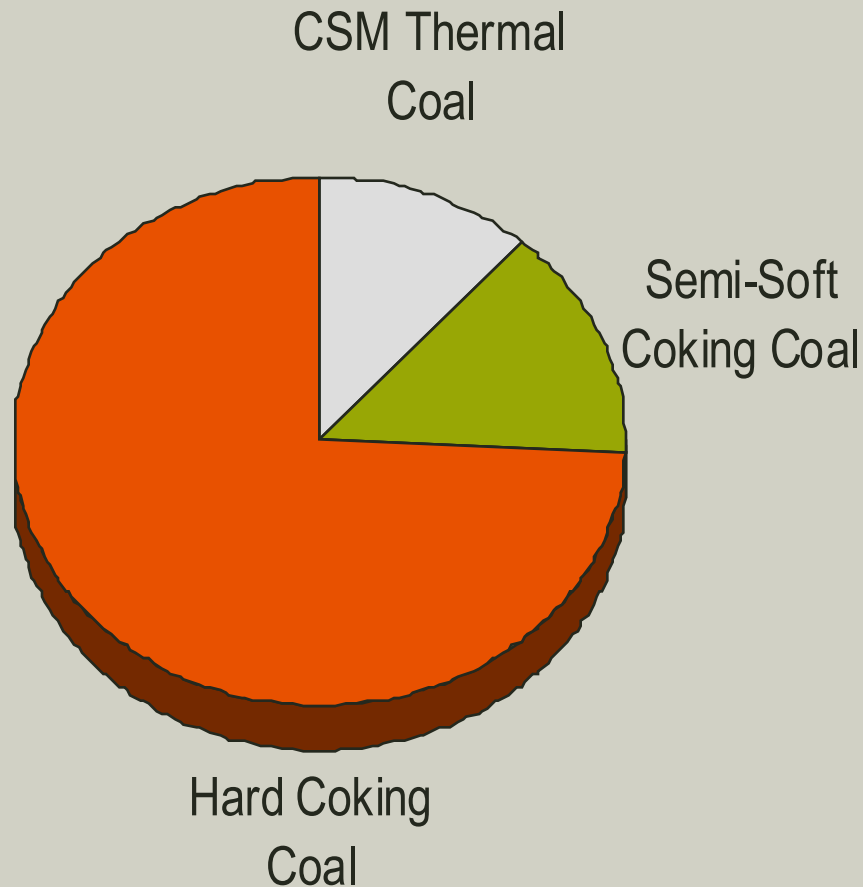


High value incremental growth to ~100Mtpa capacity



*All production figures are quoted on a 100% equity basis

The majority of capacity expansion tonnes will be HCC



Expansion: 42 Mtpa

- 70% hard coking coal
- 15% semi soft coking coal
- 15% thermal coal
- Majority brownfields

Queensland Coal: current growth projects and additional infrastructure access - **update**

- Queensland Rail
 - 8Mtpa additional capacity contracted since mid 2003 - and a further 8Mtpa secured to support continued growth
- Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal
 - 3Mtpa additional capacity secured
- Broadmeadow
 - On schedule for start-up mid 2005 (3.6Mtpa)
- Blackwater Prep. Plant
 - On schedule for start-up late 2005 (14Mtpa)



Queensland Coal: 52Mtpa to 57Mtpa expansion – update

- 132Mbcm of contract stripping – additional operating cost over ~ 2 years
- Additional mobile mining equipment at Norwich Park, Peak Downs, Saraji and Goonyella
- Saraji prep. plant upgrade
- Peak Downs prep. plant improvement
- Capital cost US\$94 million (US\$47 million BHP Billiton share)
- On schedule for completion in mid 2005



