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BHP Billiton

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 September 2005. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- Record quarterly copper and nickel production reflecting the successful integration of the recently acquired Olympic Dam and Nickel West (both Australia) assets.
- Petroleum volumes impacted by hurricane related production disruptions in the Gulf of Mexico (USA) and unplanned outages at North West Shelf (Australia).
- Escondida Norte (Chile) successfully commissioned on schedule.
- Western Australia Iron Ore production impacted by unseasonably wet weather conditions and a train derailment.

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| Crude Oil & Condensate ('000 bbl) | 12,234 | -1% | -12% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) | 97.65 | 27% | -1% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | 31.38 | 12% | -5% |

Total Petroleum Products -

Total production for the September 2005 quarter of 31.4 million barrels of oil equivalent was higher than the September 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects increased natural gas production. Production was lower than the June 2005 quarter primarily reflecting hurricane related production disruptions in the Gulf of Mexico.

Crude Oil and Condensate -

Production for the September 2005 quarter was in line with the September 2004 quarter. Natural field decline at Bass Strait (Australia) and Typhoon (USA), the sale of our interest in Laminaria (Australia) in January 2005, well downtime at North West Shelf and hurricane damage at Typhoon all led to lower volumes during the quarter. Offsetting this was new production following the commissioning of ROD (Algeria) in October 2004 and Angostura (Trinidad & Tobago) and Mad Dog (USA), both in January 2005.

Production was lower than the June 2005 quarter due to natural field decline at Bass Strait, Typhoon and Liverpool Bay (UK), well downtime at North West Shelf and hurricane interrupted production at Typhoon and Mad Dog.

Natural Gas -

Production for the September 2005 quarter was significantly higher than the September 2004 quarter. This reflects the commissioning of Minerva (Australia) in January 2005, higher production of North West Shelf LNG following the commissioning of the 4th LNG Train in September 2004 and extended shut-downs at Liverpool Bay and Bruce (UK) in the September 2004 quarter.

Production for the September 2005 quarter was in line with the June 2005 quarter. Higher demand for Bass Strait and Minerva gas was offset by lower seasonal demand for Liverpool Bay gas, higher downtime at Bruce, Liverpool Bay

and North West Shelf and hurricane interruptions to production at Typhoon.

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| Alumina ('000 tonnes) | 1,028 | 3% | -2% |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 334 | -1% | 4% |

Alumina -

September 2005 quarter production increased over the September 2004 quarter primarily reflecting increased production at Worsley (Australia). Whilst a calciner outage impacted production at Worsley in both quarters, there was a lesser effect in the current quarter.

Production was slightly below the June 2005 quarter reflecting scheduled calciner maintenance at both Worsley and Alumar (Brazil). This was partially offset by recovering production from Suriname following commissioning difficulties with the expansion project in the prior quarter.

Aluminium

- September 2005 quarter production increased over the June 2005 quarter reflecting recovering production at Bayside (South Africa) following a potline outage in April 2005.

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| Copper ('000 tonnes) | 308.9 | 24% | 14% |
| Silver ('000 ounces) | 11,362 | -3% | -4% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 64,873 | 0% | 0% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (tonnes) | 1,088 | n/a | n/a |

Copper -

Record quarterly copper production was achieved in the September 2005 quarter. This primarily reflects the inclusion of a full quarter of production from Olympic Dam and record quarterly production at Escondida (Chile), reflecting higher head grades and increased mill throughput. This was partially offset by lower production from Cerro Colorado following an earthquake in June 2005.

Silver -

Decreased production in the September 2005 quarter was driven by lower head grades at Cannington (Australia).

Lead -

September quarter production was in line with both the September 2004 and June 2005 quarters.

Uranium Oxide Concentrate -

Production of 1,088 tonnes of uranium oxide for the September 2005 quarter reflects the inclusion of a full quarter of production from Olympic Dam.

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|----------------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) | 23,601 | 5% | -7% |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 8,986 | -3% | -6% |
| Manganese Ores ('000 tonnes) | 1,387 | 1% | -2% |
| Manganese Alloys ('000 tonnes) | 139 | -29% | -11% |

Iron Ore -

September 2005 quarter production increased over the September 2004 quarter reflecting the ramp up of production at Western Australia Iron Ore following the completion of the Accelerated Expansion Project and Rapid Growth Project 1 in June 2004 and December 2004 respectively.

Production was lower than the June 2005 quarter reflecting unseasonably wet weather conditions and a train derailment at Western Australia Iron Ore.

