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BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

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BHP BILLITON PLC

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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 July 2009

By: /s/ Jane McAloon
Name: Jane McAloon
Title: Group Company Secretary

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

Annual production was solid despite weak and volatile demand conditions and weather related interruptions.

Quarterly production increased for 12 major commodities including metallurgical coal, petroleum, copper and energy coal. Operations are well positioned to respond to demand recovery when it occurs.

Annual production records were achieved for petroleum, copper cathode and iron ore.

Annual production records at Western Australia Iron Ore, North West Shelf and Saraji (all Australia), Alumar refinery (Brazil), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and Zamzama (Pakistan).

A quarterly production record was set for petroleum, and at Hunter Valley Energy Coal (Australia).

Iron ore production was impacted by Rapid Growth Project (RGP) 4 tie-in activities and safety initiatives. The 2009 financial year proved to be very challenging, with significant demand contraction exacerbated by dramatic movements in inventory levels. In the context of this environment, BHP Billiton achieved a solid operational performance, despite making production adjustments across a range of commodities, including metallurgical coal, nickel and manganese.

In the short term we believe underlying demand trends are still being masked by de-stock and stocking activities across the value chain. China inventory build is essentially complete, while we are now seeing evidence that re-stocking has commenced in North America, Europe and Japan. However, commodity prices will be influenced by supply responses due to latent capacity currently existing in the industry.

BHP Billiton remains well positioned in a modest demand environment, with high margin businesses and a strong balance sheet that allows us to invest for the future and return funds to shareholders.

Petroleum

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids (000 bbl)	76,376	21,363	12%	5%	19%
Natural Gas (bcf)	364.86	97.17	-1%	2%	18%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	137.19	37.56	6%	4%	19%

Total Petroleum Production Strong annual production growth due to delivery of new projects and ongoing focus on driving base performance. First production was achieved for five projects – Neptune, Shenzi and Atlantis North (all USA), North West Shelf Train 5 and Angel (both Australia).

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Crude Oil, Condensate, and Natural Gas Liquids Production was higher than all comparative periods due to significant growth in high margin crude production. Crude, condensate and natural gas liquids production were 12 per cent higher than the year ended June 2008. The continued ramp up and start up of new projects, such as Shenzi, Neptune and Atlantis, contributed to an increase in production. This was achieved despite the impact of hurricane related interruptions, and the need to install water injection for reservoir support at Atlantis.

Production increased by 19 per cent versus the March 2009 quarter due to the start up of Shenzi and infill drilling program at Bass Strait (Australia).

On 22 June 2009, the Griffin Joint Venture (Australia) announced that production will cease in October 2009 as the facility reaches the end of its useful life.

Natural Gas Production was in line with the quarter and year ended June 2008. Lower Bass Strait production was mainly due to the ethane pipeline incident in December 2008. This was partly offset by the contribution from North West Shelf Train 5 and Angel.

Production was higher than the March 2009 quarter due to the expected higher seasonal demand in Australia and recovery from the Bass Strait ethane pipeline incident.

Aluminium

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Alumina (000 tonnes)	4,396	1,108	-3%	-4%	5%
Aluminium (000 tonnes)	1,233	310	-5%	2%	2%

Alumina Production improved following the calciner outages at Worsley (Australia) in the March 2009 quarter.

Aluminium Production was lower than the year ended June 2008 due to the mandatory reduction of power consumption in Southern Africa, which began in January 2008. Hillside (South Africa) continued to deliver production at or above design capacity.

Base Metals

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Copper (000 tonnes)	1,207.1	307.2	-12%	-21%	9%
Lead (tonnes)	230,051	58,542	-9%	10%	24%
Zinc (tonnes)	163,215	44,187	13%	2%	12%
Silver (000 ounces)	41,341	10,796	-5%	17%	24%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	4,007	1,154	-3%	12%	31%

Copper Production for the year and quarter ended June 2009 was impacted by lower ore grade and reduced output from milling operations at Escondida (Chile). Partially offsetting this was the continued ramp up of Spence and Escondida Sulphide Leach (both Chile) and improved ore milled and smelter performance at Olympic Dam (Australia).

Production was stronger than the March 2009 quarter due to higher grade at Escondida and improved performance from Cerro Colorado (Chile) and Antamina (Peru).

