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April 22, 2009

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 22 April 2009

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

Solid operational performance reflecting proactive and prudent management in the face of weak demand.

Record year to date petroleum production was achieved. This was due to strong volume growth from the successful delivery of world class projects and excellent performance from operated facilities.

Iron ore achieved record year to date production due to the successful delivery of capacity expansions. Western Australia Iron Ore (Australia) continue to receive requests for deferral of long term contracts; however these deferred tonnes have been sold on the spot market.

Year to date production records at Western Australia Iron Ore and Saraji (all Australia), Alumar refinery and Samarco (both Brazil), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and Zamzama (Pakistan).

Following assessment by the Samarco management, production from Samarco's pellet plants I and II restarted during the quarter.

Weather related interruptions impacted petroleum, iron ore, energy coal, nickel, silver and lead production.

Against a backdrop of weak demand, BHP Billiton achieved sound operational results, albeit with lower production compared to the December 2008 quarter. This quarter's production reflects management's proactive and decisive actions in response to the challenging market conditions. These actions include previously announced production curtailments in Samarco, Samancor Manganese and across our metallurgical coal operations.

In the medium term, we expect that market conditions will remain uncertain. Consistent with the way we have managed our business to date, all our operations will remain under review. We will continue to take appropriate actions in any business that is cash negative and set to remain so, or where there is lack of demand.

Our track record in taking difficult but prudent decisions has ensured that we have an exceptional portfolio of low cost and long life assets. This means that our margins are among the best in the sector. With our low financial and operational leverage and a strong balance sheet we are in a unique position to continue to invest in future growth and deliver long term value to our shareholders. We are also well placed to take advantage of opportunities in the market, but with our usual disciplined approach.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| PETROLEUM | | | | | |
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids (000 bbl) | 55,013 | 17,974 | 15% | -3% | -1% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) | 267.69 | 82.19 | -2% | -4% | -9% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | 99.63 | 31.67 | 7% | -3% | -4% |

Total Petroleum Production Production for the nine months ended March 2009 was an all time record for the second consecutive year. This was due to strong volume growth from the successful delivery of world class projects and excellent performance from operated facilities.

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Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids Production for the nine months ended March 2009 increased by 15 per cent reflecting the contribution from a series of growth projects in the Gulf of Mexico (USA) and Western Australia, and excellent performance from operated facilities. This was partly offset by natural field decline and weather related interruptions in the Gulf of Mexico and Western Australia.

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During the quarter, Shenzi (USA) delivered first production three months ahead of schedule. However, Genghis Khan (USA) continued to be impacted by the third party infrastructure damage related to Hurricane Ike in the September 2008 quarter. In addition, Bass Strait (Australia) was impacted by the ethane export pipeline damaged in late December 2008. The export pipeline repair has been completed during March 2009.

Natural Gas Production was lower than the December 2008 quarter mainly due to lower seasonal demand in Australia. This was partially offset by the contribution from North West Shelf Train 5 and Angel (Australia).

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | |
| Alumina (000 tonnes) | 3,288 | 1,051 | -3% | -4% | -8% |
| Aluminium (000 tonnes) | 923 | 304 | -7% | -4% | -2% |

Alumina Production declined across all comparative periods mainly due to calciner outages at Worsley (Australia), and scheduled maintenance activities at Paranam (Suriname).

Aluminium Production for the nine months was only seven per cent lower than the comparative period, despite a 10 per cent mandatory reduction in power consumption across the Southern African operations.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| BASE METALS | | | | | |
| Copper (000 tonnes) | 899.9 | 282.8 | -9% | -14% | -8% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 171,509 | 47,235 | -14% | -30% | -28% |
| Zinc (tonnes) | 119,028 | 39,397 | 18% | 10% | 4% |
| Silver (000 ounces) | 30,545 | 8,730 | -11% | -22% | -24% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 2,853 | 883 | -8% | -11% | 3% |

Copper Production continued to be impacted by lower ore grade and reduced production from milling operations at Escondida. This was partly offset by the continued ramp up of Spence and higher production at Escondida.

A permanent solution to the electrical motor condition of the Laguna Seca SAG mill at Escondida is expected to be implemented during the September 2009 quarter. Total copper production at Escondida in the 2009 financial year is expected to decline by approximately 30 per cent compared to the 2008 financial year due to lower ore grade and operating conditions at the mill.

As announced in January 2009, the sulphide mining operation at Pinto Valley (USA) was placed on care and maintenance during February 2009.

Lead Production was lower versus all comparative periods mainly due to reduced mill throughput and grade at Cannington (Australia). Cannington was impacted by the wet weather and flooding experienced in the March 2009 quarter and by lower grade.

Zinc Production was higher than all comparative periods mainly due to a higher proportion of ores containing zinc and increased head grade at Antamina (Peru).

Silver Production decreased across all comparative periods mainly due to lower silver head grade at Cannington and wet weather experienced in the March 2009 quarter.

Uranium Production was lower than the quarter and nine months ended March 2008 due to lower grade at Olympic Dam (Australia). Production increased versus the December 2008 quarter reflecting higher grade and improved recoveries.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| Diamonds (000 carats) | 2,318 | 951 | -7% | 53% | 60% |

Diamonds Production for the nine months ended March 2009 decreased due to lower grade. Production was higher than the March 2008 and December 2008 quarters mainly due to an increase in ore processed and higher grades following changed ore sources. As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | |
| Nickel (000 tonnes) | 124.5 | 47.5 | -1% | 10% | -5% |

Nickel Production for the nine months to March 2009 was in line with the corresponding period. Production in the March 2009 quarter was 10 per cent higher than the March 2008 quarter, which was impacted by an industrial stoppage at Cerro Matoso (Colombia).

Production in the March 2009 quarter was lower than the December 2008 quarter mainly due to heavy rainfall impacting production at Yabulu (Australia), the cessation of processing Mixed Hydroxide Product from Ravensthorpe (Australia) and weather related constraints to the shipping of concentrate by Nickel West (Australia).

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| IRON ORE | | | | | |
| Iron ore (000 tonnes) | 87,367 | 28,188 | 6% | -1% | -4% |

Iron Ore Record production and shipments for the nine months ended March 2009 were achieved due to the successful delivery of expansion projects across all of our iron ore operations. However, production at Western Australia Iron Ore was impacted by tie-in activities related to growth projects and the temporary suspension of operations following safety incidents.

An extensive, independent expert investigation of safety systems at all Western Australia Iron Ore s operations is underway. The review commenced in October 2008 and is due to be completed and presented to the State Mining Engineer by 30 April 2009.

Western Australia Iron Ore has received requests for deferral of long term contracts; however these deferred tonnes have been sold on the spot market. For the nine months ended March 2009, 72 per cent of Western Australia Iron Ore shipments on a wet metric tonne basis were based on annually agreed pricing.

Current quarter production at Western Australia Iron Ore was affected by cyclone interruptions and the temporary suspension of operations following safety incidents.

In response to weak demand, Samarco previously announced that two of its three pellet plants would be suspended from November 2008 to the end of March 2009. Following further assessment by the Samarco management, production from pellet plant I and II was restarted during the quarter. The continued operation of all three plants will be subject to ongoing assessment.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| MANGANESE | | | | | |
| Manganese Ore (000 tonnes) | 3,975 | 733 | -16% | -56% | -48% |
| Manganese Alloy (000 tonnes) | 488 | 104 | -17% | -46% | -43% |

Manganese Ore Production decreased versus all comparative periods, in line with previously announced production cuts. Production continued to be impacted by lower customer demand. In response to weaker market conditions, production in the 2009 financial year is expected to be approximately 30 per cent lower than the 2008 financial year.

Manganese Alloy Production was lower across all periods as production cuts were implemented in response to weak demand. Expected reduction is 35 per cent when compared to the 2008 financial year.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | |
| Metallurgical Coal (000 tonnes) | 26,956 | 7,596 | 3% | 11% | -25% |

Metallurgical Coal Production was higher than the nine months and quarter ended March 2008 due to the full recovery from the significant Queensland flood events in early 2008 and ongoing operational improvements. Operations are now well positioned to respond to market conditions.

Production and shipments were lower than the December 2008 quarter in response to weaker market conditions. As announced in the previous report, production in the 2009 financial year is expected to be 10 to 15 per cent below current capacity on an annualised basis. We have been re-building depleted inventories and reducing activities as inventories approach normal levels.

| | MAR 2009 YTD | MAR 2009 QTR | MAR YTD 09 vs MAR YTD 08 | MAR Q09 vs MAR Q08 | MAR Q09 vs DEC Q08 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | |
| Energy Coal (000 tonnes) (a) | 50,494 | 15,222 | -1% | -7% | -8% |

(a) Excluding Optimum operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007.

Energy Coal Production was in line with the nine months ended March 2008 period. The planned closure of the underground mining operations at Douglas Middelburg (South Africa) was partly offset by strong operational performance at Cerrejon Coal and Hunter Valley (Australia).

The March 2009 quarter was impacted by wet weather at Hunter Valley and Douglas Middelburg, as well as a planned longwall move at San Juan Coal (USA).

During the quarter Cerrejon Coal sales were impacted by planned maintenance at the port.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

This report together with the Exploration and Development Report represent the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. Other than the issue of US\$3.25 billion in global bonds, as announced on 19 March 2009, there have been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 31 March 2009.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | QUARTER ENDED | | YEAR TO DATE | | | % CHANGE | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-----|
| | MAR 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 | MAR YTD 09 | MAR Q09 | |
| | | | | | | vs MAR YTD 08 | vs MAR Q08 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 16,240 | 16,012 | 15,613 | 47,805 | 39,856 | 20% | -4% |
| Natural gas | (bcf) | 85.76 | 90.23 | 82.19 | 267.69 | 272.65 | -2% | -4% |
| Natural gas liquid | (000 bbl) | 2,201 | 2,107 | 2,361 | 7,208 | 7,981 | -10% | 7% |

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|--|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|------|------|
| Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 32.73 | 33.16 | 31.67 | 99.63 | 93.27 | 7% | -3% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | (000 tonnes) | 1,095 | 1,139 | 1,051 | 3,288 | 3,405 | -3% | -4% |
| Aluminium | (000 tonnes) | 318 | 310 | 304 | 923 | 993 | -7% | -4% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | (000 tonnes) | 328.9 | 308.2 | 282.8 | 899.9 | 984.8 | -9% | -14% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | 67,885 | 66,022 | 47,235 | 171,509 | 199,950 | -14% | -30% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | 35,970 | 37,870 | 39,397 | 119,028 | 101,036 | 18% | 10% |
| Gold | (ounces) | 37,515 | 45,790 | 42,327 | 129,868 | 123,542 | 5% | 13% |
| Silver | (000 ounces) | 11,221 | 11,515 | 8,730 | 30,545 | 34,251 | -11% | -22% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 993 | 860 | 883 | 2,853 | 3,117 | -8% | -11% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 580 | 411 | 337 | 1,356 | 1,952 | -31% | -42% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| Diamonds | (000 carats) | 620 | 594 | 951 | 2,318 | 2,485 | -7% | 53% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | (000 tonnes) | 43.0 | 50.2 | 47.5 | 124.5 | 125.3 | -1% | 10% |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | |
| Iron ore | (000 tonnes) | 28,419 | 29,355 | 28,188 | 87,367 | 82,336 | 6% | -1% |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese ore | (000 tonnes) | 1,666 | 1,412 | 733 | 3,975 | 4,724 | -16% | -56% |
| Manganese alloy | (000 tonnes) | 192 | 181 | 104 | 488 | 585 | -17% | -46% |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Metallurgical coal | (000 tonnes) | 6,846 | 10,150 | 7,596 | 26,956 | 26,061 | 3% | 11% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Energy coal (a) | (000 tonnes) | 16,386 | 16,476 | 15,222 | 50,494 | 50,845 | -1% | -7% |

(a) Excluding Optimum which was disposed effective 1 July 2007.

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

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| | BHP Billiton Interest | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| | | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate (000 bbl) | | 16,240 | 17,588 | 16,180 | 16,012 | 15,613 | 47,805 | 39,856 |
| Natural gas (bcf) | | 85.76 | 95.37 | 95.27 | 90.23 | 82.19 | 267.69 | 272.65 |
| NGL (000 bbl) (a) | | 2,201 | 2,743 | 2,740 | 2,107 | 2,361 | 7,208 | 7,981 |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | | 32.73 | 36.23 | 34.80 | 33.16 | 31.67 | 99.63 | 93.27 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Worsley | 86% | 712 | 768 | 733 | 756 | 688 | 2,177 | 2,267 |
| Suriname | 45% | 247 | 240 | 241 | 242 | 226 | 709 | 743 |
| Alumar | 36% | 136 | 141 | 124 | 141 | 137 | 402 | 395 |
| Total | | 1,095 | 1,149 | 1,098 | 1,139 | 1,051 | 3,288 | 3,405 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Hillside | 100% | 167 | 170 | 175 | 176 | 174 | 525 | 525 |
| Bayside | 100% | 44 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 74 | 139 |
| Alumar | 40% | 45 | 45 | 45 | 44 | 44 | 133 | 133 |
| Mozal | 47% | 62 | 61 | 64 | 65 | 62 | 191 | 196 |
| Total | | 318 | 305 | 309 | 310 | 304 | 923 | 993 |
| BASE METALS (b) | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 157.0 | 178.2 | 116.8 | 102.7 | 86.6 | 306.1 | 501.3 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 24.1 | 30.8 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 25.7 | 82.7 | 80.9 |
| Pinto Valley (c) | 100% | 9.6 | 12.0 | 14.2 | 14.7 | 4.4 | 33.3 | 14.8 |
| Total | | 190.7 | 221.0 | 159.4 | 146.0 | 116.7 | 422.1 | 597.0 |
| Cathode (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 30.1 | 40.3 | 35.6 | 42.1 | 45.0 | 122.7 | 91.3 |
| Cerro Colorado | 100% | 28.7 | 27.3 | 21.8 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 74.6 | 79.1 |

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|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Spence | 100% | 41.6 | 43.0 | 35.7 | 44.5 | 47.7 | 127.9 | 99.7 |
| Pinto Valley (c) | 100% | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 36.0 | 57.5 | 54.8 | 47.6 | 45.4 | 147.8 | 112.4 |
| Total | | 138.2 | 169.7 | 149.5 | 162.2 | 166.1 | 477.8 | 387.8 |

LEAD

Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Cannington | 100% | 67,505 | 52,601 | 57,768 | 65,622 | 46,259 | 169,649 | 198,947 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 380 | 575 | 484 | 400 | 976 | 1,860 | 1,003 |
| Total | | 67,885 | 53,176 | 58,252 | 66,022 | 47,235 | 171,509 | 199,950 |

ZINC**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Cannington | 100% | 13,735 | 17,244 | 14,449 | 14,199 | 12,943 | 41,591 | 43,725 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 22,235 | 26,210 | 27,312 | 23,671 | 26,454 | 77,437 | 57,311 |
| Total | | 35,970 | 43,454 | 41,761 | 37,870 | 39,397 | 119,028 | 101,036 |

GOLD**Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 17,660 | 17,501 | 14,391 | 17,840 | 17,496 | 49,727 | 62,230 |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100% | 18,555 | 20,505 | 27,360 | 27,950 | 23,331 | 78,641 | 60,012 |
| Pinto Valley (c) | 100% | 1,300 | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Total | | 37,515 | 38,006 | 41,751 | 45,790 | 42,327 | 129,868 | 123,542 |

SILVER**Payable metal in concentrate (000 ounces)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 790 | 821 | 668 | 738 | 673 | 2,079 | 2,783 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 803 | 994 | 932 | 915 | 1,003 | 2,850 | 2,511 |
| Cannington | 100% | 9,421 | 7,181 | 8,391 | 9,565 | 6,802 | 24,758 | 28,304 |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100% | 169 | 179 | 244 | 234 | 200 | 678 | 601 |
| Pinto Valley (c) | 100% | 38 | 61 | 65 | 63 | 52 | 180 | 52 |
| Total | | 11,221 | 9,236 | 10,300 | 11,515 | 8,730 | 30,545 | 34,251 |

URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-----|-------|-------|-----|------------|--------------|-------|
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 993 | 1,027 | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 2,853 | 3,117 |
| Total | | 993 | 1,027 | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 2,853 | 3,117 |

MOLYBDENUM**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-------|
| Antamina | 33.8% | 580 | 590 | 514 | 365 | 318 | 1,197 | 1,952 |
| Pinto Valley (c) | 100% | | | 94 | 46 | 19 | 159 | |
| Total | | 580 | 590 | 608 | 411 | 337 | 1,356 | 1,952 |

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS**DIAMONDS****Production (000 carats)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-------|
| Ekati | 80% | 620 | 864 | 773 | 594 | 951 | 2,318 | 2,485 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-------|

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS**NICKEL****Production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| CMSA | 99.9% | 7.8 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 36.8 | 31.7 |
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|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Yabulu | 100% | 6.2 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 26.1 | 17.7 |
| Nickel West | 100% | 29.0 | 22.2 | 7.0 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 61.6 | 75.9 |
| Total | | 43.0 | 42.6 | 26.8 | 50.2 | 47.5 | 124.5 | 125.3 |

IRON ORE

Production (000 tonnes) (d)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 7,265 | 7,013 | 7,210 | 7,006 | 6,440 | 20,656 | 23,316 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 386 | 251 | 232 | 346 | 558 | 1,136 | 690 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 7,114 | 8,626 | 9,209 | 8,716 | 9,181 | 27,106 | 18,504 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 10,061 | 10,623 | 8,961 | 10,026 | 9,370 | 28,357 | 29,654 |
| Jimblebar | 85% | 1,660 | 1,054 | 1,461 | 1,040 | 1,070 | 3,571 | 4,065 |
| Samarco | 50% | 1,933 | 2,357 | 2,751 | 2,221 | 1,569 | 6,541 | 6,107 |
| Total | | 28,419 | 29,924 | 29,824 | 29,355 | 28,188 | 87,367 | 82,336 |

MANGANESE**MANGANESE ORES****Saleable production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|--------------|-------|
| South Africa (e) | 60% | 877 | 882 | 929 | 755 | 351 | 2,035 | 2,158 |
| Australia (e) | 60% | 789 | 969 | 901 | 657 | 382 | 1,940 | 2,566 |
| Total | | 1,666 | 1,851 | 1,830 | 1,412 | 733 | 3,975 | 4,724 |

MANGANESE ALLOYS**Saleable production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| South Africa (e) (f) | 60% | 125 | 124 | 133 | 112 | 51 | 296 | 389 |
| Australia (e) | 60% | 67 | 66 | 70 | 69 | 53 | 192 | 196 |
| Total | | 192 | 190 | 203 | 181 | 104 | 488 | 585 |

METALLURGICAL COAL**Production (000 tonnes) (g)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| BMA | 50% | 4,232 | 6,508 | 6,384 | 6,781 | 5,165 | 18,330 | 16,287 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (h) | 80% | 847 | 1,306 | 1,633 | 1,771 | 549 | 3,953 | 3,827 |
| Illawarra | 100% | 1,767 | 1,318 | 1,193 | 1,598 | 1,882 | 4,673 | 5,947 |
| Total | | 6,846 | 9,132 | 9,210 | 10,150 | 7,596 | 26,956 | 26,061 |

ENERGY COAL**Production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| South Africa | 100% | 11,129 | 10,960 | 9,009 | 8,031 | 6,929 | 23,969 | 34,112 |
| USA | 100% | 2,636 | 4,834 | 4,005 | 3,017 | 2,907 | 9,929 | 8,818 |
| Australia | 100% | 2,965 | 2,934 | 2,975 | 2,993 | 2,768 | 8,736 | 8,842 |
| Colombia | 33% | 2,553 | 2,625 | 2,807 | 2,435 | 2,618 | 7,860 | 7,743 |
| Total | | 19,283 | 21,353 | 18,796 | 16,476 | 15,222 | 50,494 | 59,515 |

- (a) LPG and Ethane are reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL). Product-specific conversions are made and NGL is reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
- (b) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (c) The Pinto Valley operations were restarted during the December 2007 quarter. During February 2009 the operations were placed on care and maintenance.
- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (f) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (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%.

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| | YEAR TO DATE | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (000 barrels) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 2,918 | 3,184 | 3,412 | 3,230 | 3,057 | 9,699 | 9,659 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 1,912 | 2,153 | 2,115 | 2,434 | 2,150 | 6,699 | 6,937 |
| Stybarrow (b) | 2,979 | 3,527 | 3,376 | 2,720 | 1,843 | 7,939 | 3,996 |
| Other Australia (c) | 157 | 263 | 206 | 185 | 158 | 549 | 667 |
| Atlantis (d) | 3,320 | 3,471 | 2,232 | 2,319 | 2,449 | 7,000 | 3,935 |
| Shenzi (e) | 194 | 322 | 186 | | 49 | 235 | 226 |
| Trinidad /Tobago | 946 | 879 | 705 | 568 | 542 | 1,815 | 3,056 |
| Other Americas (f) | 1,160 | 1,310 | 1,561 | 2,025 | 2,016 | 5,602 | 3,173 |
| UK | 935 | 836 | 680 | 777 | 796 | 2,253 | 2,804 |
| Algeria | 1,628 | 1,555 | 1,624 | 1,664 | 2,457 | 5,745 | 5,167 |
| Pakistan | 91 | 88 | 83 | 90 | 96 | 269 | 236 |
| Total | 16,240 | 17,588 | 16,180 | 16,012 | 15,613 | 47,805 | 39,856 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (d) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 22.44 | 33.31 | 37.08 | 25.12 | 17.02 | 79.22 | 90.62 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 26.43 | 26.76 | 27.01 | 31.79 | 31.63 | 90.43 | 81.73 |
| Other Australia (c) | 7.45 | 6.65 | 7.33 | 6.35 | 6.75 | 20.43 | 23.62 |
| Atlantis (d) | 1.54 | 2.07 | 1.25 | 1.16 | 1.32 | 3.73 | 1.66 |
| Shenzi (e) | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.04 | | | 0.04 | 0.07 |
| Other Americas (f) | 1.95 | 2.05 | 1.74 | 1.68 | 2.09 | 5.51 | 6.00 |
| UK | 12.32 | 11.32 | 7.51 | 9.70 | 8.95 | 26.16 | 33.89 |
| Pakistan | 13.57 | 13.14 | 13.31 | 14.43 | 14.43 | 42.17 | 35.06 |
| Total | 85.76 | 95.37 | 95.27 | 90.23 | 82.19 | 267.69 | 272.65 |

| NGL (000 barrels) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Bass Strait | 1,571 | 2,056 | 2,149 | 1,352 | 982 | 4,483 | 5,699 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 300 | 343 | 364 | 402 | 416 | 1,182 | 1,155 |
| UK | 109 | 116 | 41 | 89 | 31 | 161 | 310 |
| Algeria | 221 | 228 | 186 | 264 | 932 | 1,382 | 817 |
| Total | 2,201 | 2,743 | 2,740 | 2,107 | 2,361 | 7,208 | 7,981 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | 32.73 | 36.23 | 34.80 | 33.16 | 31.67 | 99.63 | 93.27 |

(million barrels of oil equivalent) (g)

- (a) North West Shelf LNG Train 5 was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter.
(b) The Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter.
(c) Other Australia includes Griffin and Minerva.
(d) The Atlantis operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter.
(e) The Genghis Khan operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter and is reported in Shenzi. The Shenzi operation was commissioned during the March 2009 quarter.
(f) Other Americas includes Neptune, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis and Starlifter. The Neptune operation was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter.
(g) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | 712 | 768 | 733 | 756 | 688 | 2,177 | 2,267 |
| Paranam, Suriname | 247 | 240 | 241 | 242 | 226 | 709 | 743 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 136 | 141 | 124 | 141 | 137 | 402 | 395 |
| Total | 1,095 | 1,149 | 1,098 | 1,139 | 1,051 | 3,288 | 3,405 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | 683 | 703 | 781 | 763 | 683 | 2,227 | 2,278 |
| Paranam, Suriname | 246 | 261 | 216 | 252 | 218 | 686 | 755 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 135 | 137 | 128 | 140 | 110 | 378 | 394 |
| Total (a) | 1,064 | 1,101 | 1,125 | 1,155 | 1,011 | 3,291 | 3,427 |

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Hillside, South Africa | 167 | 170 | 175 | 176 | 174 | 525 | 525 |
| Bayside, South Africa | 44 | 29 | 25 | 25 | 24 | 74 | 139 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 45 | 45 | 45 | 44 | 44 | 133 | 133 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 62 | 61 | 64 | 65 | 62 | 191 | 196 |
| Total | 318 | 305 | 309 | 310 | 304 | 923 | 993 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Hillside, South Africa | 159 | 183 | 160 | 185 | 173 | 518 | 504 |

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|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bayside, South Africa | 48 | 29 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 74 | 148 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 43 | 47 | 37 | 50 | 48 | 135 | 134 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 57 | 73 | 36 | 105 | 41 | 182 | 185 |
| Total | 307 | 332 | 257 | 364 | 288 | 909 | 971 |
| Tolling Agreement (a) | 30 | 34 | 31 | 27 | 40 | 98 | 96 |
| | 337 | 366 | 288 | 391 | 328 | 1,007 | 1,067 |

(a) Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales.

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| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 102,566 | 103,253 | 99,375 | 100,544 | 97,357 | 297,276 | 273,880 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 22,029 | 24,491 | 20,416 | 22,516 | 21,381 | 64,313 | 66,212 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.56% | 1.55% | 1.32% | 1.04% | 0.93% | 1.09% | 1.64% |
| Production ex Mill (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 285.0 | 312.7 | 208.6 | 186.3 | 156.4 | 551.3 | 907.0 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 157.0 | 178.2 | 116.8 | 102.7 | 86.6 | 306.1 | 501.3 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 17,660 | 17,501 | 14,391 | 17,840 | 17,496 | 49,727 | 62,230 |

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|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 30.1 | 40.3 | 35.6 | 42.1 | 45.0 | 122.7 | 91.3 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 790 | 821 | 668 | 738 | 673 | 2,079 | 2,783 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 160.6 | 178.4 | 118.2 | 93.8 | 93.0 | 305.0 | 496.5 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 18,190 | 17,477 | 14,521 | 16,377 | 19,050 | 49,948 | 62,305 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 32.3 | 41.6 | 31.2 | 41.8 | 45.6 | 118.6 | 87.8 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 813 | 820 | 666 | 678 | 732 | 2,076 | 2,766 |
| Cerro Colorado, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 16,769 | 17,107 | 16,526 | 18,598 | 17,927 | 53,051 | 51,662 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 4,437 | 4,599 | 4,594 | 4,379 | 4,405 | 13,378 | 13,125 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 0.80% | 0.85% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.89% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 28.7 | 27.3 | 21.8 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 74.6 | 79.1 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 28.5 | 29.8 | 22.9 | 26.2 | 26.5 | 75.6 | 76.5 |
| Spence, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 20,335 | 20,065 | 18,738 | 20,562 | 19,505 | 58,805 | 57,076 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 3,918 | 4,255 | 4,490 | 4,154 | 4,300 | 12,944 | 12,383 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.48% | 1.85% | 2.18% | 1.66% | 1.51% | 1.79% | 1.55% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 41.6 | 43.0 | 35.7 | 44.5 | 47.7 | 127.9 | 99.7 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 39.9 | 51.3 | 34.6 | 43.3 | 45.1 | 123.0 | 93.4 |
| Antamina, Peru | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 29,095 | 29,336 | 30,026 | 28,111 | 27,060 | 85,197 | 91,529 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 6,518 | 7,729 | 8,133 | 8,058 | 7,853 | 24,044 | 21,817 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Copper | (%) | 1.21% | 1.38% | 1.15% | 1.25% | 1.22% | 1.21% | 1.27% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 1.55% | 1.46% | 1.54% | 1.33% | 1.57% | 1.48% | 1.13% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 24.1 | 30.8 | 28.4 | 28.6 | 25.7 | 82.7 | 80.9 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 22,235 | 26,210 | 27,312 | 23,671 | 26,454 | 77,437 | 57,311 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 803 | 994 | 932 | 915 | 1,003 | 2,850 | 2,511 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 380 | 575 | 484 | 400 | 976 | 1,860 | 1,003 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 580 | 590 | 514 | 365 | 318 | 1,197 | 1,952 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 20.4 | 33.5 | 26.7 | 29.4 | 28.7 | 84.8 | 81.5 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 16,630 | 29,385 | 26,402 | 27,024 | 24,457 | 77,883 | 54,394 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 512 | 940 | 719 | 844 | 754 | 2,317 | 2,148 |

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|--------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-------|
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 261 | 461 | 387 | 518 | 207 | 1,112 | 735 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 531 | 837 | 482 | 398 | 382 | 1,262 | 1,798 |

Cannington, Australia

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------|------|------|------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 698 | 821 | 724 | 863 | 824 | 2,411 | 2,330 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 726 | 658 | 824 | 817 | 628 | 2,269 | 2,142 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Silver | (g/t) | 472 | 397 | 384 | 438 | 398 | 407 | 480 |
| - Lead | (%) | 10.7% | 9.2% | 8.3% | 9.5% | 8.8% | 8.9% | 10.6% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 3.2% | 3.8% | 3.0% | 3.1% | 3.3% | 3.1% | 3.3% |

Production

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 9,421 | 7,181 | 8,391 | 9,565 | 6,802 | 24,758 | 28,304 |
|----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------|

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|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 67,505 | 52,601 | 57,768 | 65,622 | 46,259 | 169,649 | 198,947 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 13,735 | 17,244 | 14,449 | 14,199 | 12,943 | 41,591 | 43,725 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 7,727 | 8,918 | 9,507 | 9,958 | 5,490 | 24,955 | 25,718 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 53,167 | 62,997 | 64,980 | 67,467 | 36,945 | 169,392 | 177,640 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 9,629 | 17,710 | 16,949 | 10,990 | 11,195 | 39,134 | 38,463 |
| Olympic Dam, Australia | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (a) | (000 tonnes) | 2,333 | 2,397 | 2,628 | 2,419 | 2,415 | 7,462 | 7,277 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 2,225 | 2,570 | 2,518 | 2,456 | 2,301 | 7,275 | 7,016 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.86% | 2.06% | 2.08% | 1.80% | 1.83% | 1.91% | 1.85% |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.59 | 0.58 | 0.56 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.60 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 32.9 | 53.1 | 51.9 | 44.6 | 42.7 | 139.2 | 103.7 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 3.1 | 4.4 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 8.6 | 8.7 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 993 | 1,027 | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 2,853 | 3,117 |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 18,555 | 20,505 | 27,360 | 27,950 | 23,331 | 78,641 | 60,012 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 169 | 179 | 244 | 234 | 200 | 678 | 601 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 31.9 | 52.0 | 49.5 | 48.3 | 42.7 | 140.5 | 103.6 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 2.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 8.8 | 7.9 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,182 | 1,610 | 868 | 1,262 | 829 | 2,959 | 2,090 |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 19,767 | 19,556 | 26,121 | 26,383 | 24,298 | 76,802 | 61,645 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 173 | 185 | 232 | 250 | 79 | 561 | 602 |

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|-------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Copper concentrate (a) | (000 tonnes) | 9.6 | 12.0 | 14.2 | 14.7 | 4.4 | 33.3 | 14.8 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| Payable silver (a) | (000 ounces) | 38 | 61 | 65 | 63 | 52 | 180 | 52 |
| Payable gold (a) | (ounces) | 1,300 | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | | 94 | 46 | | 19 | 159 | |

Sales

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Copper concentrate | (000 tonnes) | 7.9 | 12.4 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 10.5 | 37.5 | 10.5 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 4.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 5.8 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 38 | 61 | 65 | 63 | 52 | 180 | 52 |
| Payable gold | (ounces) | 1,300 | | | | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,300 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | | 15 | 44 | | 100 | 159 | |

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(a) Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter. During February 2009 the operations were placed on care and maintenance.
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| | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati™ Canada</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Ore Processed (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 967 | 1,356 | 1,192 | 910 | 1,250 | 3,352 | 3,056 |
| Production | (000 carats) | 620 | 864 | 773 | 594 | 951 | 2,318 | 2,485 |

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| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | 7.8 | 10.1 | 10.7 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 36.8 | 31.7 |
| Sales | 13.6 | 8.2 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 11.6 | 33.3 | 33.7 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Nickel metal | 6.2 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 26.1 | 17.7 |
| Cobalt | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Nickel metal | 6.5 | 9.7 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 25.7 | 18.1 |
| Cobalt | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 1.3 | 2.8 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 16.3 | 2.5 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 10.3 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 10.8 | 6.1 | 17.5 | 22.7 |
| Nickel metal | 17.4 | 14.5 | | 11.5 | 16.3 | 27.8 | 50.7 |
| Nickel production | 29.0 | 22.2 | 7.0 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 61.6 | 75.9 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 0.6 | 3.8 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 16.0 | 1.5 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 9.4 | 7.2 | | 10.2 | 5.9 | 16.1 | 25.1 |
| Nickel metal | 15.7 | 20.7 | 4.7 | 6.6 | 15.1 | 26.4 | 44.8 |
| Nickel sales | 25.7 | 31.7 | 10.8 | 22.4 | 25.3 | 58.5 | 71.4 |

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| IRON ORE | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Mt Newman Joint Venture | 7,265 | 7,013 | 7,210 | 7,006 | 6,440 | 20,656 | 23,316 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 386 | 251 | 232 | 346 | 558 | 1,136 | 690 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 7,114 | 8,626 | 9,209 | 8,716 | 9,181 | 27,106 | 18,504 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | 10,061 | 10,623 | 8,961 | 10,026 | 9,370 | 28,357 | 29,654 |
| Jimblebar | 1,660 | 1,054 | 1,461 | 1,040 | 1,070 | 3,571 | 4,065 |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 26,486 | 27,567 | 27,073 | 27,134 | 26,619 | 80,826 | 76,229 |
| Total production (100%) | 31,160 | 32,432 | 31,851 | 31,922 | 31,316 | 95,089 | 89,682 |

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Shipments

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Lump | 7,603 | 8,282 | 9,172 | 7,598 | 8,163 | 24,933 | 20,858 |
| Fines | 19,714 | 19,882 | 19,013 | 18,917 | 19,486 | 57,416 | 56,540 |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 27,317 | 28,164 | 28,185 | 26,515 | 27,649 | 82,349 | 77,398 |
| Total sales (100%) | 32,138 | 33,134 | 33,159 | 31,194 | 32,528 | 96,881 | 91,057 |

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

Samarco, Brazil

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Production | 1,933 | 2,357 | 2,751 | 2,221 | 1,569 | 6,541 | 6,107 |
| Shipments | 1,589 | 2,234 | 2,836 | 1,808 | 1,428 | 6,072 | 5,755 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORE | | | | | | | |
| South Africa (a) | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 877 | 882 | 929 | 755 | 351 | 2,035 | 2,158 |
| Sales | 676 | 933 | 917 | 490 | 221 | 1,628 | 2,043 |
| Australia (a) | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 789 | 969 | 901 | 657 | 382 | 1,940 | 2,566 |
| Sales | 850 | 1,021 | 872 | 323 | 442 | 1,637 | 2,705 |
| MANGANESE ALLOY | | | | | | | |
| South Africa (a) (b) | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 125 | 124 | 133 | 112 | 51 | 296 | 389 |
| Sales | 122 | 136 | 106 | 56 | 54 | 216 | 369 |
| Australia (a) | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 67 | 66 | 70 | 69 | 53 | 192 | 196 |
| Sales | 57 | 61 | 56 | 57 | 36 | 149 | 176 |

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

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | MAR 2008 | JUNE 2008 | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2009 | MAR 2008 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | |
| Queensland, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| BMA | | | | | | | |
| Blackwater | 1,345 | 1,510 | 1,457 | 1,239 | 1,165 | 3,861 | 4,122 |
| Goonyella | 1,117 | 1,738 | 1,699 | 1,915 | 1,346 | 4,960 | 4,299 |
| Peak Downs | 849 | 1,121 | 914 | 1,103 | 1,105 | 3,122 | 2,973 |
| Saraji | 376 | 853 | 1,104 | 1,027 | 651 | 2,782 | 2,043 |
| Norwich Park | 306 | 642 | 439 | 605 | 427 | 1,471 | 1,384 |
| Gregory Joint Venture | 239 | 644 | 771 | 892 | 471 | 2,134 | 1,466 |
| BMA total | 4,232 | 6,508 | 6,384 | 6,781 | 5,165 | 18,330 | 16,287 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (b) | | | | | | | |
| South Walker Creek | 438 | 617 | 1,049 | 943 | 386 | 2,378 | 2,245 |
| Poitrel | 409 | 689 | 584 | 828 | 163 | 1,575 | 1,582 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total | 847 | 1,306 | 1,633 | 1,771 | 549 | 3,953 | 3,827 |
| Queensland total | 5,079 | 7,814 | 8,017 | 8,552 | 5,714 | 22,283 | 20,114 |

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Shipments

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Coking coal | 3,790 | 5,274 | 5,923 | 5,590 | 4,703 | 16,216 | 15,144 |
| Weak coking coal | 1,726 | 1,442 | 1,961 | 1,547 | 1,041 | 4,549 | 5,360 |
| Thermal coal | 497 | 491 | 462 | 297 | 253 | 1,012 | 1,341 |
| Total | 6,013 | 7,207 | 8,346 | 7,434 | 5,997 | 21,777 | 21,845 |

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(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%.

Illawarra, Australia

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Production | 1,767 | 1,318 | 1,193 | 1,598 | 1,882 | 4,673 | 5,947 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | |
| Coking coal | 1,549 | 1,097 | 895 | 1,195 | 1,637 | 3,727 | 5,306 |
| Thermal coal | 194 | 157 | 160 | 166 | 346 | 672 | 683 |
| Total | 1,743 | 1,254 | 1,055 | 1,361 | 1,983 | 4,399 | 5,989 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|
| | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | MAR | MAR |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |

ENERGY COAL

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

(000 tonnes)

South Africa (a)

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| Production | 11,129 | 10,960 | 9,009 | 8,031 | 6,929 | 23,969 | 34,112 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Export | 3,119 | 3,989 | 2,329 | 2,945 | 1,672 | 6,946 | 11,595 |
| Local utility | 7,430 | 7,381 | 7,066 | 6,212 | 5,529 | 18,807 | 21,844 |
| Inland | 190 | 487 | 376 | 123 | 97 | 596 | 787 |
| Total | 10,739 | 11,857 | 9,771 | 9,280 | 7,298 | 26,349 | 34,226 |

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(a) Comparative periods include production from the South African Optimum operations, which was sold effective from 1 July 2007.

New Mexico, USA**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Navajo Coal | 1,800 | 2,286 | 2,064 | 1,923 | 1,950 | 5,937 | 5,247 |
| San Juan Coal | 836 | 2,548 | 1,941 | 1,094 | 957 | 3,992 | 3,571 |

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Total | 2,636 | 4,834 | 4,005 | 3,017 | 2,907 | 9,929 | 8,818 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|

Sales - local utility

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| | 2,573 | 3,207 | 3,660 | 3,605 | 3,172 | 10,437 | 9,520 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|-------|

Hunter Valley, Australia**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| | 2,965 | 2,934 | 2,975 | 2,993 | 2,768 | 8,736 | 8,842 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|

Sales

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Export | 1,842 | 2,549 | 1,849 | 2,242 | 2,360 | 6,451 | 5,157 |
| Inland | 791 | 512 | 946 | 650 | 764 | 2,360 | 2,955 |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Total | 2,633 | 3,061 | 2,795 | 2,892 | 3,124 | 8,811 | 8,112 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|

Cerrejon Coal, Colombia**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| | 2,553 | 2,625 | 2,807 | 2,435 | 2,618 | 7,860 | 7,743 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|

Sales - export

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| | 2,534 | 2,547 | 2,593 | 2,829 | 2,409 | 7,831 | 7,629 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|