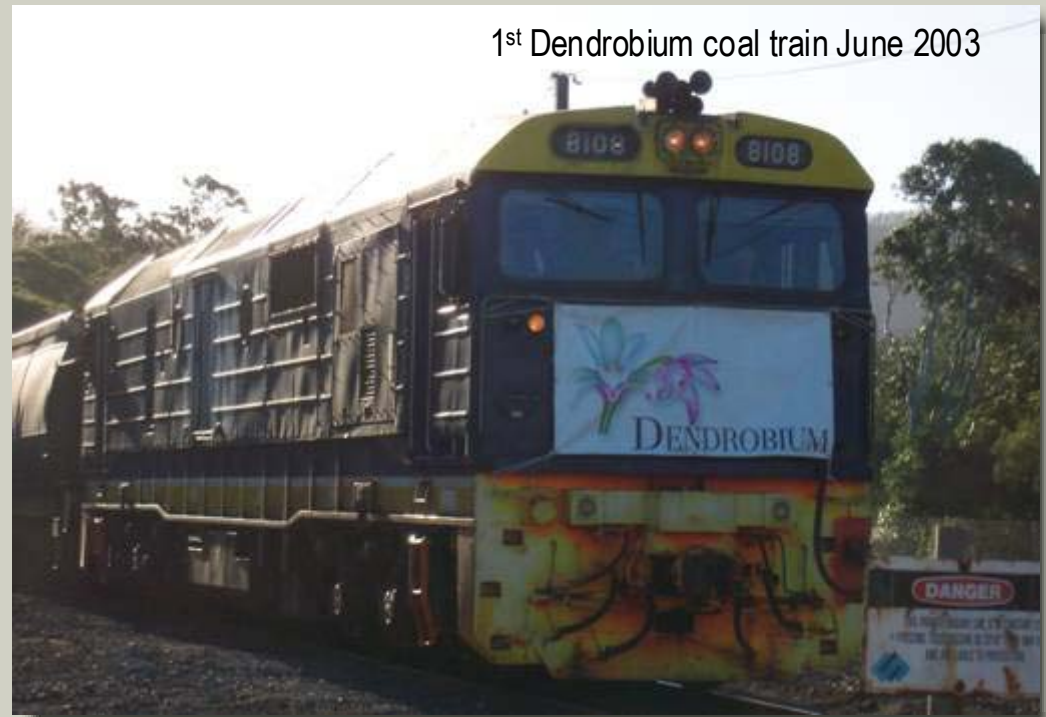
Queensland Coal: 57Mtpa to 59Mtpa – announced today

- Hay Point Coal Terminal Expansion + 6Mtpa (34Mtpa - 40Mtpa)
- Additional mobile mining equipment at Saraji and Goonyella
- 32Mbcm contract stripping at Saraji – additional operating cost over ~ 3 years
- Complete 2nd half 2006
- Capital cost US\$175M
(BHP Billiton share US\$87.5M)
- ~US\$100 million of the capital cost (BHP Billiton share US\$50 million) relates to expenditure on the Hay Point port facilities to allow further expansions of the Queensland coal business



Illawarra Coal: 7Mtpa to ~14Mtpa* – update

- Dendrobium – On schedule for start-up mid 2005 (3.6Mtpa). Considering incremental expansion + 0.6Mtpa
- New West Cliff longwall in production
- Future growth will focus initially on debottlenecking at Appin & West Cliff
- Possible investment in an additional longwall unit



**Includes depletion of Elouera*

Maruwai discovery: potential coking coal province - update

- The Maruwai discovery is located in Central/East Kalimantan and contains a range of coals
- Our vision is for a long term integrated basin development
- Expect to start with high quality HCC development of up to 5Mtpa
- River barging likely transport option
- Contractor operation likely
- Pre-Feasibility Study near completion
- Expect to complete Feasibility Study end 2005



Conclusion

- Global steel outlook is robust
- The fundamentals of the HCC market are strong and demand is growing globally
- BHP Billiton and its partners are best placed to close the supply-demand gap.
 - Expansions to 100Mtpa will be brought on line incrementally – in line with customer demand
 - First stage approved and underway
 - Expansions will be strongly NPV positive
 - Unparalleled market position and knowledge

