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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED  
30 JUNE 2004

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 June 2004. Unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

During the 2004 financial year, annual production records were set for a number of commodities supported by strong demand, including:

- **Iron ore production of 84.2 million tonnes.**
- **Manganese ore production of 5.0 (100% basis) million tonnes.**
- **Aluminium production of 1.3 million tonnes.**
- **Alumina production of 4.2 million tonnes.**
- **Silver production of 43.7 million ounces.**
- **Nickel production of 82 thousand tonnes.**
- **Diamonds production of 5.5 million carats and plant throughput of 4.4 (100% basis) million tonnes.**
- **Natural gas production of 324.3 billion cubic (54 million barrels of oil equivalent).**

- Total Petroleum Products -

Total production for the year ended June 2004 was 122.5 million barrels of oil equivalent. Total production for the June 2004 quarter was 30.3 million barrels of oil equivalent, in line with the June 2003 quarter and two per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter.

- ◆ Oil and Condensate - Production for the June 2004 quarter was 13.3 million barrels, 15 per cent lower than the 15.6 million barrels produced in the June 2003 quarter. This was mainly due to natural field decline in Bass Strait (Australia), Liverpool Bay (UK), Laminaria (Australia), North West Shelf (Australia) and Griffin (Australia). Production was also impacted by an unplanned shutdown at Bass Strait, a pre-cyclone shutdown at the North West Shelf and the divestment in February 2004 of our producing assets in Bolivia. This was partly offset by new production resulting from the commissioning of Ohanet (Algeria) in October 2003 and Boris North (USA) in September 2003. Production was seven per cent lower than the 14.3 million barrels produced in the March 2004 quarter, reflecting natural decline across the portfolio, the shutdowns at North West Shelf and Bass Strait and the divestment of our producing assets in Bolivia. Production at Ohanet was lower due to our risk sharing contractual agreement whereby higher realised prices result in lower production entitlement.
- ◆ Natural Gas - Production for the June 2004 quarter was 85.1 billion cubic feet, 17 per cent higher than the 72.9 billion cubic feet produced in the June 2003 quarter. This was due to increased demand from Bass Strait and production from the Zamzama Phase 1 development (Pakistan) which was commissioned in September 2003. Production for the quarter was 11 per cent higher than the 76.5 billion cubic feet produced in the March 2004 quarter mainly due to the increased demand from Bass Strait and cyclone downtime at North West Shelf and Griffin in the previous quarter. This was partly offset by planned shutdowns at Bruce (UK) and a fall in demand at Liverpool Bay due to seasonal factors.

- **Alumina -**

Production for the June 2004 quarter of 1.1 million tonnes was in line with the June 2003 quarter. Increased production at Alumar (Brazil) due to scheduled maintenance occurring in the June 2003 quarter was offset by lower current quarter production at Worsley (Australia) due to processing of stockpiled hydrate in the June 2003 quarter. Production was in line with the March 2004 quarter.

- **Aluminium**

- Production for the June 2004 quarter was equal to the March 2004 quarterly production record of 333,000 tonnes, but 22 per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter. The increase mainly reflects the ramp up of production from the Mozal 2 (Mozambique) and Hillside 3 (South Africa) expansions, which reached full commissioning in August 2003 and December 2003 respectively.

- **Copper -**

Production for the June 2004 quarter was 272,600 tonnes, 19 per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter. This mainly reflects higher production at Escondida (Chile) and Tintaya (Peru), partly offset by sale of the Group's interest in Highland Valley Copper (Canada) in January 2004. Production was 13 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter due to increased production at Escondida. Production records were achieved at Escondida for the June 2004 quarter and for the year ending June 2004.

- **Silver -**

Production for the June 2004 quarter of 11.1 million ounces was 15 per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter. This was due to improved mill throughput at Cannington (Australia) resulting from a continuing debottlenecking program. Production was 8 per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter mainly due to lower ore grade at Cannington.

- **Iron Ore -**

Total iron ore production for the June 2004 quarter was 20.5 million tonnes, slightly lower than the March 2004 quarter and six per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter. The increase reflects strong customer demand for iron ore products along with additional capacity following the completion of the Area C, Products and Capacity Expansion and Accelerated Expansion projects at Western Australia.

- **Metallurgical Coal -**

Total metallurgical coal production for the June 2004 quarter was 9.3 million tonnes in line with the June 2003 quarter. Production was nine per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter reflecting continued strong market demand for Queensland Coal (Australia) product, partly offset by lower production from Illawarra Coal (Australia), largely due to difficult mining conditions at the West Cliff colliery. Production records were achieved at Queensland Coal for the June 2004 quarter and the year ending June 2004.

- **Manganese -**

Ore production for the June 2004 quarter of 1.3 million tonnes was 26 per cent higher than the June 2003 quarter and six per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This reflects strong customer demand in all markets, particularly Japan, Europe and China and our ability to flex production to meet additional market demand.

- **Hot briquetted iron -**

Production for the June 2004 quarter of 294,000 tonnes was 36 per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter and 26 per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter. This reflects the suspension of operations at the Boodarie Iron plant (Australia) following a gas explosion in May 2004. Production was immediately suspended and a number of investigations into the incident are continuing.

• **Diamonds -**

Production of 1.2 million carats at Ekati was seven per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter and 19 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This was due to variations in ore grade. While ore grade is lower than the June 2003 quarter, resumed mining of a high grade zone in the Koala pipe has seen grades improve compared with the March 2004 quarter.

• **Energy Coal -**

Production for the June 2004 quarter was 21.5 million tonnes, in line with the June 2003 quarter. Lower production at New Mexico Coal (USA) following two planned major dragline outages at the Navajo mine was partially offset by the ramp up of production at Mount Arthur Coal (Australia). Production was also in line with the March 2004 quarter where increased production from the Mount Arthur Coal ramp up was partially offset by lower production at New Mexico Coal San Juan mine following a longwall move in the June 2004 quarter. Annual export sales from Ingwe (South Africa) decreased to 39 per cent of total sales compared with 43 per cent in the June 2003 year. This predominantly reflects lower export tonnage availability following safety interventions at Koorfontein.

• **Nickel**

- Production for the June 2004 quarter was 19,900 tonnes, five per cent lower than the June 2003 quarter and six per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects scheduled maintenance at Yabulu in the June 2004 quarter, and conversion of work in process inventories to finished goods in the March 2004 and June 2003 quarters.