Metallurgical Coal -

September 2005 quarter production was lower than the September 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects lower Queensland Coal (Australia) production due to the depletion of reserves at Riverside, a scheduled dragline outage at Saraji and heavy rainfall at South Walker Creek. This was partially offset by increased production at Illawarra Coal (Australia) following the commissioning of Dendrobium in April 2005.

Production was lower than the June 2005 quarter due to decreased production at Queensland Coal as outlined above, and lower production at Illawarra Coal reflecting longwall changeouts at both West Cliff and Appin.

Manganese ore -

Production for the September 2005 quarter was in line with both the September 2004 and June 2005 quarters.

Manganese alloys -

Decreased production in the September 2005 quarter reflects scheduled maintenance at Metalloys (South Africa) and changes to product mix at Temco (Australia).

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| Diamonds ('000 carats) | 852 | -14% | -11% |
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| Fertilizer ('000 tonnes) | 244.9 | n/a | n/a |
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Diamonds -

Carat production decreased in the September 2005 quarter reflecting the processing of lower grade ore at Ekati (Canada). This is expected to continue for the remainder of the 2006 financial year.

Fertilizer -

Increased production for the September 2005 quarter reflects the inclusion of a full quarter of production from Southern Cross Fertilizer Operations (Australia) (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations).

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|---------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) | 24,010 | 3% | 6% |
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Energy Coal -

Production for the September 2005 quarter was higher than the September 2004 quarter reflecting record quarterly production at New Mexico Coal (USA) due to favourable geological conditions at San Juan Coal and inventory building in preparation for a dragline outage at Navajo Coal. In addition, record production at Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) reflects the ramp up of recently expanded capacity.

Production was higher than the June 2005 quarter and primarily reflects higher production at Ingwe (South Africa) due to ongoing improvement initiatives and response to increased domestic demand, as well as record quarterly production at both New Mexico Coal and Cerrejon Coal.

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| Nickel ('000 tonnes) | 44.1 | 125% | 39% |
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Nickel

- Record production in the September 2005 quarter primarily reflects the inclusion of a full quarter of production from Nickel West. This was partially offset by lower production at Yabulu (Australia) reflecting maintenance and tie-in activities associated with the Yabulu expansion project.

Production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) in the September 2005 quarter was higher than the September 2004 quarter reflecting improved operating efficiencies, however a major planned maintenance shut down led to lower production compared to the June 2005 quarter.

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | QUARTER ENDED | | % CHANGE | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|----------|---------|
| | | | SEPT | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | SEP Q05 | SEP Q05 |
| | | | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | vs | vs |
| | | | | | | | | SEP Q04 | JUN Q05 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | 12,366 | 13,939 | 12,234 | 12,234 | 12,366 | -1% | -12% |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 77.19 | 98.79 | 97.65 | 97.65 | 77.19 | 27% | -1% |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 231.03 | 213.71 | 234.24 | 234.24 | 231.03 | 1% | 10% |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 27.75 | 22.97 | 28.02 | 28.02 | 27.75 | 1% | 22% |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 28.03 | 33.13 | 31.38 | 31.38 | 28.03 | 12% | -5% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | 1,000 | 1,054 | 1,028 | 1,028 | 1,000 | 3% | -2% |
| | Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | 339 | 321 | 334 | 334 | 339 | -1% | 4% |

| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Copper | ('000 tonnes) | 248.8 | 269.8 | 308.9 | | 308.9 | 248.8 | 24% | 14% |
| | Lead | (tonnes) | 64,910 | 64,652 | 64,873 | | 64,873 | 64,910 | 0% | 0% |
| | Zinc | (tonnes) | 23,851 | 28,204 | 29,147 | | 29,147 | 23,851 | 22% | 3% |
| | Gold | (ounces) | 30,132 | 31,882 | 53,666 | | 53,666 | 30,132 | 78% | 68% |
| | Silver | ('000 ounces) | 11,769 | 11,881 | 11,362 | | 11,362 | 11,769 | -3% | -4% |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | - | 415 | 1,088 | | 1,088 | - | - | - |
| | Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 323 | 492 | 573 | | 573 | 323 | 77% | 16% |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Iron ore | ('000 tonnes) | 22,545 | 25,296 | 23,601 | | 23,601 | 22,545 | 5% | -7% |
| | Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 9,241 | 9,570 | 8,986 | | 8,986 | 9,241 | -3% | -6% |
| | Manganese ores | ('000 tonnes) | 1,379 | 1,418 | 1,387 | | 1,387 | 1,379 | 1% | -2% |
| | Manganese alloys | ('000 tonnes) | 195 | 156 | 139 | | 139 | 195 | -29% | -11% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 986 | 957 | 852 | | 852 | 986 | -14% | -11% |
| | Fertilizer | ('000 tonnes) | - | 73.9 | 244.9 | | 244.9 | - | - | - |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Energy coal | ('000 tonnes) | 23,245 | 22,703 | 24,010 | | 24,010 | 23,245 | 3% | 6% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 19.6 | 31.8 | 44.1 | | 44.1 | 19.6 | 125% | 39% |
| | Ferrochrome | ('000 tonnes) | 265 | 178 | - | | - | 265 | -100% | -100% |
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Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | BHP Billiton | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
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| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | Interest | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 12,366 | 12,190 | 12,345 | 13,939 | 12,234 | 12,234 | 12,366 |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 77.19 | 87.35 | 82.35 | 98.79 | 97.65 | 97.65 | 77.19 |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 231.03 | 216.07 | 199.29 | 213.71 | 234.24 | 234.24 | 231.03 |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 27.75 | 27.20 | 23.61 | 22.97 | 28.02 | 28.02 | 27.75 |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 28.03 | 29.38 | 28.49 | 33.13 | 31.38 | 31.38 | 28.03 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley | 86% | 663 | 686 | 746 | 718 | 689 | 689 | 663 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 223 | 222 | 220 | 209 | 227 | 227 | 223 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 114 | 128 | 126 | 127 | 112 | 112 | 114 |
| | Total | | 1,000 | 1,036 | 1,092 | 1,054 | 1,028 | 1,028 | 1,000 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 173 | 171 | 169 | 172 | 172 | 172 | 173 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 46 | 46 | 45 | 29 | 41 | 41 | 46 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 44 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 45 | 44 |
| | Valesul | 45.5% | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| | Total | | 339 | 338 | 332 | 321 | 334 | 334 | 339 |
| BASE METALS (a) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 142.5 | 146.3 | 135.4 | 154.0 | 168.6 | 168.6 | 142.5 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 29.9 | 33.4 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 27.9 | 27.9 | 29.9 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 14.6 | 22.1 | 20.7 | 15.3 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 14.6 |
| | Total | | 187.0 | 201.8 | 186.0 | 199.2 | 213.8 | 213.8 | 187.0 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21.9 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 21.4 | 19.6 | 19.6 | 21.9 |
| | Cerro Colorado (c) | 100% | 28.3 | 30.4 | 29.8 | 24.6 | 14.5 | 14.5 | 28.3 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.3 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| | Olympic Dam (d) | 100% | - | - | - | 16.1 | 49.1 | 49.1 | - |
| | Total | | 61.8 | 64.0 | 63.6 | 70.6 | 95.1 | 95.1 | 61.8 |
| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 64,652 | 64,873 | 64,873 | 64,910 |
| | Total | | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 64,652 | 64,873 | 64,873 | 64,910 |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 10,968 | 13,956 | 15,241 | 12,676 | 14,188 | 14,188 | 10,968 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 12,883 | 6,962 | 17,147 | 15,528 | 14,959 | 14,959 | 12,883 |
| | Total | | 23,851 | 20,918 | 32,388 | 28,204 | 29,147 | 29,147 | 23,851 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 25,370 | 24,475 | 25,987 | 20,774 | 19,194 | 19,194 | 25,370 |

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| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 4,762 | 6,772 | 6,165 | 4,066 | 8,048 | 8,048 | 4,762 |
| | Olympic Dam (d) (refined gold) | 100% | - | - | - | 7,042 | 26,424 | 26,424 | - |
| | Total | | 30,132 | 31,247 | 32,152 | 31,882 | 53,666 | 53,666 | 30,132 |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 604 | 639 | 650 | 658 | 795 | 795 | 604 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 692 | 503 | 830 | 749 | 642 | 642 | 692 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 134 | 186 | 181 | 129 | 167 | 167 | 134 |
| | Cannington | 100% | 10,339 | 11,025 | 12,383 | 10,283 | 9,579 | 9,579 | 10,339 |
| | Olympic Dam (d) (refined silver) | 100% | - | - | - | 62 | 179 | 179 | - |
| | Total | | 11,769 | 12,353 | 14,044 | 11,881 | 11,362 | 11,362 | 11,769 |
| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Olympic Dam (d) | 100% | - | - | - | 415 | 1,088 | 1,088 | - |
| | Total | | - | - | - | 415 | 1,088 | 1,088 | - |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 323 | 560 | 431 | 492 | 573 | 573 | 323 |
| | Total | | 323 | 560 | 431 | 492 | 573 | 573 | 323 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (e) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 6,157 | 6,611 | 6,475 | 6,493 | 6,234 | 6,234 | 6,157 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,038 | 1,037 | 1,017 | 1,593 | 1,393 | 1,393 | 1,038 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 2,990 | 4,358 | 4,451 | 4,813 | 4,286 | 4,286 | 2,990 |

