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July 25, 2006

**BHP Billiton**

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT  
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 June 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- Annual production records were achieved in aluminium, copper, iron ore, nickel and natural gas in a strong demand environment.
- Record annual production was achieved at North West Shelf (Australia), Hillside (South Africa), Mozal (Mozambique), Paranam (Suriname), Escondida (Chile), Antamina (Peru), Western Australian Iron Ore, GEMCO (both Australia), New Mexico Coal (USA), Cerrejon Coal and Cerro Matoso (both Colombia).
- Worsley Development Capital Projects (Australia) and Western Australian Iron Ore Rapid Growth Project 2 (Australia) were commissioned and Escondida Sulphide Leach (Chile) achieved first production during the quarter.

Crude Oil & Condensate ('000 bbl)	45,873	11,551	-10%	-17%	6%
Natural Gas (bcf)	360.44	98.59	4%	0%	27%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	115.95	30.63	-3%	-8%	18%

Total Petroleum Production -

Total production for the year ended June 2006 was in line with the year ended June 2005.

Crude Oil and Condensate -

June 2006 annual production was lower than the previous year. This primarily reflects lost production from the Typhoon/Boris facility (USA) due to hurricane damage sustained in the September 2005 quarter, well and weather related downtime at North West Shelf, natural liquids decline at Bass Strait (Australia) natural field decline at Liverpool Bay (UK) and the January 2005 sale of our interest in Laminaria (Australia). This was partially offset by increased production from ROD (Algeria), commissioned in October 2004 and Angostura (Trinidad & Tobago) and Mad Dog (USA), both commissioned in January 2005.

Production for the June 2006 quarter was lower than the June 2005 quarter. The loss of the Typhoon/Boris facility, well related downtime and natural liquids decline at North West Shelf natural field decline at Liverpool Bay and timing of recognition of tax barrel entitlements at ROD all had a negative impact on production. This was partially offset by ramp up of production at Mad Dog and the timing of tax barrel entitlements at Angostura.

Production for the June 2006 quarter was higher than the March 2006 quarter. This primarily reflects increased production at Bass Strait, with stronger gas demand leading to a resultant increase in condensate production, combined with successful infill drilling programmes. Production also increased at North West Shelf reflecting a recovery from weather related downtime in the prior quarter. This was partially offset by lower production at ROD related to timing of recognition of tax barrel entitlements.

Natural Gas -

Record production for the year ended June 2006 primarily reflects the commissioning of Minerva (Australia) in January 2005 and the 4<sup>th</sup> LNG Train at North West Shelf in September 2004. This was partially offset by lost production from the Typhoon/Boris facility and lower demand for Bass Strait gas.

Production for the June 2006 quarter was higher than the March 2006 quarter reflecting higher seasonal demand for Bass Strait gas, higher demand and reduced weather related downtime at North West Shelf and reduced facility downtime at Liverpool Bay. This was partially offset by facility downtime at Bruce (UK).

Alumina ('000 tonnes)	4,187	1,072	0%	2%	0%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	1,362	344	2%	7%	1%

Alumina -

Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was in line with all comparative periods.

Quarterly production records were achieved at both Paranam and Alumar (Brazil).

Aluminium

- Record annual production was achieved in the year ended June 2006 with Mozal and Hillside continuing to deliver increased production as a result of ongoing business efficiency initiatives. Bayside (South Africa) returned to full operating capacity during the year following a potline outage in April 2005.

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Copper ('000 tonnes)	1,268.1	311.7	23%	16%	-2%
Silver ('000 ounces)	46,476	9,593	-7%	-19%	-18%
Lead (tonnes)	266,321	55,507	-6%	-14%	-19%
Zinc (tonnes)	109,058	27,564	4%	-2%	-3%
Uranium Oxide Concentrate (tonnes)	3,936	865	n/a	n/a	-5%

## Copper -

Record annual production was achieved during the year ended June 2006, primarily reflecting record annual production at both Escondida and Antamina and the inclusion of a full year of production from Olympic Dam (Australia). This was partially offset by lower production at Cerro Colorado (Chile) following an earthquake in June 2005 and the sale of Tintaya (Peru), effective 1 June 2006.