During the September 2009 quarter, Escondida's Laguna Seca SAG mill will be shut down for 45 days to replace the stator coils. We expect a more reliable mill operation after this maintenance.

At 30 June 2009 the Group had 234,871 tonnes of outstanding copper sales that were revalued at a weighted average price of US\$4,946 per tonne. The final price of these sales will be determined in the 2010 financial year. In addition, 327,941 tonnes of copper sales from the 2008 financial year were subject to a finalisation adjustment in 2009. The finalisation adjustment and provisional pricing impact as at 30 June 2009 will decrease earnings(a) by US\$936 million for the period.

Lead/Silver Production for the year ended June 2009 was impacted by lower grade and wet weather interruptions during the March 2009 quarter at Cannington (Australia).

Production was higher than the comparative quarters due to improved mill throughput at Cannington.

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

Uranium Production increased compared to the June 2008 and March 2009 quarters reflecting record ore milled and improved recoveries at Olympic Dam.

Diamonds and Specialty Products

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	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Diamonds (000 carats)	3,221	903	-4%	5%	-5%

Diamonds Production continues to be influenced by variability of ore sources due to the mix of open pit and underground mining. The Koala Underground (Canada) mine which was commissioned in December 2007 has been fully ramped up.

Stainless Steel Materials

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Nickel (000 tonnes) (b)	173.1	48.6	3%	14%	2%

Nickel Production was higher than the June 2008 quarter which had been impacted by the industrial stoppage at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) and the start of the Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter (Australia) furnace rebuild in the June 2008 quarter.

Iron Ore

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Iron Ore (000 tonnes)	114,415	27,048	2%	-10%	-4%

Iron Ore Production for the June 2009 quarter was impacted by tie-in activities for RGP 4 and safety initiatives at the Western Australia Iron Ore operations. As RGP 4 is nearing completion, existing operations will continue to be impacted by the tie-in activities.

Production volumes at Samarco (Brazil) increased during the June 2009 quarter following the restart of the second pellet plant during the March 2009 quarter. The third pellet plant restarted in early July 2009 however the continued operation of all three pellet plants will be subject to ongoing assessment to align with demand for the product.

For the year ended June 2009, 68 per cent of Western Australia Iron Ore shipments on a wet metric tonne basis were based on annually agreed pricing.

Manganese

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Manganese Ore (000 tonnes)	4,475	500	-32%	-73%	-32%
Manganese Alloy (000 tonnes)	513	25	-34%	-87%	-76%

Manganese Ore The decrease in production reflects the previously announced production adjustments in response to weak demand. While production decreased in the June 2009 quarter relative to the prior quarter, sales increased modestly and stockpiles were drawn down to meet demand. As stockpiles reach optimal levels, production will be progressively ramped up.

Manganese Alloy Production was in line with previously announced production cuts. The demand outlook varies between products, with overall conditions remaining subdued. Samancor Manganese will therefore continue to produce at reduced levels and use stockpiles to meet demand.

Metallurgical Coal

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Metallurgical Coal (000 tonnes)	36,416	9,460	3%	4%	25%

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Metallurgical Coal Despite softer market conditions, production was slightly above the June 2008 year end, when production was affected by severe flooding.

Production for the June 2009 quarter improved significantly over the March 2009 quarter due to stronger demand conditions, particularly from Asia. Our operations are well positioned to respond to increases in demand.

Energy Coal

	JUNE 2009 YTD	JUNE 2009 QTR	JUNE YTD 2009 vs JUNE YTD 2008	JUNE Q09 vs JUNE Q08	JUNE Q09 vs MAR Q09
Energy Coal (000 tonnes) (c)	68,206	17,712	-2%	-5%	16%

Energy Coal Production was slightly lower than the June 2008 quarter due to the planned closure of underground mining operations at Douglas Middelburg (South Africa) which occurred in November 2008.

Production for the June 2009 quarter recovered following the wet weather interruptions at Hunter Valley Energy Coal and Douglas Middelburg and planned maintenance in the March 2009 quarter.

- (a) Earnings before interest and tax.
- (b) Including Yabulu which is expected to be sold effective 31 July 2009.
- (c) Excluding Optimum operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007.