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| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,767 | 9,238 | 8,713 | 8,943 | 8,409 | | 8,409 | 8,767 |
| | Jimblebar | 100% | 1,675 | 1,622 | 1,509 | 1,558 | 1,398 | | 1,398 | 1,675 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,918 | 2,050 | 1,823 | 1,896 | 1,881 | | 1,881 | 1,918 |
| | Total | | 22,545 | 24,916 | 23,988 | 25,296 | 23,601 | | 23,601 | 22,545 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (f) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 6,231 | 6,184 | 5,959 | 7,021 | 6,693 | | 6,693 | 6,231 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (g) | 80% | 1,748 | 1,822 | 1,205 | 882 | 726 | | 726 | 1,748 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,262 | 1,603 | 1,719 | 1,667 | 1,567 | | 1,567 | 1,262 |
| | Total | | 9,241 | 9,609 | 8,883 | 9,570 | 8,986 | | 8,986 | 9,241 |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 632 | 639 | 606 | 631 | 566 | | 566 | 632 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 747 | 722 | 691 | 787 | 821 | | 821 | 747 |
| | Total | | 1,379 | 1,361 | 1,297 | 1,418 | 1,387 | | 1,387 | 1,379 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | | |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 121 | 136 | 137 | 98 | 79 | | 79 | 121 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 74 | 71 | 60 | 58 | 60 | | 60 | 74 |
| | Total | | 195 | 207 | 197 | 156 | 139 | | 139 | 195 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Ekati (TM) | 80% | 986 | 872 | 802 | 957 | 852 | | 852 | 986 |
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| FERTILIZER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern Cross Fertilizer Operations (i) | 100% | - | - | - | 73.9 | 244.9 | | 244.9 | - |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 14,588 | 13,745 | 12,769 | 13,548 | 14,549 | | 14,549 | 14,588 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,899 | 3,731 | 3,169 | 4,128 | 4,561 | | 4,561 | 3,899 |
| | Australia | 100% | 2,595 | 2,189 | 2,258 | 2,823 | 2,568 | | 2,568 | 2,595 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,163 | 1,724 | 1,883 | 2,204 | 2,332 | | 2,332 | 2,163 |
| | Total | | 23,245 | 21,389 | 20,079 | 22,703 | 24,010 | | 24,010 | 23,245 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.8% | 11.9 | 12.4 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 12.8 | | 12.8 | 11.9 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 6.1 | | 6.1 | 7.7 |
| | Nickel West (j) | 100% | - | - | - | 9.2 | 25.2 | | 25.2 | - |
| | Total | | 19.6 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 31.8 | 44.1 | | 44.1 | 19.6 |
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| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) (k) | 60% | 265 | 271 | 240 | 178 | - | | - | 265 |
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| | (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended on May 25, 2005 following civil unrest in the Espinar region. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production recommenced on June 20, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
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| (c) Production at Cerro Colorado was temporarily suspended on June 14, 2005 following an earthquake. Production recommenced on June 30, 2005 and continues at half capacity. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertilizer Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. | | | | | | | | | |
| Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) BHP Billiton acquired Nickel West with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (k) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Samancor Chrome with effect from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | | | 4,835 | 4,226 | 3,754 | 3,921 | 3,720 | 3,720 | 4,835 |
| Minerva (a) | | | - | - | 21 | 33 | 34 | 34 | - |
| North West Shelf - condensate | | | 1,330 | 1,274 | 1,305 | 1,431 | 1,370 | 1,370 | 1,330 |
| North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | | 1,475 | 1,272 | 1,535 | 1,571 | 1,149 | 1,149 | 1,475 |
| Laminaria (b) | | | 597 | 472 | 84 | - | - | - | 597 |
| Griffin | | | 414 | 473 | 403 | 453 | 436 | 436 | 414 |
| Pakistan | | | 50 | 54 | 58 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 50 |
| Typhoon/Boris (c) | | | 1,461 | 1,290 | 907 | 672 | 306 | 306 | 1,461 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Mad Dog (a) | | - | - | 251 | 562 | 440 | | 440 | - |
| | Other Americas | | 181 | 180 | 160 | 145 | 123 | | 123 | 181 |
| | Angostura (a) | | - | - | 799 | 997 | 998 | | 998 | - |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 1,344 | 1,858 | 1,289 | 1,625 | 1,160 | | 1,160 | 1,344 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 121 | 321 | 290 | 279 | 254 | | 254 | 121 |
| | Ohanet | | 558 | 432 | 589 | 461 | 483 | | 483 | 558 |
| | ROD (d) | | - | 338 | 900 | 1,740 | 1,712 | | 1,712 | - |
| | Total | | 12,366 | 12,190 | 12,345 | 13,939 | 12,234 | | 12,234 | 12,366 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 35.61 | 27.44 | 20.71 | 31.98 | 35.93 | | 35.93 | 35.61 |
| | Minerva (a) | | - | - | 6.63 | 9.79 | 10.30 | | 10.30 | - |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.50 | 3.51 | 3.64 | 3.98 | 3.97 | | 3.97 | 3.50 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 17.78 | 22.36 | 20.81 | 22.14 | 21.19 | | 21.19 | 17.78 |
| | Griffin | | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.54 | 0.70 | 0.56 | | 0.56 | 0.68 |
| | Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (e) | | - | 0.53 | 1.07 | 1.64 | 1.65 | | 1.65 | - |
| | Illawarra Coal Bed Methane (f) | | 1.34 | 1.65 | 1.39 | 1.10 | 1.12 | | 1.12 | 1.34 |
| | Pakistan | | 7.69 | 7.87 | 8.88 | 7.25 | 7.32 | | 7.32 | 7.69 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (c) | | 2.32 | 2.53 | 1.32 | 0.95 | 0.46 | | 0.46 | 2.32 |
| | Mad Dog (a) | | - | - | 0.03 | 0.18 | 0.08 | | 0.08 | - |
| | Other Americas | | 1.99 | 2.05 | 1.76 | 1.88 | 1.89 | | 1.89 | 1.99 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 2.26 | 7.39 | 7.22 | 6.90 | 5.81 | | 5.81 | 2.26 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 4.02 | 11.31 | 8.35 | 10.30 | 7.37 | | 7.37 | 4.02 |
| | Total | | 77.19 | 87.35 | 82.35 | 98.79 | 97.65 | | 97.65 | 77.19 |
| LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 145.85 | 127.70 | 108.56 | 128.50 | 143.55 | | 143.55 | 145.85 |
| | North West Shelf | | 34.66 | 29.43 | 32.28 | 33.15 | 39.64 | | 39.64 | 34.66 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 6.93 | 18.65 | 17.85 | 16.53 | 13.73 | | 13.73 | 6.93 |
| | Ohanet | | 43.59 | 40.29 | 40.60 | 35.53 | 37.32 | | 37.32 | 43.59 |
| | Total | | 231.03 | 216.07 | 199.29 | 213.71 | 234.24 | | 234.24 | 231.03 |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 27.75 | 27.20 | 23.61 | 22.97 | 28.02 | | 28.02 | 27.75 |

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| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | 28.03 | 29.38 | 28.49 | 33.13 | 31.38 | | 31.38 | 28.03 |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Minerva, Mad Dog and Angostura commenced production in January 2005. | | | | | | | | |
| (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Laminaria with effect from January 14, 2005. | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Typhoon/Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform. | | | | | | | | |
| (d) ROD commenced production in October 2004. | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Moranbah Coal Bed Methane commenced production in September 2004 and was first reported in December 2004. | | | | | | | | |
| (f) Illawarra Coal Bed Methane production was first reported in December 2004. | | | | | | | | |
| (g) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on the following: | | | | | | | | |
| 6000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe; 1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe; 1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe. | | | | | | | | |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
|--|--|---------------|------|-------|------|------|---------------|------|
| | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |

ALUMINIUM

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | 663 | 686 | 746 | 718 | 689 | 689 | 663 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | 223 | 222 | 220 | 209 | 227 | 227 | 223 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | 114 | 128 | 126 | 127 | 112 | 112 | 114 |
| | Total | 1,000 | 1,036 | 1,092 | 1,054 | 1,028 | 1,028 | 1,000 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | 667 | 681 | 734 | 774 | 584 | 584 | 667 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | 239 | 221 | 210 | 221 | 203 | 203 | 239 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | 129 | 131 | 118 | 146 | 107 | 107 | 129 |

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|------------------|------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| | Total | | 1,035 | 1,033 | 1,062 | 1,141 | 894 | 894 | 1,035 |
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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 173 | 171 | 169 | 172 | 172 | 172 | 173 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 46 | 46 | 45 | 29 | 41 | 41 | 46 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 44 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 45 | 44 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| | Total | | 339 | 338 | 332 | 321 | 334 | 334 | 339 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 155 | 189 | 153 | 185 | 168 | 168 | 155 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 45 | 41 | 39 | 45 | 34 | 34 | 45 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 43 | 44 | 43 | 46 | 42 | 42 | 43 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 59 | 69 | 62 | 74 | 54 | 54 | 59 |
| | Total | | 314 | 354 | 308 | 360 | 309 | 309 | 314 |
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| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | | 2005 | 2004 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Escondida, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 100,466 | 97,512 | 90,838 | 85,592 | 90,919 | | 90,919 | 100,466 |

