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"expects",  
"anticipates",  
"targets",  
"plans",  
"estimates"

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Billiton's  
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future  
business  
strategies  
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the  
environments  
in  
which  
BHP  
Billiton  
and  
Rio  
Tinto  
will  
operate  
in  
the  
future  
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Tinto's  
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Report  
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fiscal  
year-ended  
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No  
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benefits (and  
resulting  
incremental  
EBITDA)  
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EPS  
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BHP  
Billiton  
group  
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years will  
necessarily  
match

or exceed the historical

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Information for US Holders of Rio Tinto Limited Shares

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Offer. Accordingly, Rio

Tinto Limited shareholders should carefully consider the following:

Information

Relating

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Offer

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Rio

Tinto  
plc  
and  
the  
Rio  
Tinto  
Limited  
Offer  
for  
Rio  
Tinto  
shareholders  
located  
in  
the  
US

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be  
aware  
that  
BHP  
Billiton  
may  
purchase  
securities  
of  
either  
Rio  
Tinto  
plc  
or  
Rio  
Tinto  
Limited  
otherwise  
than  
under  
the  
exchange  
offer,  
such  
as in open market  
or privately negotiated purchases.  
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BHP Billiton: Strength, Stability and Growth

Today: The world's leading diversified mining company

Our past: A proven track record

Our future: The outlook is exciting

The offer for Rio Tinto

With a diversified global portfolio

Aluminium

Base Metals

Diamonds & Specialty Products

Energy Coal

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Petroleum

Stainless Steel Materials

Offices

Note: Location of dots indicative only

Stainless Steel Materials

#3 global nickel producer

Iron Ore

#3 global supplier

of seaborne iron ore

Manganese

#1 global supplier of

seaborne manganese ore

Metallurgical Coal

#1 global supplier of seaborne

traded metallurgical coal

Base Metals

#3 global producer of copper, silver and lead

Aluminium

#4 global producer of bauxite and #4 aluminium

company based on net third party sales

Energy Coal

#4 global supplier of seaborne

export thermal coal

Petroleum

A significant oil and gas exploration

and production business

Diamonds & Specialty Products

EKATI Diamond Mine is one of the world's

largest gem quality diamond producers.

Western Australia: A share in the success  
\*A\$m

State (Royalties and Taxes)	639
Payments to Local Contractors	384

WA Contract Payments	2956
Wages and Superannuation (employees)	587
Community Contributions * FY 2008 Estimate	23

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Creating the world's largest diversified natural resources

company

Sources:

Bloomberg,

Datastream.

a)

Rio Tinto undisturbed market cap as at 31-Oct-2007 was US\$122bn.

Top 10 metals and mining companies

(Market capitalisation as at 17-July-2008, US\$bn)

Rio Tinto

China

Shenhua

Anglo

American

Xstrata

Norilsk

Nickel

Barrick

Gold

Freeport

McMoRan

Anglo

Platinum

BHP Billiton

Vale

0

60

120

180

240

Australian head office

Non-Australian head office

Undisturbed (a)

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Led by an experienced management team

Notes:

a)

Andrew Mackenzie's appointment to BHP Billiton was announced on 20-Nov-2007, he has not yet commenced his new role and previously worked at Rio Tinto where he was Chief Executive, Diamonds and Industrial Minerals.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Group Management Committee

Don Argus

Chairman

Chairman of BHP Billiton

Group since June 2001

Chairman of BHP Limited

since April 1999

Marius Kloppers

Chief Executive Officer

15 years resources

experience

15 years at BHP Billiton

Marcus Randolph

Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal

31 years resources experience

9 years at BHP Billiton

Previously worked at Rio Tinto

Alex Vanselow

Chief Financial Officer

19 years resources experience

19 years at BHP Billiton

Karen Wood

Chief People Officer

7 years resources experience

7 years at BHP Billiton

Michael Yeager

Chief Executive Petroleum

27 years resources experience

2 years at BHP Billiton  
Alberto Calderon  
Chief Commercial Officer

9 years resources experience

2 years at BHP Billiton  
Andrew Mackenzie  
(a)  
Chief Executive Non Ferrous

30 years resources experience

Previously worked at Rio Tinto

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Maintaining our commitment to our core strategy

Focus on Tier 1 assets that are large, low-cost and expandable

Focus on the extraction of upstream natural resources

Portfolio diversified by commodity, customer and geography  
reducing the volatility of cash flows

Maintenance of a deep diversified inventory of growth options

Focus on export orientated products

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environmental  
practice and community engagement

Employer of choice, and a preferred partner for countries and  
customers

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With an overriding commitment to ethics, safety,  
environmental practice and community engagement

Sustainable development is fundamental to our success

Our licence to operate depends on responsibly operating our  
business:

A track record of being valued by our communities will  
contribute to us being considered a company of choice  
by  
governments, business partners and communities

Improves the ability to attract and retain a skilled and  
motivated workforce

Our reputation as an ethical, responsible business will assist  
in our ability to attract capital

2007 sustainability report available on our website  
[www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment.jsp](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment.jsp)  
We aim to be a business that creates a positive legacy

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Our past: A proven track record



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Our business today a unique diversified portfolio balanced across high margin commodities

Underlying EBITDA

(CY2007, 12 months, US\$bn)

Underlying EBITDA Margin

(a)

(CY2007, 12 months)

Note: Historical financial information has been restated for comparative purposes per note 1 of BHP Billiton's half-year financial report ended 31-Dec-2007. CY2007 represents the 12 months ending 31-Dec-2007. FY2002 EBITDA number are presented in accordance with US GAAP whereas CY2007 is based on IFRS (so underlying EBITDA).

(a) EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

52%

40%

36%

70%

52%

43%

75%

23%

34%

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Base Metals

Stainless Steel

Materials

Aluminium

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Diamond &

Specialty Products

0

6,000

12,000

18,000

24,000

FY2002

CY2007

4,677

23,623

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Aluminium

Base Metals

Stainless Steel

Materials

Diamond & Specialty Products

Non

Ferrous

(56%)

Energy

(21%)

Carbon

Steel

Materials

(22%)

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A track record of investing early to meet demand

Completed projects

(US\$bn)

Source: BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto annual and half-yearly reports.

Note: Total represents capital expenditure on completed projects.

1.0  
2.1  
3.9  
5.8  
7.4  
8.7  
15.5  
7.2  
FY2002  
FY2003  
FY2004  
FY2005  
FY2006  
FY2007  
FY2008  
Historical completed projects  
Completed projects in financial year  
Rio Tinto cumulative completed projects  
FY2002  
Antamina  
Typhoon  
Tintaya Oxide  
FY2003  
Escondida Phase IV  
San Juan UG  
Bream Gas Pipeline  
Mozal 2  
Zamzama  
FY2004  
WAIO - Area C  
Mt Arthur North  
Hillside 3  
Ohanet  
Cerrejon Zona Norte  
WAIO - Prod & Cap Exp  
WAIO Acc Exp  
FY2005  
NWS Train 4  
ROD  
GOM  
WAIO RGP1  
Mad Dog  
Minerva  
Angostura  
Panda UG  
Dendrobium  
BMA Phase 1  
FY2006  
Escondida Norte  
Paranam

Worsley DCP  
Escondida Sulphide  
WAIO RGP2  
FY2007  
Spence  
BMA Phase 2  
Blackwater Coal  
FY2008  
Genghis Khan  
Atlantis South  
Pinto Valley  
Stybarrow  
Koala UG  
WAIO RGP3  
Ravensthorpe  
Yabulu

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Most developments have been executed to expectations,  
wherever on the globe they are located

Notes:

a)

Selected  
projects  
>US\$100m  
and  
managed  
by  
BHP  
Billiton.  
Excludes  
petroleum  
projects.  
Performance  
relative  
to  
initial  
announced  
US\$  
budget.

b)

BHP  
Billiton  
provided  
the  
latest  
update  
for  
the  
status  
of  
the  
Ravensthorpe  
project  
at  
the  
announcement  
of  
its  
full  
year  
2007



preliminary  
results

on  
22

August  
2007.

At  
that  
time  
the  
expected  
cost

was  
212%  
of  
the  
initial  
announced

US\$  
budget  
and  
136%

of  
the  
initial  
target  
schedule.

Major minerals development projects  
commissioned

since

July  
2001

(a) (b)

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

100%

120%

Mozal

2

Hillside 3

Escondida

Phase IV

Escondida

Norte

Escondida

Sulphide

Spence

Mount Arthur  
North  
MAC  
& PACE  
WAIO  
RGP1  
WAIO  
RGP2  
WAIO  
RGP3  
Ravensthorpe  
Time  
Over Budget  
Behind  
Schedule  
Under  
Budget  
Ahead of  
Schedule  
Budget

Significant EPS and DPS growth delivered for shareholders

Earnings per share

(US\$ per share)

Note:

(a)

BHP

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EPS  
represents  
reported  
underlying  
EPS  
for  
the  
financial  
year  
ending  
30  
-June.

EPS  
in  
FY2002  
excludes  
the  
results  
of  
BHP  
Billiton's  
Steel  
business  
which  
was  
demerged  
in  
July  
2002.

(b)  
Two  
interim  
dividends  
were  
paid  
in  
FY2004.

Ordinary dividends per share  
(US cents per share)

0.31  
0.31  
0.56  
1.06  
1.68  
2.34  
0.00  
0.50  
1.00  
1.50  
2.00

2.50

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

50% CAGR

13.0

14.5

26.0

28.0

36.0

47.0

0

10

20

30

40

50

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

29% CAGR

(a)

(b)

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Our future: The outlook is exciting

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Chinese growth is driving global materials demand  
China  
USA  
Other  
Notes:  
Seaborne



iron  
ore  
demand  
based  
on  
import  
statistics  
-  
CRU  
data  
for  
2007,  
IISI  
data  
for  
1997.  
Energy  
consumption  
is  
all  
uses  
of  
coal,  
gas,  
oil  
and  
nuclear,  
expressed  
as  
millions  
tonnes  
of  
oil  
equivalent,  
2007  
data  
not  
yet  
available.  
Source:  
CRU,  
Brook  
Hunt,  
BP  
Statistical  
Review  
of  
World  
Energy  
(2007),

II.SI.

a)

Consumption

growth

calculated

based

on

the

change

in

annual

consumption

between

years

ended

1997

and

2007,

expect

for

Energy

consumption

which

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based

on

the

period

between

1995

and

2006..

Change in global consumption

(%, 1997-2007

(a)

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7 %

(2)%

(4)%

(14)%

57 %

7 %

16 %

50 %

36 %

96 %

88 %

64 %

Copper

Nickel

Seaborne Iron Ore  
Energy

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0  
200  
400  
600  
800  
1,000

1,200  
0  
5,000  
10,000  
15,000  
20,000  
25,000  
30,000  
35,000  
40,000  
45,000  
50,000

GDP/Capita (Jan 2008 Constant US Dollars)

China

Germany

India

Japan

Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

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...and industrialisation and urbanisation in China appears to  
have a long way to go

Finished steel consumption  
(kg/capita)

Note: the shape of the arrow shows the general trend among countries for finished steel consumption as GDP per capita increases

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

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India

the journey has begun

GDP

(US\$ billion)

BHP Billiton copper equivalent sales volume units

(a)

(100=FY2002 sales to China)

Equity

1996

2006

FY 2002

FY 2007

0

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

450

500

China

India

0

200

400

600

800

1,000

China

India

Equity

Basis

Source:

World

Bank,

Focus

Economics,

BHP

Billiton.

a)

Note:

Converted

to

copper

equivalent  
units  
using  
BHP  
Billiton  
FY2007  
average  
realised  
prices  
and  
BHP  
Billiton  
estimates.  
100%  
Basis







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BHP Billiton has a deep diversified inventory of growth options,  
many of which are brownfield

expansions  
2010  
As at 2 May 2008  
Proposed capital expenditure  
SSM  
Energy Coal  
D&SP  
Iron Ore  
Base Metals  
Petroleum  
Met Coal  
CSG  
Manganese  
Aluminium  
2008  
Execution  
2013  
Feasibility  
Future Options  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 2  
Hallmark  
CMSA  
Pyro Expansion  
Blackwater  
UG  
2008  
\$2bn+  
\$501m-\$2bn  
<\$500m  
Boffa/Santou  
Refinery  
Pyrenees  
Samarco  
Neptune  
Shenzi  
Alumar  
Atlantis  
North  
Klipspruit  
GEMCO  
Zamzama  
Phase 2  
Guinea  
Alumina  
Worsley  
E&G  
Perseverance  
Deeps  
Maruwai

Stage 1  
Douglas-  
Middelburg  
Mt Arthur  
Coal UG  
Cliffs  
Newcastle  
Third Port  
NWS  
Angel  
Nimba  
Ekati  
Canadian  
Potash  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
Angola  
& DRC  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
Macedon  
Turrum  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 1  
NWS  
CWLH  
Peak Downs  
Exp  
DRC  
Smelter  
Mad Dog  
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Scarborough  
Caroona  
Kennedy  
Boffa/Santou  
Refinery  
Pyrenees  
Samarco  
Neptune  
Shenzi  
Alumar  
Atlantis  
North  
Klipspruit  
GEMCO  
Zamzama  
Phase 2  
Guinea  
Alumina  
Worsley  
E&G  
Perseverance  
Deeps  
Maruwai  
Stage 1  
Douglas-  
Middelburg  
Mt Arthur  
Coal UG  
Cliffs  
Newcastle  
Third Port  
NWS  
Angel  
Nimba  
Ekati  
Canadian  
Potash  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
Angola  
& DRC  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
Macedon  
Turrum

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Scarborough  
Caroona  
Kennedy  
RBM  
Puma

Clear plan for growth to 300 mtpa  
and beyond

26

112

20

45

40

60  
50  
Western Australia Iron Ore capacity  
(mtpa, 100% basis)  
2015  
Pre-feasibility  
Quantum 1  
2007  
RGP3\*  
RGP4  
RGP5  
RGP6  
Quantum 2  
Status  
CY07 Actual  
Production  
Ramping up  
to full capacity  
Construction  
Feasibility &  
early works  
Pre-feasibility  
Concept  
Completion (CY)  
2007  
2010  
2011  
2012  
300  
capacity  
in 2015  
Completed  
Advanced planning  
Construction  
Notes:

109 mtpa  
capacity pre RGP3

Attributable basis: CY2007 = 95 mtpa; 240 mtpa  
=  
~ 204 mtpa; 300 mtpa  
= ~ 255 mtpa; 350 mtpa  
= ~ 298 mtpa  
> 350  
capacity  
240  
capacity  
in 2012

382%  
599%  
486%  
Iron ore  
Metallurgical  
coal  
Manganese

ore  
Raw material prices have risen, but still low as a % of steel price  
Commodity price movement  
(% change 2001-2008)

Note:

Historical  
nominal  
prices  
based  
on  
Japanese  
financial  
year  
benchmarks  
beginning  
April  
of  
relevant  
year.

a)  
Iron  
ore  
based  
on  
benchmark  
FOB  
prices.  
JFY2008  
forecast  
prices  
calculated  
based  
on  
65-71%  
increase  
above  
JFY2007  
benchmark

per  
Vale  
settlement  
for  
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fines.  
b)  
Metallurgical  
coal  
based  
on

Peak  
Downs  
Hay  
Point  
FOB.  
JFY2008  
forecast  
prices  
calculated  
based  
on  
206-240%  
increase  
above  
JFY2007  
benchmark

per  
BHP  
Billiton  
announcement  
9-Apr-2008.

c)  
Manganese  
based  
on  
GEMCO  
lump  
ore  
contract  
FOB.  
JFY2008  
prices  
based  
on  
recent  
manganese  
spot  
price  
settlement  
reported  
in  
the  
Tex  
Report  
on  
12-Feb-2008.

d)  
Based  
on

benchmark  
contract  
prices.  
Iron  
ore,  
metallurgical  
coal  
and  
manganese  
announced  
2008  
settlements  
(71%  
for  
iron  
ore  
and  
206%  
for  
coking  
coal)  
are  
reflected  
in  
Q2  
CY2008  
costs  
for  
2008  
YTD  
estimate.  
e)  
For  
US  
delivery.

Source:  
CRU.

Hot rolled coil price and raw material costs

(US market transactions (US\$/mt) and share of raw materials costs (%))

0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
600  
700  
800  
900  
1,000

2001  
2002  
2003  
2004  
2005  
2006  
2007  
2008  
YTD  
0%  
10%  
20%  
30%  
40%  
50%  
60%  
70%  
80%  
90%  
100%

Raw materials cost as % of HRC price, % (RHS)

HRC price (LHS) US\$/mt

(d)  
(e)  
(a)  
(b)  
(c)



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The offer for Rio Tinto

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Overlapping mineral basin positions. US\$3.7bn per annum of synergies

Selected

existing

BHP

Billiton

and

Rio

Tinto

assets,

projects

and

concessions.

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Summary of the offer for Rio Tinto

BHP Billiton has made a pre-conditional offer for Rio Tinto, it will be capable of acceptance by shareholders following regulatory approvals and posting of offer documents

The offer is being made direct to the shareholders of Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto shareholders are being offered 3.4 BHP Billiton shares for every Rio Tinto share held

The 3.4:1 offer represents a 45%

(a)

premium

The offer is conditional on more than 50% acceptances of the publicly held shares in each of Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Ltd

BHP Billiton has conducted global roadshows speaking to the major shareholders of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto which has confirmed that shareholders have a clear understanding of the industrial logic of the deal

BHP Billiton believes this offer is compelling for Rio Tinto shareholders, and value enhancing for BHP Billiton shareholders

and it makes even more sense if you own both

Notes:

a)

Based on the volume weighted average market capitalisation of Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton for the month prior to BHP Billiton the Rio Tinto Board on 1-Nov-2007.

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BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto's share prices have been strongly correlated, with BHP Billiton outperforming

BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto Ltd TSR

(a)

(Index: Jun-2001 = 100)

BHP Billiton Ltd vs

Rio Tinto Ltd relative performance

(Price performance relative to Jun-2001 = 100)

Source: IRESS.

a)

For

the

period

29-Jun-2001

to

31-Oct-2007.

Total

Shareholder

Return

( TSR )

calculated

as

the

increase

in

share

value

including

dividends

reinvested

at

the

date

of

receipt.

Assumes

Bluescope

Steel

shares

received

by

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

shareholders

in

July

2002



were  
immediately  
sold  
with  
proceeds  
reinvested  
in  
BHP  
Billiton  
Ltd.  
b)  
For  
the  
period  
of  
29-Jun-2001  
to  
31-Oct-2007  
to  
exclude  
any  
takeover  
premium  
in  
Rio  
Tinto's  
share  
price  
and  
the  
increased  
correlation  
in  
share  
prices  
following  
the  
approach  
by BHP  
Billiton  
to  
Rio  
Tinto  
on  
31-Oct-2007  
to  
the  
current  
date.  
0

100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
600

Jun-01  
May-02  
Apr-03  
Mar-04  
Jan-05  
Dec-05  
Nov-06  
Oct-07

Rio Tinto  
CAGR 24%  
BHP Billiton  
CAGR 30%

0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500

Rio Tinto Indexed Share Price Performance

(b)

Offer for Rio Tinto  
Compelling terms  
Source: Datastream  
a)  
Exchange  
ratio  
assumes

100%  
BHP  
Billiton  
Ltd  
shares  
for  
each  
Rio  
Tinto  
Ltd  
share  
and  
BHP  
Billiton  
shares  
for  
each  
Rio  
Tinto  
plc  
share  
consisting  
of  
80%  
BHP  
Billiton  
Plc  
shares  
and  
20%  
BHP  
Billiton  
Ltd  
shares.  
2.4  
fair  
value  
exchange  
ratio  
represents  
average  
for  
period  
between  
Rio  
Tinto  
offer  
for  
Alcan  
(12-Jul-2007)

and  
BHP  
Billiton  
approach  
to  
Rio  
Tinto  
Board  
(1-Nov-2007).  
2.2 for 1  
2.4 for 1  
2.6 for 1  
2.8 for 1  
3.0 for 1  
3.2 for 1  
3.4 for 1  
3.6 for 1  
Jul-2007  
Sep-2007  
Nov-2007  
Jan-2008  
Mar-2008  
May-2008  
Jul-2008  
12-Nov-2007  
BHP Billiton's proposal  
06-Feb-2008  
BHP Billiton's offer for Rio Tinto  
Pre approach fair value exchange ratio

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

BHP Billiton on a standalone basis has a bright future

The core strategy remains unchanged

Focused on producing volumes from low cost assets

A combination of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto can generate substantial additional

value

for

shareholders

we

are

a

natural

fit

In addition to the synergies, combining the two would create a company that is:

Unique in character;

Capable of delivering superior returns for its shareholders; and

An Australian champion on the global stage

BHP

Billiton

believes

the

terms

of

the

Rio

Tinto

offer

reflect

a

good

deal

for  
both companies  
shareholders

The  
process  
has  
a  
long  
time  
to  
run

an  
offer  
document  
is  
not  
expected  
to  
be posted to shareholders until late 2008



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Senior Executive Profiles

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Appendix: Marcus Randolph Profile

Marcus Randolph

Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal

Age:

52

Professional qualifications:

MBA (Harvard Business School)

Bachelor of Science (Colorado School of Mines)

Previous BHP Billiton positions:

Chief Organisation

Development Officer

President Diamonds and Specialty Products

Chief Development Officer Minerals

Prior to the formation of BHP Billiton, other positions held included:

Chief Strategic Officer Minerals

Other work experience:

Chief Executive Officer, First Dynasty Mines

Mining and Minerals Executive, Rio Tinto Plc

Director of Acquisitions and Strategy, Kennecott Inc.

General

Manager,

Corporacion

Minera

Nor

Peru

(Asarco)

Mine Operating Positions in the US, Asarco Inc.

Residence:

Melbourne, Australia

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Appendix: Marius Kloppers Profile

Marius Kloppers

Chief Executive Officer

Age:

46

Professional qualifications:

BE (Chem), MBA, PhD (Materials Science)

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (University of Pretoria (South Africa))

PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (USA)

MBA from Insead (France)

Previous BHP Billiton positions:

Group President, Non-Ferrous Materials

Chief Commercial Officer

Chief Marketing Officer

Prior to the formation of BHP Billiton, other positions held included:

Group Executive of Billiton Plc (coal and manganese)

Chief Executive Samancor Manganese

Chief Operating Officer, Aluminium

General Manager, Hillside Aluminium

Variety of operating and functional roles in the Aluminium business

Other BHP Billiton roles:

Played a central role in the merger of BHP and Billiton

Led the team working on BHP Billiton's acquisition of WMC

Other work experience:

McKinsey & Co

management

consultant (The Netherlands)

Sasol

petrochemicals (South Africa)



Mintek  
materials research (South Africa)  
Residence:

Melbourne, Australia