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

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE		JUN Q09	
		JUNE 2008	MAR 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008	JUN YTD 09 vs JUN YTD 08	JUN Q09 vs JUN Q08	JUN Q09 vs MAR Q09	
PETROLEUM										
Crude oil & condensate	(000 bbl)	17,588	15,613	18,523	66,328	57,444	15%	5%	19%	
Natural gas	(bcf)	95.37	82.19	97.17	364.86	368.02	-1%	2%	18%	
Natural gas liquid	(000 bbl)	2,743	2,361	2,840	10,048	10,724	-6%	4%	20%	
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	36.23	31.67	37.56	137.19	129.50	6%	4%	19%	
ALUMINIUM										
Alumina	(000 tonnes)	1,149	1,051	1,108	4,396	4,554	-3%	-4%	5%	
Aluminium	(000 tonnes)	305	304	310	1,233	1,298	-5%	2%	2%	
BASE METALS										
Copper	(000 tonnes)	390.7	282.8	307.2	1,207.1	1,375.5	-12%	-21%	9%	
Lead	(tonnes)	53,176	47,235	58,542	230,051	253,126	-9%	10%	24%	
Zinc	(tonnes)	43,454	39,397	44,187	163,215	144,490	13%	2%	12%	
Gold	(ounces)	38,006	<i>41,747</i>	46,993	176,281	161,548	9%	24%	13%	
Silver	(000 ounces)	9,236	8,730	10,796	41,341	43,487	-5%	17%	24%	
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,027	883	1,154	4,007	4,144	-3%	12%	31%	
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	590	337	166	1,522	2,542	-40%	-72%	-51%	
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
Diamonds	(000 carats)	864	951	903	3,221	3,349	-4%	5%	-5%	
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS										
Nickel (a)	(000 tonnes)	42.6	47.5	48.6	173.1	167.9	3%	14%	2%	
IRON ORE										
Iron ore	(000 tonnes)	29,924	28,188	27,048	114,415	112,260	2%	-10%	-4%	
MANGANESE										
Manganese ore	(000 tonnes)	1,851	733	500	4,475	6,575	-32%	-73%	-32%	
Manganese alloy	(000 tonnes)	190	104	25	513	775	-34%	-87%	-76%	
METALLURGICAL COAL										
Metallurgical coal	(000 tonnes)	9,132	7,596	9,460	36,416	35,193	3%	4%	25%	
ENERGY COAL										
Energy coal (b)	(000 tonnes)	18,720	15,222	17,712	68,206	69,565	-2%	-5%	16%	

(a) Including Yabulu which is expected to be sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) 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

		QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
	BHP Billiton Interest	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	DEC 2008	MAR 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008
PETROLEUM								
Production								
Crude oil & condensate (000 bbl)		17,588	16,180	16,012	15,613	18,523	66,328	57,444
Natural gas (bcf)		95.37	95.27	90.23	82.19	97.17	364.86	368.02
NGL (000 bbl) (a)		2,743	2,740	2,107	2,361	2,840	10,048	10,724
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)		36.23	34.80	33.16	31.67	37.56	137.19	129.50

ALUMINIUM**ALUMINA****Production (000 tonnes)**

Worsley	86%	768	733	756	688	747	2,924	3,035
Suriname	45%	240	241	242	226	226	935	983
Alumar	36%	141	124	141	137	135	537	536
Total		1,149	1,098	1,139	1,051	1,108	4,396	4,554

ALUMINIUM**Production (000 tonnes)**

Hillside	100%	170	175	176	174	177	702	695
Bayside	100%	29	25	25	24	25	99	168
Alumar	40%	45	45	44	44	44	177	178
Mozal	47%	61	64	65	62	64	255	257
Total		305	309	310	304	310	1,233	1,298

BASE METALS (b)**COPPER****Payable metal in concentrate (000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	178.2	116.8	102.7	86.6	111.5	417.6	679.5
Antamina	33.8%	30.8	28.4	28.6	25.7	26.3	109.0	111.7
Pinto Valley (c)	100%	12.0	14.2	14.7	4.4		33.3	26.8
Total		221.0	159.4	146.0	116.7	137.8	559.9	818.0

Cathode (000 tonnes)

Escondida	57.5%	40.3	35.6	42.1	45.0	49.4	172.1	131.6
Cerro Colorado	100%	27.3	21.8	26.3	26.5	27.5	102.1	106.4
Spence	100%	43.0	35.7	44.5	47.7	44.8	172.7	142.7