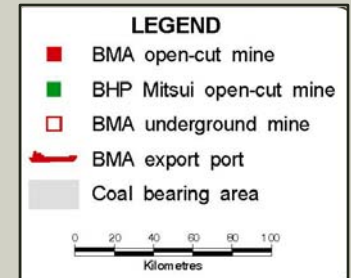


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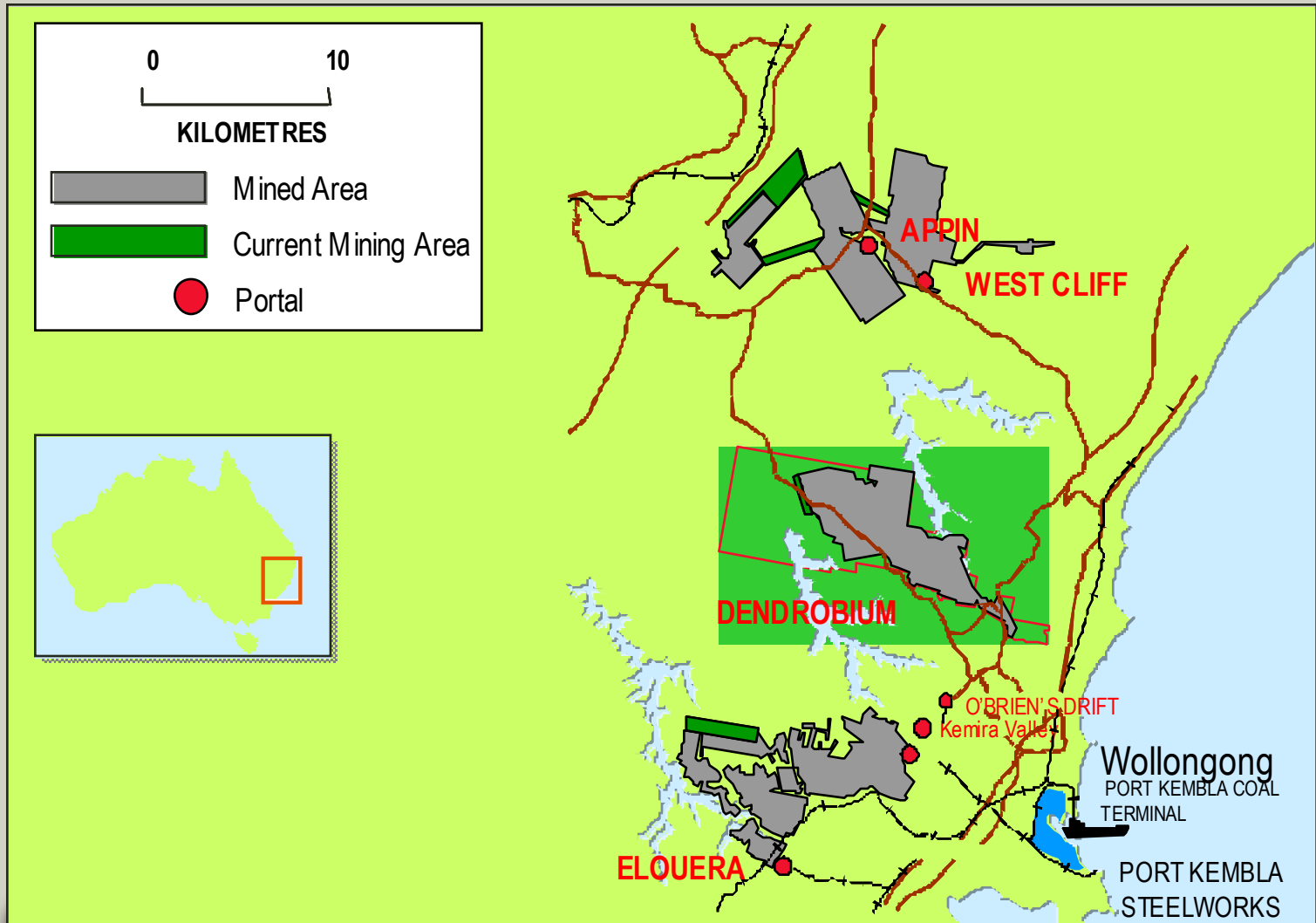


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BHP Billiton Queensland Coal Operations



BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal Operations



BHP Billiton Maruwai Discovery

