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Key messages

- Safely run 100% of our assets at 100% capacity, 100% of the time
- Delivering on committed projects
- Options for low cost stable operations
- Sound long run margins
- Substantial resource base
- Superior technology advantages
- Part of BHP Billiton and hence ability to invest countercyclical to nickel market
- Nickel West acquisition is value accretive



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Overview of our Business

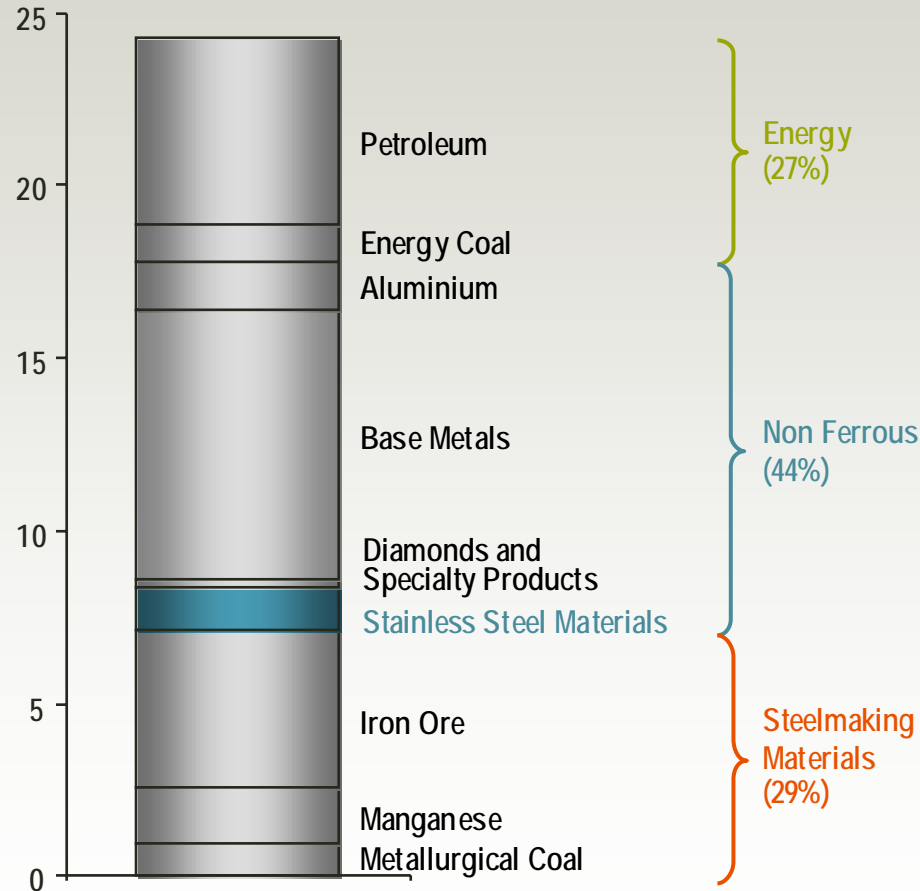
Stainless Steel Materials Performance

Growth Options

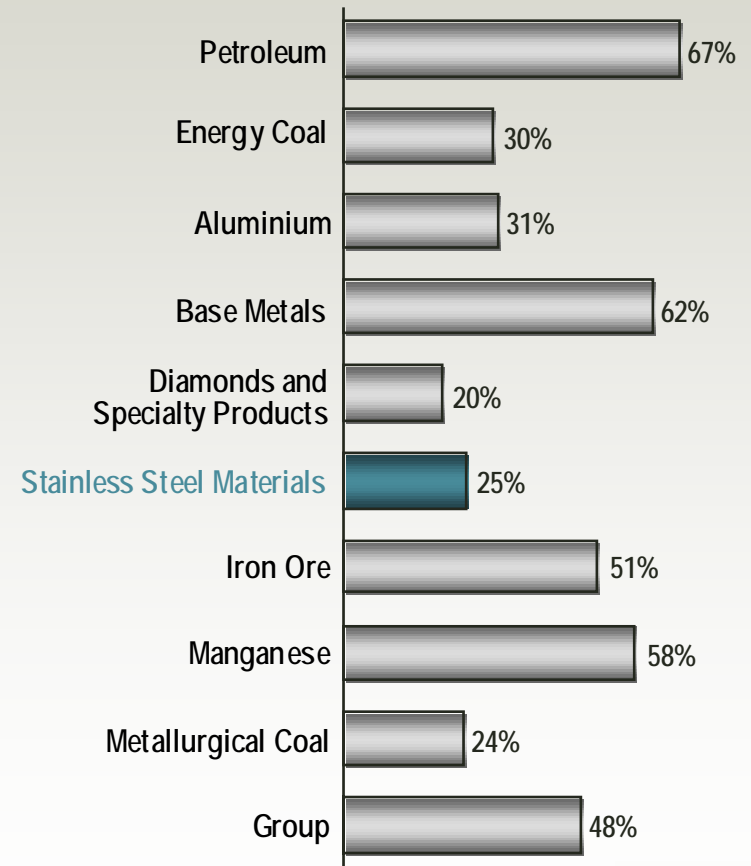
Competitive Advantages

Stainless Steel Materials in the BHP Billiton portfolio

Underlying EBIT
(FY2008, US\$bn)



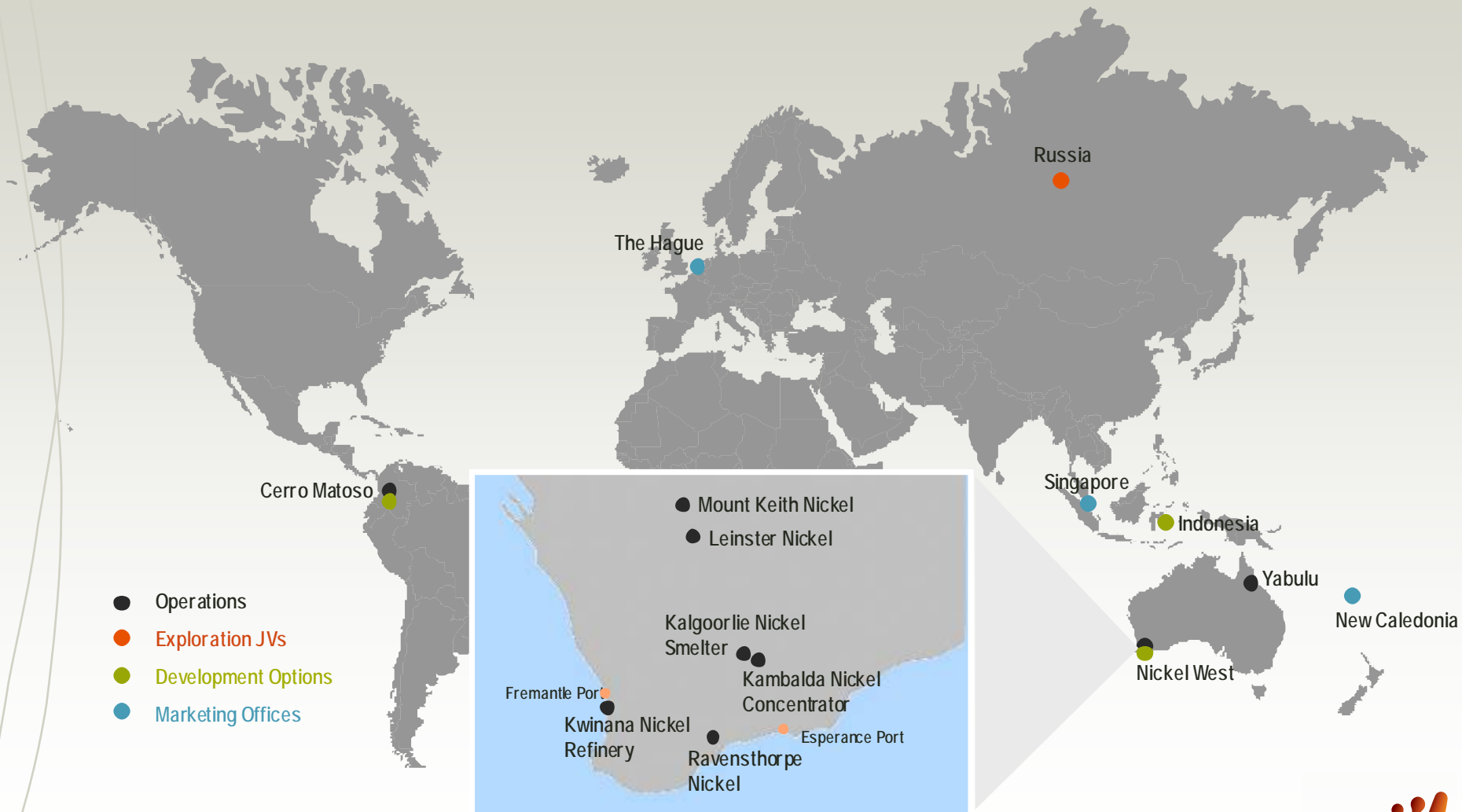
Underlying EBIT Margin^(a)
(FY2008)



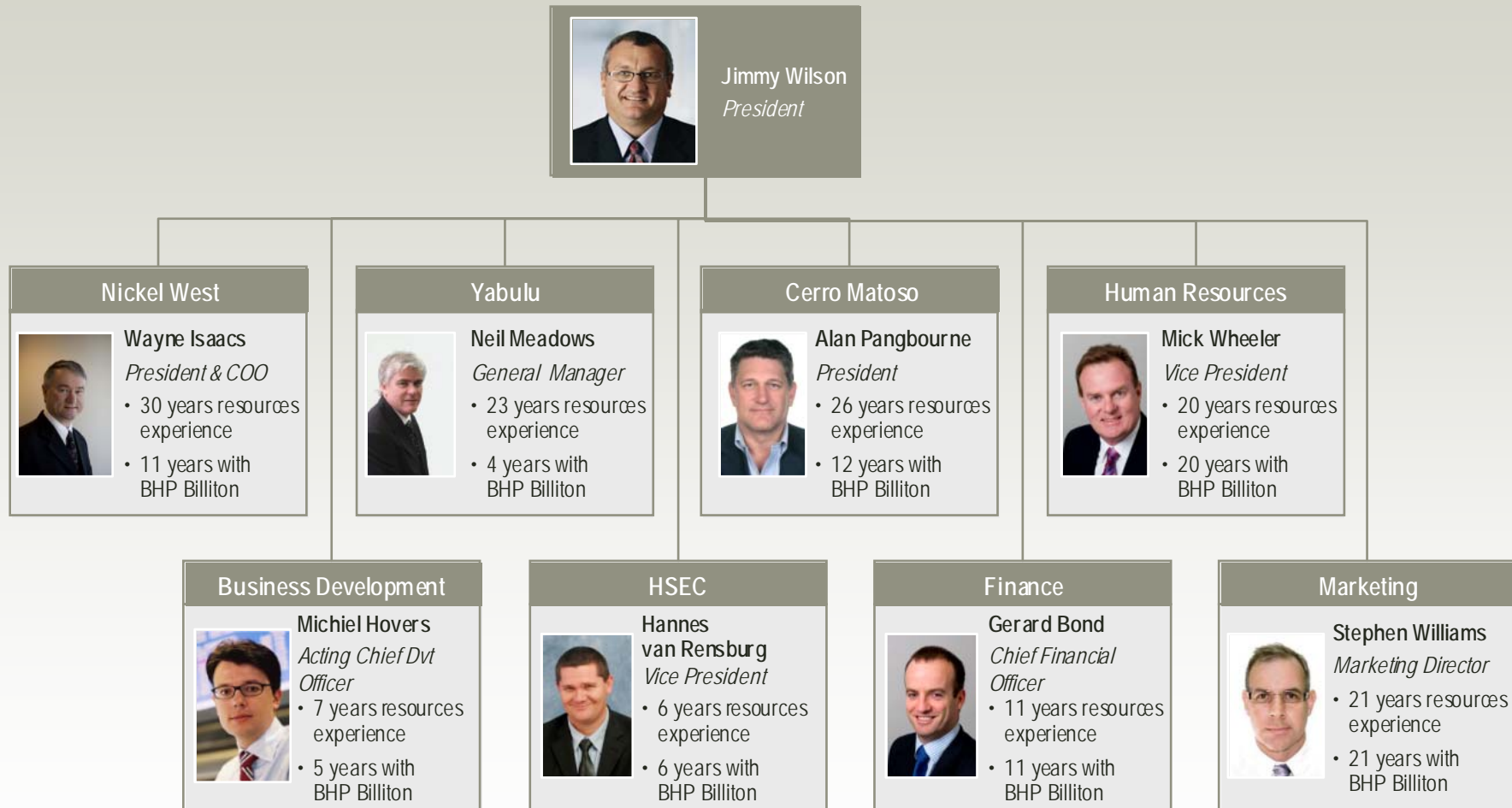
Notes:

a) EBIT Margin excludes third party trading activities.

SSM global footprint



Experienced management team



Note: Stephen Williams reports jointly to Jimmy Wilson, President Stainless Steel Materials and Tommy Schutte, President Marketing

Focus to deliver value

Safely run assets at full potential

- Continuously driving a Zero Harm culture
- Continuous focus on business optimisation and reliable production
- Recruit, develop and retain the right people

Deliver current projects

- Ramp-up Ravensthorpe / Yabulu extension
- Nickel West growth projects

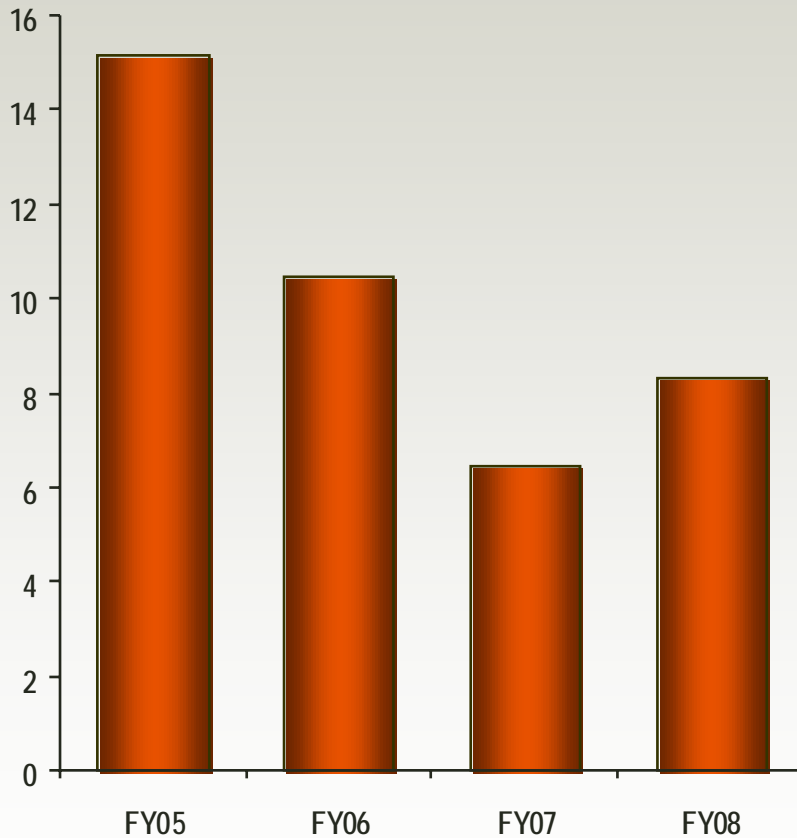
Future Growth options

- Cerro Matoso
- Nickel West
- Indonesia
- Exploration



Focus on safety

SSM – Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate¹ (TRIFR)



1. Excludes Ravenshorpe.

• Key areas of focus

- Elimination of fatal risks
- Elimination of catastrophic risks
- Creating operational stability, key driver to improve safety performance
- Improving the quality of our Field Leadership process
- Working with contract partners
- Nickel exposure reduction

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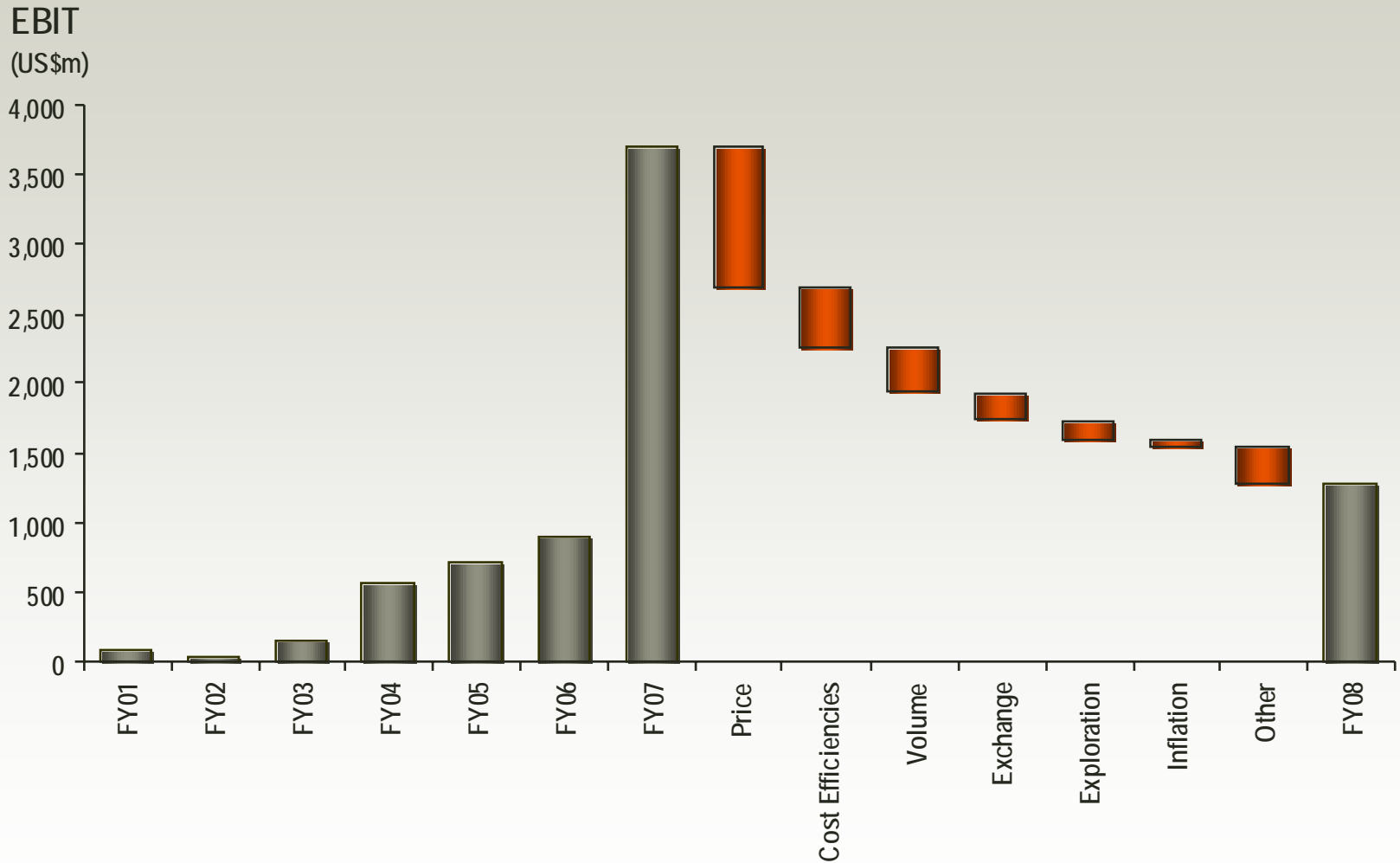
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SSM financial performance



Note: FY02 to FY05 shown on the basis of UKEAAP subsequent periods are calculated under IFRS. FY05 include one month of results for Nickel West (June). Subsequent years includes a full year of results from Nickel West.

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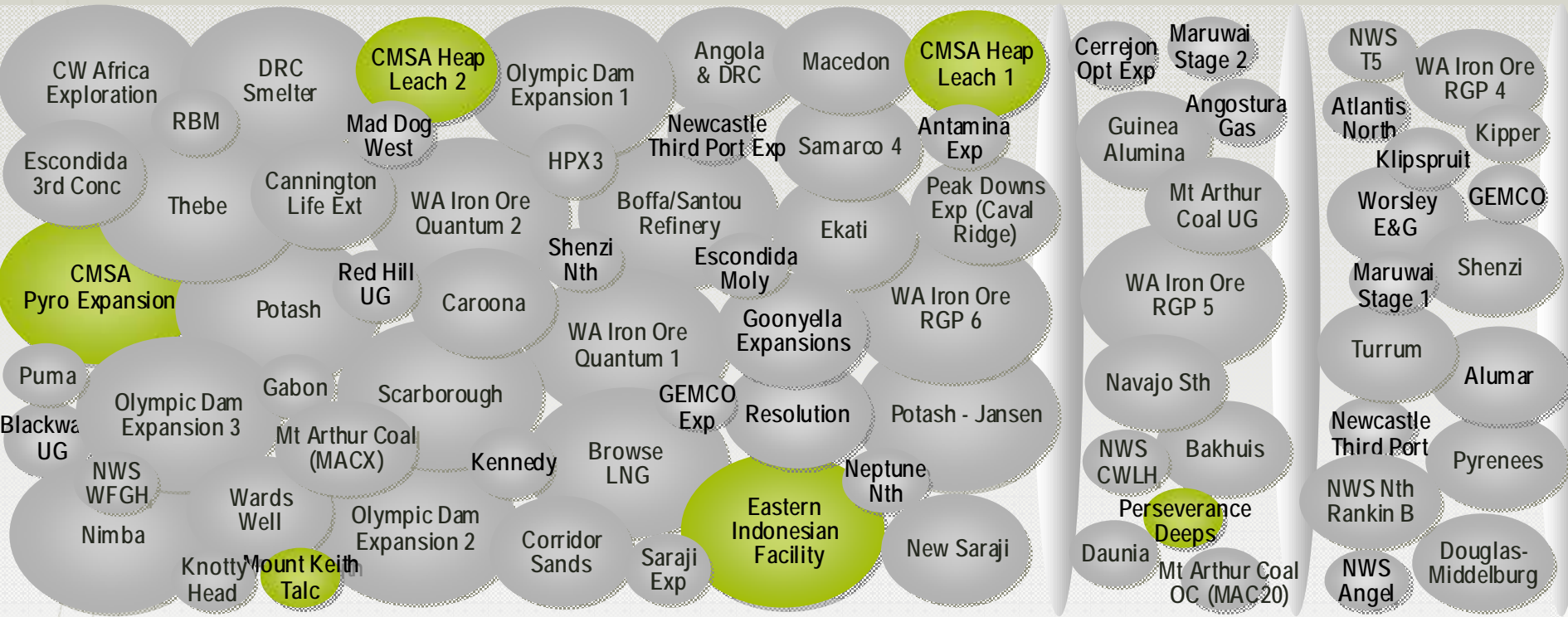
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SSM growth options in the pipeline



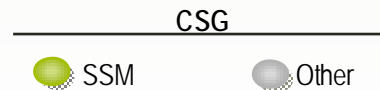
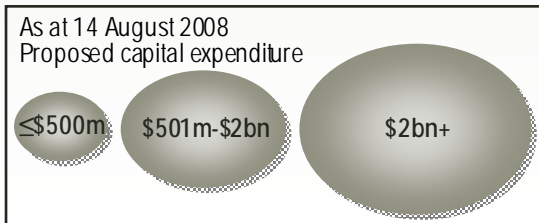
Future Options

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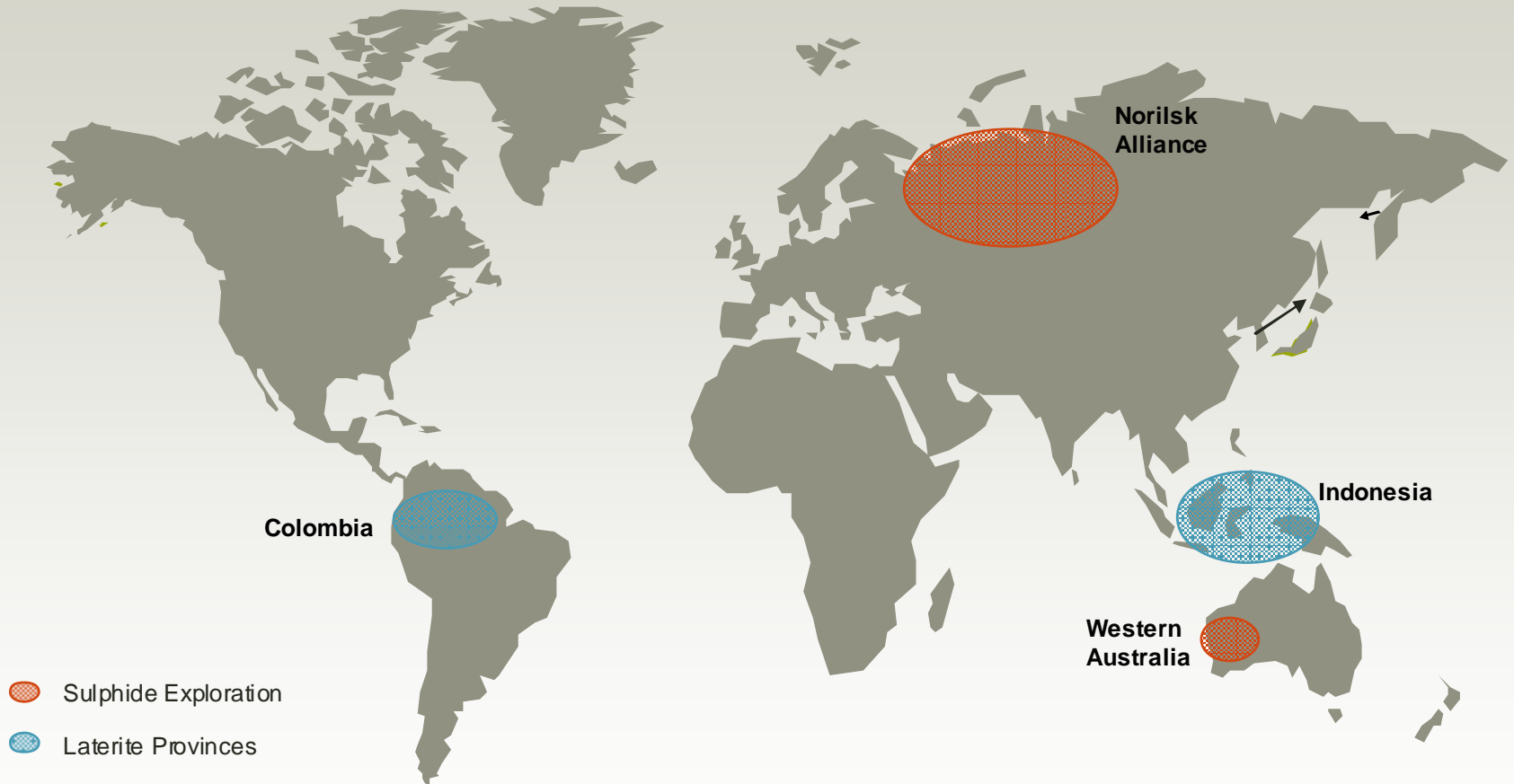
Feasibility

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Execution



Exploration focused on tier 1 opportunities



- Brownfields exploration to expand our WA and Colombia production
- Greenfields exploration of Tier 1 opportunities

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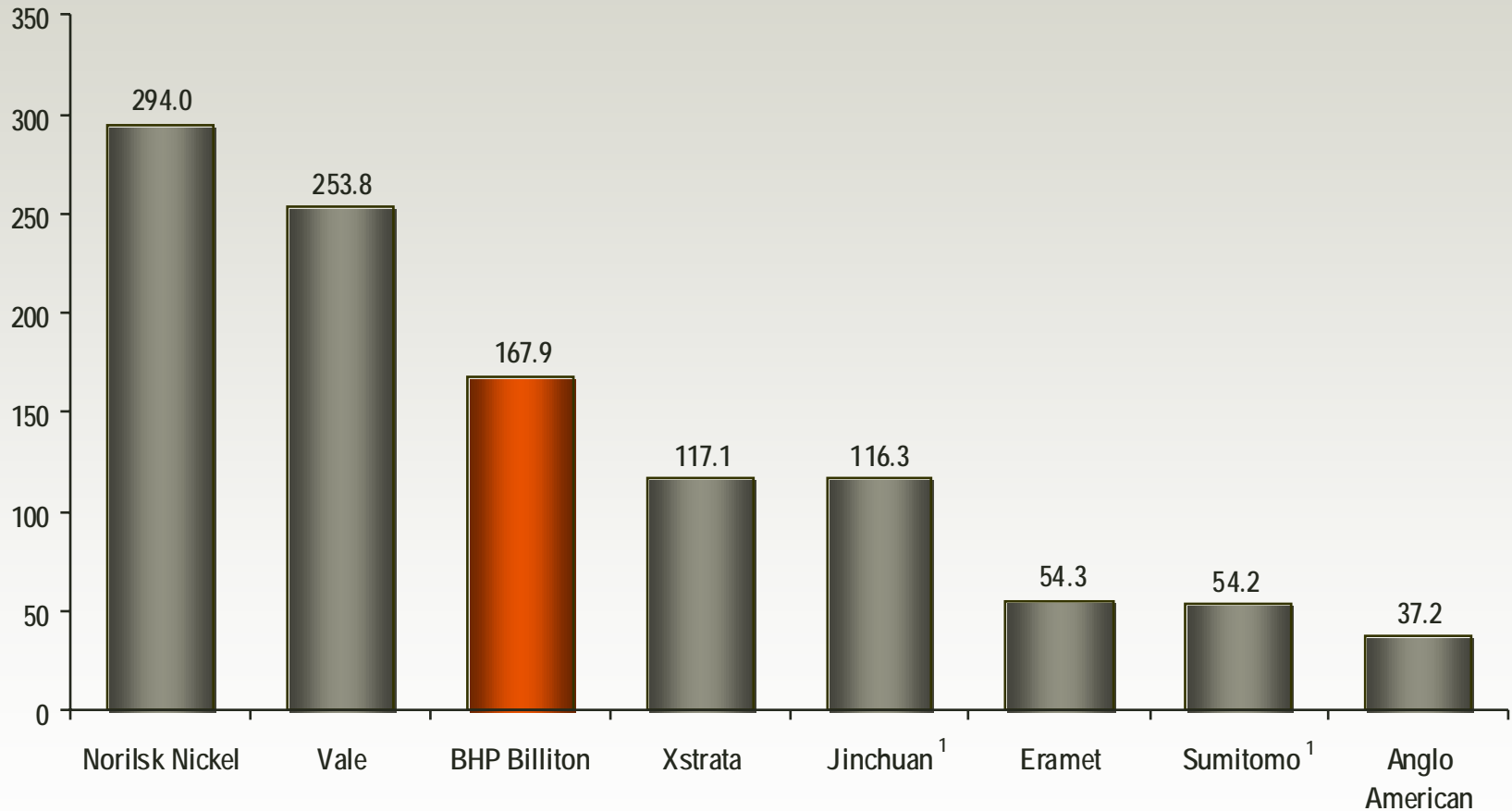
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BHP Billiton ranks as the No. 3 nickel producer

Production in year ending June 2008

(kt Ni)



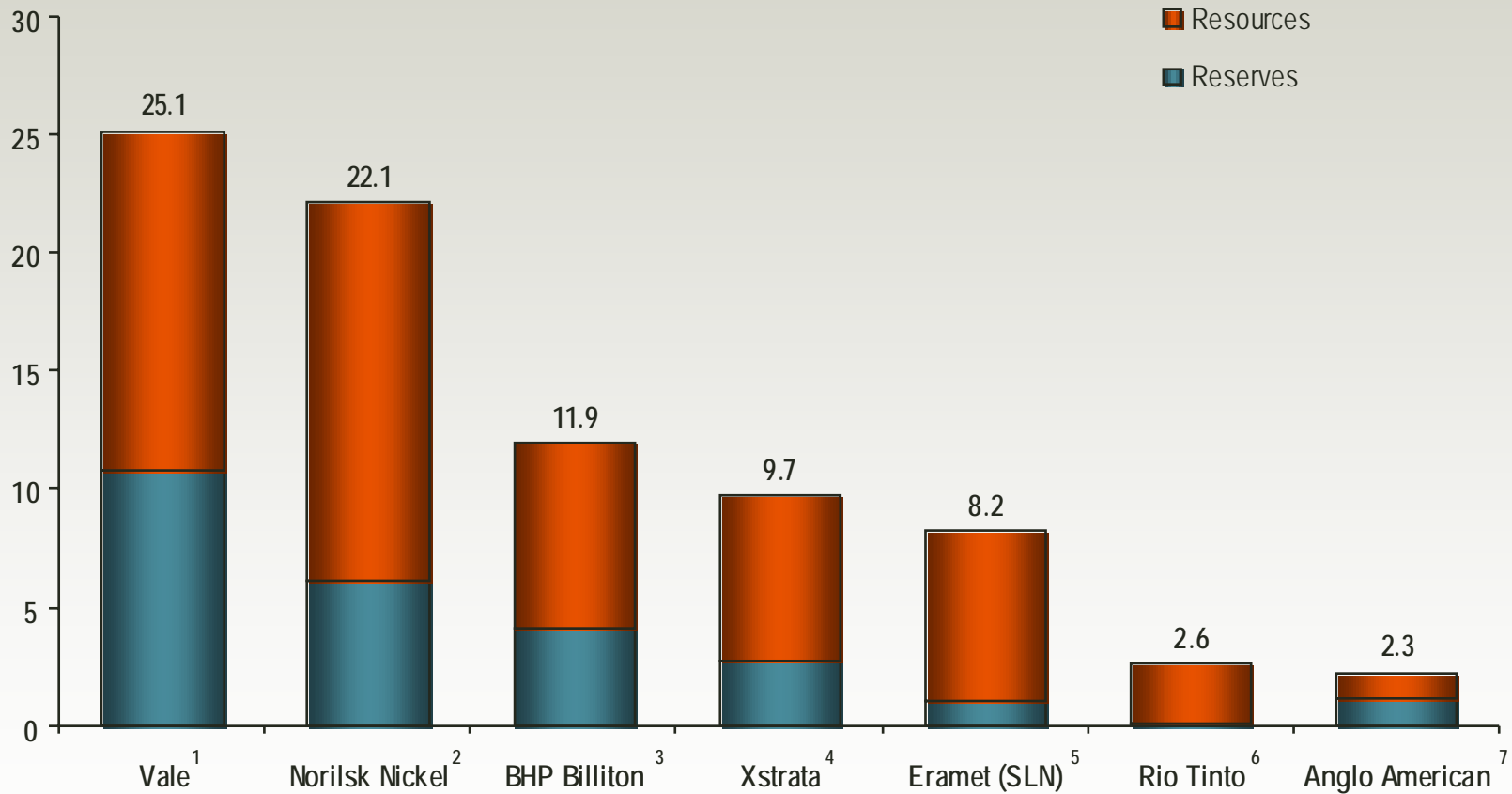
Source: Company Annual and Production reports. All production figures incorporate third party ore purchases where appropriate.

¹ CRU.

Resources to fulfil our future growth aspirations

Ni contained

(mt)



1 Reserves 2007 Annual report; Resources July 2007 Investor presentation.

2,4,5,7 2007 Annual reports.

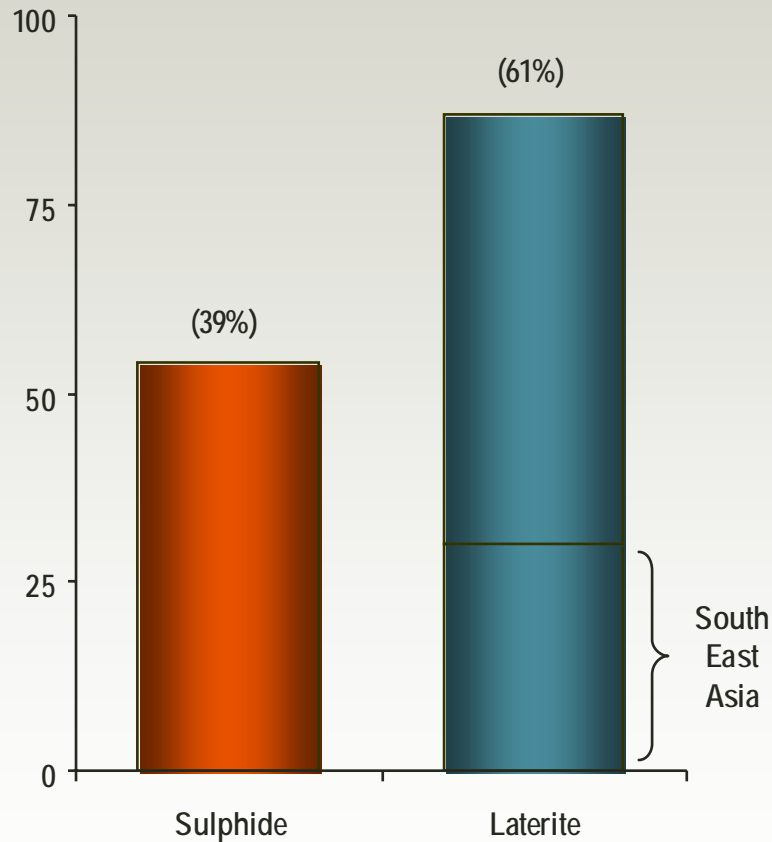
3 Total; full details available in the BHP Billiton Annual Report 2008

6 2007 Annual report & May 2008 company presentation.

Our competitive advantages

Global Nickel Resources

(mt Ni)



Source: BHP Billiton analysis

- **Significant expansion options around existing assets**
 - Cerro Matoso
 - Nickel West
- **Operating know-how across all technologies**
 - Both sulphide and laterite smelting and leaching process employed
 - Most recent experience with Ravensthorpe implementation
- **Proximity to customers and multi sourcing options**

Technology is a critical success factor for the Nickel industry

Sulphide Ores – proven “simple” technology, but exploration driven



- Key considerations:**
- Discovery
 - Mining / deposit depth/grade

Laterite Ores – known deposits, but technology and CapEx driven



- Key considerations:**
- Ore type, Nickel grade and resource intensity
 - Energy cost
 - CapEx



- Key considerations:**
- Nickel grade and resource intensity
 - Sulphur / Acid cost
 - Infrastructure and CapEx

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Nickel and stainless steel market review

Stephen Williams

Marketing Director, Stainless Steel Materials

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Demand and substitution

Supply

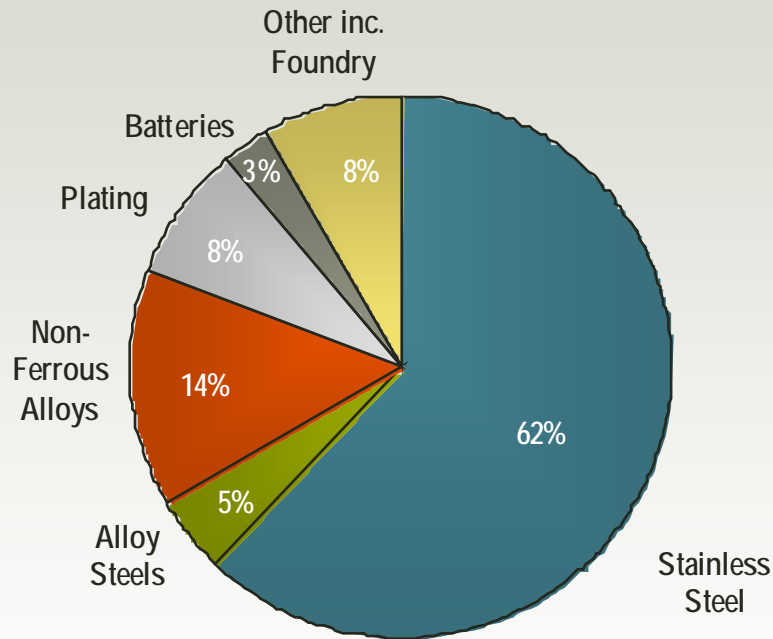
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Nickel and stainless steel market review

- Stainless steel consumption is the key driver for nickel demand
- Stainless steel and nickel are cyclical businesses with pronounced stocking and de-stocking cycles
- Stainless steel demand is expected to remain robust over the long term underpinned by urbanisation and industrialisation of China and other developing economies
- Nickel is a responsive market, increasingly influenced by supply

Stainless steel is the key driver of nickel demand

Nickel Use by Application
(CY 2007)

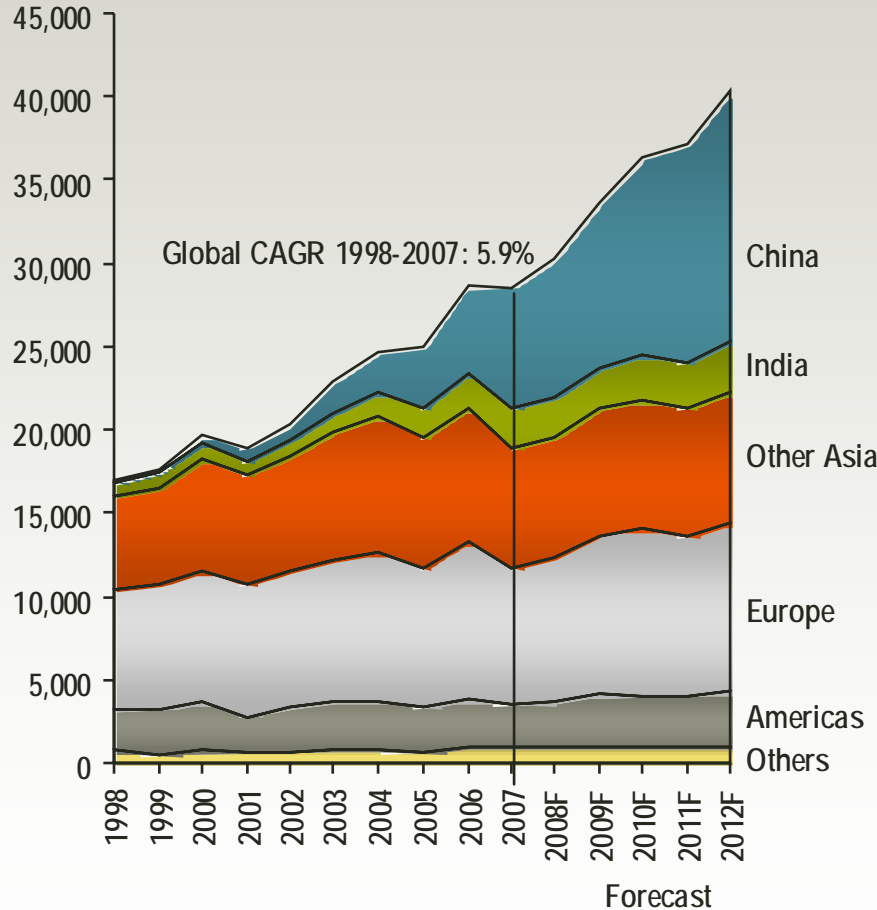


- Nickel improves durability and corrosion resistance of steel
- Two main types of stainless steel:
 - Austenitic or nickel containing (200 and 300 series)
 - Ferritic or non-nickel containing (400 series)
- The top 3 uses of nickel in stainless steel are:
 - Food Processing Equipment
 - Catering
 - Chemical Process Equipment

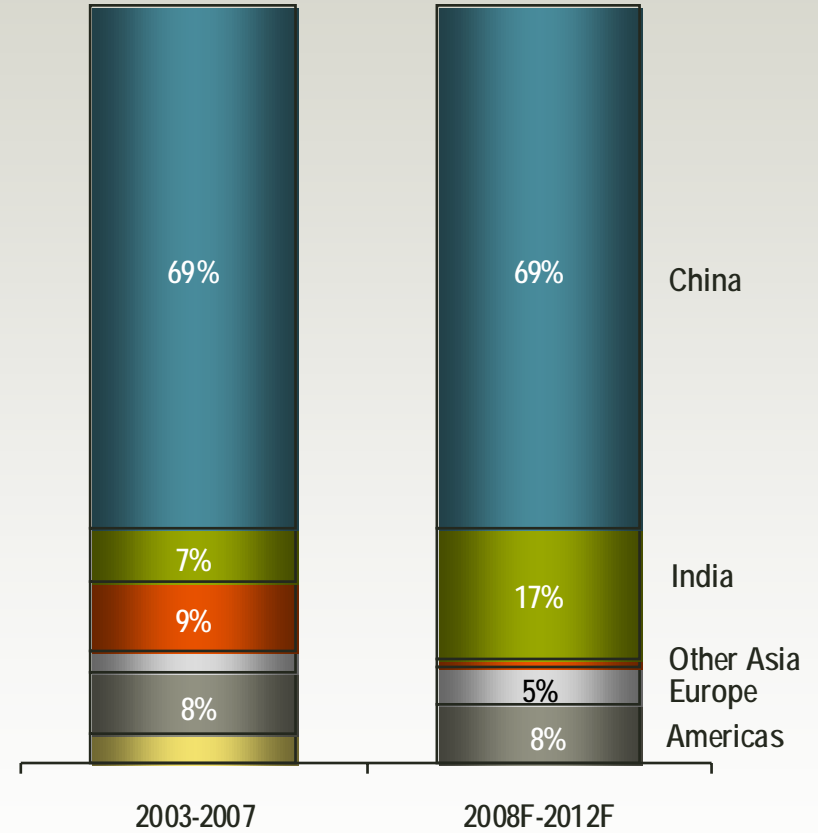
Source: CRU 2008.

Emerging markets are driving this global growth

Stainless Steel Production Growth
(CY 2007, kt)



Stainless Steel Capacity Growth by Region
(%)

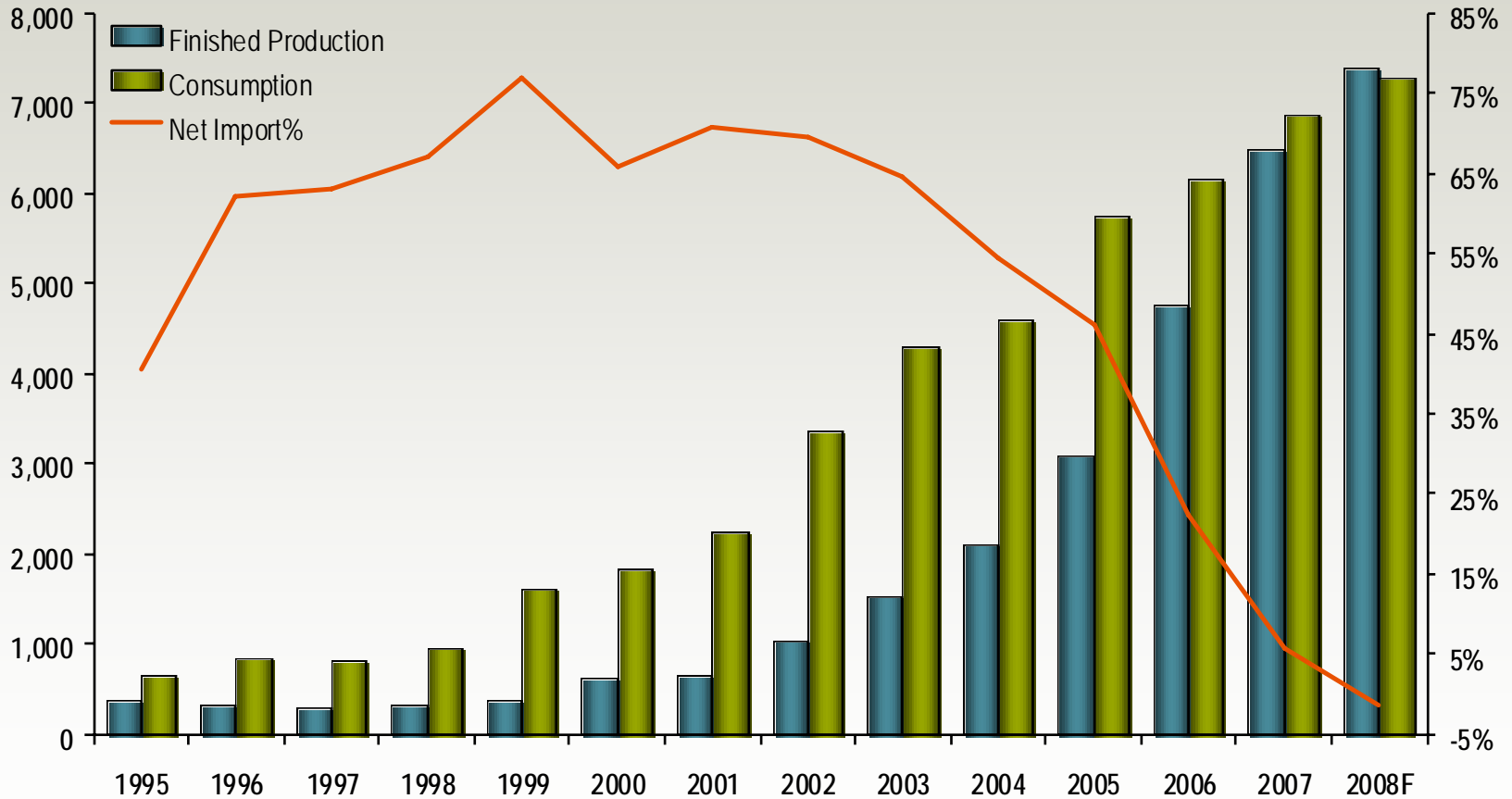


Source: CRU.

China's self sufficiency in stainless steel production

China Import and Export
('000 mt)

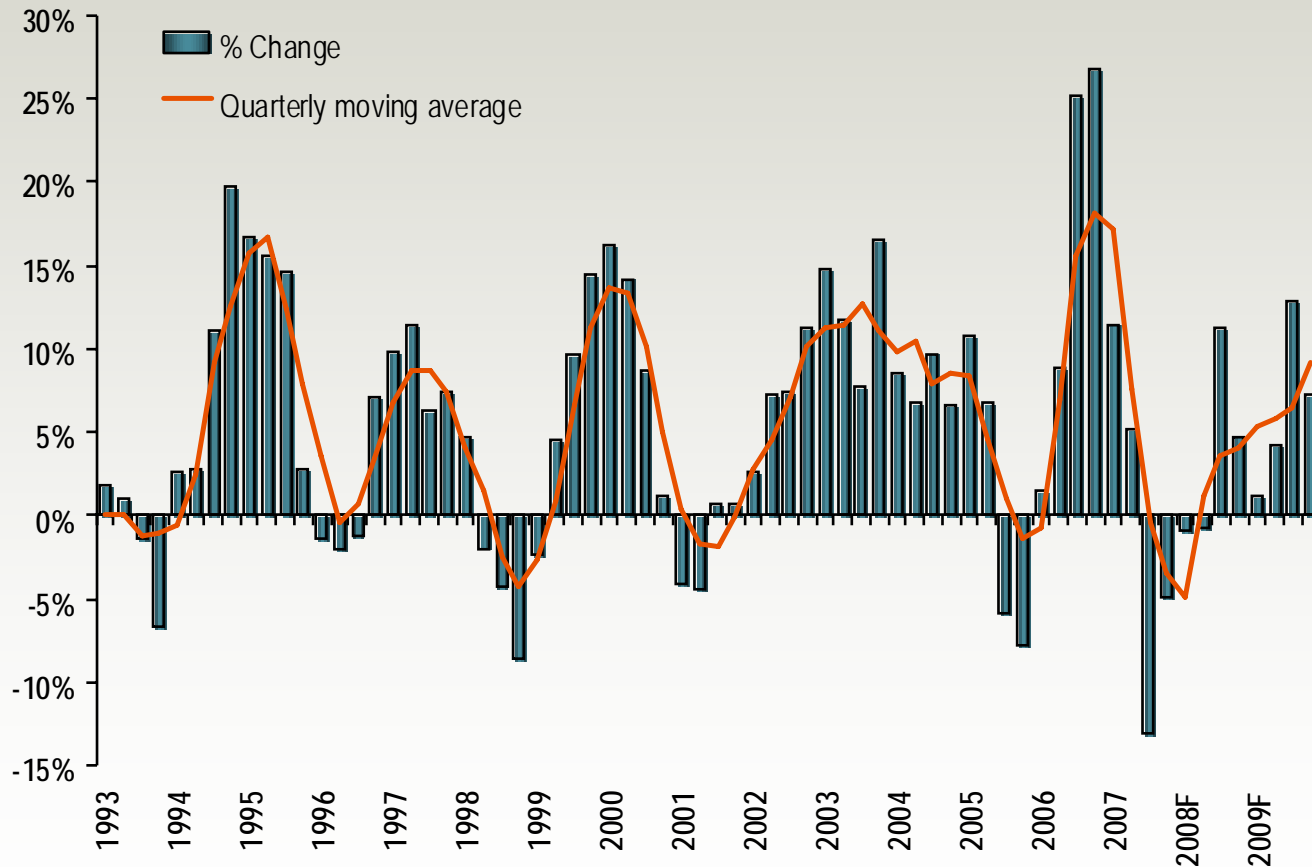
(%) Net Import position



Source: BHP Billiton, CRU, Antaike, Macquaire.

Stainless steel is a cyclical business with pronounced stocking and de-stocking cycles

1. Global stainless steel production, quarterly
2. 1993-2009, y-o-y change %



Mining / Refining



Stainless steel mills



Distributors/
Semi-Fabricators



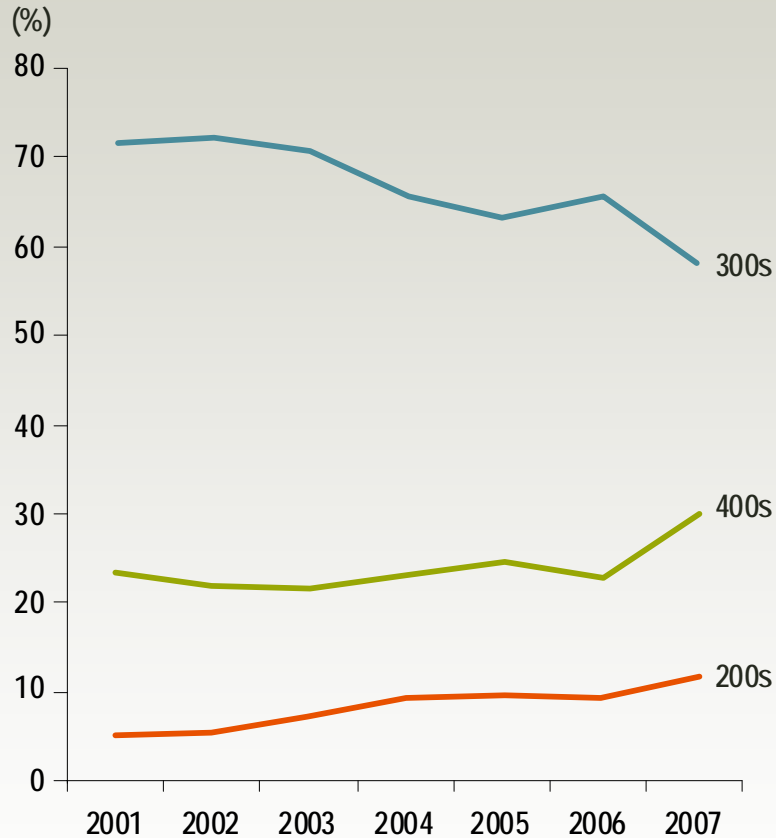
End users



Source: CRU Analysis.

The high and volatile prices encouraged substitution

Stainless Market Share



- 300 series stainless steel is durable, weldable and formable and is the workhorse of the stainless steel industry
- We expect the rate of substitution to decline as 'easier' substitution has taken place already

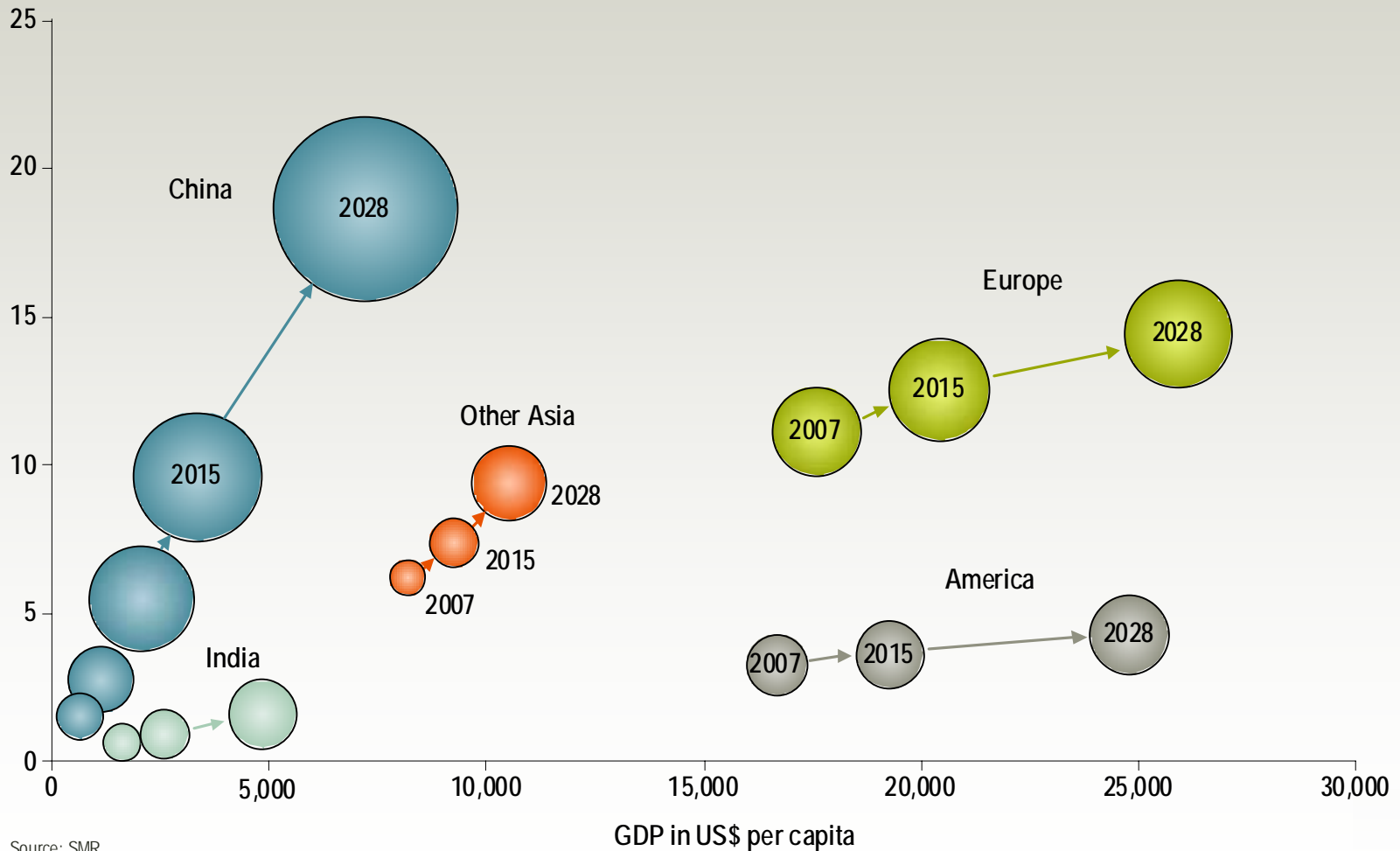


Source: ISSF.

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Emerging economies will underpin stainless steel over the long term

Stainless Steel Consumption (kg per capita)



Source: SMR.

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Demand and substitution

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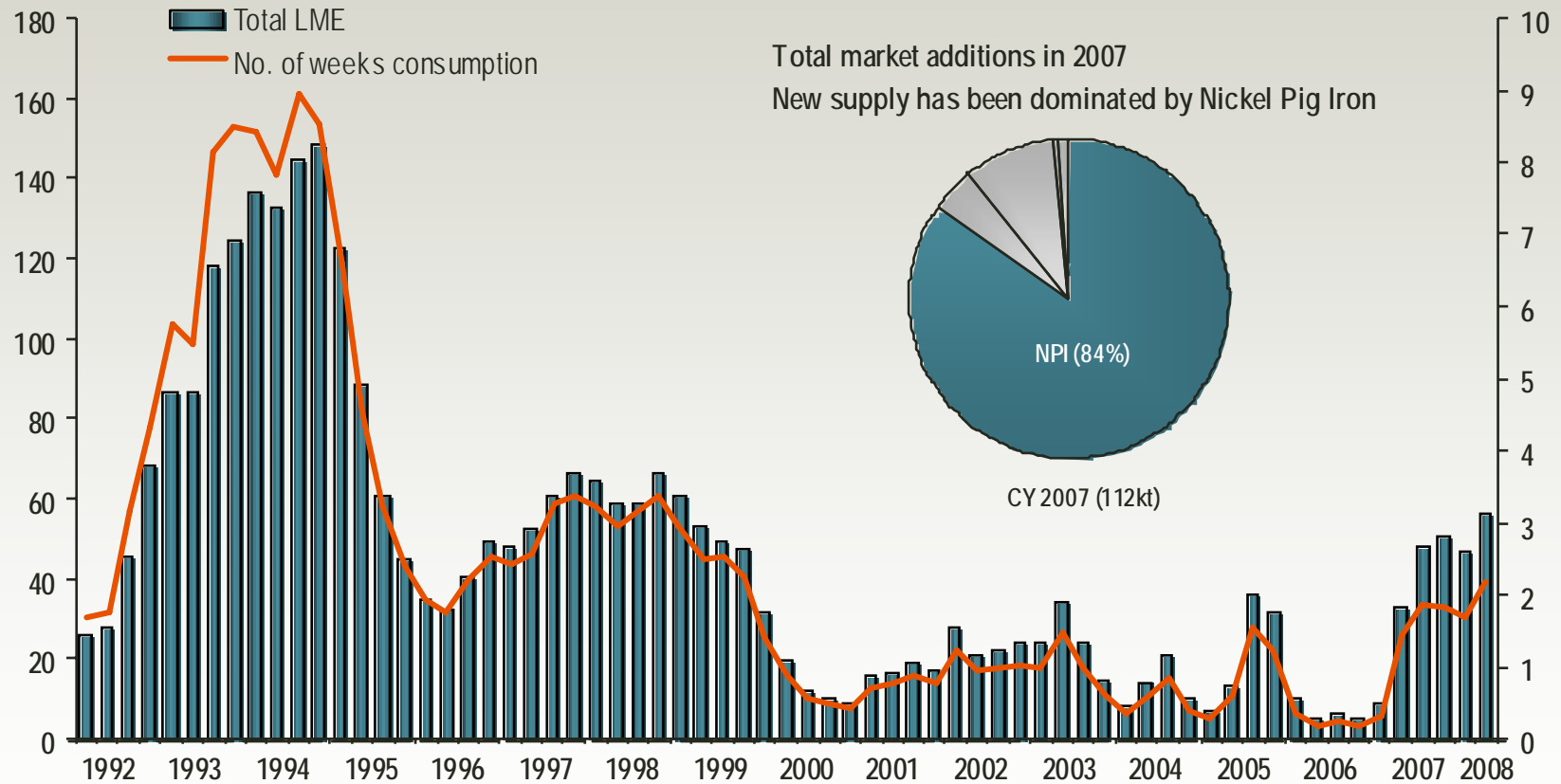
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LME stocks have risen but remain low in historical terms

Number of Weeks of Consumption & LME Stocks

(kt)

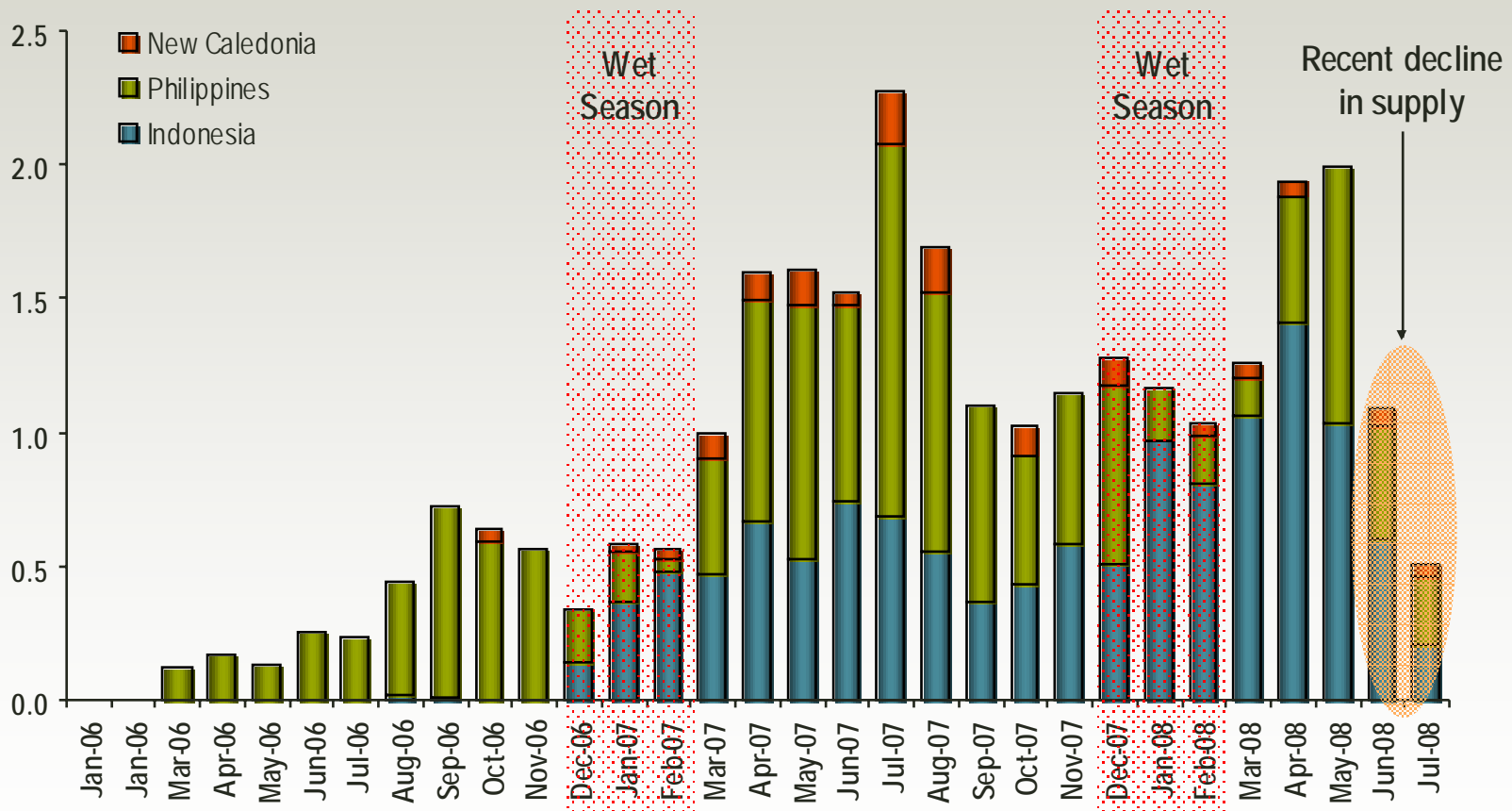
(Number of weeks consumption)



Source: CRU; BHP Billiton Analysis.

Nickel pig iron responded as supply source and is now declining

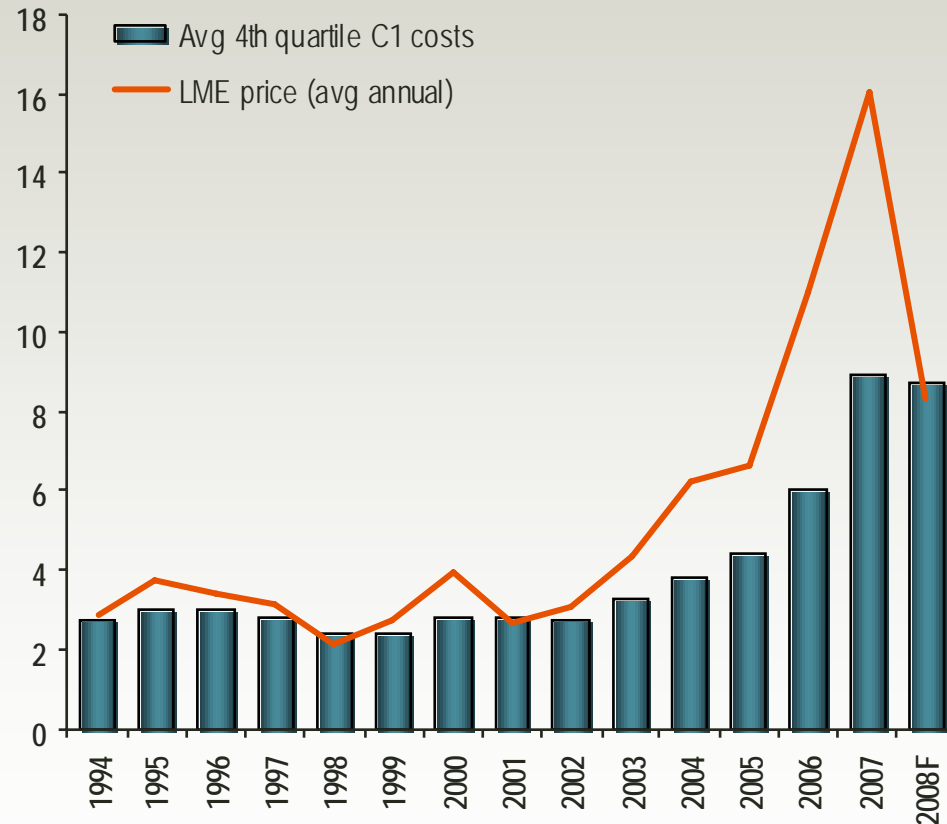
Ore imports by origin
(mt)



Source: China Customs.

Higher cost supply is coming under pressure as the marginal producer is squeezed (>120ktpa announced)

Nickel C1 cost and price
(US\$/lb)



Source: Brook Hunt; BHP Billiton analysis.

Existing operations suspended:

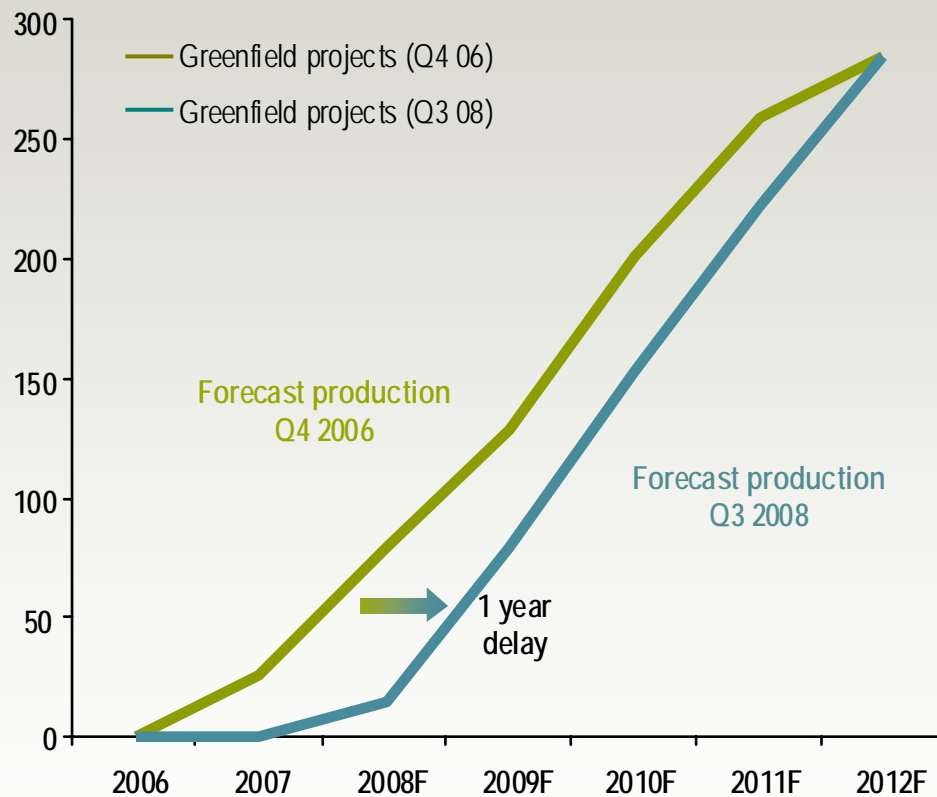
- Falcondo (11ktpa)
- Ufaley/Rehz (5ktpa)
- Cawse (8ktpa)
- Radio Hill (2ktpa)
- Blair Mine (2ktpa)
- Yulin Wei, Xi'an (8ktpa)
- NPI (20-30ktpa)

Projects deferred:

- Murrin Murrin HL (10ktpa)
- Tati Activox Refinery (22ktpa)
- Scholl B2 (3ktpa)
- Bah Phuc (4ktpa) (suspended)
- Windarra (5.5ktpa)
- Nunavik (12ktpa)
- Kylyyahti (3ktpa)

Future supply growth: Disruption a feature of new supply growth?

Expected future production from committed and highly probable nickel developments
(kt) Ni



Upcoming projects include:

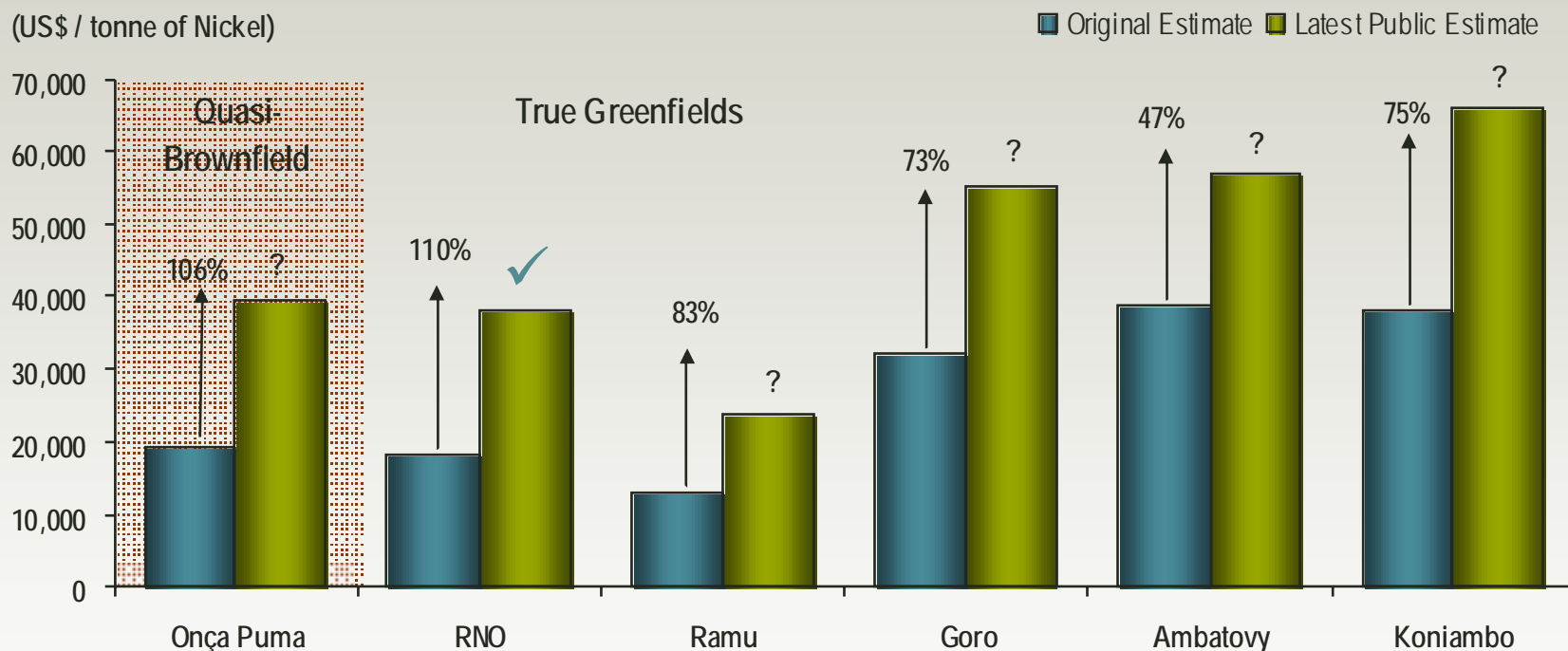
- Vale (Onça Puma; Goro)
- Xstrata (Koniambo)
- Anglo American (Barro Alto)
- Sherritt/Sumitomo/Korean Consortium (Ambatovy)
- Ramu (CMCC/Jinchuan/Jien/Jisco)

Source: BHP Billiton Analysis

All major Nickel projects have experienced significant capital cost escalation. Most of them yet to be completed

Nickel Project Capital Intensity

(US\$ / tonne of Nickel)



Escalation driven by:

- Shortage of skilled workers resulting in cost escalation
- Higher contractor margins
- Shortages in global manufacturing resulting in cost escalation and increased schedule
- Increasing raw material prices

Source: SSM for Ravensthorpe, and public disclosures for other projects. The "?" indicates that the project has not been completed yet.

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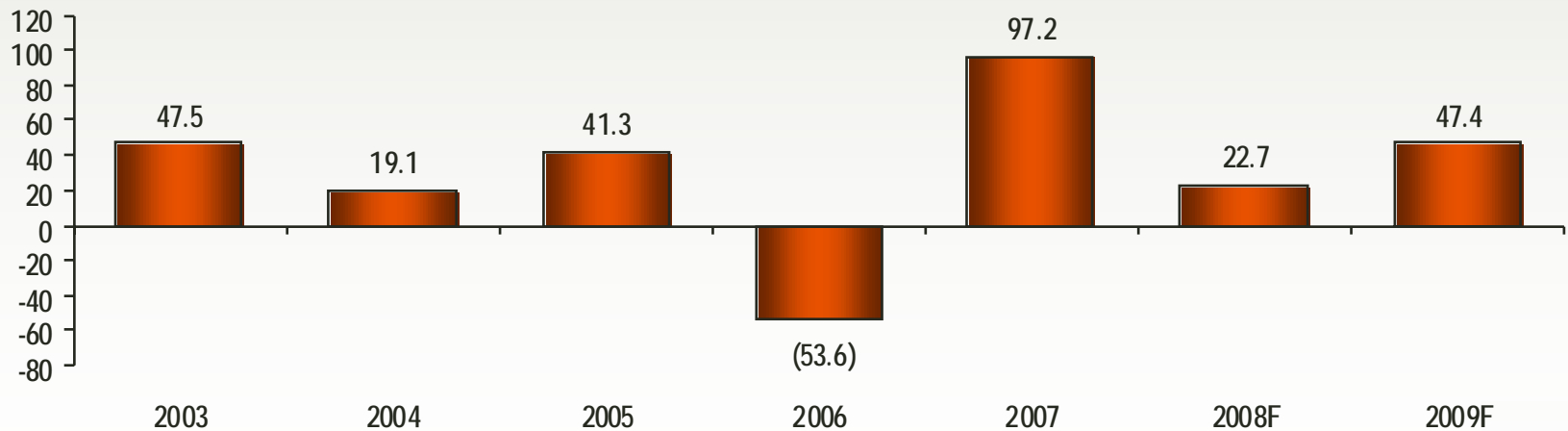
Supply

Outlook

Short term cyclical swings and supply side correction

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008F	2009F
Global Supply (kt)	1286	1276	1281	1346	1432	1407	1497
% change		(0.9)%	0.4%	5.1%	6.4%	(1.8)%	6.4%
Global Consumption (kt)	1239	1256	1239	1399	1335	1384	1450
% change		1.4%	(1.4)%	12.9%	(4.6)%	3.7%	4.7%
Surplus/(Deficit)	47.5	19.1	41.3	(53.6)	97.2	22.7	47.4

World Nickel Supply & Demand Balance
(‘000 Tonne)



Source: CRU.

Key messages

- Stainless steel and nickel are cyclical commodities with a strong underlying growth trend
- They are responsive markets as evidenced by the rapid introduction of nickel pig iron and now a supply side correction
- Stainless steel and nickel growth continues to look promising in the long term due to the emerging market effect





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Nickel West

Wayne Isaacs
Nickel West President and Chief Operating Officer

October 2008

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- Operating assets safely
- Focussing on efficiency and reducing costs
- Exploring to find reserves to support long-life assets
- Assessing next phase of projects

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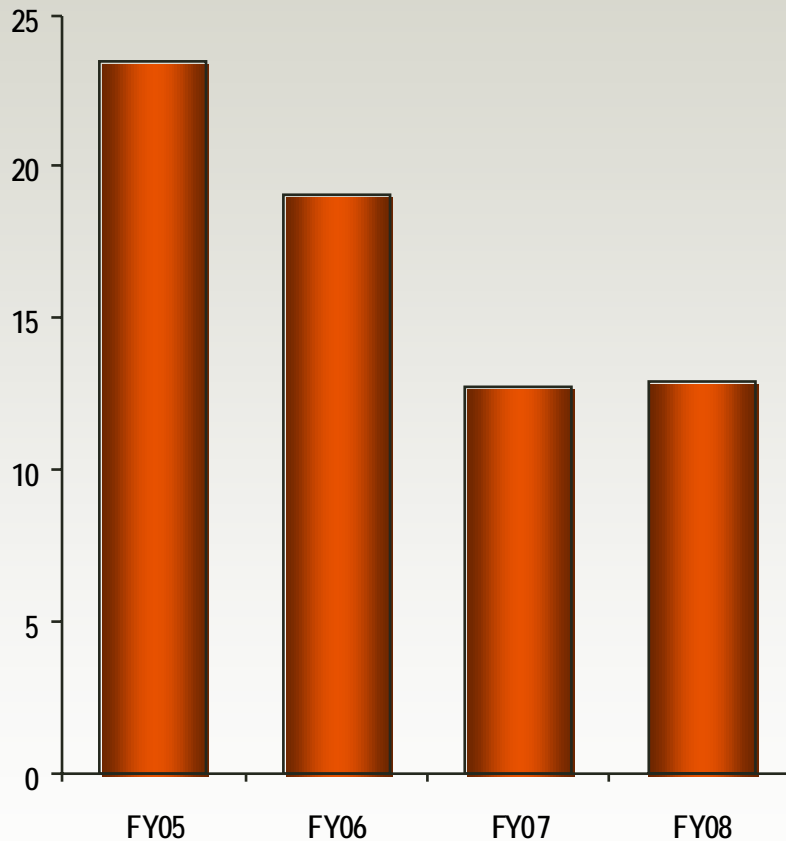
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Safety and Health – Nickel West

Nickel West – Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate¹
(TRIFR)



1. Excludes Ravenshorpe.

- A safety culture driven by
 - Fatality prevention (FRCP)
 - Strong leadership
 - Safe behaviours and equipment
 - Compliance, audit and governance
- Health and fit-for work programs
 - Fatigue management
 - Alcohol and drug testing
 - Atmospheric monitoring
 - Healthy lifestyle promotions

Sustainable environment and community programs

- Sustainability priorities include :
 - Increased indigenous employment
 - Indigenous education and training
 - Community development partnerships
 - Active employee community participation teams
 - Uniform certified environmental programs
 - Understanding our energy footprint



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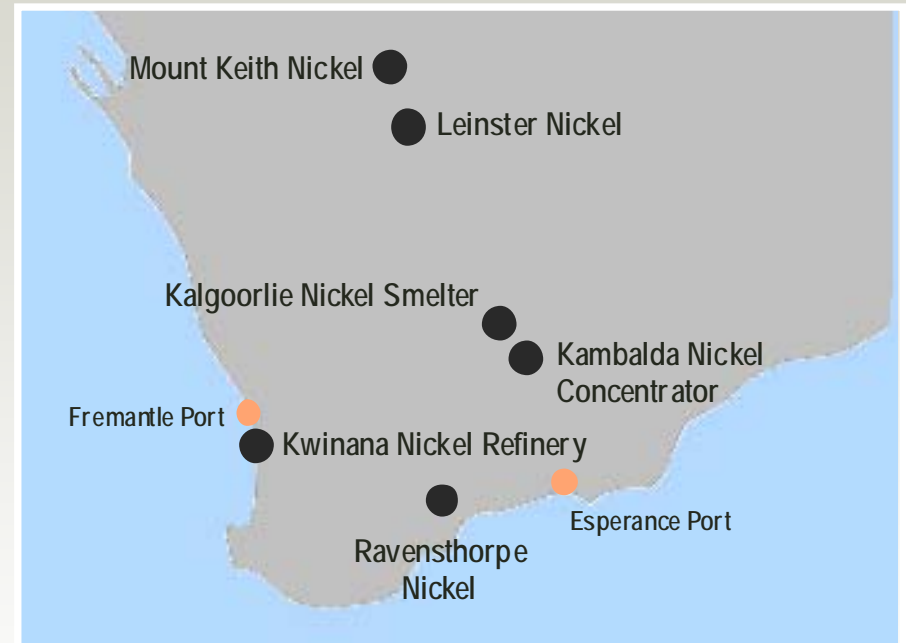
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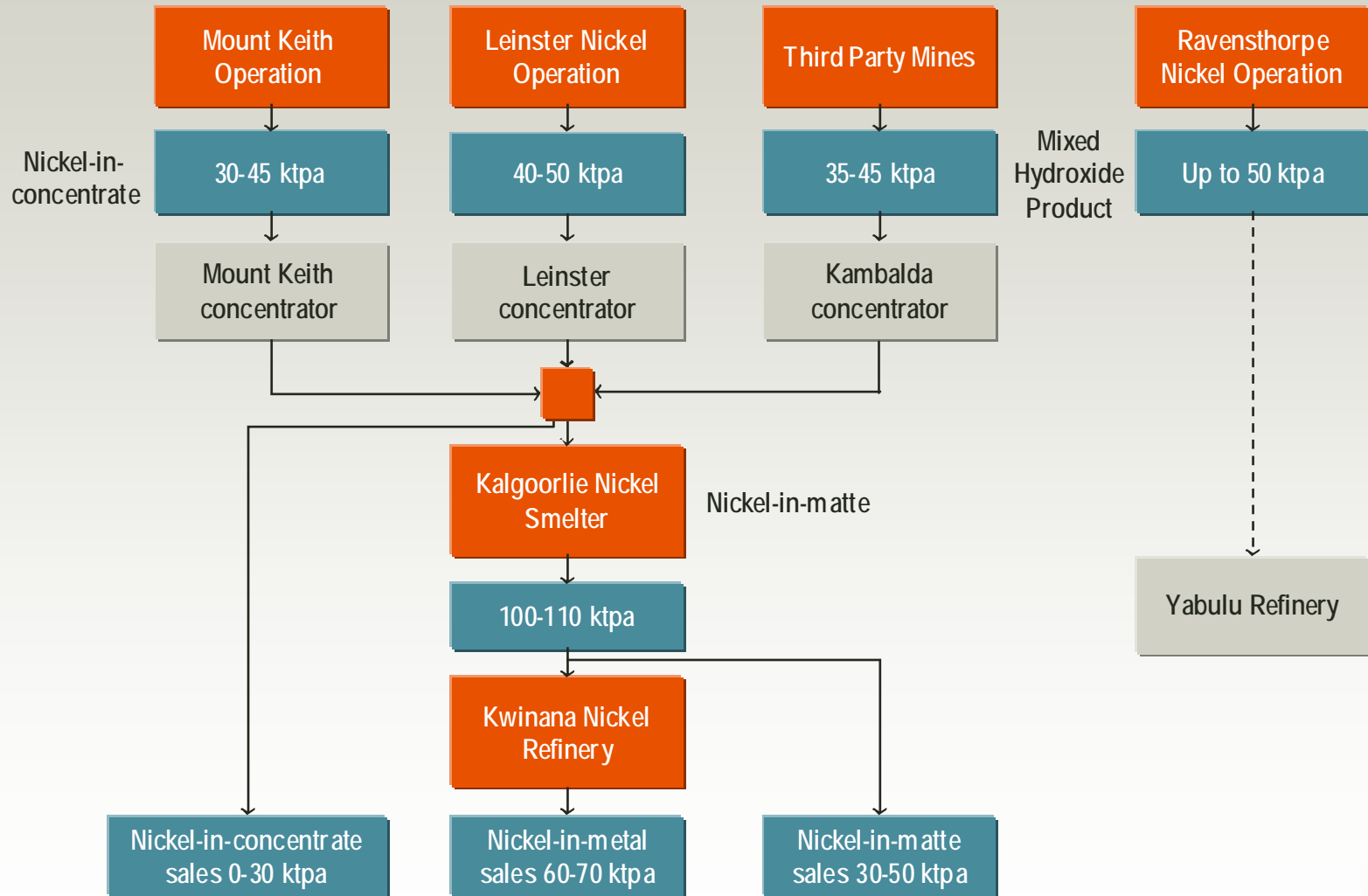
Nickel West – Operations

- World's third largest producer of nickel-in-concentrate
- Produced 107 kt¹ contained nickel in FY 2008
- Approximately 3,500 employees and operational contractors
- Nickel West's business
 - Mining, concentrating, smelting, and refining
 - A major operation is being ramped-up at Ravensthorpe



1. Includes production from Ravensthorpe.

Nickel West flowchart



Note: Indicative production – varies depending on mining profile

Leinster Mines and Concentrator

Mines

- Perseverance underground – ore reserves of 11 mt @ 1.85% Ni¹ – life to ~2014
- Satellite operations now in production
 - Cliffs
 - Rocky's Reward

Concentrator

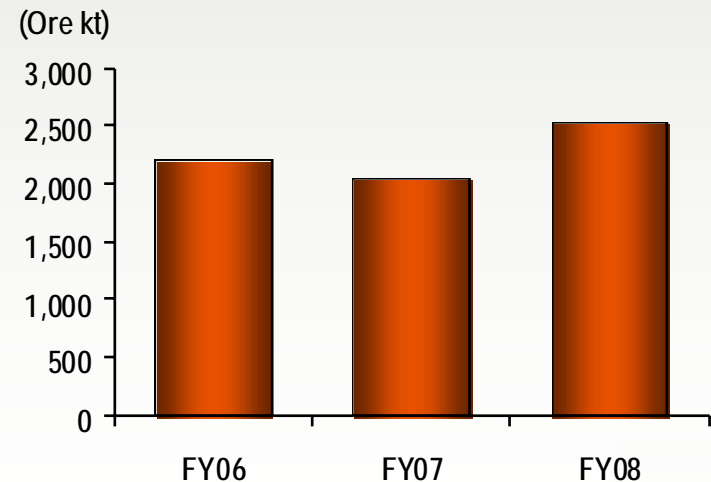
- Mill throughput ~3 mtpa
- Recovery of ~85%

Production

- 40-50 ktpa nickel in concentrate @ ~11.5% Ni grade



Leinster Mine Feed



1. Total; full details available in the BHP Billiton Annual Report 2008

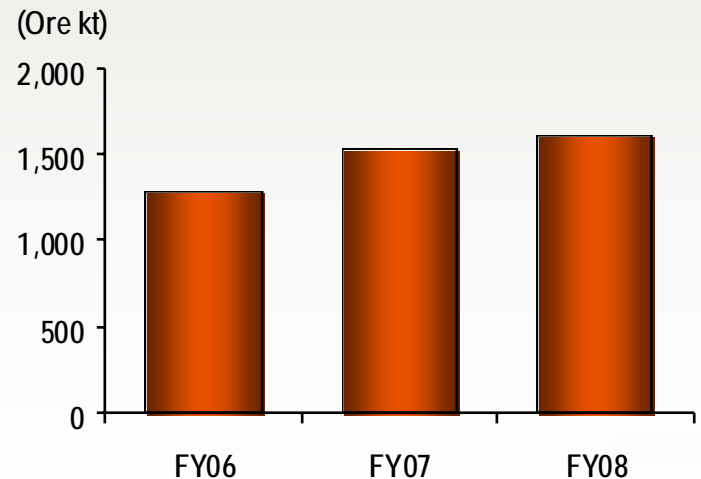
Kambalda Nickel Concentrator

Concentrator

- Mill throughput >1.6 mtpa
- 35-45 ktpa Ni in concentrate @ ~13% Ni grade
- Output driven by third party resource base
- Partnerships with third party producers to sustain a viable future for Kambalda



KNC Mine Feed



Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter

Smelter

- 750 ktpa concentrate throughput capacity
- Furnace re-build June to Sept 2008
 - Completed ahead of schedule
 - Successful ramp-up
 - Improved operational flexibility
 - Positions smelter for next 15 years



Kwinana Nickel Refinery

Refinery

- Based on Sherritt-Gordon technology
- Efficient, low cost producer
- Premium briquette product
- Competes with global refineries for matte
- Furnace rebuild an opportunity for KNR shutdown
- Work set up the refinery for four years' operation before the next planned shutdown

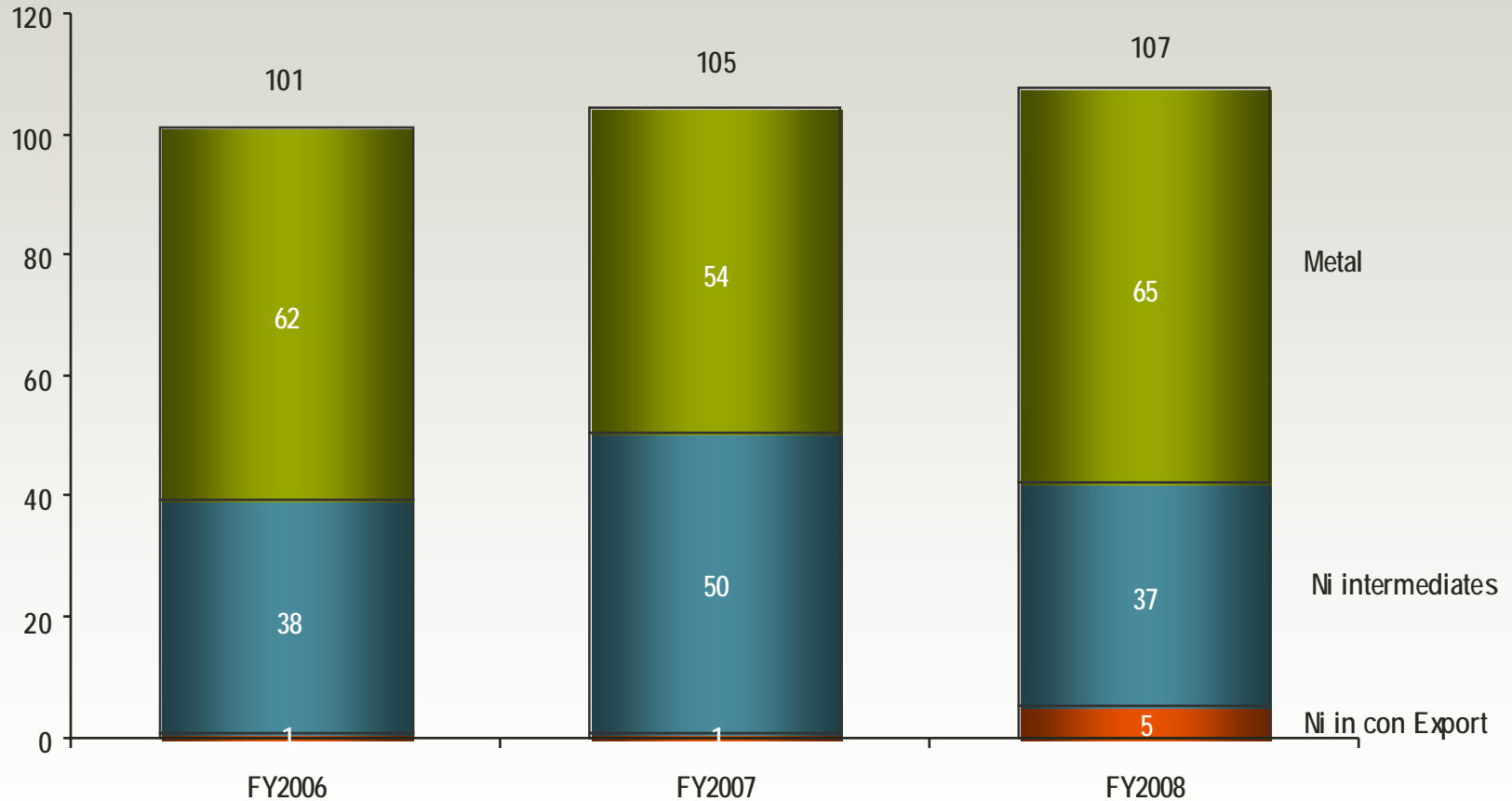
Production

- 65-70 ktpa nickel metal
(95% of product in the form of LME
briquettes)



Historical Nickel West Production

Saleable Nickel Production (ktpa)

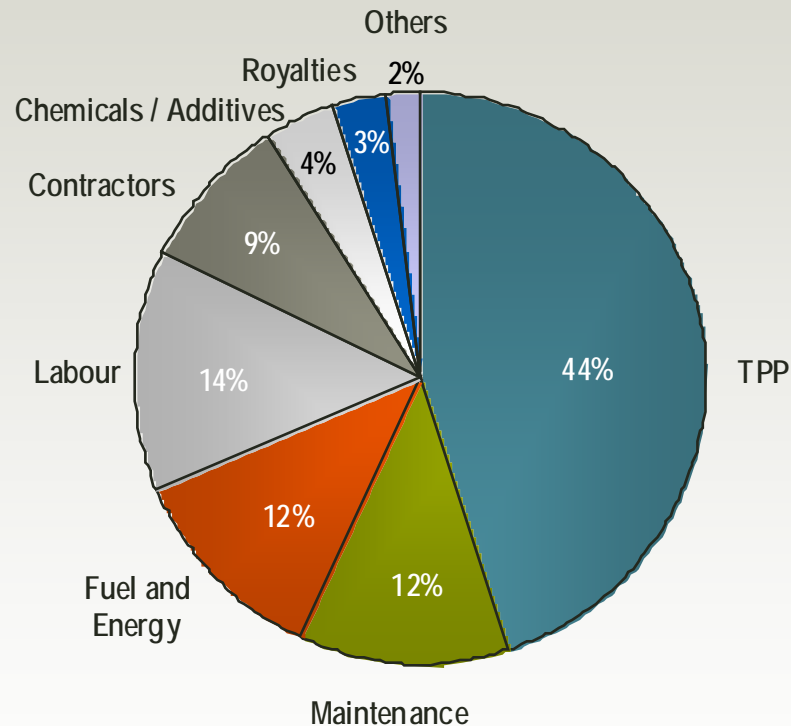


Notes: Nickel intermediates in FY2008 includes production from Ravensthorpe.

FY2008 Cost Structure

Cash operating cost

(%)

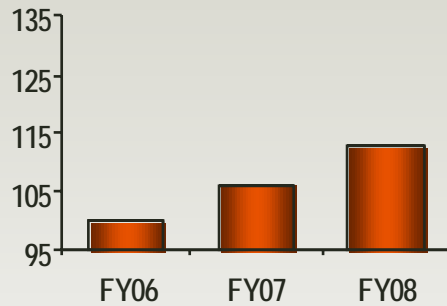


- Key value drivers
 - Volume
 - Cost reduction
- Excludes RNO (In ramp-up)
- 90% of cost base is in \$AUD (excluding TPP)

Input Cost Pressures

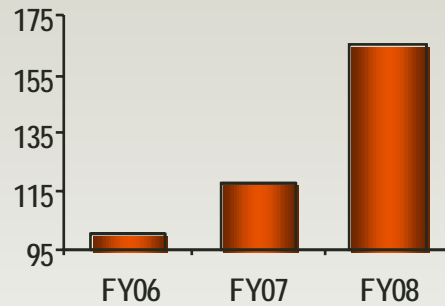
Salaries & Wages

(%)



Diesel

(%)



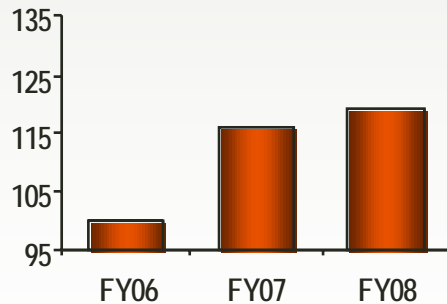
Electricity

(%)



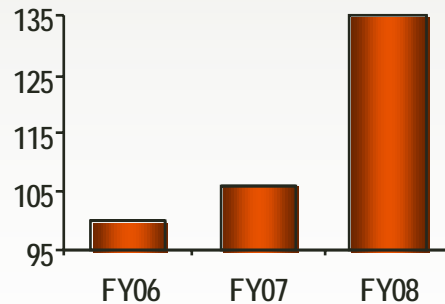
Maintenance

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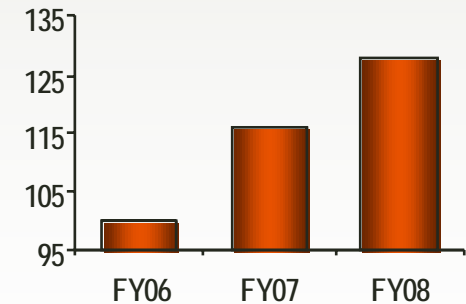
Xanthate

(%)



Explosives

(%)



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Delivering on our commitments

Status of projects discussed at your last visit

Project	Status
Cliffs	Operational
Rocky's Reward II	Operational
Mount Keith Stage H	Operational
Smelter Rebuild	Operational
Ravensthorpe	Ramp Up
Perseverance Deeps	Definition
Yakabindie	Under study

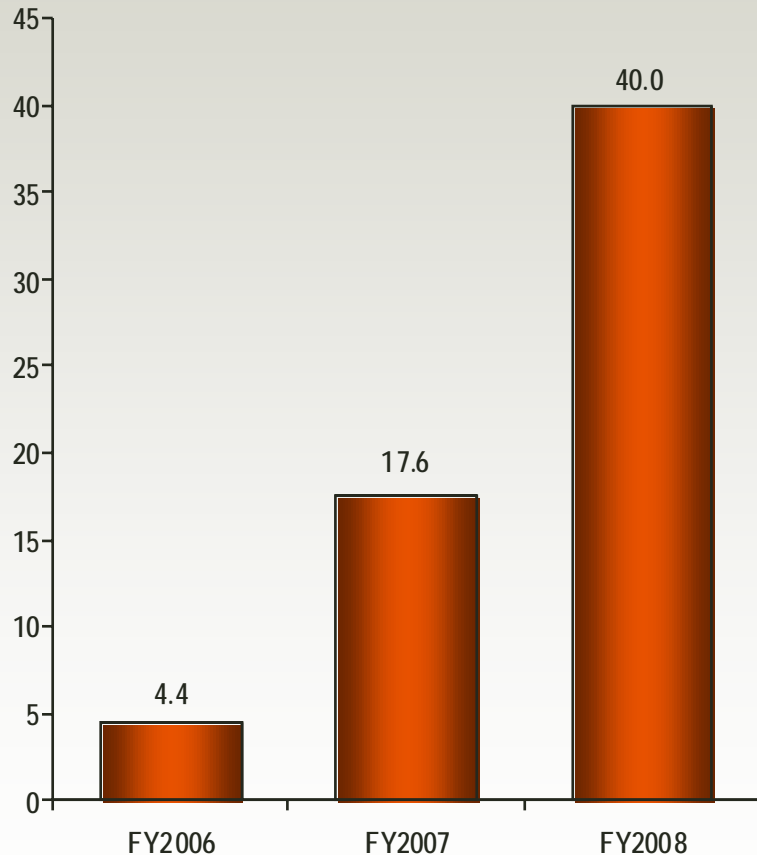
Growth options

- Keeping focus on finding and acquiring resources to fill our growing downstream capability
- Prioritising our focus on developing existing resources
- Building on our technology processing advantages
- Our strategy is to
 - Leverage exploration success
 - Capture value of technology advances
 - Plan for growth to cope with long term demand

Exploration strategy – building resources

Exploration Spend

(US\$m)



- Five-year exploration program
- Producing promising results
- Focus on low-risk brownfields targets near existing operations
- Currently second full year of program
- Work started on converting to resource
- Program meeting BHP Billiton strategic objectives

Leinster Asset Life Extension

Perseverance Deeps

- Extension of Leinster beyond 2014
- Follows development of Cliffs and Rocky's Reward
- Feasibility study to be completed 2H FY 2009



Extension of Kambalda opportunities

Objectives

- Extended life and output of Kambalda region
- Successful long term partnerships
- Majority of contracts have options to 2019

Current Status and Future Growth

- Concentrator progressively de-bottlenecked to more than 1.6 mtpa capacity
- Kambalda exploration started July 2008
- Third party producers have enjoyed significant exploration success



Conclusion

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