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Pinto Valley (c)	100%	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.4	6.2	6.9
Olympic Dam	100%	57.5	54.8	47.6	45.4	46.3	194.1	169.9
Total		169.7	149.5	162.2	166.1	169.4	647.2	557.5

		QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
	BHP Billiton Interest	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	DEC 2008	MAR 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008
LEAD								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	52,601	57,768	65,622	46,259	57,145	226,794	251,548
Antamina	33.8%	575	484	400	976	1,397	3,257	1,578
Total		53,176	58,252	66,022	47,235	58,542	230,051	253,126
ZINC								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Cannington	100%	17,244	14,449	14,199	12,943	13,258	54,849	60,969
Antamina	33.8%	26,210	27,312	23,671	26,454	30,929	108,366	83,521
Total		43,454	41,761	37,870	39,397	44,187	163,215	144,490
GOLD								
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	17,501	14,391	17,840	17,496	17,595	67,322	79,731
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	20,505	27,360	27,950	23,331	29,398	108,039	80,517
Pinto Valley (c)	100%				920		920	1,300
Total		38,006	41,751	45,790	41,747	46,993	176,281	161,548
SILVER								
Payable metal in concentrate (000 ounces)								
Escondida	57.5%	821	668	738	673	686	2,765	3,604
Antamina	33.8%	994	932	915	1,003	1,240	4,090	3,505
Cannington	100%	7,181	8,391	9,565	6,802	8,609	33,367	35,485
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	179	244	234	200	259	937	780
Pinto Valley (c)	100%	61	65	63	52	2	182	113
Total		9,236	10,300	11,515	8,730	10,796	41,341	43,487
URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Olympic Dam	100%	1,027	1,110	860	883	1,154	4,007	4,144
Total		1,027	1,110	860	883	1,154	4,007	4,144
MOLYBDENUM								
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)								
Antamina	33.8%	590	514	365	318	166	1,363	2,542
Pinto Valley (c)	100%		94	46	19		159	
Total		590	608	411	337	166	1,522	2,542
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS								
DIAMONDS								
Production (000 carats)								

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Ekati	80%	864	773	594	951	903	3,221	3,349
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS								
NICKEL								
Production (000 tonnes)								
CMSA	99.9%	10.1	10.7	13.0	13.1	13.7	50.5	41.8
Yabulu	100.0%	10.3	9.1	9.5	7.5	7.8	33.9	28.0
Nickel West	100%	22.2	7.0	27.7	26.9	27.1	88.7	98.1
Total		42.6	26.8	50.2	47.5	48.6	173.1	167.9

	BHP Billiton Interest	JUNE 2008	SEPT 2008	DEC 2008	MAR 2009	JUNE 2009	YEAR TO DATE JUNE 2009	JUNE 2008
IRON ORE								
Production (000 tonnes) (d)								
Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	7,013	7,210	7,006	6,440	5,781	26,437	30,329
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	251	232	346	558	280	1,416	941
Area C Joint Venture	85%	8,626	9,209	8,716	9,181	8,407	35,513	27,130
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	10,623	8,961	10,026	9,370	9,461	37,818	40,277
Jimblebar	85%	1,054	1,461	1,040	1,070	1,342	4,913	5,119
Samarco	50%	2,357	2,751	2,221	1,569	1,777	8,318	8,464
Total		29,924	29,824	29,355	28,188	27,048	114,415	112,260
MANGANESE								
MANGANESE ORES								
Saleable production (000 tonnes)								
South Africa (e)	60%	882	929	755	351	156	2,191	3,040
Australia (e)	60%	969	901	657	382	344	2,284	3,535
Total		1,851	1,830	1,412	733	500	4,475	6,575
MANGANESE ALLOYS								
Saleable production (000 tonnes)								
South Africa (e) (f)	60%	124	133	112	51	5	301	513
Australia (e)	60%	66	70	69	53	20	212	262
Total		190	203	181	104	25	513	775
METALLURGICAL COAL								
Production (000 tonnes) (g)								
BMA	50%	6,508	6,384	6,781	5,165	6,378	24,708	22,795
BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	1,306	1,633	1,771	549	1,482	5,435	5,133
Illawarra	100%	1,318	1,193	1,598	1,882	1,600	6,273	7,265
Total		9,132	9,210	10,150	7,596	9,460	36,416	35,193
ENERGY COAL								
Production (000 tonnes)								
South Africa	100%	10,960	9,009	8,031	6,929	7,732	31,701	45,072
USA	100%	4,834	4,005	3,017	2,907	4,207	14,136	13,652
Australia	100%	2,934	2,975	2,993	2,768	3,039	11,775	11,776
Colombia	33%	2,625	2,807	2,435	2,618	2,734	10,594	10,368
Total		21,353	18,796	16,476	15,222	17,712	68,206	80,868