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY |               |  | QUARTER ENDED |        |        | YEAR ENDED |         | % CHANGE |         |        |      |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|------|
|                                 |               |  | JUNE          | MARCH  | JUNE   | JUNE       | JUNE    | JUN Q04  | JUN Q04 | YTD 04 |      |
|                                 |               |  | 2003          | 2004   | 2004   | 2004       | 2003    | vs       | vs      | vs     |      |
|                                 |               |  |               |        |        |            |         | JUN Q03  | MAR Q04 | YTD 03 |      |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                |               |  |               |        |        |            |         |          |         |        |      |
| Crude oil & condensate          | ('000 bbl)    |  | 15,635        | 14,341 | 13,297 |            | 58,027  | 65,893   | -15%    | -7%    | -12% |
| Natural gas                     | (bcf)         |  | 72.91         | 76.47  | 85.11  |            | 324.34  | 281.17   | 17%     | 11%    | 15%  |
| LPG                             | ('000 tonnes) |  | 205.57        | 217.83 | 235.86 |            | 853.53  | 743.12   | 15%     | 8%     | 15%  |
| Ethane                          | ('000 tonnes) |  | 24.97         | 16.59  | 25.14  |            | 94.30   | 94.90    | 1%      | 52%    | -1%  |
| Total Petroleum Products        | (million boe) |  | 30.3          | 29.8   | 30.3   |            | 122.5   | 121.8    | 0%      | 2%     | 1%   |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                |               |  |               |        |        |            |         |          |         |        |      |
| Alumina                         | ('000 tonnes) |  | 1,060         | 1,062  | 1,059  |            | 4,224   | 4,092    | 0%      | 0%     | 3%   |
| Aluminium                       | ('000 tonnes) |  | 273           | 333    | 333    |            | 1,256   | 1,074    | 22%     | 0%     | 17%  |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>              |               |  |               |        |        |            |         |          |         |        |      |
| Copper                          | ('000 tonnes) |  | 229.2         | 240.6  | 272.6  |            | 954.4   | 870.5    | 19%     | 13%    | 10%  |
| Lead                            | (tonnes)      |  | 59,389        | 70,838 | 64,472 |            | 249,885 | 240,042  | 9%      | -9%    | 4%   |
| Zinc                            | (tonnes)      |  | 54,396        | 35,194 | 29,038 |            | 159,238 | 193,808  | -47%    | -17%   | -18% |
| Gold                            | (ounces)      |  | 25,752        | 32,914 | 31,145 |            | 125,314 | 207,882  | 21%     | -5%    | -40% |
| Silver                          | ('000 ounces) |  | 9,643         | 12,064 | 11,053 |            | 43,692  | 41,128   | 15%     | -8%    | 6%   |
| Molybdenum                      | (tonnes)      |  | 301           | 81     | 240    |            | 936     | 1,352    | -20%    | 195%   | -31% |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>   |               |  |               |        |        |            |         |          |         |        |      |
| Iron ore                        | ('000 tonnes) |  | 19,420        | 21,085 | 20,537 |            | 84,220  | 73,732   | 6%      | -3%    | 14%  |
| Metallurgical coal              | ('000 tonnes) |  | 9,026         | 8,532  | 9,284  |            | 35,360  | 34,622   | 3%      | 9%     | 2%   |

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|   | Manganese ores      | ('000 tonnes) | 1,058  | 1,264  | 1,337  |  | 4,953  | 4,102  | 26%  | 6%   | 21% |
|   | Manganese alloys    | ('000 tonnes) | 195    | 179    | 203    |  | 712    | 737    | 4%   | 13%  | -3% |
|   | Hot briquetted iron | ('000 tonnes) | 458    | 399    | 294    |  | 1,716  | 1,670  | -36% | -26% | 3%  |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>  |                     |               |        |        |        |  |        |        |      |      |     |
|   | Diamonds            | ('000 carats) | 1,300  | 1,015  | 1,211  |  | 5,482  | 4,340  | -7%  | 19%  | 26% |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>  |                     |               |        |        |        |  |        |        |      |      |     |
|   | Energy coal         | ('000 tonnes) | 21,991 | 21,279 | 21,494 |  | 83,885 | 81,703 | -2%  | 1%   | 3%  |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |                     |               |        |        |        |  |        |        |      |      |     |
|   | Nickel              | ('000 tonnes) | 21.0   | 21.2   | 19.9   |  | 81.7   | 78.1   | -5%  | -6%  | 5%  |
|   | Ferrochrome         | ('000 tonnes) | 259    | 266    | 264    |  | 1,026  | 990    | 2%   | -1%  | 4%  |
| Throughout this report figures in italics indicate adjustments made since the figure was previously reported. |                     |               |        |        |        |  |        |        |      |      |     |

| <b>BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION</b> |                        |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | YEAR ENDED |        |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|
|   |                        | BHP Billiton  | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MARCH  | JUNE   | JUNE       | JUNE   |
|   |                        | Interest      | 2003          | 2003   | 2003   | 2004   | 2004   | 2004       | 2003   |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                            |                        |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
| Production                                  |                        |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl)     | 15,635        | 15,512 | 14,877 | 14,341 | 13,297 | 58,027     | 65,893 |
|   | Natural gas            | (bcf)         | 72.91         | 85.19  | 77.57  | 76.47  | 85.11  | 324.34     | 281.17 |
|   | LPG                    | ('000 tonnes) | 205.57        | 199.33 | 200.51 | 217.83 | 235.86 | 853.53     | 743.12 |
|   | Ethane                 | ('000 tonnes) | 24.97         | 27.32  | 25.25  | 16.59  | 25.14  | 94.30      | 94.90  |

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|  | Total Petroleum Products   | (million boe) | 30.3  | 32.1  | 30.2  | 29.8  | 30.3  |  | 122.5 | 121.8 |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                           |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| ALUMINA                                    |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| Production ('000 tonnes)                   |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Worsley                    | 86%           | 724   | 699   | 700   | 704   | 696   |  | 2,799 | 2,742 |
|  | Suriname                   | 45%           | 223   | 227   | 230   | 228   | 233   |  | 918   | 879   |
|  | Alumar                     | 36%           | 113   | 127   | 120   | 130   | 130   |  | 507   | 471   |
|  | Total                      |               | 1,060 | 1,053 | 1,050 | 1,062 | 1,059 |  | 4,224 | 4,092 |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                           |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| Production ('000 tonnes)                   |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Hillside                   | 100%          | 132   | 135   | 151   | 169   | 167   |  | 622   | 534   |
|  | Bayside                    | 100%          | 46    | 47    | 46    | 45    | 46    |  | 184   | 185   |
|  | Alumar                     | 46.3%         | 45    | 31    | 36    | 44    | 45    |  | 156   | 178   |
|  | Valesul                    | 45.5%         | 11    | 11    | 11    | 11    | 11    |  | 44    | 43    |
|  | Mozal                      | 47%           | 39    | 58    | 64    | 64    | 64    |  | 250   | 134   |
|  | Total                      |               | 273   | 282   | 308   | 333   | 333   |  | 1,256 | 1,074 |
| <b>BASE METALS (a)</b>                     |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| COPPER                                     |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Escondida (b)              | 57.5%         | 126.6 | 115.9 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 159.1 |  | 514.9 | 419.1 |
|  | Tintaya (c)                | 100%          | -     | -     | 15.0  | 22.9  | 19.6  |  | 57.5  | -     |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8%         | 21.2  | 16.9  | 20.5  | 24.6  | 29.9  |  | 91.9  | 96.9  |
|  | Alumbrera (d)              | 25%           | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |  | -     | 34.4  |
|  | Highland Valley Copper (e) | 33.6%         | 13.8  | 14.1  | 14.2  | -     | -     |  | 28.3  | 56.2  |
|  | Selbaie (f)                | 100%          | 1.8   | 1.6   | 1.8   | 0.8   | -     |  | 4.1   | 8.3   |
|  | Total                      |               | 163.4 | 148.5 | 160.6 | 179.1 | 208.6 |  | 696.7 | 614.9 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes)                      |                            |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Escondida                  | 57.5%         | 21.1  | 21.4  | 21.8  | 21.7  | 21.8  |  | 86.7  | 78.5  |
|  | Cerro Colorado             | 100%          | 33.0  | 33.1  | 33.0  | 28.1  | 31.3  |  | 125.5 | 131.1 |
|  | Tintaya (c)                | 100%          | 9.1   | 9.0   | 9.0   | 9.3   | 8.7   |  | 36.0  | 35.4  |

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|  | Pinto Valley               | 100%  | 2.6    | 2.5    | 2.4    | 2.4    | 2.2    |  | 9.5     | 10.6    |
|  | Total                      |       | 65.8   | 66.0   | 66.2   | 61.5   | 64.0   |  | 257.7   | 255.6   |
| <b>LEAD</b>                                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|  | Cannington                 | 100%  | 59,389 | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 |  | 249,885 | 237,427 |
|  | Pering (g)                 | 100%  | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |  | -       | 2,615   |
|  | Total                      |       | 59,389 | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 |  | 249,885 | 240,042 |
| <b>ZINC</b>                                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|  | Cannington                 | 100%  | 18,479 | 14,850 | 11,692 | 13,589 | 13,493 |  | 53,624  | 63,862  |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8% | 28,553 | 27,933 | 27,026 | 19,099 | 15,545 |  | 89,603  | 82,685  |
|  | Selbaie (f)                | 100%  | 7,364  | 6,311  | 7,194  | 2,506  | -      |  | 16,011  | 30,165  |
|  | Pering (g)                 | 100%  | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |  | -       | 17,096  |
|  | Total                      |       | 54,396 | 49,094 | 45,912 | 35,194 | 29,038 |  | 159,238 | 193,808 |
|  | Refer footnotes on page 4. |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| <b>BASE METALS (continued)</b>             |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|  | Escondida (b)              | 57.5% | 20,664 | 25,016 | 24,833 | 27,492 | 26,044 |  | 103,385 | 64,132  |
|  | Tintaya (c)                | 100%  | -      | -      | 2,658  | 4,009  | 5,101  |  | 11,768  | -       |
|  | Alumbraera (d)             | 25%   | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |  | -       | 121,303 |
|  | Selbaie (f)                | 100%  | 4,081  | 3,129  | 3,428  | 1,413  | -      |  | 7,970   | 17,782  |
|  | Highland Valley Copper (e) | 33.6% | 1,007  | 1,025  | 1,166  | -      | -      |  | 2,191   | 4,665   |
|  | Total                      |       | 25,752 | 29,170 | 32,085 | 32,914 | 31,145 |  | 125,314 | 207,882 |
| <b>SILVER</b>                              |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |



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|  | Cannington                       | 100%   | 8,161  | 9,177  | 8,287  | 10,485 | 9,471  |  | 37,420 | 34,872 |
|  | Escondida                        | 57.5%  | 538    | 561    | 550    | 614    | 720    |  | 2,445  | 1,700  |
|  | Antamina                         | 33.8%  | 517    | 435    | 494    | 588    | 662    |  | 2,179  | 2,227  |
|  | Tintaya (c)                      | 100.0% | -      | -      | 170    | 239    | 200    |  | 608    | -      |
|  | Alumbraera (d)                   | 25.0%  | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |  | -      | 200    |
|  | Highland Valley<br>Copper (e)    | 33.6%  | 143    | 160    | 163    | -      | -      |  | 323    | 604    |
|  | Selbaie (f)                      | 100%   | 284    | 263    | 316    | 138    | -      |  | 717    | 1,525  |
|  | Total                            |        | 9,643  | 10,596 | 9,980  | 12,064 | 11,053 |  | 43,692 | 41,128 |
|  |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>MOLYBDENUM</b>                        |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate<br>(tonnes) |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Antamina                         | 33.8%  | 21     | 25     | 20     | 81     | 240    |  | 366    | 342    |
|  | Highland Valley<br>Copper (e)    | 33.6%  | 280    | 300    | 270    | -      | -      |  | 570    | 1,010  |
|  | Total                            |        | 301    | 325    | 290    | 81     | 240    |  | 936    | 1,352  |
|  |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>CARBON STEEL<br/>MATERIALS</b>        |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>IRON ORE (h)</b>                      |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Production ('000<br>tonnes)              |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Mt Newman<br>Joint Venture       | 85%    | 6,221  | 6,639  | 6,707  | 6,031  | 5,084  |  | 24,461 | 21,958 |
|  | Goldsworthy<br>Joint Venture (i) | 85%    | 1,497  | 1,633  | 1,477  | 1,348  | 1,386  |  | 5,844  | 6,693  |
|  | Area C Joint<br>Venture (j)      | 85%    | 19     | 341    | 1,048  | 1,768  | 2,519  |  | 5,676  | 19     |
|  | Yandi Joint<br>Venture           | 85%    | 8,353  | 8,679  | 9,005  | 8,429  | 8,046  |  | 34,159 | 31,788 |
|  | Jimblebar                        | 100%   | 1,428  | 1,622  | 1,520  | 1,647  | 1,566  |  | 6,355  | 5,418  |
|  | Samarco                          | 50%    | 1,902  | 1,956  | 1,971  | 1,862  | 1,936  |  | 7,725  | 7,856  |
|  | Total                            |        | 19,420 | 20,870 | 21,728 | 21,085 | 20,537 |  | 84,220 | 73,732 |
|  |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>METALLURGICAL<br/>COAL (k)</b>        |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Production ('000<br>tonnes)              |                                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
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|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|--|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------|--------|
|  | BMA                        | 50%  | 5,769 | 5,591 | 5,395 | 5,263 | 6,285 |  | 22,534 | 21,291 |
|  | BHP Mitsui Coal (l)        | 80%  | 2,033 | 1,926 | 1,591 | 1,811 | 1,653 |  | 6,981  | 6,568  |
|  | Illawarra                  | 100% | 1,224 | 1,582 | 1,459 | 1,458 | 1,346 |  | 5,845  | 6,763  |
|  | Total                      |      | 9,026 | 9,099 | 8,445 | 8,532 | 9,284 |  | 35,360 | 34,622 |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ORES</b>                  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes)      |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | South Africa (m)           | 60%  | 574   | 600   | 651   | 604   | 647   |  | 2,502  | 2,249  |
|  | Australia (m)              | 60%  | 484   | 553   | 548   | 660   | 690   |  | 2,451  | 1,853  |
|  | Total                      |      | 1,058 | 1,153 | 1,199 | 1,264 | 1,337 |  | 4,953  | 4,102  |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>                |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes)      |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | South Africa (m)           | 60%  | 137   | 93    | 122   | 116   | 131   |  | 462    | 503    |
|  | Australia (m)              | 60%  | 58    | 54    | 61    | 63    | 72    |  | 250    | 234    |
|  | Total                      |      | 195   | 147   | 183   | 179   | 203   |  | 712    | 737    |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Refer footnotes on page 4. |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)</b> |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>HOT BRIQUETTED IRON</b>             |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)               |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Boodarie™ Iron (n)         | 100% | 458   | 496   | 527   | 399   | 294   |  | 1,716  | 1,670  |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b> |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>                        |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| Production ('000 carats)               |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Ekati™                     | 80%  | 1,300 | 1,552 | 1,704 | 1,015 | 1,211 |  | 5,482  | 4,340  |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |                            |      |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |

| ENERGY COAL   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Production ('000 tonnes)  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | South Africa     | 100%  | 13,812 | 13,782 | 13,472 | 13,231 | 13,768 | 54,253 | 54,239 |
|   | USA              | 100%  | 3,877  | 3,560  | 2,829  | 3,687  | 3,154  | 13,230 | 14,163 |
|   | Australia        | 100%  | 2,041  | 1,756  | 2,054  | 2,318  | 2,590  | 8,718  | 6,441  |
|   | Indonesia (o)    | 80%   | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      | 273    |
|   | Colombia         | 33%   | 2,261  | 2,036  | 1,623  | 2,043  | 1,982  | 7,684  | 6,587  |
|   | Total            |       | 21,991 | 21,134 | 19,978 | 21,279 | 21,494 | 83,885 | 81,703 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| NICKEL  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | CMSA             | 99.8% | 12.2   | 12.4   | 12.2   | 12.5   | 12.0   | 49.1   | 46.9   |
|   | Yabulu           | 100%  | 8.8    | 8.2    | 7.8    | 8.7    | 7.9    | 32.6   | 31.2   |
|   | Total            |       | 21.0   | 20.6   | 20.0   | 21.2   | 19.9   | 81.7   | 78.1   |
| FERROCHROME   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes)   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | South Africa (m) | 60%   | 259    | 227    | 269    | 266    | 264    | 1,026  | 990    |
| (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (b) The Escondida Phase IV expansion was commissioned in October 2002.  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (c) Sulphide production at Tintaya was temporarily reduced in January 2002 due to weak market conditions, and recommenced during August 2003. |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (d) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Alumbrera with effect from June 2003.   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (e) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Highland Valley Copper with effect from January 3, 2004.  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (f) Production at Selbaie ceased in February 2004, in accordance with mine plan. Shipments ceased in May 2004.                                |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (g) Production ceased at Pering, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003.   |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| (h) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.  |                  |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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|  | (i) Includes bulk sample production from Area C prior to May 2003.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (j) Production commenced in May 2003.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (k) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (l) Shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (m) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (n) Production was suspended at Boodarie Iron following a gas explosion in May 2004.                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | (o) Production shown on 86.5% basis after allowing for Indonesian state owned corporation's 13.5% share of production. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mining operations at Petangis ceased in October 2002.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT                                 |                                   | QUARTER ENDED |               |               |               |               | YEAR ENDED    |               |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  |                                   | JUNE<br>2003  | SEPT<br>2003  | DEC<br>2003   | MARCH<br>2004 | JUNE<br>2004  | JUNE<br>2004  | JUNE<br>2003  |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>   |                                   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.  |                                   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE</b><br>( <sup>000</sup> barrels) |                                   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|  | Bass Strait                       | 5,643         | 5,872         | 5,333         | 5,174         | 4,641         | 21,020        | 23,632        |
|  | North West Shelf - condensate     | 1,560         | 1,491         | 1,204         | 1,352         | 1,367         | 5,414         | 6,238         |
|  | North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | 1,606         | 1,604         | 1,675         | 1,519         | 1,357         | 6,155         | 6,816         |
|  | Laminaria                         | 1,161         | 1,151         | 966           | 928           | 803           | 3,848         | 7,363         |
|  | Griffin                           | 708           | 742           | 563           | 380           | 585           | 2,270         | 3,909         |
|  | Pakistan                          | 14            | 53            | 53            | 50            | 49            | 205           | 65            |
|  | Typhoon/Boris (a)                 | 1,430         | 1,214         | 1,605         | 1,457         | 1,462         | 5,738         | 4,169         |
|  | Americas                          | 715           | 608           | 586           | 332           | 213           | 1,739         | 2,901         |
|  | Liverpool Bay                     | 2,344         | 2,324         | 2,061         | 1,926         | 1,788         | 8,099         | 8,819         |
|  | Bruce/Keith                       | 454           | 453           | 387           | 423           | 388           | 1,651         | 1,981         |
|  | Algeria (b)                       |               |               | 444           | 800           | 644           | 1,888         | -             |
|  | <b>Total</b>                      | <b>15,635</b> | <b>15,512</b> | <b>14,877</b> | <b>14,341</b> | <b>13,297</b> | <b>58,027</b> | <b>65,893</b> |
|  |                                   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------------|
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)  |                                      |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |
|   | Bass Strait                          |  | 25.37  | 33.04  | 23.86  | 24.95  | 34.62  |  | 116.47 97.02  |
|   | North West Shelf - Domestic          |  | 4.07   | 3.99   | 3.95   | 3.91   | 3.76   |  | 15.61 15.32   |
|   | North West Shelf - LNG               |  | 15.41  | 16.74  | 14.93  | 13.74  | 15.43  |  | 60.84 62.00   |
|   | Griffin                              |  | 0.81   | 0.96   | 0.90   | 0.44   | 0.67   |  | 2.97 3.60     |
|   | Pakistan                             |  | 2.33   | 7.86   | 7.83   | 7.51   | 7.10   |  | 30.30 10.49   |
|   | Typhoon/Boris (a)                    |  | 2.03   | 1.58   | 2.41   | 2.14   | 2.13   |  | 8.26 6.15     |
|   | Americas                             |  | 3.42   | 3.25   | 3.73   | 2.60   | 2.75   |  | 12.33 14.47   |
|   | Bruce                                |  | 8.17   | 8.77   | 8.52   | 9.27   | 8.29   |  | 34.85 33.35   |
|   | Keith                                |  | 0.14   | 0.11   | 0.08   | 0.17   | 0.20   |  | 0.56 0.51     |
|   | Liverpool Bay                        |  | 11.16  | 8.89   | 11.36  | 11.74  | 10.16  |  | 42.15 38.26   |
|   | Total                                |  | 72.91  | 85.19  | 77.57  | 76.47  | 85.11  |  | 324.34 281.17 |
| LPG ('000 tonnes)   |                                      |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |
|   | Bass Strait                          |  | 135.18 | 150.19 | 130.02 | 111.26 | 136.52 |  | 527.99 511.81 |
|   | North West Shelf                     |  | 32.39  | 34.21  | 28.11  | 29.59  | 32.95  |  | 124.86 132.42 |
|   | Bruce                                |  | 37.24  | 14.12  | 17.71  | 18.40  | 18.64  |  | 68.87 95.26   |
|   | Keith                                |  | 0.76   | 0.81   | 0.31   | 0.82   | 0.63   |  | 2.57 3.63     |
|   | Algeria (b)                          |  |        |        | 24.36  | 57.76  | 47.12  |  | 129.24 -      |
|   | Total                                |  | 205.57 | 199.33 | 200.51 | 217.83 | 235.86 |  | 853.53 743.12 |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes)  |                                      |  | 24.97  | 27.32  | 25.25  | 16.59  | 25.14  |  | 94.30 94.90   |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  |                                      |  | 30.3   | 32.1   | 30.2   | 29.8   | 30.3   |  | 122.47 121.80 |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) (c)                                       |                                      |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |
| (a) Boris commenced production in February 2003.                              |                                      |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |
| (b) Ohanet commenced production in October 2003.                              |                                      |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |
| (c) 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       |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |               |

