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Our core strategy sets us apart in our industry

Focus on world-class assets that are large, low-cost
and expandable

Focus on the extraction of upstream natural

resources

Portfolio diversified by commodity, customer and geography reducing the volatility of cash flows

Maintenance of a deep diversified inventory of growth options

Focus on export orientated products

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environmental practice and community engagement

Employer of choice, and a preferred partner for countries and customers

Simplicity

Accountability

Effectiveness

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Diversity = stability and strength

Underlying EBIT Margin

(a)

(%)

0

10

- 20
 - 30
 - 40
 - 50
 - 60
 - 70
 - 80
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - H1
 - H2
 - Petroleum
 - Aluminium
 - Base Metals
 - D&SP
 - SSM
 - Iron Ore
 - Manganese
 - Met Coal
 - Energy Coal
 - BHP Billiton
 - FY2002
 - FY2003
 - FY2004
 - FY2005
 - FY2006
 - FY2007
 - FY2008
- (a) FY2002 to FY2005 are calculated under UKGAAP. Subsequent periods are calculated under IFRS.
All periods exclude third party trading activities.

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Strong cash flow -
delivering value to shareholders
0
2,000
4,000
6,000

8,000
10,000
12,000
14,000
16,000
18,000
20,000

H1

H2

0

1,500

3,000

4,500

6,000

7,500

9,000

Available Cash Flow

(US\$m)

Organic Growth

(a)

(US\$m)

Return

to

Shareholders

(b)

(US\$m)

Note:

FY2005

to

FY2008

have

been

calculated on the basis of the IFRS. Prior periods have been calculated on the basis of UKGAAP.

FY2007 and FY2008 cashflow reflects proportional consolidation of joint ventures.

(a)

Includes capital and exploration expenditures (exclude acquisitions).

(b)

Includes dividends paid and share buy-backs.

0

1,500

3,000

4,500

6,000

7,500

9,000

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The portfolio effect -
financial strength

Note:

Underlying EBITDA interest cover based on net interest.

33.6x

43.6x

49.4x

0

10,000

20,000

30,000

40,000

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

0

10

20

30

40

50

60

Net Debt (US\$m)

Underlying EBITDA interest cover

Net Debt

(US\$m)

Underlying EBITDA / Interest Cover

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China. Slowing, but still growing.

Growth deceleration to 9% in

3Q08

sixth consecutive quarter

of slowing growth

Full year growth between 9 and 9.5% (growth would have to fall below 7% in 4Q08 to compromise this)

Growth will continue to slow in 1H09 before beginning weak recovery

IMF expect Chinese GDP for 2009 to be 8.5%

Gross domestic production (% growth, constant 2006 US\$)

-2

0

2

4

6

8

10

12

14

2007

2008

2009F

2010F

2011F

2012F

2013F

Source: IMF World Economic Indicators, October / November 2008

China

Emerging and developing economies

World

Advanced economies

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China macro environment

Inflation, margin squeeze, credit restrictions, &
external slowdown have curbed growth since
mid-2007

Olympic closures and security restrictions had marginal effect

Domestic consumption, investment, and infrastructure construction growth remain at near record highs

Macro indicators generally remain healthy though at micro level pockets of distress exist due to overcapacity, especially for marginal producers dependent on credit

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World class assets contribute volumes and returns through
the cycle

Copper cash operating costs
(US\$/t)

Iron ore cash operating costs
(US\$/dmt)

Metallurgical coal FOB cash operating costs

(CY2007, US\$/t)

Oil and gas cash operating costs

(US\$/boe)

Average Canadian

cost position (all suppliers)

0

20

40

60

80

0

50

100

150

200

250

Volume (mt)

BMA/BMC/BHP Billiton operations

Note:

Iron ore

cash

operating

cost:

as

per

CRU

and

BHP

Billiton

analysis.

Metallurgical

coal

cash

operating

costs:

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documentation. Copper cash operating costs: as per CRU. Oil and gas cash operating costs: peer group includes Anadarko, A

Talisman and Woodside;

Source:

BHP Billiton, John C. Herold
Inc and Annual Reports.

100
200
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
1,000

0
140
120
80
40
0

BHP Billiton WA Iron Ore Weighted
Average Cost Delivered to Asia

2007

Delivered

2008

Delivered

Cumulative production (mt)

2005

2006

2007

1H08

0

5

10

15

20

25

Peers

Cumulative production (kt)

0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000

10,000

12,000

14,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

0

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Strength to invest through the cycle

Strong balance sheet and cashflow provides
ability to invest across the cycle

Investing in growth today does not deliver

immediate volume to the market. It can deliver future volume in to healthier markets

Focus remains on lower capital higher returning brownfield expansions of assets at the bottom end of the cost curve

Quality energy portfolio provides growth opportunity in high margin business

All projects need to meet hurdle rates of return based on long term prices, not near term volatility

% of growth CY2007-2012

(a)

(Estimated & unrisksed)

45%

37%

18%

Steelmaking

Materials

Energy

Non-Ferrous

Expected

production

growth

by

project

type

(a)(b)

(Copper equivalent tonnes, CY2007-CY2012)

Greenfield

Note:

(a)

Growth in production volumes on a copper equivalent units basis between CY2007 and CY2012 calculated using BHP Billiton

Production volumes exclude BHP Billiton's Specialty Products operation and all bauxite production. All energy coal businesses

only

tonnes

available

for

external

sale.

Conversion

of

production

forecasts

to

copper

equivalent

units

completed
using
long
term
consensus
price
forecasts,
plus
BHP Billiton
assumptions
for
diamonds,
domestic
coal
and
manganese.

Prices
as
at
July
2008.

All
periods
exclude
third
party
trading
activities.

(b)

Brownfield includes growth from existing operations as at 31-Dec-2007, as well as expansions and additional developments of

87%

13%

Brownfield

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Strength
to
invest
through
the
cycle

Spence
a
case
Study

Having the ability to invest in commodity cycle downturns results in the ability to deliver future production in to more robust markets

The decision to invest in Spence was taken in October 2004 when the copper price was around \$1.50/lb

First production occurred in December 2006 (copper price at \$3.00/lb). Since then Spence has produced c254kt of copper at an average price of c\$3.35/lb

Copper price
(US\$/lb)

0.00

0.50

1.00

1.50

2.00

2.50

3.00

3.50

4.00

4.50

Jan-96

Jun-97

Nov-98

Apr-00

Sep-01

Feb-03

Jul-04

Dec-05

May-07

Oct-08

Exploration and development work

Spence

discovered

Pre-feasibility

study completed

Feasibility study

complete &

Project Execution

First

Cathode

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Keys to unlocking value

Optimising mineral basin positions and infrastructure

Lower cost, more efficient production

Unlocking volume through matching reserves with infrastructure

Enhanced platform for future growth

Deployment of scarce resources to highest value opportunities

Greater ability to develop the next generation of large scale projects in new geographies

Better positioned as partner of choice with governments and stakeholders