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- (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%.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
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PETROLEUM							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	3,184	3,412	3,230	3,057	3,744	13,443	12,843
North West Shelf (a)	2,153	2,115	2,434	2,150	2,178	8,877	9,090
Stybarrow (b)	3,527	3,376	2,720	1,843	1,538	9,477	7,523
Other Australia (c)	263	206	185	158	150	699	930
Atlantis (d)	3,471	2,232	2,319	2,449	3,333	10,333	7,406
Shenzi (e)	322	186		49	2,788	3,023	548
Trinidad /Tobago	879	705	568	542	354	2,169	3,935
Other Americas (f)	1,310	1,561	2,025	2,016	1,860	7,462	4,483
UK	836	680	777	796	869	3,122	3,640
Algeria	1,555	1,624	1,664	2,457	1,611	7,356	6,722
Pakistan	88	83	90	96	98	367	324
Total	17,588	16,180	16,012	15,613	18,523	66,328	57,444
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (d)							
Bass Strait	33.31	37.08	25.12	17.02	28.98	108.20	123.93
North West Shelf (a)	26.76	27.01	31.79	31.63	32.97	123.40	108.49
Other Australia (c)	6.65	7.33	6.35	6.75	6.11	26.54	30.27
Atlantis (d)	2.07	1.25	1.16	1.32	1.95	5.68	3.73
Shenzi (e)	0.07	0.04			0.73	0.77	0.14
Other Americas (f)	2.05	1.74	1.68	2.09	2.01	7.52	8.05
UK	11.32	7.51	9.70	8.95	8.11	34.27	45.21
Pakistan	13.14	13.31	14.43	14.43	16.31	58.48	48.20
Total	95.37	95.27	90.23	82.19	97.17	364.86	368.02
NGL (000 barrels)							
Bass Strait	2,056	2,149	1,352	982	1,875	6,358	7,755
North West Shelf (a)	343	364	402	416	437	1,619	1,498
UK	116	41	89	31	97	258	426
Algeria	228	186	264	932	431	1,813	1,045
Total	2,743	2,740	2,107	2,361	2,840	10,048	10,724
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	36.23	34.80	33.16	31.67	37.56	137.19	129.50
(million barrels of oil equivalent) (g)							

- (a) North West Shelf LNG Train 5 was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter. North West Shelf Angel was commissioned during the December 2008 quarter.
- (b) The Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter.
- (c) Other Australia includes Griffin and Minerva. Griffin will cease production in October 2009.
- (d) The Atlantis operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. Atlantis North achieved first production on 5 June 2009.
- (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)

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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	768	733	756	688	747	2,924	3,035
Paranam, Suriname	240	241	242	226	226	935	983
Alumar, Brazil	141	124	141	137	135	537	536
Total	1,149	1,098	1,139	1,051	1,108	4,396	4,554
Sales							
Worsley, Australia	703	781	763	683	731	2,958	2,981
Paranam, Suriname	261	216	252	218	246	932	1,016
Alumar, Brazil	137	128	140	110	145	523	531
Total (a)	1,101	1,125	1,155	1,011	1,122	4,413	4,528
ALUMINIUM							
Production							
Hillside, South Africa	170	175	176	174	177	702	695
Bayside, South Africa	29	25	25	24	25	99	168
Alumar, Brazil	45	45	44	44	44	177	178
Mozal, Mozambique	61	64	65	62	64	255	257
Total	305	309	310	304	310	1,233	1,298
Sales							
Hillside, South Africa	183	160	185	173	189	707	687
Bayside, South Africa	29	24	24	26	22	96	177
Alumar, Brazil	47	37	50	48	47	182	181
Mozal, Mozambique	73	36	105	41	88	270	258
Total	332	257	364	288	346	1,255	1,303
Tolling Agreement (a)	34	31	27	40	31	129	130
	366	288	391	328	377	1,384	1,433

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

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		2008	2008	DEC	MAR	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
		2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2008
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)	103,253	99,375	100,544	97,357	102,558	399,834	377,133
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	(000 tonnes)	24,491	20,416	22,516	21,381	19,898	84,211	90,703
Average copper grade	(%)	1.55%	1.32%	1.04%	0.93%	1.22%	1.12%	1.61%
Production ex Mill (100%)	(000 tonnes)	312.7	208.6	186.3	156.4	199.6	750.9	1,219.7
Production								
Payable copper	(000 tonnes)	178.2	116.8	102.7	86.6	111.5	417.6	679.5
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,501	14,391	17,840	17,496	17,595	67,322	79,731
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	40.3	35.6	42.1	45.0	49.4	172.1	131.6
Payable silver concentrate	(000 ounces)	821	668	738	673	686	2,765	3,604
Sales								
Payable copper	(000 tonnes)	178.4	118.2	93.8	93.0	114.2	419.2	674.9
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,477	14,521	16,377	19,050	17,816	67,764	79,782
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	41.6	31.2	41.8	45.6	48.4	167.0	129.4
Payable silver concentrate	(000 ounces)	820	666	678	732	685	2,761	3,586
Cerro Colorado, Chile								
Material mined	(000 tonnes)	17,107	16,526	18,598	17,927	17,289	70,340	68,769
Ore milled	(000 tonnes)	4,599	4,594	4,379	4,405	3,598	16,976	17,724
Average copper grade	(%)	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%	0.89%	0.86%	0.88%
Production								
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	27.3	21.8	26.3	26.5	27.5	102.1	106.4
Sales								
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	29.8	22.9	26.2	26.5	30.5	106.1	106.3
Spence, Chile								
Material mined	(000 tonnes)	20,065	18,738	20,562	19,505	20,049	78,854	77,141
Ore milled	(000 tonnes)	4,255	4,490	4,154	4,300	4,921	17,865	16,638
Average copper grade	(%)	1.85%	2.18%	1.66%	1.51%	1.36%	1.67%	1.63%
Production								
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	43.0	35.7	44.5	47.7	44.8	172.7	142.7
Sales								
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	51.3	34.6	43.3	45.1	45.2	168.2	144.7
Antamina, Peru								
Material mined (100%)	(000 tonnes)	29,336	30,026	28,111	27,060	29,381	114,578	120,865
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	(000 tonnes)	7,729	8,133	8,058	7,853	8,437	32,481	29,546
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.38%	1.15%	1.25%	1.22%	1.19%	1.20%	1.30%
- Zinc	(%)	1.46%	1.54%	1.33%	1.57%	1.73%	1.54%	1.22%
Production								
Payable copper	(000 tonnes)	30.8	28.4	28.6	25.7	26.3	109.0	111.7
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	26,210	27,312	23,671	26,454	30,929	108,366	83,521
Payable silver	(000 ounces)	994	932	915	1,003	1,240	4,090	3,505
Payable lead	(tonnes)	575	484	400	976	1,397	3,257	1,578
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	590	514	365	318	166	1,363	2,542
Sales								
Payable copper	(000 tonnes)	33.5	26.7	29.4	28.7	24.2	109.0	115.0
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	29,385	26,402	27,024	24,457	29,110	106,993	83,779
Payable silver	(000 ounces)	940	719	844	754	987	3,304	3,088
Payable lead	(tonnes)	461	387	518	207	724	1,836	1,196
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	837	482	398	382	171	1,433	2,635

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<u>Cannington, Australia</u>								
Material mined	(000 tonnes)	821	724	863	824	793	3,204	3,151
Ore milled	(000 tonnes)	658	824	817	628	746	3,015	2,800
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	397	384	438	398	427	412	460
- Lead	(%)	9.2%	8.3%	9.5%	8.8%	9.0%	8.9%	10.3%
- Zinc	(%)	3.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	3.0%	3.1%	3.4%
Production								
Payable silver	(000 ounces)	7,181	8,391	9,565	6,802	8,609	33,367	35,485
Payable lead	(tonnes)	52,601	57,768	65,622	46,259	57,145	226,794	251,548
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	17,244	14,449	14,199	12,943	13,258	54,849	60,969
Sales								
Payable silver	(000 ounces)	8,918	9,507	9,958	5,490	9,841	34,796	34,636
Payable lead	(tonnes)	62,997	64,980	67,467	36,945	64,544	233,936	240,637
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	17,710	16,949	10,990	11,195	15,649	54,783	56,173
<u>Olympic Dam, Australia</u>								
Material mined (a)	(000 tonnes)	2,397	2,628	2,419	2,415	2,370	9,832	9,674
Ore milled	(000 tonnes)	2,570	2,518	2,456	2,301	2,608	9,883	9,586
Average copper grade	(%)	2.06%	2.08%	1.80%	1.83%	1.75%	1.87%	1.91%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.58	0.56	0.50	0.52	0.57	0.54	0.59
Production								
Copper cathode (ER)	(000 tonnes)	53.1	51.9	44.6	42.7	42.6	181.8	156.8
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	4.4	2.9	3.0	2.7	3.7	12.3	13.1
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,027	1,110	860	883	1,154	4,007	4,144
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	20,505	27,360	27,950	23,331	29,398	108,039	80,517
Refined silver	(000 ounces)	179	244	234	200	259	937	780
Sales								
Copper cathode (ER)	(000 tonnes)	52.0	49.5	48.3	42.7	40.5	181.0	155.6
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	4.3	3.3	2.8	2.7	3.8	12.6	12.2
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,610	868	1,262	829	1,261	4,220	3,700
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	19,556	26,121	26,383	24,298	35,876	112,678	81,201
Refined silver	(000 ounces)	185	232	250	79	400	961	787

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

Copper concentrate (a)	(000 tonnes)	12.0	14.2	14.7	4.4		33.3	26.8
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.4	6.2	6.9
Payable silver (a)	(000 ounces)	61	65	63	52	2	182	113
Payable gold (a)	(ounces)				920		920	1,300
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)		94	46	19		159	
Sales								
Copper concentrate	(000 tonnes)	12.4	14.0	13.0	10.5		37.5	22.9
Copper cathode (EW)	(000 tonnes)	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	6.1	7.2
Payable silver	(000 ounces)	61	65	63	52	2	182	113
Payable gold	(ounces)				920		920	1,300

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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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DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.								
DIAMONDS								
<u>Ekati™, Canada</u>								
Ore Processed (100%)	(000 tonnes)	1,356	1,192	910	1,250	1,410	4,762	4,412
Production	(000 carats)	864	773	594	951	903	3,221	3,349
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STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.							
(000 tonnes)							
NICKEL							
<u>CMSA, Colombia</u>							
Production	10.1	10.7	13.0	13.1	13.7	50.5	41.8
Sales	8.2	10.7	11.0	11.6	18.1	51.4	41.9
<u>Yabulu, Australia</u>							
Production							
Nickel metal	10.3	9.1	9.5	7.5	7.8	33.9	28.0
Cobalt	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.4	1.7
Sales							
Nickel metal	9.7	7.2	9.4	9.1	7.9	33.6	27.8
Cobalt	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.8
<u>Nickel West, Australia</u>							
Production							
Nickel contained in concentrate	2.8	6.4	5.4	4.5	5.0	21.3	5.3
Nickel contained in finished matte	4.9	0.6	10.8	6.1	4.1	21.6	27.6
Nickel metal	14.5		11.5	16.3	18.0	45.8	65.2
Nickel production	22.2	7.0	27.7	26.9	27.1	88.7	98.1
Sales							
Nickel contained in concentrate	3.8	6.1	5.6	4.3	5.2	21.2	5.3
Nickel contained in finished matte	7.2		10.2	5.9	5.5	21.6	32.3
Nickel metal	20.7	4.7	6.6	15.1	19.0	45.4	65.5
Nickel sales	31.7	10.8	22.4	25.3	29.7	88.2	103.1
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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							

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Mt Newman Joint Venture	7,013	7,210	7,006	6,440	5,781	26,437	30,329
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	251	232	346	558	280	1,416	941
Area C Joint Venture	8,626	9,209	8,716	9,181	8,407	35,513	27,130
Yandi Joint Venture	10,623	8,961	10,026	9,370	9,461	37,818	40,277
Jimblebar	1,054	1,461	1,040	1,070	1,342	4,913	5,119
Total (BHP Billiton share)	27,567	27,073	27,134	26,619	25,271	106,097	103,796
Total production (100%)	32,432	31,851	31,922	31,316	29,731	124,820	122,114
Shipments							
Lump	8,282	9,172	7,598	8,163	7,989	32,922	29,140
Fines	19,882	19,013	18,917	19,486	17,035	74,451	76,422
Total (BHP Billiton share)	28,164	28,185	26,515	27,649	25,024	107,373	105,562
Total sales (100%)	33,134	33,159	31,194	32,528	29,441	126,322	124,191

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

<u>Samarco, Brazil</u>							
Production	2,357	2,751	2,221	1,569	1,777	8,318	8,464
Shipments	2,234	2,836	1,808	1,428	1,788	7,860	7,989

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MANGANESE							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.							
(000 tonnes)							
MANGANESE ORE							
<u>South Africa (a)</u>							
Saleable production	882	929	755	351	156	2,191	3,040
Sales	933	917	490	221	367	1,995	2,976
<u>Australia (a)</u>							
Saleable production	969	901	657	382	344	2,284	3,535
Sales	1,021	872	323	442	530	2,167	3,726
MANGANESE ALLOY							
<u>South Africa (a) (b)</u>							
Saleable production	124	133	112	51	5	301	513
Sales	136	106	56	54	70	286	505
<u>Australia (a)</u>							
Saleable production	66	70	69	53	20	212	262
Sales	61	56	57	36	32	181	237

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

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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METALLURGICAL COAL							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.							
(000 tonnes)							
METALLURGICAL COAL (a)							
<u>Queensland, Australia</u>							
Production							
<u>BMA</u>							
Blackwater	1,510	1,457	1,239	1,165	1,521	5,382	5,632
Goonyella	1,738	1,699	1,915	1,346	1,725	6,685	6,037
Peak Downs	1,121	914	1,103	1,105	1,268	4,390	4,094
Saraji	853	1,104	1,027	651	723	3,505	2,896
Norwich Park	642	439	605	427	513	1,984	2,026
Gregory Joint Venture	644	771	892	471	628	2,762	2,110
BMA total	6,508	6,384	6,781	5,165	6,378	24,708	22,795
<u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u>							
South Walker Creek	617	1,049	943	386	600	2,978	2,862
Poitrel	689	584	828	163	882	2,457	2,271
BHP Mitsui Coal total	1,306	1,633	1,771	549	1,482	5,435	5,133
<u>Queensland total</u>	7,814	8,017	8,552	5,714	7,860	30,143	27,928

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Shipments

Coking coal	5,274	5,923	5,590	4,703	5,087	21,303	20,418
Weak coking coal	1,442	1,961	1,547	1,041	1,796	6,345	6,802
Thermal coal	491	462	297	253	461	1,473	1,832
Total	7,207	8,346	7,434	5,997	7,344	29,121	29,052

(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	1,318	1,193	1,598	1,882	1,600	6,273	7,265
Shipments							
Coking coal	1,097	895	1,195	1,637	1,696	5,423	6,403
Thermal coal	157	160	166	346	46	718	840
Total	1,254	1,055	1,361	1,983	1,742	6,141	7,243

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	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2008
ENERGY COAL							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.							
(000 tonnes)							
<u>South Africa (a)</u>							
Production	10,960	9,009	8,031	6,929	7,732	31,701	45,072
Sales							
Export	3,989	2,329	2,945	1,672	1,700	8,646	15,584
Local utility	7,381	7,066	6,212	5,529	5,907	24,714	29,225
Inland	487	376	123	97	70	666	1,274
Total	11,857	9,771	9,280	7,298	7,677	34,026	46,083
 (a) Comparative periods include production from the South African Optimum operations, which was sold effective from 1 July 2007.							
<u>New Mexico, USA</u>							
Production							
Navajo Coal	2,286	2,064	1,923	1,950	2,426	8,363	7,533
San Juan Coal	2,548	1,941	1,094	957	1,781	5,773	6,119
Total	4,834	4,005	3,017	2,907	4,207	14,136	13,652
Sales - local utility	3,207	3,660	3,605	3,172	3,453	13,890	12,727
<u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>							
Production	2,934	2,975	2,993	2,768	3,039	11,775	11,776
Sales							
Export	2,549	1,849	2,242	2,360	1,958	8,409	7,706
Inland	512	946	650	764	573	2,933	3,467
Total	3,061	2,795	2,892	3,124	2,531	11,342	11,173
<u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u>							
Production	2,625	2,807	2,435	2,618	2,734	10,594	10,368
Sales - export	2,547	2,593	2,829	2,409	2,623	10,454	10,176