June 2006 quarterly production was higher than the June 2005 quarter reflecting the inclusion of a full quarter of production from Olympic Dam.

## Silver -

Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was lower than the year and quarter ended June 2005, primarily reflecting declining head grades and the temporary closure of the southern zone of the Cannington mine (Australia) in April 2006 to accelerate a programme of decline and stope access rehabilitation.

June 2006 quarter production was lower than the March 2006 quarter reflecting the temporary closure of the southern zone of the Cannington mine.

## Lead -

Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was lower than all comparative periods, primarily reflecting the temporary closure of the southern zone of the Cannington mine.

## Zinc

- Production for the year ended June 2006 was higher than the year ended June 2005. Record annual zinc production at Cannington reflecting higher head grades was partially offset by a lower proportion of zinc contained ore processed at Antamina.

## Uranium Oxide Concentrate -

Production in the June 2006 quarter was lower than the March 2006 quarter reflecting lower head grades at Olympic Dam.

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Iron ore ('000 tonnes)	<b>072</b>	<b>115</b>	0%	3%	16%
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	35,643	9,224	-4%	-4%	9%
Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)	5,280	1,389	-3%	-2%	13%
Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)	652	175	-14%	12%	1%

## Iron Ore -

Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was higher than all comparative periods. Record annual and quarterly production was achieved at the Western Australian Iron Ore operations reflecting the ramp up of recently expanded capacity in response to continuing strong customer demand and recovery from weather related impacts in the March 2006 quarter.

## Metallurgical Coal -

Production for the year ended June 2006 was lower than the year ended June 2005. This primarily reflects reduced production at Queensland Coal (Australia) due to depletion of reserves at Riverside and extended scheduled maintenance outages at a number of mines. This was partially offset by increased production at Goonyella reflecting the continued ramp up of Broadmeadow (commissioned in August 2005) to nameplate capacity in the June 2006 quarter. Production also increased at Illawarra Coal (Australia) reflecting the continued ramp up of Dendrobium (commissioned in April 2005) and record production at West Cliff.

June 2006 quarterly production was lower than the June 2005 quarter reflecting timing of scheduled maintenance shutdowns, particularly at Peak Downs (Australia). This was partially offset by the continued ramp up of Broadmeadow and Dendrobium.

June 2006 quarterly production was higher than the March 2006 quarter reflecting the continued ramp up of Broadmeadow, timing of longwall changes at Crinum (Australia) and other scheduled maintenance outages in the prior quarter.

## Manganese Ore -

Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was in line with the year and quarter ended June 2005.

June 2006 quarterly production was higher than the March 2006 quarter reflecting the mining of higher grade material at the South African operations during the period.

## Manganese Alloy -

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Production for the year ended June 2006 was lower than the year ended June 2005 reflecting lower market demand.

June 2006 quarterly production was higher than the June 2005 quarter reflecting scheduled maintenance at Metalloys (South Africa) in the prior period.

Diamonds ('000 carats)	2,561	583	-29%	-39%	14%
Fertiliser ('000 tonnes)	861.3	141.3	n/a	n/a	-36%

Diamonds -

Carat production decreased in the year and quarter ended June 2006 primarily reflecting the processing of lower grade ore at Ekati (Canada).

June 2006 quarterly production was higher than the March 2006 quarter as a result of increased throughput partially offset by marginally lower grade.

Fertiliser -

June 2006 quarterly production was lower than the March 2006 quarter reflecting the commencement of a scheduled triennial major maintenance outage.

BHP Billiton announced the sale of its Southern Cross Fertiliser operations (Australia) on May 9, 2006, completion is expected to occur in the coming weeks.

Energy Coal ('000 tonnes)	85,756	21,787	-2%	-4%	17%

Energy Coal -

Production for the year ended June 2006 was in line with the year ended June 2005.

Production for the June 2006 quarter was lower than the June 2005 quarter. This primarily reflects lower production at Ingwe (South Africa) as it recovered from significantly higher than average rainfall experienced in the March 2006 quarter and increased strip ratios at Hunter Valley Coal (Australia). This was partially offset by record production at

Cerrejon Coal reflecting the ramp up of recently expanded capacity.

Production for the June 2006 quarter was higher than the March 2006 quarter reflecting high rainfall at Ingwe and a planned outage for a longwall move at San Juan Coal (USA) in the prior quarter. Production at Hunter Valley Coal increased during the quarter reflecting lower strip ratios and improved equipment availability.

Nickel ('000 tonnes)	174.9	41.6	90%	31%	3%

Nickel

- Production for the year and quarter ended June 2006 was higher than the year and quarter ended June 2005. This primarily reflects the inclusion of a full year of production from Nickel West (Australia).

Production for the June 2006 quarter was higher than the March 2006 quarter primarily reflecting weather related disruptions at Nickel West in the prior quarter. This was partially offset by increased maintenance and the continuing impact of expansion tie-ins at Yabulu (Australia).

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR ENDED			% CHANGE		
							YTD 06	JUN Q06	JUN Q06	
		JUNE	MAR	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	vs	vs	vs	
		2005	2006	2006	2006	2005	YTD 05	JUN Q05	MAR Q05	
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	13,939	10,886	<b>11,551</b>	<b>45,873</b>	50,840	-10%	-17%	6%	
Natural gas	(bcf)	98.79	77.85	<b>98.59</b>	<b>360.44</b>	345.68	4%	0%	27%	
LPG	('000 tonnes)	213.71	175.26	<b>213.75</b>	<b>813.84</b>	860.10	-5%	0%	22%	
Ethane	('000 tonnes)	22.97	22.25	<b>31.16</b>	<b>106.15</b>	101.53	5%	36%	40%	
Total Petroleum	(million)	33.13	26.01	<b>30.63</b>	<b>115.95</b>	119.03	-3%	-8%	18%	

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Products	boe)									
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,054	1,075	<b>1,072</b>		<b>4,187</b>	4,182	0%	2%	0%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	321	340	<b>344</b>		<b>1,362</b>	1,330	2%	7%	1%
Copper	('000 tonnes)	269.8	319.1	<b>311.7</b>		<b>1,268.1</b>	1,034.0	23%	16%	-2%
Lead	(tonnes)	64,652	68,754	<b>55,507</b>		<b>266,321</b>	281,970	-6%	-14%	-19%
Zinc	(tonnes)	28,204	28,419	<b>27,564</b>		<b>109,058</b>	105,361	4%	-2%	-3%
Gold	(ounces)	31,882	52,095	<b>56,161</b>		<b>216,622</b>	125,413	73%	76%	8%
Silver	('000 ounces)	11,881	11,655	<b>9,593</b>		<b>46,476</b>	50,047	-7%	-19%	-18%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	415	913	<b>865</b>		<b>3,936</b>	415	-	-	-5%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	492	632	<b>538</b>		<b>2,515</b>	1,806	39%	9%	-15%
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	25,296	22,499	26,115		97,072	96,745	0%	3%	16%
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	9,570	8,460	9,224		35,643	37,303	-4%	-4%	9%
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,418	1,226	1,389		5,280	5,455	-3%	-2%	13%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	156	173	175		652	755	-14%	12%	1%
Diamonds	('000 carats)	957	512	583		2,561	3,617	-29%	-39%	14%
Fertiliser	('000 tonnes)	74	222.5	141.3		861.3	73.9	-	-	-36%



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ALUMINIUM									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Hillside	100%	172	172	177	174	177	700	685
	Bayside	100%	29	41	46	46	46	179	166
	Alumar	46.3%	44	45	45	44	44	178	176
	Valesul	45.5%	11	11	10	11	11	43	43
	Mozal	47%	65	65	66	65	66	262	260
	Total		321	334	344	340	344	1,362	1,330
COPPER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)									
	Escondida	57.5%	154.0	168.6	169.0	168.2	165.2	671.0	578.2
	Antamina	33.8%	29.9	27.9	34.3	32.9	29.1	124.2	123.1
	Tintaya (b)	100%	15.3	17.3	18.1	16.2	12.9	64.5	72.7
	Total		199.2	213.8	221.4	217.3	207.2	859.7	774.0
Cathode ('000 tonnes)									
	Escondida	57.5%	21.4	19.6	20.0	15.4	11.7	66.7	87.3
	Cerro Colorado	100%	24.6	14.5	21.5	28.1	30.0	94.1	113.1
	Tintaya (b)	100%	6.4	9.7	9.9	9.1	6.1	34.8	34.4
	Pinto Valley	100%	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	8.5	9.1
	Olympic Dam (c)	100%	16.1	49.1	53.5	47.1	54.6	204.3	16.1
	Total		70.6	95.1	107.0	101.8	104.5	408.4	260.0
LEAD									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Cannington	100%	64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	55,507	266,321	281,970
	Total		64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	55,507	266,321	281,970

ZINC									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Cannington	100%	12,676	14,188	18,780	20,885	14,926	68,779	52,841
	Antamina	33.8%	15,528	14,959	5,148	7,534	12,638	40,279	52,520
	Total		28,204	29,147	23,928	28,419	27,564	109,058	105,361
	Refer footnotes on page 4.								
GOLD									
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)									
	Escondida	57.5%	20,774	19,194	19,200	17,877	23,567	79,838	96,606
	Tintaya (b)	100%	4,066	8,048	8,200	8,032	4,958	29,238	21,765
	Olympic Dam (c) (refined gold)	100%	7,042	26,424	27,300	26,186	27,636	107,546	7,042
	Total		31,882	53,666	54,700	52,095	56,161	216,622	125,413
SILVER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)									
	Escondida	57.5%	658	795	945	714	925	3,379	2,551
	Antamina	33.8%	749	642	859	865	808	3,174	2,774
	Tintaya (b)	100%	129	167	168	138	119	592	630
	Cannington	100%	10,283	9,579	11,672	9,693	7,503	38,447	44,030
	Olympic Dam (c) (refined silver)	100%	62	179	222	245	238	884	62
	Total		11,881	11,362	13,866	11,655	9,593	46,476	50,047

URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Olympic Dam (c)	100%	415	1,088	1,070	913	865	3,936	415
	Total		415	1,088	1,070	913	865	3,936	415
MOLYBDENUM									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Antamina	33.8%	492	573	772	632	538	2,515	1,806
	Total		492	573	772	632	538	2,515	1,806
IRON ORE (d)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,493	6,234	6,166	5,884	6,490	24,774	25,736
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,593	1,393	1,669	1,371	1,808	6,241	4,685
	Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,813	4,286	4,969	3,332	5,401	17,988	16,612
	Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,943	8,409	8,372	8,561	8,854	34,196	35,661
	Jimblebar (e)	85%	1,558	1,645	1,569	1,549	1,607	<b>6,370</b>	6,364
	Samarco	50%	1,896	1,881	1,865	1,802	1,955	7,503	7,687
	Total		25,296	23,848	24,610	22,499	26,115	97,072	96,745
METALLURGICAL COAL (f)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	BMA	50%	7,021	6,693	6,441	5,972	6,474	25,580	25,395
	BHP Mitsui Coal (g)	80%	882	726	710	763	850	3,049	5,657
	Illawarra	100%	1,667	1,567	1,822	1,725	1,900	7,014	6,251
	Total		9,570	8,986	8,973	8,460	9,224	35,643	37,303

MANGANESE ORES									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (h)	60%	631	566	529	532	673	2,300	2,508
	Australia (h)	60%	787	821	749	694	716	2,980	2,947
	Total		1,418	1,387	1,278	1,226	1,389	5,280	5,455
	Refer footnotes on page 4.								
MANGANESE ALLOYS									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (h)	60%	98	79	105	119	131	434	492
	Australia (h)	60%	58	60	60	54	44	218	263
	Total		156	139	165	173	175	652	755
DIAMONDS									
Production ('000 carats)									
	Ekati(TM)	80%	957	852	614	512	583	2,561	3,617
FERTILISER									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (i)	100%	73.9	244.9	252.6	222.5	141.3	861.3	73.9

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Production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa	100%	13,548	14,549	12,940	11,605	12,854	51,948	54,650
	USA	100%	4,128	4,561	4,065	2,829	3,891	15,346	14,927
	Australia	100%	2,823	2,568	2,045	1,897	2,636	9,146	9,865
	Colombia	33%	2,204	2,332	2,237	2,341	2,406	9,316	7,974
	Total		22,703	24,010	21,287	18,672	21,787	85,756	87,416

NICKEL									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	CMSA	99.8%	13.7	12.8	13.0	12.9	12.8	51.5	51.3
	Yabulu	100%	8.9	6.1	5.9	7.0	4.3	23.3	31.4
	Nickel West (j)	100%	9.2	25.2	30.1	20.3	24.5	100.1	9.2
	Total		31.8	44.1	49.0	40.2	41.6	174.9	91.9

FERROCHROME									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (h) (k)	60%	178	-	-	-	-	-	954

- (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (b) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.
- (c) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.
- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) From October 1, 2005 Jimlebar production disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis.
- (f) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (g) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.
- (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (i) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. BHP Billiton announced the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations in May 2006, completion is expected to occur in the coming weeks.



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	North West Shelf - Domestic		3.98	3.97	3.81	3.55	4.63	15.96	14.63
	North West Shelf - LNG		22.14	21.19	23.16	21.15	22.70	88.20	83.09
	Griffin		0.70	0.56	0.41	0.12	0.19	1.28	2.63
	Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (f)		1.64	1.65	1.73	1.75	1.86	6.99	3.24
	Illawarra Coal Bed Methane (g)		1.10	1.12	1.60	1.50	1.35	5.57	5.48
	Pakistan		7.25	7.32	8.40	8.52	9.02	33.26	31.69
	Typhoon/Boris (c)		0.95	0.46	0.01	-	-	0.47	7.12
	Mad Dog (a)		0.18	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.25	0.56	0.21
	Other Americas (d)		1.88	1.89	1.00	1.78	2.34	7.01	7.68
	Bruce/Keith		6.90	5.81	6.28	6.52	5.40	24.01	23.77
	Liverpool Bay		10.30	7.37	10.57	8.81	10.06	36.81	33.98
	Total		98.79	97.65	86.35	77.85	98.59	360.44	345.68
	LPG ('000 tonnes)								
	Bass Strait		128.50	143.55	108.47	99.96	144.04	496.02	510.61
	North West Shelf		33.15	39.64	40.05	35.32	30.09	145.10	129.52
	Bruce/Keith		16.53	13.73	15.21	8.12	5.05	42.11	59.96
	Ohanet		35.53	37.32	26.86	31.86	34.57	130.61	160.01
	Total		213.71	234.24	190.59	175.26	213.75	813.84	860.10
	ETHANE ('000 tonnes)		22.97	28.02	24.72	22.25	31.16	106.15	101.53
	TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS		33.13	31.38	27.93	26.01	30.63	115.95	119.03
	(million barrels of oil equivalent) (h)								
	(a) Minerva, Mad Dog and Angostura commenced production in January 2005.								
	(b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Laminaria with effect from January 14, 2005.								
	(c) Typhoon/Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform.								
	(d) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from January 16, 2006.								
	(e) ROD commenced production in October 2004.								





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Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	277.8	304.4	304.0	302.8	295.9	207.1	1,040.8
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	154.0	168.6	169.0	168.2	165.2	571.0	578.2
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	20,774	19,194	19,200	17,877	23,567	9,838	96,606
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	21.4	19.6	20.0	15.4	11.7	66.7	87.3
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	658	795	945	714	925	3,379	2,551
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	146.0	169.4	160.7	184.4	158.6	573.1	571.4
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,816	19,294	18,145	20,159	22,628	10,225	97,892
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	26.8	19.3	19.4	16.7	11.5	66.9	90.8
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	631	803	892	802	891	3,388	2,615
Tintaya, Peru (a)								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	12,385	17,228	17,107	15,960	11,539	1,834	66,122
Sulphide Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,086	1,546	1,734	1,523	1,123	5,926	5,831
Average copper grade	(%)	1.67%	1.33%	1.26%	1.26%	1.33%	1.29%	1.49%
Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	15.3	17.3	18.1	16.2	12.9	64.5	72.7
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	4,066	8,048	8,200	8,032	4,958	9,238	21,765
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	6.4	9.7	9.9	9.1	6.1	34.8	34.4
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	129	167	168	138	119	592	630

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Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	17.2	17.0	19.4	15.1	12.0	63.5	72.1
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	7,073	6,783	8,376	8,016	5,072	23,254	24,376
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	8.2	10.3	9.8	8.3	7.1	35.5	35.9
Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	160	161	207	127	109	604	651
(a) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.								
<u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	14,805	16,696	17,107	17,926	18,258	69,987	65,593
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	3,144	3,344	4,348	4,266	4,490	16,448	15,603
Average copper grade	(%)	0.83%	0.79%	0.90%	0.94%	0.83%	0.87%	0.91%
Production								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	24.6	14.5	21.5	28.1	30.0	94.1	113.1
Sales								
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	24.8	15.0	19.7	24.4	34.5	93.6	114.4
<u>Antamina, Peru</u>								
Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	31,802	32,839	32,598	28,982	29,740	124,159	128,988
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,557	7,367	8,349	7,549	7,196	30,461	30,725
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	1.35%	1.30%	1.36%	1.48%	1.45%	1.40%	1.37%
- Zinc	(%)	1.09%	1.04%	0.51%	0.62%	0.88%	0.75%	0.93%

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Production								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	29.9	27.9	34.3	32.9	29.1	124.2	123.1
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,528	14,959	5,148	7,534	12,638	10,279	52,520
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	749	642	859	865	808	3,174	2,774
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	492	573	772	632	538	2,515	1,806
Sales								
Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	28.7	30.7	35.5	30.5	25.6	122.3	123.0
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,066	13,203	7,894	9,634	7,638	8,369	51,161
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	769	669	813	750	505	2,737	2,743
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	587	538	751	697	627	2,613	1,639
<u>Cannington, Australia</u>								
Material mined	('000 tonnes)	880	910	887	799	496	3,092	3,437
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	746	772	850	809	589	3,020	3,089
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	482	453	493	431	469	461	515
- Lead	(%)	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%	9.8%	10.9%	10.3%	10.5%
- Zinc	(%)	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	4.0%	4.1%	3.7%	3.2%
Production								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	10,283	9,579	11,672	9,693	7,503	38,447	44,030
Payable lead	(tonnes)	64,652	64,873	77,187	68,754	55,507	265,321	281,970
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	12,676	14,188	18,780	20,885	14,926	68,779	52,841
Sales								
Payable silver	('000 ounces)	12,265	9,078	11,972	9,061	8,516	38,627	44,051
Payable lead	(tonnes)	76,680	59,942	79,474	63,112	62,787	265,315	284,977
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	13,415	10,676	16,814	17,508	20,126	65,119	53,359

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<u>Olympic Dam, Australia (a)</u>									
Material mined (b)	('000 tonnes)	855	2,007	2,145	2,065	2,002	2,219	855	
Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	933	2,345	2,430	2,343	2,517	2,635	933	
Average copper grade	(%)	2.15%	2.26%	2.32%	2.10%	2.10%	2.19%	2.15%	
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.57	0.64	0.65	0.59	0.55	0.61	0.57	
Production									
Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	14.5	44.2	48.6	43.1	50.5	48.4	14.5	
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.6	4.9	4.9	4.0	4.1	17.9	1.6	
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	415	1,088	1,070	913	865	3,936	415	
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	7,042	26,424	27,300	26,186	27,630	17,546	7,042	
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	62	179	222	245	238	884	62	
Sales									
Copper cathode (ER)	('000 tonnes)	16.2	47.5	44.9	44.1	49.0	185.5	16.2	
Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	1.1	5.2	5.8	4.2	4.1	19.3	1.1	
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	391	879	1,287	992	1,183	4,341	391	
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	10,555	21,192	26,369	27,300	27,370	102,236	10,555	
Refined silver	('000 ounces)	68	144	254	178	320	896	68	
(a) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.									
(b) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted.									
<u>Pinto Valley, USA</u>									



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	Total (BHP Billiton share)		24,150	21,828	22,840	20,823	24,573	90,064	88,618
	Total sales (100%)		28,119	25,389	26,871	24,498	28,909	105,667	103,133
(a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.									
(b) From October 1, 2005 Jimblebar production disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis.									
<u>Samarco, Brazil</u>									
	Production		1,896	1,881	1,865	1,802	1,955	7,503	7,687
	Shipments		1,728	1,900	2,155	1,532	2,022	7,609	7,614
METALLURGICAL COAL (a)									
<u>Queensland, Australia</u>									
	Production								
	<u>BMA</u>								
	Blackwater		1,603	1,627	1,409	1,533	1,449	6,018	6,565
	Goonyella		1,740	1,609	1,921	1,751	1,986	7,267	5,461
	Peak Downs		1,322	1,250	1,186	1,095	858	4,389	4,526
	Saraji		878	675	602	563	794	2,634	3,251
	Norwich Park		836	759	678	550	675	2,662	2,880
	Gregory Joint Venture		642	773	645	480	712	2,610	2,712
	BMA total		7,021	6,693	6,441	5,972	6,474	25,580	25,395
	<u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u>								
	Riverside		43	-	-	-	-	-	2,384
	South Walker Creek		839	726	710	763	850	3,049	3,273
	BHP Mitsui Coal total		882	726	710	763	850	3,049	5,657
	<u>Queensland total</u>		7,903	7,419	7,151	6,735	7,324	28,629	31,052
	Shipments								

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	Coking coal		5,705	4,869	4,987	5,032	5,798	20,686	22,134
	Weak coking coal		1,619	1,207	1,366	1,342	1,444	5,359	6,615
	Thermal coal		815	579	403	482	581	2,045	2,717
	Total		8,139	6,655	6,756	6,856	7,823	28,090	31,466
(a) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.									
(b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.									
<u>Illawarra, Australia</u>									
	Production		1,667	1,567	1,822	1,725	1,900	7,014	6,251
	Shipments								
	Coking coal		1,500	1,190	1,457	1,508	1,292	5,447	5,654
	Thermal coal		27	383	103	313	136	935	346
	Total		1,527	1,573	1,560	1,821	1,428	6,382	6,000
MANGANESE ORE									
<u>South Africa</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		631	566	529	532	673	2,300	2,508
<u>Australia</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		787	821	749	694	716	2,980	2,947
MANGANESE ALLOY									
<u>South Africa</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		98	79	105	119	131	434	492







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	Nickel production (b)								
	Sales								
	Nickel contained in finished matte	3.5	7.6	14.3	8.8	7.9	38.6	3.5	
	Nickel metal	4.7	15.9	15.5	16.6	17.3	65.3	4.7	
	Nickel sales (b)	8.2	23.5	29.8	25.4	25.2	103.9	8.2	
	(a) BHP Billiton acquired Nickel West with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.								
	(b) In addition to the production and sales reported above, Nickel West also produced and sold 1.2 kt nickel in concentrate during the quarter ended 30 June 2006. There has been no production or sales of nickel in concentrate in prior quarters.								
<b>FERROCHROME</b>									
<u>South Africa (a)</u>									
	Saleable production (b)	178	-	-	-	-	-	-	954
	(a) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Samancor Chrome with effect from June 1, 2005.								
	(b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.								

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited

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By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary