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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 June 2003.

- **Record annual Western Australian Iron Ore production of 76.5 million tonnes and record annual shipments of 80.3 million tonnes (100 per cent basis).**
- **Record quarterly plant throughput of 1.18 million tonnes achieved at Ekati(TM) (Canada) (100 per cent basis).**
- **Record annual nickel production of 78,100 tonnes.**

• **Total Petroleum Products -**

Total production for the June 2003 quarter was 30 million barrels of oil equivalent, 7 per cent higher than the March 2003 quarter and 10 per cent lower than the June 2002 quarter. Total production for the year ended 30 June 2003 was 122 million barrels of oil equivalent, a decrease of 9 per cent compared with the year ended 30 June 2002.

- ◆ **Oil and Condensate** - Production for the June 2003 quarter was 15.6 million barrels, 2 per cent higher than the 15.3 million barrels produced in the March 2003 quarter, mainly due to a full quarter of production from Boris (US), increased condensate production from Bass Strait (Australia) as a result of increased gas demand and a higher proportion of wet gas from Bream, along with improved reliability and successful infill drilling at Liverpool Bay (UK). This was partly offset by natural field decline in Laminaria (Australia) and Griffin (Australia). As expected, production for the quarter was lower than the 19.7 million barrels produced in the June 2002 quarter, mainly due to natural field decline in Bass Strait, Laminaria, Griffin, Liverpool Bay and Typhoon (US). Typhoon performance was also affected by well workovers largely offset by the commencement of production from Boris.
- ◆ **Natural Gas** - Production for the June 2003 quarter was 72.9 billion cubic feet, 9 per cent higher than the 67.0 billion cubic feet produced in the March 2003 quarter. Seasonal conditions led to increased demand for Bass Strait natural gas during the June 2003 quarter, which was partly offset by maintenance shut downs at Bruce (UK). Production for the quarter was 3 per cent higher than the 70.7 billion cubic feet produced in the June 2002 quarter due to increased demand for North West Shelf (Australia) LNG and domestic gas and higher sales from Liverpool Bay. This was partly offset by lower demand from Bass Strait driven by milder weather conditions and natural field decline in West Cameron (US).

• **Alumina -**

Production for the June 2003 quarter was 1.1 million tonnes, compared with 1.0 million tonnes in the June 2002 and March 2003 quarters. Production increased at Worsley (Australia) with hydrate stockpiled in the previous quarter being processed. Higher year on year production mainly reflects a return to full production at Alumar (Brazil) following the end of government enforced power rationing in the March 2002 quarter.

• **Aluminium**

- Production for the June 2003 quarter was 273,000 tonnes, compared with 263,000 tonnes in the June 2002 quarter and 267,000 tonnes in the March 2003 quarter. The increase mainly reflects the ramp up of production from the Mozal 2 (Mozambique) expansion where first metal was cast in April 2003, six months ahead of schedule. Higher year on year production also reflects increased tonnages from Hillside (South Africa) due to the success of the capacity creep program, completion of the pot relining program in June 2002 and non-recurrence of the September 2001 power outage, combined with a return to full production at Alumar and Valesul (Brazil) following the end of government enforced power rationing in the March 2002 quarter.

• **Copper -**

Production for the June 2003 quarter was 229,200 tonnes, 7 per cent higher than the 213,500 tonnes produced in the June 2002 quarter. This scheduled increase mainly reflects the ramp up of the Escondida (Chile) Phase IV expansion.

• **Iron Ore -**

Record annual Western Australian production of 76.5 million tonnes (100 per cent basis) was 6 per cent higher than the previous year, in response to strong demand in all Asian markets, particularly China. A new annual shipping record was set during the year in Western Australia, where despatches to customers were 80.3 million tonnes (100 per cent basis), an increase of 13 per cent compared with the 2002 year. Annual production from Samarco (Brazil) of 7.9 million tonnes was 40 per cent higher than the previous year, a reflection of strong customer demand resulting in the restart of previously idled pelletising capacity. Total iron ore production for the June 2003 quarter was 19.4 million tonnes (BHP Billiton share), 14 and 13 per cent higher than the June 2002 and March 2003 quarters respectively.

• **Metallurgical Coal -**

Production for the June 2003 quarter of 9.0 million tonnes was in line with the June 2002 quarter and 5 per cent higher than the March 2003 quarter. Annual production of 34.6 million tonnes, while 3 per cent lower than in the corresponding period, reflects stronger customer demand in the second half of the year, offset by adverse mining conditions at the Crinum mine (Australia) and the closure of Tower Colliery (Australia). Annual shipments of Queensland Coal (Australia) were in line with the previous year. Annual shipments of Illawarra Coal (Australia) were 7.2 million tonnes, 7 per cent higher, also reflecting strong customer demand.

• **Manganese**

- Annual ore production of 4.1 million tonnes was 16 per cent higher than 2002 in response to strong customer demand, particularly from China. Full year alloy production of 737,000 tonnes was 19 per cent higher than 2002 also due to increased customer demand.

• **Ekati(TM) Diamonds -**

Record plant throughput of 1.18 million tonnes (100 per cent basis) was achieved at Ekati(TM) (Canada) during the June 2003 quarter, reflecting benefits of a processing plant de-bottlenecking program. Combined with improved ore grade, quarterly production of 1.30 million carats and annual production of 4.34 million carats were 27 per cent and 19 per cent respectively higher than for the corresponding period last year.

• **Energy Coal -**

Production for the June 2003 quarter was 22.0 million tonnes, compared with 20.6 million tonnes in the June 2002 quarter and 19.7 million tonnes in the March 2003 quarter. The increase mainly reflects higher production at Mount Arthur North (Australia) where deliveries to both the export and domestic thermal coal markets were in accordance with the ramp up plan, and higher production at Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) largely reflecting strong demand from the

European market during the June 2003 quarter.

• **Nickel**

- Record annual production of 31,200 tonnes was achieved at the QNI Yabulu refinery (Australia) during 2003, 9 per cent higher than production during the previous year. This mainly reflects ore processing enhancements resulting from operating excellence initiatives. Cerro Matoso (Colombia) also achieved record production, reflecting the ramp-up of Line 2 and benefits from ongoing improvement programs. Total Nickel production for the June 2003 quarter was 21,000 tonnes, compared with 17,700 tonnes in the June 2002 quarter and 18,600 tonnes in the March 2003 quarter, a result of operating excellence initiatives at both sites.

• **Ferrochrome**

- Annual production of 990,000 tonnes was 18 per cent higher than in the previous year, driven by the restart of idle furnaces in response to increased market demand. Production for the June 2003 quarter was 259,000 tonnes, compared with 223,000 tonnes in the June 2002 quarter and 263,000 tonnes in the March 2003 quarter.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY									
			QUARTER ENDED		YEAR ENDED		% CHANGE		

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									JUN Q03	JUN Q03	FY 03
			JUNE	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE	JUNE	vs	vs	vs
			2002	2003	2003		2003	2002	JUN Q02	MAR Q03	FY 02
PETROLEUM											
	Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	19,732	15,310	15,635		65,893	78,519	-21%	2%	-16%
	Natural gas	(bcf)	70.66	66.99	72.91		281.17	283.47	3%	9%	-1%
	LPG	('000 tonnes)	180.43	160.62	205.57		743.12	697.56	14%	28%	7%
	Ethane	('000 tonnes)	25.62	22.35	24.97		94.90	87.13	-3%	12%	9%
	Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	34	28	30		122	134	-10%	7%	-9%
ALUMINIUM											
	Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,018	1,003	1,060		4,092	3,943	4%	6%	4%
	Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	263	267	273		1,074	992	4%	2%	8%
BASE METALS											
	Copper	('000 tonnes)	213.5	231.3	229.2		870.5	824.3	7%	-1%	6%
	Lead	(tonnes)	64,768	59,065	59,389		240,042	236,066	-8%	1%	2%
	Zinc	(tonnes)	38,942	46,755	54,396		193,808	162,493	40%	16%	19%
	Gold	(ounces)	72,032	57,802	25,752		207,882	286,971	-64%	-55%	-28%
	Silver	('000 ounces)	11,833	10,355	9,643		41,128	41,958	-19%	-7%	-2%
	Molybdenum	(tonnes)	232	260	280		1,010	658	21%	8%	54%
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS											
	Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	17,080	17,237	19,420		73,732	67,907	14%	13%	9%
	Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	9,359	8,556	9,026		34,622	35,532	-4%	5%	-3%
	Manganese ores	('000 tonnes)	784	890	1,058		4,102	3,535	35%	19%	16%
			169	177	195		737	618	15%	10%	19%

	Manganese alloys	('000 tonnes)									
	Hot briquetted iron	('000 tonnes)	-	465	458		1,670	1,047	100%	-2%	60%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS											
	Diamonds	('000 carats)	1,023	1,015	1,300		4,340	3,650	27%	28%	19%
ENERGY COAL											
	Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	20,571	19,735	21,991		81,703	82,835	7%	11%	-1%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS											
	Nickel	('000 tonnes)	17.7	18.6	21.0		78.1	68.9	19%	13%	13%
	Chrome ores	('000 tonnes)	664	679	720		2,826	2,451	8%	6%	15%
	Ferrochrome	('000 tonnes)	223	263	259		990	837	16%	-2%	18%
Throughout this report figures in italics indicate adjustments made since the figure was previously reported.											
BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION											
			QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED		
		BHP Billiton	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE	JUNE	
		Interest	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003		2003	2002	
PETROLEUM											
Production											
	Crude oil & condensate	(000 bbl)	19,732	18,550	16,398	15,310	15,635		65,893	78,519	
	Natural gas	(bcf)	70.66	71.86	69.41	66.99	72.91		281.17	283.47	
	LPG	('000 tonnes)	180.43	208.96	167.97	160.62	205.57		743.12	697.56	
	Ethane	('000 tonnes)	25.62	27.67	19.91	22.35	24.97		94.90	87.13	

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	Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	34	33	30	28	30		122	134
ALUMINIUM										
ALUMINA										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	Worsley	86%	686	698	662	658	724		2,742	2,696
	Suriname	45%	215	221	213	222	223		879	851
	Alumar	36%	117	112	123	123	113		471	396
	Total		1,018	1,031	998	1,003	1,060		4,092	3,943
ALUMINIUM										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	Hillside	100%	132	135	134	133	132		534	501
	Bayside	100%	43	46	45	48	46		185	175
	Alumar	46.3%	46	44	44	45	45		178	153
	Valesul	45.5%	11	11	11	10	11		43	37
	Mozal	47%	31	32	32	31	39		134	126
	Total		263	268	266	267	273		1,074	992
BASE METALS (a)										
COPPER										
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)										
	Escondida (b)	57.5%	94.4	68.4	105.6	118.5	126.6		419.1	339.1
	Tintaya (b)	100%	0.2	-	-	-	-		-	44.9
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	30.5	25.7	26.4	23.6	21.2		96.9	81.9
	Alumbrera (d)	25%	12.8	11.1	13.4	9.9	-		34.4	48.5
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	16.1	14.9	14.3	13.2	13.8		56.2	62.1
	Selbaie	100%	2.6	2.8	2.1	1.7	1.8		8.3	10.2
	Total		156.6	122.9	161.8	166.9	163.4		614.9	586.6
Cathode ('000 tonnes)										
	Escondida	57.5%	21.5	17.9	19.1	20.4	21.1		78.5	86.5
	Cerro Colorado	100%	31.3	32.5	33.1	32.5	33.0		131.1	130.8

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	Tintaya (b)	100%	1.3	8.4	8.9	9.0	9.1		35.4	1.3
	San Manuel	100%	-	-	-	-	-		-	6.3
	Pinto Valley	100%	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6		10.6	12.8
	Total		56.9	61.6	63.8	64.4	65.8		255.6	237.7
LEAD										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	63,799	61,676	57,651	58,711	59,389		237,427	231,764
	Pering (e)	100%	969	1,567	694	354	-		2,615	4,302
	Total		64,768	63,243	58,345	59,065	59,389		240,042	236,066
	Refer footnotes on page 5.									
BASE METALS (continued)										
ZINC										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	12,511	15,182	14,721	15,480	18,479		63,862	58,856
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	13,518	18,189	15,424	20,519	28,553		82,685	48,326
	Selbaie	100%	8,121	9,840	6,540	6,421	7,364		30,165	34,196
	Pering (e)	100%	4,793	5,331	7,430	4,335	-		17,096	21,115
	Total		38,942	48,542	44,115	46,755	54,396		193,808	162,493
GOLD										
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)										
	Escondida (b)	57.5%	17,694	10,074	15,936	17,458	20,664		64,132	52,338
	Tintaya (b)	100%	-	-	-	-	-		-	22,252
	Alumbrera (d)	25%	47,993	39,279	46,940	35,084	-		121,303	185,413
	Selbaie	100%	5,117	4,486	5,069	4,146	4,081		17,782	22,201
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	1,228	1,314	1,230	1,114	1,007		4,665	4,767
	Total		72,032	55,153	69,175	57,802	25,752		207,882	286,971

SILVER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)									
	Cannington	100%	10,265	9,612	8,326	8,773	8,161	34,872	35,964
	Escondida	57.5%	344	304	387	471	538	1,700	1,257
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	461	536	557	617	517	2,227	1,719
	Alumbra (d)	25.0%	56	53	72	75	-	200	237
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	183	162	159	140	143	604	709
	Selbaie	100%	524	593	369	279	284	1,525	2,073
	Total		11,833	11,260	9,870	10,355	9,643	41,128	41,958
MOLYBDENUM									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	232	220	250	260	280	1,010	658
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS									
IRON ORE									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	5,413	5,486	5,287	4,964	6,221	21,958	23,374
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,690	1,891	1,808	1,497	1,516	6,712	6,447
	Yandi Joint Venture	85%	6,663	7,796	8,187	7,452	8,353	31,788	27,256
	Jimblebar	100%	1,476	1,433	1,186	1,371	1,428	5,418	5,201
	Samarco	50%	1,838	2,022	1,979	1,953	1,902	7,856	5,629
	Total		17,080	18,628	18,447	17,237	19,420	73,732	67,907
METALLURGICAL COAL (f)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	BMA (g)	50%	5,686	4,652	5,032	5,838	5,769	21,291	21,701
		80%	1,746	1,863	1,472	1,200	2,033	6,568	6,743

	BHP Mitsui Coal (h)								
	Illawarra	100%	1,927	2,135	1,886	1,518	1,224	6,763	7,088
	Total		9,359	8,650	8,390	8,556	9,026	34,622	35,532
	Refer footnotes on page 5.								
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)									
MANGANESE ORES									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	475	581	560	534	574	2,249	1,867
	Australia (i)	60%	309	514	499	356	484	1,853	1,668
	Total		784	1,095	1,059	890	1,058	4,102	3,535
MANGANESE ALLOYS									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	121	124	125	117	137	503	406
	Australia (i)	60%	48	51	65	60	58	234	212
	Total		169	175	190	177	195	737	618
HOT BRIQUETTED IRON									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Boodarie™ Iron (j)	100%	-	333	414	465	458	1,670	1,047
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
DIAMONDS									
Production ('000 carats)									
	Ekati™	80%	1,023	954	1,071	1,015	1,300	4,340	3,650
ENERGY COAL									

Production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa	100%	13,815	13,838	13,333	13,256	13,812	54,239	55,710
	USA	100%	3,703	2,800	4,339	3,147	3,877	14,163	13,245
	Australia	100%	1,390	1,244	1,234	1,922	2,041	6,441	4,555
	Indonesia (k)	80%	208	216	29	28	-	273	4,622
	Colombia (l)	33%	1,455	1,231	1,713	1,382	2,261	6,587	4,703
	Total		20,571	19,329	20,648	19,735	21,991	81,703	82,835
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
NICKEL									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	CMSA	99.8%	9.9	11.7	11.9	11.1	12.2	46.9	40.4
	Yabulu	100%	7.8	7.4	7.5	7.5	8.8	31.2	28.5
	Total		17.7	19.1	19.4	18.6	21.0	78.1	68.9
CHROME ORES									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	664	713	714	679	720	2,826	2,451
FERROCHROME									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	223	238	230	263	259	990	837
	Refer footnotes on page 5.								
(a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.									
(b) Sulphide production at Escondida and Tintaya was reduced in November 2001 and January 2002 respectively due to									
weak market conditions. Commercial production of copper cathode commenced at Tintaya in June 2002.									
The Escondida Phase IV expansion was commissioned in October 2002.									
(c) Antamina commenced commercial production in October 2001.									
(d) BHP Billiton announced the sale of its interest in Alumbra in March 2003. The sale transaction reached closure in June 2003.									

	Participation in the joint venture ceased on 2 April 2003.								
	(e) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003.								
	(f) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.								
	(g) BHP Billiton acquired its share of South Blackwater in July 2001. South Blackwater is equally owned by BHP Billiton and								
	Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. Effective January 2002, South Blackwater production is reported in BMA.								
	(h) Shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.								
	(i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.								
	(j) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas								
	re-heating furnace.								
	(k) Production shown on 86.5% basis after allowing for Indonesian state owned corporation's 13.5% share of production.								
	BHP Billiton sold its interest in the Senakin and Satui mines effective 30 November 2001. Mining operations								
	at Petangis ceased in October 2002.								
	(l) BHP Billiton increased its interest in Cerrejon Zona Norte to 33.3% from 16.7% effective February 2002.								
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT									
			QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003		2003
									2002
PETROLEUM									
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.									
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (^{'000} barrels)									
	Bass Strait		6,786	6,799	5,799	5,391	5,643		23,632
	North West Shelf - condensate		1,466	1,602	1,510	1,566	1,560		6,238
	North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack		1,892	1,876	1,655	1,679	1,606		6,816
	Laminaria		2,200	2,914	1,869	1,419	1,161		7,363
	Griffin		1,587	1,281	1,089	831	708		3,909
	Pakistan		18	18	17	16	14		65
	Typhoon/Boris (a)		1,754	1,233	654	852	1,430		4,169
	Americas		861	718	652	816	715		2,901

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	Liverpool Bay		2,574	1,838	2,463	2,174	2,344		8,819	11,042
	Bruce/Keith		594	271	690	566	454		1,981	2,248
	Total		19,732	18,550	16,398	15,310	15,635		65,893	78,519
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)										
	Bass Strait		26.77	33.07	21.07	17.51	25.37		97.02	96.86
	North West Shelf - Domestic		2.86	3.62	3.82	3.81	4.07		15.32	13.73
	North West Shelf - LNG		13.01	16.55	14.93	15.11	15.41		62.00	59.55
	Griffin		0.34	0.95	1.03	0.81	0.81		3.60	3.97
	Pakistan		3.02	2.83	2.76	2.57	2.33		10.49	11.45
	Typhoon/Boris (a)		1.93	1.38	0.71	2.03	2.03		6.15	6.19
	Americas		4.63	3.91	3.80	3.34	3.42		14.47	19.03
	Bruce		7.92	4.59	10.55	10.04	8.17		33.35	30.29
	Keith		0.16	0.07	0.15	0.15	0.14		0.51	0.72
	Liverpool Bay		10.01	4.89	10.59	11.62	11.16		38.26	41.69
	Total		70.66	71.86	69.41	66.99	72.91		281.17	283.47
LPG ('000 tonnes)										
	Bass Strait		126.70	149.66	115.23	111.74	135.18		511.81	471.70
	North West Shelf		35.08	36.32	31.04	32.67	32.39		132.42	140.26
	Bruce		17.49	22.45	20.47	15.10	37.24		95.26	81.23
	Keith		1.17	0.53	1.23	1.11	0.76		3.63	4.38
	Total		180.43	208.96	167.97	160.62	205.57		743.12	697.56
ETHANE ('000 tonnes)			25.62	27.67	19.91	22.35	24.97		94.90	87.13
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS										
(million barrels of oil equivalent) (b)			33.7	33.1	30.0	28.4	30.3		121.8	134.2
(a) Typhoon commenced production in July 2001. Boris commenced production in February 2003.										
(b) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions 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					YEAR ENDED	
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2002
ALUMINIUM									
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.									
('000 tonnes)									
ALUMINA									
	Production								
	Worsley, Australia		686	698	662	658	724	2,742	2,696
	Paranam, Suriname		215	221	213	222	223	879	851
	Alumar, Brazil		117	112	123	123	113	471	396
	Total		1,018	1,031	998	1,003	1,060	4,092	3,943
	Sales								
	Worsley, Australia		690	758	606	751	636	2,751	2,676
	Paranam, Suriname		197	253	201	243	228	925	847
	Alumar, Brazil		106	130	125	124	107	486	374
	Total		993	1,141	932	1,118	971	4,162	3,897
ALUMINIUM									
	Production								
	Hillside, South Africa		132	135	134	133	132	534	501
	Bayside, South Africa		43	46	45	48	46	185	175
	Alumar, Brazil		46	44	44	45	45	178	153
	Valesul, Brazil		11	11	11	10	11	43	37
	Mozal, Mozambique		31	32	32	31	39	134	126
	Total		263	268	266	267	273	1,074	992

	Sales								
	Hillside, South Africa		131	124	135	133	143	535	499
	Bayside, South Africa		53	47	45	48	48	188	181
	Alumar, Brazil		45	38	52	38	51	179	150
	Valesul, Brazil		11	9	12	9	10	40	37
	Mozal, Mozambique		34	27	35	33	41	136	129
	Total		274	245	279	261	293	1,078	996

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

			QUARTER ENDED					YEAR ENDED	
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2002

BASE METALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

<u>Escondida, Chile (a)</u>									
<u>(b)</u>									
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	77,244	74,671	74,303	73,466	74,665	297,105	327,809
	Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	11,311	10,142	14,632	16,744	16,416	57,934	43,028
	Average copper grade	(%)	1.74%	1.45%	1.59%	1.49%	1.62%	1.55%	1.69%
	Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	170.3	125.6	191.8	210.8	230.9	759.1	611.5
	Production								
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	94.4	68.4	105.6	118.5	126.6	419.1	339.1
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,694	10,074	15,936	17,458	20,664	64,132	52,338
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	21.5	17.9	19.1	20.4	21.1	78.5	86.5
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	344	304	387	471	538	1,700	1,257

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	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	85.3	77.0	104.8	113.5	128.9		424.2	333.0
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	17,004	11,689	16,709	17,166	20,138		65,702	48,925
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	22.7	18.1	19.5	19.3	20.3		77.2	88.1
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	248	269	400	484	584		1,737	1,207
	(a) Sulphide production at Escondida was reduced in November 2001 due to weak market conditions.									
	(b) Includes production from the Escondida Phase IV expansion which commissioned in October 2002.									
	<u>Tintaya, Peru (a) (b)</u>									
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-		-	32,111
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-		-	3,280
	Average copper grade	(%)	-	-	-	-	-		-	1.65%
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	0.2	-	-	-	-		-	44.9
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	-	-	-	-	-		-	22,252
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	1.3	8.4	8.9	9.0	9.1		35.4	1.3
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-		-	45.8
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	212	-	-	-	-		-	24,955
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	1.9	8.0	8.7	8.7	9.5		34.9	1.9
	(a) Sulphide production at Tintaya was suspended in January 2002 due to weak market conditions.									
	(b) Commercial production of copper cathode commenced in June 2002.									
	<u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u>									
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	18,628	17,963	15,027	16,564	16,458		66,012	64,661

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	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	3,581	3,759	3,942	3,916	4,130		15,747	14,688
	Average copper grade	(%)	1.00%	0.97%	1.03%	1.00%	0.96%		0.99%	1.04%
	Production									
	Copper cathode	('000 tonnes)	31.3	32.5	33.1	32.5	33.0		131.1	130.8
	Sales									
	Copper cathode	('000 tonnes)	34.5	27.2	29.1	39.3	31.5		127.1	133.2
<u>Antamina, Peru (a)</u>										
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	28,990	30,235	25,797	25,290	28,353		109,675	69,508
	Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,250	6,794	6,395	6,424	6,697		26,310	19,877
	Average head grades									
	- Copper	(%)	1.43%	1.33%	1.41%	1.32%	1.09%		1.29%	1.39%
	- Zinc	(%)	0.93%	1.28%	1.15%	1.54%	1.97%		1.49%	1.23%
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	30.5	25.7	26.4	23.6	21.2		96.9	81.9
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	13,518	18,189	15,424	20,519	28,553		82,685	48,326
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	461	536	557	617	517		2,227	1,719
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	28.6	30.6	25.8	22.4	21.2		100.0	86.2
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,009	19,184	14,407	15,400	31,034		80,025	47,023
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	489	590	530	575	435		2,130	1,687
	(a) Commercial production commenced in October 2001.									
<u>Alumbrera, Argentina (a)</u>										
			26,524	29,356	28,730	26,400	-		84,486	110,134

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	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)								
	Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,575	8,034	8,703	8,376	-		25,113	29,379
	Average head grades									
	- Copper	(%)	0.73%	0.62%	0.69%	0.54%	-		0.62%	0.73%
	- Gold	(g/t)	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	-		0.8	1.0
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	12.8	11.1	13.4	9.9	-		34.4	48.5
	Payable gold	(fine ounces)	43,020	35,935	42,594	30,730	-		109,259	171,789
	Payable gold - dore	(fine ounces)	4,973	3,344	4,346	4,354	-		12,044	13,624
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	56	53	72	75	-		200	237
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	11.6	10.3	13.3	10.8	-		34.4	47.2
	Payable gold	(fine ounces)	36,874	33,957	42,381	33,438	-		109,776	166,819
	Payable gold - dore	(fine ounces)	4,466	3,082	4,409	4,159	-		11,650	12,014
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	67	53	72	75	-		200	247
(a) BHP Billiton announced the sale of its interest in Alumbreira in March 2003. The sale transaction reached closure in June 2003.										
Participation in the joint venture ceased on 2nd April 2003.										
<u>Highland Valley, Canada</u>										
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	18,522	20,455	18,682	16,642	18,186		73,965	77,637
	Ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	12,224	12,941	12,924	11,602	12,565		50,032	49,755
	Average copper grade	(%)	0.43%	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%	0.39%		0.39%	0.42%

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	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	16.1	14.9	14.3	13.2	13.8		56.2	62.1
	Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.28		1.01	0.66
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	183	162	159	140	143		604	709
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	1,228	1,314	1,230	1,114	1,007		4,665	4,767
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	14.9	14.4	17.5	10.0	10.7		52.6	62.7
	Payable molybdenum	('000 tonnes)	0.22	0.19	0.22	0.26	0.23		0.90	0.67
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	173	153	189	106	116		564	729
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	1,467	1,240	1,644	843	793		4,520	6,465
	<u>Cannington, Australia</u>									
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	574	631	573	601	588		2,393	2,240
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	575	599	564	589	560		2,312	2,176
	Average head grades									
	- Silver	(g/t)	675	564	535	550	525		544	615
	- Lead	(%)	13.6%	11.7%	11.9%	11.8%	12.1%		11.9%	12.9%
	- Zinc	(%)	3.9%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%	5.3%		4.5%	4.6%
	Production									
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	10,265	9,612	8,326	8,773	8,161		34,872	35,964
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	63,799	61,676	57,651	58,711	59,389		237,427	231,764
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	12,511	15,182	14,721	15,480	18,479		63,862	58,856
	Sales									
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	10,788	9,401	9,081	8,956	8,412		35,850	35,448
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	67,650	59,856	62,735	57,961	58,742		239,294	229,362
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	14,761	12,077	14,849	18,056	13,288		58,270	64,935

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<u>Selbaie, Canada</u>										
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,016	1,049	999	919	982		3,949	4,063
	Average head grades									
	- Zinc	(%)	1.26%	1.37%	1.09%	1.11%	1.18%		1.19%	1.34%
	- Copper	(%)	0.34%	0.33%	0.28%	0.25%	0.24%		0.28%	0.34%
	- Gold	(g/t)	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.23	0.23		0.24	0.27
	- Silver	(g/t)	28.99	35.10	22.75	22.15	20.62		25.36	30.12
	Production									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	8,121	9,840	6,540	6,421	7,364		30,165	34,196
	Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,642	2,789	2,111	1,654	1,768		8,322	10,186
	Payable gold concentrate	(ounces)	5,117	4,486	5,069	4,146	4,081		17,782	22,201
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	524	593	369	279	284		1,525	2,073
	Sales									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	7,877	9,861	7,245	6,649	6,812		30,567	34,464
	Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,459	2,823	2,107	2,751	1,612		9,293	10,876
	Payable gold concentrate	(ounces)	5,142	5,932	3,082	5,508	4,280		18,802	26,304
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	573	527	478	444	355		1,804	1,783
<u>Pering, South Africa (a)</u>										
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	338	320	288	151	-		759	1,349
	Average head grades									
	- Zinc	(%)	1.85%	2.21%	3.34%	3.47%	-		2.89%	1.88%
	- Lead	(%)	0.52%	0.66%	0.40%	0.33%	-		0.50%	0.49%
	Production									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	4,793	5,331	7,430	4,335	-		17,096	21,115
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	969	1,567	694	354	-		2,615	4,302
	Sales									

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	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	3,667	3,701	6,179	5,343	4,466		19,689	18,203
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	729	1,367	1,327	995	117		3,806	4,610
	(a) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003.									
	<u>San Manuel, USA (a)</u>									
	Production									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	-		-	6.3
	(a) San Manuel SXEW operations closed in March 2002.									
	<u>Pinto Valley, USA</u>									
	Production									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6		10.6	12.8
	Sales									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6		10.5	12.7
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
			QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED	
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE	JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
	<u>IRON ORE (a)</u>									
	<u>Pilbara, Australia</u>									
	Production									
	Mt Newman Joint Venture		5,413	5,486	5,287	4,964	6,221		21,958	23,374
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b)		1,690	1,891	1,808	1,497	1,516		6,712	6,447
	Yandi Joint Venture		6,663	7,796	8,187	7,452	8,353		31,788	27,256
	Jimblebar		1,476	1,433	1,186	1,371	1,428		5,418	5,201

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	Total (BHP Billiton share)		15,242	16,606	16,468	15,284	17,518		65,876	62,279
	Total production (100%)		17,671	19,284	19,165	17,739	20,359		76,547	72,350
	Shipments									
	Lump		4,151	4,335	4,290	4,352	4,193		17,170	14,679
	Fines		10,517	11,842	13,896	12,144	13,187		51,069	45,959
	Total (BHP Billiton share)		14,668	16,177	18,186	16,496	17,380		68,239	60,638
	Total shipments (100%)		17,256	19,033	21,396	19,407	20,448		80,284	71,338
	(a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.									
	(b) Includes bulk sample production from Mining Area C.									
	<u>Samarco, Brazil</u>									
	Production		1,838	2,022	1,979	1,953	1,902		7,856	5,629
	Shipments		1,768	2,034	2,004	2,049	2,153		8,240	6,069
	METALLURGICAL COAL (a)									
	<u>Queensland, Australia</u>									
	Production									
	<u>BMA</u>									
	Blackwater		1,669	1,633	1,603	1,668	1,937		6,841	5,843
	Goonyella		904	734	812	1,191	1,075		3,812	3,776
	Peak Downs		1,185	789	757	1,009	1,076		3,631	3,828
	Saraji		716	427	629	599	666		2,321	2,547
	Norwich Park		527	573	451	610	527		2,161	2,073
	South Blackwater (b)		-	-	-	-	-		-	1,194
	Gregory/Crinum		685	496	780	761	488		2,525	2,440
	BMA total		5,686	4,652	5,032	5,838	5,769		21,291	21,701
	<u>BHP Mitsui Coal (c)</u>									
	Riverside		928	927	400	300	1,014		2,641	3,402
	South Walker		818	936	1,072	900	1,019		3,927	3,341

	Creek									
	BHP Mitsui Coal total		1,746	1,863	1,472	1,200	2,033		6,568	6,743
	<u>Queensland total</u>		7,432	6,515	6,504	7,038	7,802		27,859	28,444
	Shipments									
	Coking coal		5,252	4,165	4,034	4,707	4,395		17,301	18,866
	Weak coking coal		1,124	1,739	1,503	1,569	1,525		6,336	5,995
	Thermal coal		734	1,022	800	852	943		3,617	2,833
	Total		7,110	6,926	6,337	7,128	6,863		27,254	27,694
	(a) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.									
	(b) BHP Billiton acquired its share of South Blackwater in July 2001. South Blackwater is equally owned by BHP Billiton and									
	Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. Effective January 2002, South Blackwater production is included in Blackwater.									
	(c) BHP Mitsui Coal production shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.									
	<u>Illawarra, Australia</u>									
	Production		1,927	2,135	1,886	1,518	1,224		6,763	7,088
	Shipments									
	Coking coal		1,543	1,515	1,900	1,611	1,571		6,597	6,210
	Thermal coal		268	134	95	242	179		650	547
	Total		1,811	1,649	1,995	1,853	1,750		7,247	6,757
	MANGANESE ORES									
	<u>South Africa</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		475	581	560	534	574		2,249	1,867
	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
	<u>Australia</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		309	514	499	356	484		1,853	1,668
	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
	MANGANESE ALLOYS									

<u>South Africa</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		121	124	125	117	137		503 406
	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.								
<u>Australia</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		48	51	65	60	58		234 212
	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.								
HOT BRIQUETTED IRON									
<u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia</u>									
	(a)								
	Production		-	333	414	465	458		1,670 1,047
	Shipments		93	202	464	416	487		1,569 1,144
	(a) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas								
	re-heating furnace.								
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT									
			QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003		2003 2002
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.									
DIAMONDS									
<u>Ekati™, Canada</u>									
	Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	883	996	1,045	1,087	1,182		4,310 3,354
	Production	('000 carats)	1,023	954	1,071	1,015	1,300		4,340 3,650

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT									
			QUARTER ENDED					YEAR ENDED	
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2002
ENERGY COAL									
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.									
('000 tonnes)									
<u>Ingwe, South Africa</u>									
	Production		13,815	13,838	13,333	13,256	13,812	54,239	55,710
	Sales								
	Export		5,744	5,648	6,609	5,696	6,339	24,292	23,721
	Local utility		7,767	7,836	7,263	7,160	7,926	30,185	29,003
	Inland		742	471	412	340	337	1,560	3,780
	Total		14,253	13,955	14,284	13,196	14,602	56,037	56,503
<u>New Mexico, USA</u>									
	Production								
	Navajo Coal		2,030	1,602	2,154	1,797	2,497	8,050	7,207
	San Juan Coal (a)		1,673	1,198	2,185	1,350	1,380	6,113	6,038
	Total		3,703	2,800	4,339	3,147	3,877	14,163	13,245
	Sales - local utility		3,469	3,546	3,348	3,316	3,643	13,853	13,247
(a) Includes production from longwall operations commenced at San Juan in October 2002.									
<u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>									
	Production		1,390	1,244	1,234	1,922	2,041	6,441	4,555
	Sales								
	Export		1,056	783	881	1,036	1,301	4,001	3,135
	Inland		337	366	276	704	1,285	2,631	1,455
	Total		1,393	1,149	1,157	1,740	2,586	6,632	4,590
<u>Kalimantan, Indonesia</u>									

	Production (a)									
	Senakin (b)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,962
	Satui (b)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,845
	Petangis (c)		208	216	29	28	-		273	815
	Total		208	216	29	28	-		273	4,622
	Sales - export		243	189	49	56	-		294	4,481
	(a) Reported on 86.5% basis after allowing for the Indonesian state-owned corporation's 13.5% share of all production.									
	(b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Senakin and Satui effective 30 November 2001.									
	(c) Mining operations at Petangis ceased in October 2002.									
	<u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia (a)</u>									
	Production		1,455	1,231	1,713	1,382	2,261		6,587	4,703
	Sales - export		1,144	1,246	1,851	1,971	2,247		7,315	3,901
	(a) BHP Billiton increased its interest in CZN from 16.7% to 33.3% effective February 2002.									
	PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT									
			QUARTER ENDED						YEAR ENDED	
			JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE		JUNE	JUNE
			2002	2002	2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
	STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
	BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.									
	(‘000 tonnes)									
	NICKEL									
	<u>CMSA, Colombia</u>									
	Production		9.9	11.7	11.9	11.1	12.2		46.9	40.4
	Sales		11.6	10.5	12.8	10.3	13.5		47.1	41.6
	<u>Yabulu, Australia</u>									
	Production									
	Nickel		7.8	7.4	7.5	7.5	8.8		31.2	28.5
	Cobalt		0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5		1.9	1.7

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	Sales									
	Nickel		7.1	7.1	8.3	8.1	9.5		33.0	29.0
	Cobalt		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		2.0	1.9
CHROME ORES										
South Africa										
	Saleable production (a)		664	713	714	679	720		2,826	2,451
	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
FERROCHROME										
South Africa										
	Saleable production (a)		223	238	230	263	259		990	837
	(a) 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 Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 24 July 2003