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|--|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 20,637 | 20,926 | 19,913 | 21,725 | 22,255 | | 22,255 | 20,637 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.47% | 1.47% | 1.41% | 1.51% | 1.59% | | 1.59% | 1.47% |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 256.8 | 265.1 | 241.1 | 277.8 | 304.4 | | 304.4 | 256.8 |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 142.5 | 146.3 | 135.4 | 154.0 | 168.6 | | 168.6 | 142.5 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 25,370 | 24,475 | 25,987 | 20,774 | 19,194 | | 19,194 | 25,370 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.9 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 21.4 | 19.6 | | 19.6 | 21.9 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 604 | 639 | 650 | 658 | 795 | | 795 | 604 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 140.0 | 148.3 | 137.1 | 145.9 | 169.4 | | 169.4 | 140.0 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 24,732 | 25,462 | 27,882 | 19,816 | 19,294 | | 19,294 | 24,732 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 22.7 | 22.7 | 18.6 | 26.8 | 19.3 | | 19.3 | 22.7 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 582 | 690 | 712 | 631 | 803 | | 803 | 582 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Tintaya, Peru (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 18,676 | 17,486 | 17,575 | 12,385 | 17,228 | | 17,228 | 18,676 |
| | Sulphide Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 1,621 | 1,564 | 1,560 | 1,086 | 1,546 | | 1,546 | 1,621 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.14% | 1.64% | 1.56% | 1.67% | 1.33% | | 1.33% | 1.14% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 14.6 | 22.1 | 20.7 | 15.3 | 17.3 | | 17.3 | 14.6 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 4,762 | 6,772 | 6,165 | 4,066 | 8,048 | | 8,048 | 4,762 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 9.7 | | 9.7 | 9.3 |

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|--|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 134 | 186 | 181 | 129 | 167 | | 167 | 134 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 5.7 | 25.9 | 23.3 | 17.2 | 17.0 | | 17.0 | 5.7 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 1,219 | 8,491 | 7,593 | 7,073 | 6,783 | | 6,783 | 1,219 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 10.4 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 10.3 | | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 64 | 234 | 193 | 160 | 161 | | 161 | 64 |
| | (a) Production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended on May 25, 2005 following civil unrest in the Espinar region. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production recommenced on June 20, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 17,554 | 16,378 | 16,856 | 14,805 | 16,696 | | 16,696 | 17,554 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 4,232 | 4,362 | 3,865 | 3,144 | 3,344 | | 3,344 | 4,232 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.87% | 0.91% | 1.00% | 0.83% | 0.79% | | 0.79% | 0.87% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 28.3 | 30.4 | 29.8 | 24.6 | 14.5 | | 14.5 | 28.3 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 28.9 | 28.2 | 32.5 | 24.8 | 15.0 | | 15.0 | 28.9 |
| | (a) Production at Cerro Colorado was temporarily suspended on June 14, 2005 following an earthquake. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production recommenced on June 30, 2005 and continues at half capacity. | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 33,177 | 33,201 | 30,808 | 31,802 | 32,839 | | 32,839 | 33,177 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 8,069 | 8,027 | 7,072 | 7,557 | 7,367 | | 7,367 | 8,069 |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.26% | 1.45% | 1.41% | 1.35% | 1.30% | | 1.30% | 1.26% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.02% | 0.47% | 1.16% | 1.09% | 1.04% | | 1.04% | 1.02% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 29.9 | 33.4 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 27.9 | | 27.9 | 29.9 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,883 | 6,962 | 17,147 | 15,528 | 14,959 | | 14,959 | 12,883 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 692 | 503 | 830 | 749 | 642 | | 642 | 692 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 323 | 560 | 431 | 492 | 573 | | 573 | 323 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 32.1 | 32.2 | 30.0 | 28.7 | 30.7 | | 30.7 | 32.1 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 13,617 | 4,185 | 18,293 | 15,066 | 13,203 | | 13,203 | 13,617 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 624 | 632 | 718 | 769 | 669 | | 669 | 624 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 160 | 300 | 592 | 587 | 538 | | 538 | 160 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 828 | 844 | 885 | 880 | 910 | | 910 | 828 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 730 | 825 | 788 | 746 | 772 | | 772 | 730 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 504 | 500 | 571 | 482 | 453 | | 453 | 504 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 10.3% | 10.0% | 11.9% | 9.8% | 9.9% | | 9.9% | 10.3% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 3.1% | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.0% | 3.3% | | 3.3% | 3.1% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,339 | 11,025 | 12,383 | 10,283 | 9,579 | | 9,579 | 10,339 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 64,652 | 64,873 | | 64,873 | 64,910 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 10,968 | 13,956 | 15,241 | 12,676 | 14,188 | | 14,188 | 10,968 |
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| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,266 | 9,006 | 13,514 | 12,265 | 9,078 | | 9,078 | 9,266 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 62,774 | 57,286 | 88,237 | 76,680 | 59,942 | | 59,942 | 62,774 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,170 | 9,146 | 18,628 | 13,415 | 10,676 | | 10,676 | 12,170 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Olympic Dam, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>(a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (b) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 855 | 2,007 | | 2,007 | - |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 933 | 2,345 | | 2,345 | - |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | - | - | - | 2.15% | 2.26% | | 2.26% | - |
| | Average uranium grade | kg/t | - | - | - | 0.60 | 0.64 | | 0.64 | - |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 14.5 | 44.2 | | 44.2 | - |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 1.6 | 4.9 | | 4.9 | - |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | - | - | - | 415 | 1,088 | | 1,088 | - |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | - | - | - | 7,042 | 26,424 | | 26,424 | - |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | - | - | - | 62 | 179 | | 179 | - |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 16.2 | 47.2 | | 47.2 | - |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 1.1 | 5.5 | | 5.5 | - |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | - | - | - | 391 | 879 | | 879 | - |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | - | - | - | 10,555 | 21,192 | | 21,192 | - |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | - | - | - | 68 | 144 | | 144 | - |
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| (a) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted. | | | | | | | | | |
| Pinto Valley, USA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.2 | | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | | | | |
| SEPT DEC MARCH JUNE SEPT SEPT SEPT | | | | | | | | | |
| 2004 2004 2005 2005 2005 2005 2004 | | | | | | | | | |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| Pilbara, Australia | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt Newman Joint Venture | | 6,157 | 6,611 | 6,475 | 6,493 | 6,234 | | 6,234 | 6,157 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | | 1,038 | 1,037 | 1,017 | 1,593 | 1,393 | | 1,393 | 1,038 |
| Area C Joint Venture | | 2,990 | 4,358 | 4,451 | 4,813 | 4,286 | | 4,286 | 2,990 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | | 8,767 | 9,238 | 8,713 | 8,943 | 8,409 | | 8,409 | 8,767 |
| Jimblebar | | 1,675 | 1,622 | 1,509 | 1,558 | 1,398 | | 1,398 | 1,675 |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 20,627 | 22,866 | 22,165 | 23,400 | 21,720 | | 21,720 | 20,627 |
| Total production (100%) | | 23,971 | 26,615 | 25,810 | 27,254 | 25,306 | | 25,306 | 23,971 |

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| | Sales (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 5,533 | 5,944 | 5,757 | 6,849 | 5,879 | | 5,879 | 5,533 |
| | Fines | | 14,524 | 16,096 | 15,909 | 17,052 | 15,702 | | 15,702 | 14,524 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 20,057 | 22,040 | 21,666 | 23,901 | 21,581 | | 21,581 | 20,057 |
| | Total shipments (100%) | | 23,596 | 25,929 | 25,489 | 28,119 | 25,389 | | 25,389 | 23,596 |
| | (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Previously shipments, now disclosed as sales to reflect revenue recognition. | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,918 | 2,050 | 1,823 | 1,896 | 1,881 | | 1,881 | 1,918 |
| | Shipments | | 1,976 | 2,142 | 1,768 | 1,728 | 1,900 | | 1,900 | 1,976 |
| | METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,638 | 1,709 | 1,615 | 1,603 | 1,627 | | 1,627 | 1,638 |
| | Goonyella | | 1,112 | 1,254 | 1,355 | 1,740 | 1,609 | | 1,609 | 1,112 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,198 | 1,164 | 842 | 1,322 | 1,250 | | 1,250 | 1,198 |
| | Saraji | | 809 | 812 | 752 | 878 | 675 | | 675 | 809 |
| | Norwich Park | | 700 | 680 | 664 | 836 | 759 | | 759 | 700 |
| | Gregory Joint Venture | | 774 | 565 | 731 | 642 | 773 | | 773 | 774 |
| | BMA total | | 6,231 | 6,184 | 5,959 | 7,021 | 6,693 | | 6,693 | 6,231 |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riverside | | 910 | 951 | 480 | 43 | - | | - | 910 |
| | South Walker Creek | | 838 | 871 | 725 | 839 | 726 | | 726 | 838 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 1,748 | 1,822 | 1,205 | 882 | 726 | | 726 | 1,748 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 7,979 | 8,006 | 7,164 | 7,903 | 7,419 | | 7,419 | 7,979 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|---|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| | Coking coal | | 5,188 | 5,801 | 5,440 | 5,705 | 4,869 | | 4,869 | 5,188 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,665 | 1,722 | 1,609 | 1,619 | 1,207 | | 1,207 | 1,665 |
| | Thermal coal | | 743 | 527 | 632 | 815 | 579 | | 579 | 743 |
| | Total | | 7,596 | 8,050 | 7,681 | 8,139 | 6,655 | | 6,655 | 7,596 |
| | (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%. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,262 | 1,603 | 1,719 | 1,667 | 1,567 | | 1,567 | 1,262 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,097 | 1,610 | 1,447 | 1,500 | 1,190 | | 1,190 | 1,097 |
| | Thermal coal | | 82 | 144 | 93 | 27 | 383 | | 383 | 82 |
| | Total | | 1,179 | 1,754 | 1,540 | 1,527 | 1,573 | | 1,573 | 1,179 |
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| | MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 632 | 639 | 606 | 631 | 566 | | 566 | 632 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 747 | 722 | 691 | 787 | 821 | | 821 | 747 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 121 | 136 | 137 | 98 | 79 | | 79 | 121 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 74 | 71 | 60 | 58 | 60 | | 60 | 74 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | (a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
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| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati(TM), Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,184 | 1,094 | 1,101 | 1,216 | 1,158 | | 1,158 | 1,184 |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 986 | 872 | 802 | 957 | 852 | | 852 | 986 |
| FERTILIZER | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Southern Cross Fertilizer Operations, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production (b) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 73.9 | 244.9 | | 244.9 | - |
| | Sales (b) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 105.9 | 175.5 | | 175.5 | - |
| (a) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertilizer Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate. | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT | |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 14,588 | 13,745 | 12,769 | 13,548 | 14,549 | | 14,549 | 14,588 |

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|---|-----------------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------------|--------|
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 5,551 | 4,750 | 5,082 | 5,094 | 5,436 | | 5,436 | 5,551 |
| | Local utility | | 8,546 | 8,106 | 7,069 | 7,560 | 8,013 | | 8,013 | 8,546 |
| | Inland | | 383 | 308 | 353 | 186 | 309 | | 309 | 383 |
| | Total | | 14,480 | 13,164 | 12,504 | 12,840 | 13,758 | | 13,758 | 14,480 |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | | 2,083 | 1,765 | 2,008 | 2,389 | 2,238 | | 2,238 | 2,083 |
| | San Juan Coal | | 1,816 | 1,966 | 1,161 | 1,739 | 2,323 | | 2,323 | 1,816 |
| | Total | | 3,899 | 3,731 | 3,169 | 4,128 | 4,561 | | 4,561 | 3,899 |
| | Sales - local utility | | 3,897 | 3,739 | 3,447 | 3,319 | 3,769 | | 3,769 | 3,897 |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 2,595 | 2,189 | 2,258 | 2,823 | 2,568 | | 2,568 | 2,595 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 1,440 | 1,201 | 1,866 | 1,746 | 1,570 | | 1,570 | 1,440 |
| | Inland | | 1,220 | 595 | 872 | 1,186 | 983 | | 983 | 1,220 |
| | Total | | 2,660 | 1,796 | 2,738 | 2,932 | 2,553 | | 2,553 | 2,660 |
| <u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 2,163 | 1,724 | 1,883 | 2,204 | 2,332 | | 2,332 | 2,163 |
| | Sales - export | | 2,166 | 1,954 | 1,927 | 2,338 | 2,170 | | 2,170 | 2,166 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | QUARTER ENDED | |
| | | | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2005 | | 2005 | 2004 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 11.9 | 12.4 | 13.3 | 13.7 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 11.9 |
| | Sales | | 10.6 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 10.6 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 7.7 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 7.7 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | - | - | - | 3.3 | 9.7 | 9.7 | - |
| | Nickel metal | | - | - | - | 5.9 | 15.5 | 15.5 | - |
| | Nickel production | | - | - | - | 9.2 | 25.2 | 25.2 | - |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | - | - | - | 3.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | - |
| | Nickel metal | | - | - | - | 4.7 | 15.9 | 15.9 | - |
| | Nickel sales | | - | - | - | 8.2 | 23.5 | 23.5 | - |
| (a) BHP Billiton acquired Nickel West with the acquisition of WMC. Production data was first reported from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (b) | | 265 | 271 | 240 | 178 | - | - | 265 |
| (a) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Samancor Chrome with effect from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |

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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

Date: 27 October 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary