

Australia-Japan Joint Business Conference

‘Why the world has adequate resources of iron ore for the future’

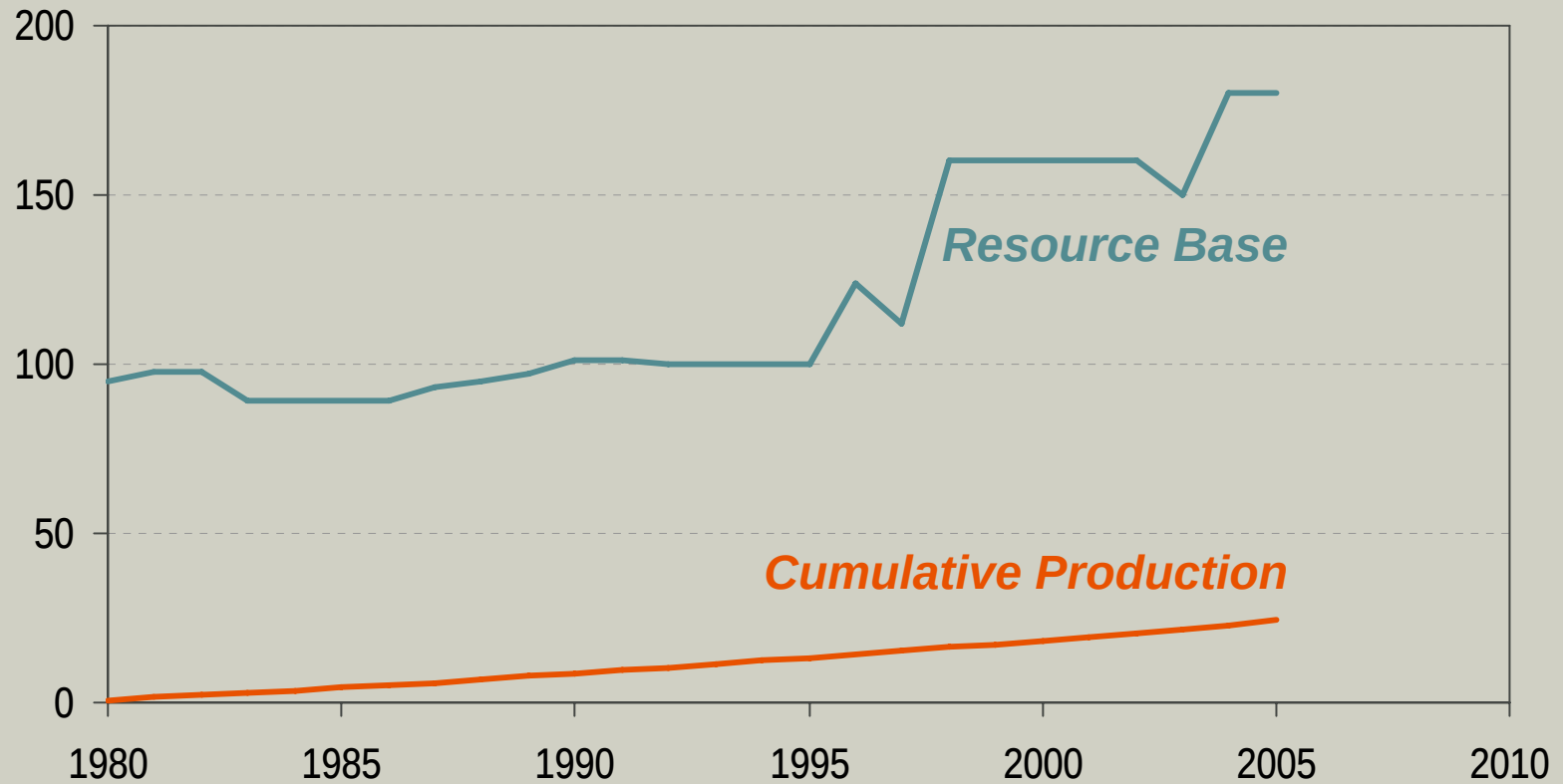
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Global Iron Ore resources are large and growing

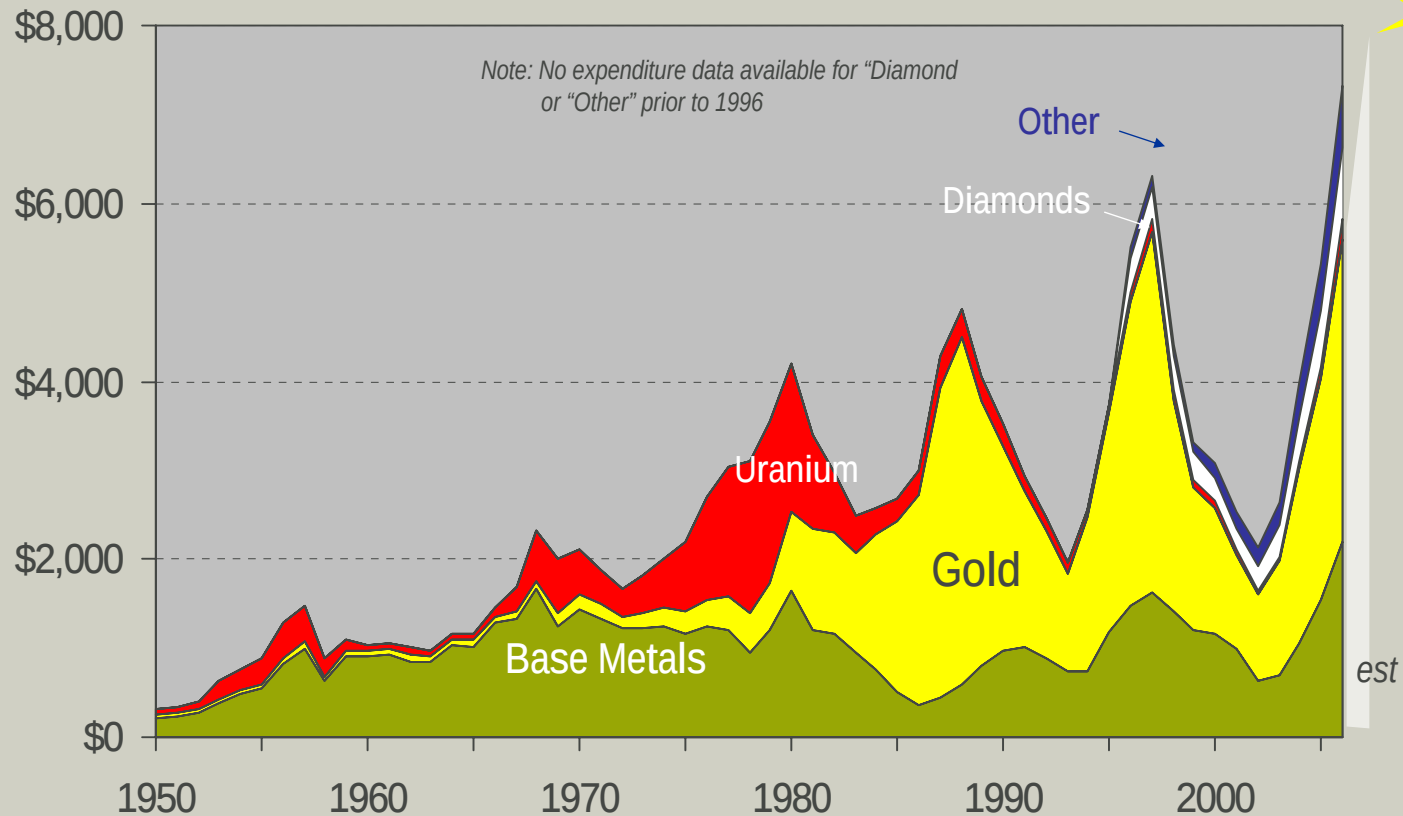
Billion Tonnes of Ore



Source: US Geological Survey

The Exploration Business is highly cyclical

Western World Exploration Expenditures (2006\$m)

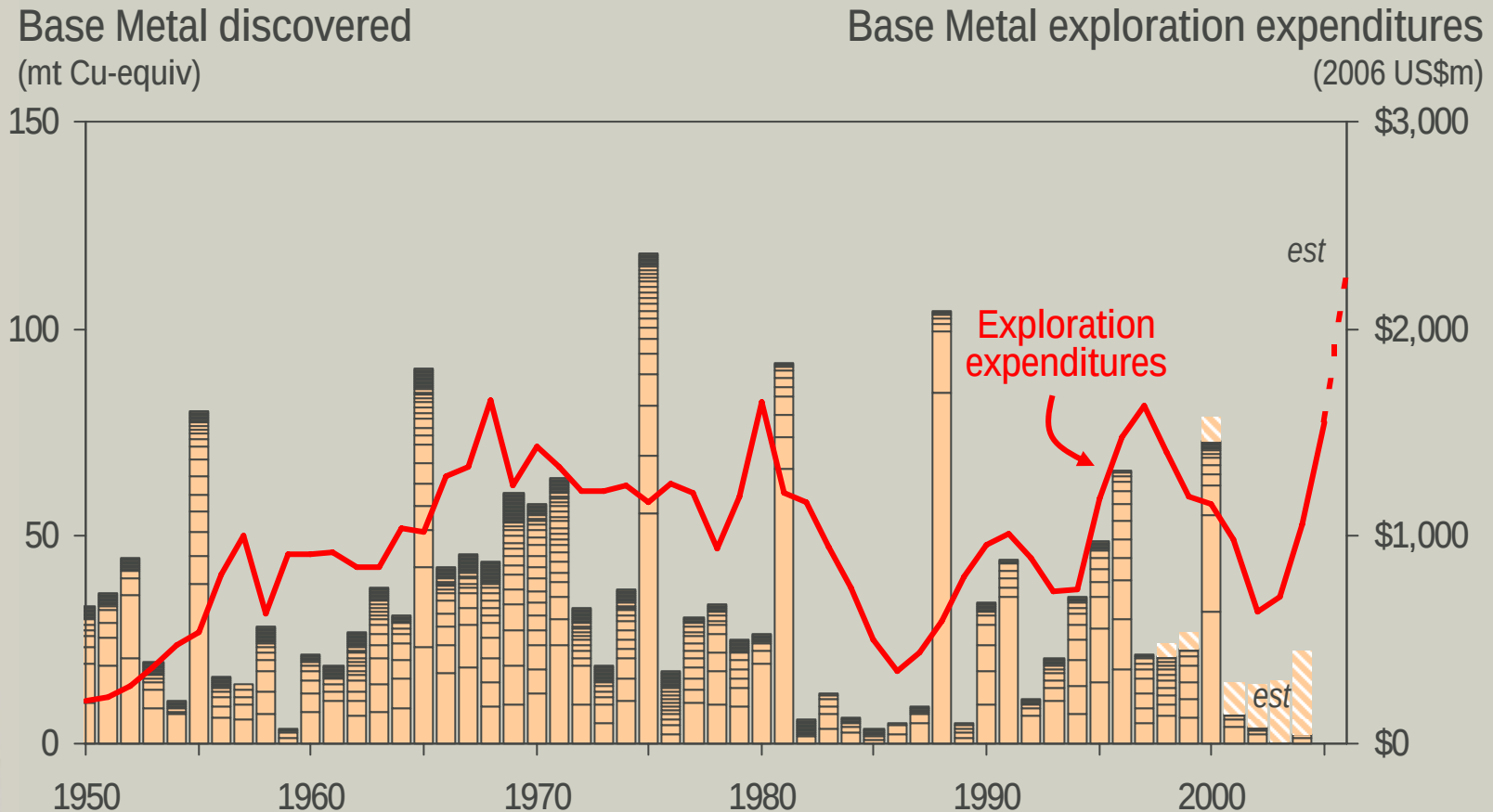


Grassroots + Advanced Exploration expenditures only

Sources: MEG, Mackenzie and BHP Billiton

Exploration expenditures correlate with metal discovered

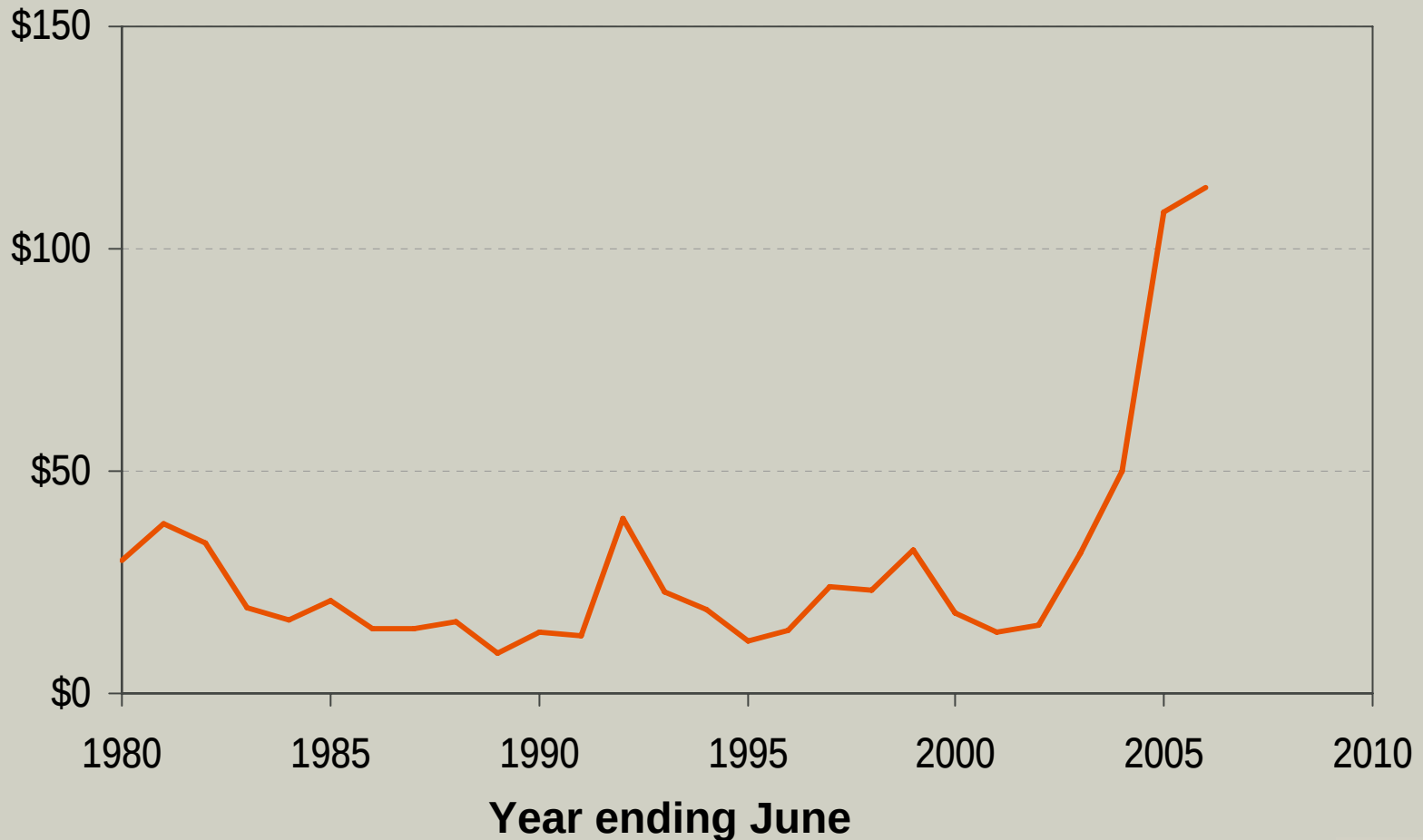
Base Metals (Cu, Ni, Zn, Pb) : western world : 1950-2006



Source: BHP Billiton September 2006

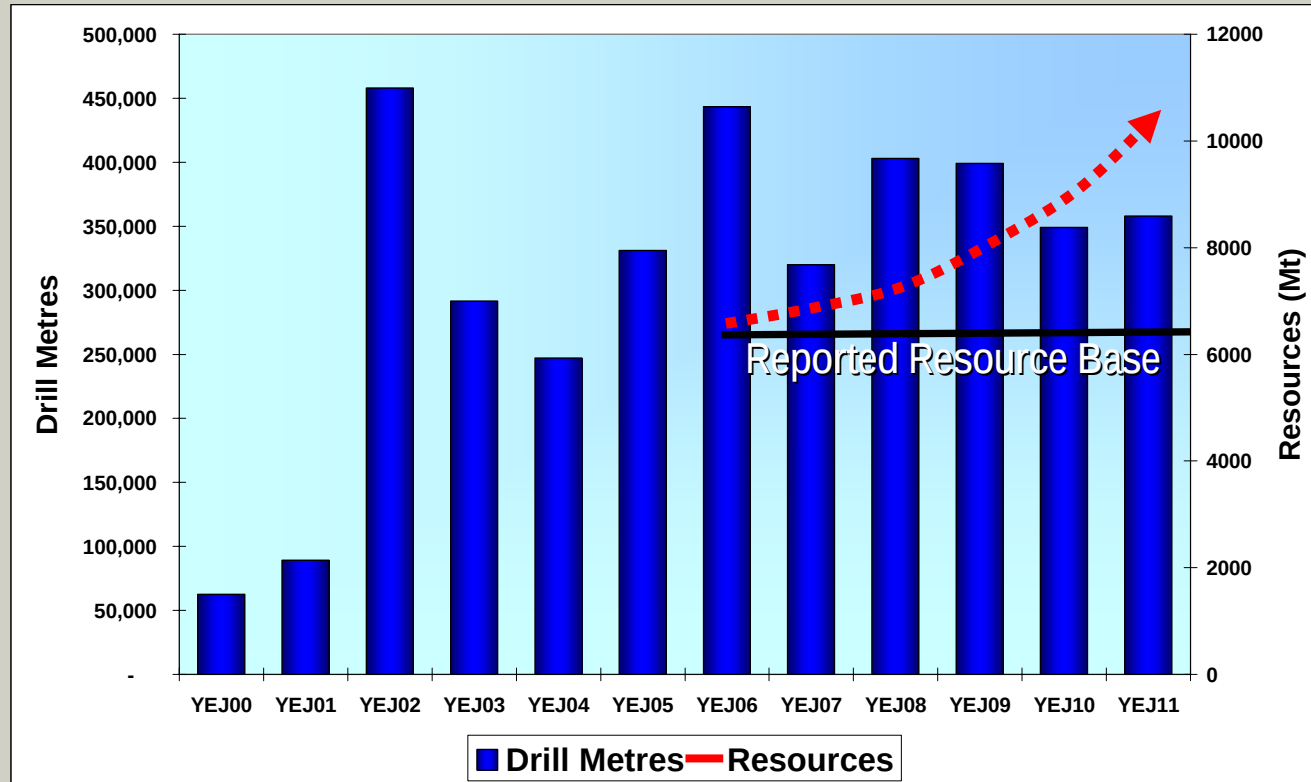
Expenditures on Iron Ore exploration in Australia

US\$ Million in constant 2006 dollars



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Aggressive Five year program to further grow the Resource Base



Long-term sustainable drilling program to define the size and properties of BHP Billiton Iron Ore's resources.

After a ramp-up in drilling to meet the current growth and ensure consistent high-quality products, the current and future emphasis is on growing our total resource base.

Active Focus on developing new Iron Ore Provinces