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| 1 tonne of ethane<br>equals 4.4667 boe |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT  |                        | QUARTER ENDED |       |       |       |       | YEAR ENDED |       |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
|   |                        | JUNE          | SEPT  | DEC   | MARCH | JUNE  | JUNE       | JUNE  |
|   |                        | 2003          | 2003  | 2003  | 2004  | 2004  | 2004       | 2003  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |                        |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                        |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                        |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>  |                        |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
|   | Production             |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
|   | Worsley, Australia     | 724           | 699   | 700   | 704   | 696   | 2,799      | 2,742 |
|   | Paranam, Suriname      | 223           | 227   | 230   | 228   | 233   | 918        | 879   |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         | 113           | 127   | 120   | 130   | 130   | 507        | 471   |
|   | Total                  | 1,060         | 1,053 | 1,050 | 1,062 | 1,059 | 4,224      | 4,092 |
|   | Sales                  |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
|   | Worsley, Australia     | 636           | 697   | 740   | 652   | 732   | 2,821      | 2,751 |
|   | Paranam, Suriname      | 228           | 221   | 250   | 233   | 214   | 918        | 925   |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         | 107           | 120   | 128   | 144   | 111   | 503        | 486   |
|   | Total                  | 971           | 1,038 | 1,118 | 1,029 | 1,057 | 4,242      | 4,162 |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |                        |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
|   | Production             |               |       |       |       |       |            |       |
|   | Hillside, South Africa | 132           | 135   | 151   | 169   | 167   | 622        | 534   |
|   | Bayside, South Africa  | 46            | 47    | 46    | 45    | 46    | 184        | 185   |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         | 45            | 31    | 36    | 44    | 45    | 156        | 178   |
|   | Valesul, Brazil        | 11            | 11    | 11    | 11    | 11    | 44         | 43    |
|   | Mozal, Mozambique      | 39            | 58    | 64    | 64    | 64    | 250        | 134   |

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|--|------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|  | Total                  |  | 273 | 282 | 308 | 333 | 333 | 1,256 | 1,074 |
|  | Sales                  |  |     |     |     |     |     |       |       |
|  | Hillside, South Africa |  | 143 | 134 | 145 | 176 | 171 | 626   | 535   |
|  | Bayside, South Africa  |  | 48  | 54  | 35  | 49  | 45  | 183   | 188   |
|  | Alumar, Brazil         |  | 51  | 38  | 25  | 39  | 55  | 157   | 179   |
|  | Valesul, Brazil        |  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 11  | 12  | 46    | 40    |
|  | Mozal, Mozambique      |  | 41  | 61  | 40  | 78  | 56  | 235   | 136   |
|  | Total                  |  | 293 | 298 | 257 | 353 | 339 | 1,247 | 1,078 |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT  |                            |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | YEAR ENDED |         |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------|
|   |                            |               | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MARCH  | JUNE   | JUNE       | JUNE    |
|   |                            |               | 2003          | 2003   | 2003   | 2004   | 2004   | 2004       | 2003    |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>  |                            |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |         |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. |                            |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |         |
| <u>Escondida, Chile (a)</u>   |                            |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |         |
|   | Material mined (100%)      | ('000 tonnes) | 74,665        | 69,342 | 82,909 | 83,640 | 95,757 | 331,648    | 297,105 |
|   | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 16,416        | 18,888 | 18,299 | 19,620 | 21,197 | 78,004     | 57,934  |
|   | Average copper grade       | (%)           | 1.62%         | 1.33%  | 1.31%  | 1.48%  | 1.61%  | 1.44%      | 1.55%   |
|   | Production ex Mill (100%)  | ('000 tonnes) | 230.9         | 208.2  | 197.1  | 239.6  | 284.2  | 929.1      | 759.1   |
|   | Production                 |               |               |        |        |        |        |            |         |
|   | Payable copper             | ('000 tonnes) | 126.6         | 115.9  | 109.1  | 130.8  | 159.1  | 514.9      | 419.1   |
|   | Payable gold concentrate   | (fine ounces) | 20,664        | 25,016 | 24,833 | 27,492 | 26,044 | 103,385    | 64,132  |
|   | Copper cathode (SXEW)      | ('000 tonnes) | 21.1          | 21.4   | 21.8   | 21.7   | 21.8   | 86.7       | 78.5    |

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|  | Payable silver concentrate  | ('000 ounces) | 538    | 561    | 550    | 614    | 720    |  | 2,445   | 1,700  |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Sales   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 128.9  | 116.2  | 114.8  | 127.3  | 150.4  |  | 508.7   | 424.2  |
|  | Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | 20,138 | 25,335 | 26,984 | 28,545 | 24,874 |  | 105,738 | 65,702 |
|  | Copper cathode (SXEW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 20.3   | 18.1   | 23.8   | 26.2   | 21.3   |  | 89.4    | 77.2   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate  | ('000 ounces) | 584    | 574    | 634    | 612    | 683    |  | 2,503   | 1,737  |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | (a) Includes production from the Escondida Phase IV expansion which commissioned in October 2002. |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | <u>Tintaya, Peru (a)</u>  |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Material mined  | ('000 tonnes) | -      | 4,151  | 17,450 | 17,206 | 17,944 |  | 56,751  | -      |
|  | Ore milled  | ('000 tonnes) | -      | -      | 1,408  | 1,609  | 1,616  |  | 4,633   | -      |
|  | Average copper grade  | (%)           | -      | -      | 1.38%  | 1.61%  | 1.45%  |  | 1.48%   | -      |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Production  |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | -      | -      | 15.0   | 22.9   | 19.6   |  | 57.5    | -      |
|  | Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | -      | -      | 2,658  | 4,009  | 5,101  |  | 11,768  | -      |
|  | Copper cathode (SXEW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 9.1    | 9.0    | 9.0    | 9.3    | 8.7    |  | 36.0    | 35.4   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate  | ('000 ounces) | -      | -      | 170.0  | 238.5  | 199.8  |  | 608     | -      |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Sales   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | -      | -      | 10.6   | 23.1   | 20.6   |  | 54.3    | -      |
|  | Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | -      | -      | 3,086  | 4,372  | 4,100  |  | 11,558  | -      |
|  | Copper cathode (SXEW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 9.5    | 8.9    | 8.7    | 8.2    | 8.4    |  | 34.2    | 34.9   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate  | ('000 ounces) | -      | -      | 100.0  | 240.1  | 226.4  |  | 566.5   | -      |
|  |   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |



|   |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| (a) Sulphide production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended in January 2002 due to weak market conditions. |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Sulphide mining operations recommenced during August 2003.  |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| <b>Cerro Colorado, Chile</b>  |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Material mined  | ('000 tonnes) | 16,458 | 20,332 | 19,855 | 16,199 | 16,697 | 73,083  | 66,012  |  |
| Ore milled  | ('000 tonnes) | 4,130  | 4,346  | 4,405  | 3,700  | 4,330  | 16,781  | 15,747  |  |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 0.96%  | 0.99%  | 1.00%  | 0.92%  | 0.90%  | 0.95%   | 0.99%   |  |
| Production  |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Copper cathode  | ('000 tonnes) | 33.0   | 33.1   | 33.0   | 28.1   | 31.3   | 125.5   | 131.1   |  |
| Sales   |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Copper cathode  | ('000 tonnes) | 31.5   | 28.9   | 35.2   | 27.8   | 35.5   | 127.4   | 127.1   |  |
| <b>Antamina, Peru</b>   |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Material mined (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 28,353 | 30,174 | 28,474 | 28,588 | 36,035 | 123,271 | 109,675 |  |
| Ore milled (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 6,697  | 6,018  | 7,273  | 6,954  | 8,205  | 28,450  | 26,310  |  |
| Average head grades   |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| - Copper  | (%)           | 1.09%  | 1.17%  | 1.17%  | 1.26%  | 1.37%  | 1.25%   | 1.29%   |  |
| - Zinc  | (%)           | 1.97%  | 2.17%  | 1.77%  | 1.48%  | 0.97%  | 1.55%   | 1.49%   |  |
| Production  |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 21.2   | 16.9   | 20.5   | 24.6   | 29.9   | 91.9    | 96.9    |  |
| Payable zinc  | (tonnes)      | 28,553 | 27,933 | 27,026 | 19,099 | 15,545 | 89,603  | 82,685  |  |
| Payable silver  | ('000 ounces) | 517    | 435    | 494    | 588    | 662    | 2,179   | 2,227   |  |
| Payable molybdenum  | ('000 tonnes) | 0.02   | 0.03   | 0.02   | 0.08   | 0.24   | 0.37    | 0.34    |  |
| Sales   |               |        |        |        |        |        |         |         |  |
| Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 21.2   | 18.6   | 22.6   | 20.2   | 26.4   | 87.8    | 100.0   |  |

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|                              |                     |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------|---------|
|                              | Payable zinc        | (tonnes)      | 31,034 | 26,781 | 26,928 | 14,219 | 19,931 |  | 87,859  | 80,025  |
|                              | Payable silver      | ('000 ounces) | 435    | 420    | 491    | 423    | 655    |  | 1,989   | 2,130   |
|                              | Payable molybdenum  | ('000 tonnes) | 0.10   | 0.01   | 0.03   | 0.04   | 0.11   |  | 0.20    | 0.39    |
| <b>Cannington, Australia</b> |                     |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | Material mined      | ('000 tonnes) | 588    | 637    | 699    | 729    | 681    |  | 2,746   | 2,393   |
|                              | Ore milled          | ('000 tonnes) | 560    | 589    | 598    | 698    | 724    |  | 2,609   | 2,312   |
|                              | Average head grades |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | - Silver            | (g/t)         | 525    | 564    | 497    | 539    | 486    |  | 520     | 544     |
|                              | - Lead              | (%)           | 12.1%  | 11.5%  | 10.5%  | 11.4%  | 10.8%  |  | 11.1%   | 11.9%   |
|                              | - Zinc              | (%)           | 5.3%   | 4.0%   | 3.4%   | 3.5%   | 3.4%   |  | 3.6%    | 4.5%    |
|                              | Production          |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | Payable silver      | ('000 ounces) | 8,161  | 9,177  | 8,287  | 10,485 | 9,471  |  | 37,420  | 34,872  |
|                              | Payable lead        | (tonnes)      | 59,389 | 59,364 | 55,211 | 70,838 | 64,472 |  | 249,885 | 237,427 |
|                              | Payable zinc        | (tonnes)      | 18,479 | 14,850 | 11,692 | 13,589 | 13,493 |  | 53,624  | 63,862  |
|                              | Sales               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | Payable silver      | ('000 ounces) | 8,384  | 6,765  | 10,716 | 8,569  | 12,583 |  | 38,633  | 35,609  |
|                              | Payable lead        | (tonnes)      | 59,594 | 43,953 | 69,447 | 56,259 | 84,315 |  | 253,974 | 240,579 |
|                              | Payable zinc        | (tonnes)      | 13,197 | 16,223 | 15,443 | 12,790 | 13,410 |  | 57,866  | 58,308  |
| <b>Selbaie, Canada (a)</b>   |                     |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | Ore milled          | ('000 tonnes) | 982    | 858    | 1,017  | 346    | -      |  | 2,221   | 3,949   |
|                              | Average head grades |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |
|                              | - Zinc              | (%)           | 1.18%  | 1.13%  | 1.13%  | 1.16%  | -      |  | 1.14%   | 1.19%   |
|                              | - Copper            | (%)           | 0.24%  | 0.25%  | 0.24%  | 0.30%  | -      |  | 0.25%   | 0.28%   |
|                              | - Gold              | (g/t)         | 0.23   | 0.22   | 0.20   | 0.24   | -      |  | 0.21    | 0.24    |
|                              | - Silver            | (g/t)         | 20.62  | 22.38  | 24.25  | 26.64  | -      |  | 23.90   | 25.36   |
|                              | Production          |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |         |

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|   |                          |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|   | Payable zinc             | (tonnes)      | 7,364 | 6,311 | 7,194 | 2,506 | -     | 16,011 | 30,165 |
|   | Payable copper           | (tonnes)      | 1,768 | 1,606 | 1,764 | 770   | -     | 4,140  | 8,322  |
|   | Payable gold concentrate | (ounces)      | 4,081 | 3,129 | 3,428 | 1,413 | -     | 7,970  | 17,782 |
|   | Payable silver           | ('000 ounces) | 284   | 263   | 316   | 138   | -     | 717    | 1,525  |
|   | Sales                    |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|   | Payable zinc             | (tonnes)      | 6,812 | 6,209 | 7,429 | 4,127 | -     | 17,765 | 30,567 |
|   | Payable copper           | (tonnes)      | 1,612 | 1,918 | 1,615 | 1,741 | 1,356 | 6,630  | 9,293  |
|   | Payable gold concentrate | (ounces)      | 4,280 | 4,384 | 3,377 | 3,364 | 2,484 | 13,609 | 18,802 |
|   | Payable silver           | ('000 ounces) | 355   | 292   | 253   | 317   | 231   | 1,093  | 1,804  |
| (a) Production ceased in February 2004, in accordance with mine plan. Shipments ceased in May 2004. |                          |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u>  |                          |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|   | Production               |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|   | Copper cathode (SXEW)    | ('000 tonnes) | 2.6   | 2.5   | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.2   | 9.5    | 10.6   |
|   | Sales                    |               |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|   | Copper cathode (SXEW)    | ('000 tonnes) | 2.6   | 2.5   | 2.4   | 2.3   | 2.3   | 9.5    | 10.5   |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT  |            |  |               |      |      |       |            |      |      |
|---|------------|--|---------------|------|------|-------|------------|------|------|
|   |            |  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |       | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|   |            |  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MARCH | JUNE       | JUNE | JUNE |
|   |            |  | 2003          | 2003 | 2003 | 2004  | 2004       | 2004 | 2003 |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>   |            |  |               |      |      |       |            |      |      |
| 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   |  | 6,221  | 6,639  | 6,707  | 6,031  | 5,084  |  | 24,461 | 21,958 |
|  | Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b)   |  | 1,497  | 1,633  | 1,477  | 1,348  | 1,386  |  | 5,844  | 6,693  |
|  | Area C Joint Venture (c)  |  | 19     | 341    | 1,048  | 1,768  | 2,519  |  | 5,676  | 19     |
|  | Yandi Joint Venture   |  | 8,353  | 8,679  | 9,005  | 8,429  | 8,046  |  | 34,159 | 31,788 |
|  | Jimblebar   |  | 1,428  | 1,622  | 1,520  | 1,647  | 1,566  |  | 6,355  | 5,418  |
|  | Total (BHP Billiton share)  |  | 17,518 | 18,914 | 19,757 | 19,223 | 18,601 |  | 76,495 | 65,876 |
|  | Total production (100%)   |  | 20,359 | 21,965 | 22,975 | 22,326 | 21,608 |  | 88,874 | 76,547 |
|  | Shipments   |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Lump  |  | 4,193  | 4,898  | 5,169  | 5,402  | 5,064  |  | 20,533 | 17,170 |
|  | Fines   |  | 13,187 | 13,334 | 13,968 | 13,181 | 14,067 |  | 54,550 | 51,069 |
|  | Total (BHP Billiton share)  |  | 17,380 | 18,232 | 19,137 | 18,583 | 19,131 |  | 75,083 | 68,239 |
|  | Total shipments (100%)  |  | 20,448 | 21,450 | 22,515 | 21,862 | 22,507 |  | 88,334 | 80,284 |
|  | (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | (b) Includes bulk sample production from Area C prior to May 2003.        |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | (c) Mining commenced in May 2003.   |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | <u>Samarco, Brazil</u>  |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Production  |  | 1,902  | 1,956  | 1,971  | 1,862  | 1,936  |  | 7,725  | 7,856  |
|  | Shipments   |  | 2,153  | 2,013  | 1,886  | 1,918  | 1,994  |  | 7,811  | 8,240  |
|  | <b>METALLURGICAL COAL (a)</b>   |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | <u>Queensland, Australia</u>  |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Production  |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | <u>BMA</u>  |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Blackwater  |  | 1,937  | 1,578  | 1,581  | 1,508  | 1,864  |  | 6,531  | 6,841  |
|  | Goonyella   |  | 1,075  | 994    | 829    | 1,019  | 935    |  | 3,777  | 3,812  |
|  | Peak Downs  |  | 1,076  | 1,004  | 1,004  | 881    | 1,223  |  | 4,112  | 3,631  |

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|  | Saraji  |  | 666   | 747   | 655   | 703   | 806   |  | 2,911  | 2,321  |
|  | Norwich Park  |  | 527   | 524   | 582   | 556   | 682   |  | 2,344  | 2,161  |
|  | Gregory Joint Venture   |  | 488   | 744   | 744   | 596   | 775   |  | 2,859  | 2,525  |
|  | BMA total   |  | 5,769 | 5,591 | 5,395 | 5,263 | 6,285 |  | 22,534 | 21,291 |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u>  |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Riverside   |  | 1,014 | 969   | 812   | 967   | 575   |  | 3,323  | 2,641  |
|  | South Walker Creek  |  | 1,019 | 957   | 779   | 844   | 1,078 |  | 3,658  | 3,927  |
|  | BHP Mitsui Coal total   |  | 2,033 | 1,926 | 1,591 | 1,811 | 1,653 |  | 6,981  | 6,568  |
|  | <u>Queensland total</u>   |  | 7,802 | 7,517 | 6,986 | 7,074 | 7,938 |  | 29,515 | 27,859 |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Shipments   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Coking coal   |  | 4,395 | 4,838 | 5,258 | 5,116 | 4,777 |  | 19,989 | 17,301 |
|  | Weak coking coal  |  | 1,525 | 1,617 | 1,649 | 1,585 | 1,569 |  | 6,420  | 6,336  |
|  | Thermal coal  |  | 943   | 801   | 987   | 803   | 756   |  | 3,347  | 3,617  |
|  | Total   |  | 6,863 | 7,256 | 7,894 | 7,504 | 7,102 |  | 29,756 | 27,254 |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | (a) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | (b) BHP Mitsui Coal production shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest.                          |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u>   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Production  |  | 1,224 | 1,582 | 1,459 | 1,458 | 1,346 |  | 5,845  | 6,763  |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Shipments   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Coking coal   |  | 1,571 | 1,513 | 1,293 | 1,359 | 1,215 |  | 5,380  | 6,597  |
|  | Thermal coal  |  | 179   | 91    | 47    | 134   | 114   |  | 386    | 650    |
|  | Total   |  | 1,750 | 1,604 | 1,340 | 1,493 | 1,329 |  | 5,766  | 7,247  |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | MANGANESE ORES  |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | <u>South Africa</u>   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | Saleable production (a)   |  | 574   | 600   | 651   | 604   | 647   |  | 2,502  | 2,249  |
|  |   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|  | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.                                   |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |

|  |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
|--|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-------|-------|
| <u>Australia</u>   |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)  |  | 484 | 553 | 548 | 660 | 690 |  | 2,451 | 1,853 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.        |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS   |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| <u>South Africa</u>  |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)  |  | 137 | 93  | 122 | 116 | 131 |  | 462   | 503   |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.        |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| <u>Australia</u>   |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| Saleable production (a)  |  | 58  | 54  | 61  | 63  | 72  |  | 250   | 234   |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.        |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON  |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| <u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia</u>   |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |
| Production (a)   |  | 458 | 496 | 527 | 399 | 294 |  | 1,716 | 1,670 |
| Shipments  |  | 487 | 435 | 570 | 436 | 318 |  | 1,759 | 1,569 |
| (a) Production was suspended at Boodarie Iron following a gas explosion in May 2004. |  |     |     |     |     |     |  |       |       |

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|---|--|------|------|------|-------|------|------------|------|------|
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |  |      |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| QUARTER ENDED   |  |      |      |      |       |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|   |  | JUNE | SEPT | DEC  | MARCH | JUNE |            | JUNE | JUNE |
|   |  | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2004  | 2004 |            | 2004 | 2003 |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>                                  |  |      |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |  |      |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| DIAMONDS  |  |      |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |

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| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u> |                         |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       | Ore Processed<br>(100%) | ('000<br>tonnes) | 1,182 | 1,064 | 1,123 | 1,052 | 1,207 | 4,446 | 4,310 |
|                       | Production              | ('000<br>carats) | 1,300 | 1,552 | 1,704 | 1,015 | 1,211 | 5,482 | 4,340 |
|                       |                         |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                       |                         |                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

|   |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
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| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   |                       |  | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | YEAR ENDED |        |
|   |                       |  | JUNE          | SEPT   | DEC    | MARCH  | JUNE   | JUNE       | JUNE   |
|   |                       |  | 2003          | 2003   | 2003   | 2004   | 2004   | 2004       | 2003   |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>  |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u>  |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Production            |  | 13,812        | 13,782 | 13,472 | 13,231 | 13,768 | 54,253     | 54,239 |
|   | Sales                 |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Export                |  | 6,339         | 5,274  | 5,500  | 5,354  | 4,830  | 20,958     | 24,292 |
|   | Local utility         |  | 7,926         | 8,215  | 7,701  | 7,579  | 8,426  | 31,921     | 30,185 |
|   | Inland                |  | 337           | 338    | 326    | 330    | 361    | 1,355      | 1,560  |
|   | Total                 |  | 14,602        | 13,827 | 13,527 | 13,263 | 13,617 | 54,234     | 56,037 |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u>  |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Production            |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Navajo Coal           |  | 2,497         | 2,240  | 1,553  | 1,709  | 1,714  | 7,216      | 8,050  |
|   | San Juan Coal         |  | 1,380         | 1,320  | 1,276  | 1,978  | 1,440  | 6,014      | 6,113  |
|   | Total                 |  | 3,877         | 3,560  | 2,829  | 3,687  | 3,154  | 13,230     | 14,163 |
|   | Sales - local utility |  | 3,643         | 3,713  | 3,327  | 3,213  | 3,353  | 13,606     | 13,853 |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>   |                       |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |
|   | Production            |  | 2,041         | 1,756  | 2,054  | 2,318  | 2,590  | 8,718      | 6,441  |
|   | Sales                 |  |               |        |        |        |        |            |        |

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|--|----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|  | Export         |  | 1,301 | 952   | 861   | 1,729 | 1,734 |  | 5,276 | 4,001 |
|  | Inland         |  | 1,285 | 873   | 633   | 1,044 | 958   |  | 3,508 | 2,631 |
|  | Total          |  | 2,586 | 1,825 | 1,494 | 2,773 | 2,692 |  | 8,784 | 6,632 |
| <b>Kalimantan, Indonesia</b>   |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Production (a) |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Petangis (b)   |  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |  | -     | 273   |
|  | Total          |  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |  | -     | 273   |
|  | Sales - export |  | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |  | -     | 294   |
| (a) Reported on 86.5% basis after allowing for the Indonesian state-owned corporation's 13.5% share of all production. |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| (b) Mining operations at Petangis ceased in October 2002.  |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
| <b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>   |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Production     |  | 2,261 | 2,036 | 1,623 | 2,043 | 1,982 |  | 7,684 | 6,587 |
|  | Sales - export |  | 2,247 | 1,966 | 1,999 | 1,828 | 2,283 |  | 8,076 | 7,315 |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT  |            |  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |       |      | YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|---|------------|--|---------------|------|------|-------|------|------------|------|------|
|   |            |  | JUNE          | SEPT | DEC  | MARCH | JUNE | JUNE       | JUNE |      |
|   |            |  | 2003          | 2003 | 2003 | 2004  | 2004 | 2004       | 2003 |      |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| ('000 tonnes)   |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| <b>NICKEL</b>   |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
| <b>CMSA, Colombia</b>   |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
|   | Production |  | 12.2          | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.5  | 12.0 |            | 49.1 | 46.9 |
|   | Sales      |  | 13.5          | 11.1 | 13.1 | 11.2  | 12.8 |            | 48.2 | 47.1 |
| <b>Yabulu, Australia</b>  |            |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |
|   | Production |  |               |      |      |       |      |            |      |      |



