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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

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

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

• **Total Petroleum Products -**

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

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

• **Alumina -**

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

• **Aluminium**

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

• **Copper -**

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

• **Iron Ore -**

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

• **Metallurgical Coal -**

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

• **Manganese**

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

• **Ekati(TM) Diamonds -**

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

• **Energy Coal -**

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

European market during the June 2003 quarter.

• **Nickel**

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

• **Ferrochrome**

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

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------|--|------------|--|----------|--|--|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | YEAR ENDED | | % CHANGE | | |

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

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

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

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| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 1.3 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | | 35.4 | 1.3 |
| | San Manuel | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 6.3 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 | | 10.6 | 12.8 |
| | Total | | 56.9 | 61.6 | 63.8 | 64.4 | 65.8 | | 255.6 | 237.7 |
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| LEAD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 63,799 | 61,676 | 57,651 | 58,711 | 59,389 | | 237,427 | 231,764 |
| | Pering (e) | 100% | 969 | 1,567 | 694 | 354 | - | | 2,615 | 4,302 |
| | Total | | 64,768 | 63,243 | 58,345 | 59,065 | 59,389 | | 240,042 | 236,066 |
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| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | | |
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| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | | |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 12,511 | 15,182 | 14,721 | 15,480 | 18,479 | | 63,862 | 58,856 |
| | Antamina (c) | 33.8% | 13,518 | 18,189 | 15,424 | 20,519 | 28,553 | | 82,685 | 48,326 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 8,121 | 9,840 | 6,540 | 6,421 | 7,364 | | 30,165 | 34,196 |
| | Pering (e) | 100% | 4,793 | 5,331 | 7,430 | 4,335 | - | | 17,096 | 21,115 |
| | Total | | 38,942 | 48,542 | 44,115 | 46,755 | 54,396 | | 193,808 | 162,493 |
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| GOLD | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida (b) | 57.5% | 17,694 | 10,074 | 15,936 | 17,458 | 20,664 | | 64,132 | 52,338 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 22,252 |
| | Alumbrera (d) | 25% | 47,993 | 39,279 | 46,940 | 35,084 | - | | 121,303 | 185,413 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 5,117 | 4,486 | 5,069 | 4,146 | 4,081 | | 17,782 | 22,201 |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 1,228 | 1,314 | 1,230 | 1,114 | 1,007 | | 4,665 | 4,767 |
| | Total | | 72,032 | 55,153 | 69,175 | 57,802 | 25,752 | | 207,882 | 286,971 |
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| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 10,265 | 9,612 | 8,326 | 8,773 | 8,161 | 34,872 | 35,964 |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 344 | 304 | 387 | 471 | 538 | 1,700 | 1,257 |
| | Antamina (c) | 33.8% | 461 | 536 | 557 | 617 | 517 | 2,227 | 1,719 |
| | Alumbra (d) | 25.0% | 56 | 53 | 72 | 75 | - | 200 | 237 |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 183 | 162 | 159 | 140 | 143 | 604 | 709 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 524 | 593 | 369 | 279 | 284 | 1,525 | 2,073 |
| | Total | | 11,833 | 11,260 | 9,870 | 10,355 | 9,643 | 41,128 | 41,958 |
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| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 232 | 220 | 250 | 260 | 280 | 1,010 | 658 |
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| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 5,413 | 5,486 | 5,287 | 4,964 | 6,221 | 21,958 | 23,374 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,690 | 1,891 | 1,808 | 1,497 | 1,516 | 6,712 | 6,447 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 6,663 | 7,796 | 8,187 | 7,452 | 8,353 | 31,788 | 27,256 |
| | Jimblebar | 100% | 1,476 | 1,433 | 1,186 | 1,371 | 1,428 | 5,418 | 5,201 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,838 | 2,022 | 1,979 | 1,953 | 1,902 | 7,856 | 5,629 |
| | Total | | 17,080 | 18,628 | 18,447 | 17,237 | 19,420 | 73,732 | 67,907 |
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| METALLURGICAL COAL (f) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA (g) | 50% | 5,686 | 4,652 | 5,032 | 5,838 | 5,769 | 21,291 | 21,701 |
| | | 80% | 1,746 | 1,863 | 1,472 | 1,200 | 2,033 | 6,568 | 6,743 |

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| | BHP Mitsui Coal (h) | | | | | | | | |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,927 | 2,135 | 1,886 | 1,518 | 1,224 | 6,763 | 7,088 |
| | Total | | 9,359 | 8,650 | 8,390 | 8,556 | 9,026 | 34,622 | 35,532 |
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| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 475 | 581 | 560 | 534 | 574 | 2,249 | 1,867 |
| | Australia (i) | 60% | 309 | 514 | 499 | 356 | 484 | 1,853 | 1,668 |
| | Total | | 784 | 1,095 | 1,059 | 890 | 1,058 | 4,102 | 3,535 |
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| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 121 | 124 | 125 | 117 | 137 | 503 | 406 |
| | Australia (i) | 60% | 48 | 51 | 65 | 60 | 58 | 234 | 212 |
| | Total | | 169 | 175 | 190 | 177 | 195 | 737 | 618 |
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| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Boodarie™ Iron (j) | 100% | - | 333 | 414 | 465 | 458 | 1,670 | 1,047 |
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| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati™ | 80% | 1,023 | 954 | 1,071 | 1,015 | 1,300 | 4,340 | 3,650 |
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| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
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| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 13,815 | 13,838 | 13,333 | 13,256 | 13,812 | 54,239 | 55,710 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,703 | 2,800 | 4,339 | 3,147 | 3,877 | 14,163 | 13,245 |
| | Australia | 100% | 1,390 | 1,244 | 1,234 | 1,922 | 2,041 | 6,441 | 4,555 |
| | Indonesia (k) | 80% | 208 | 216 | 29 | 28 | - | 273 | 4,622 |
| | Colombia (l) | 33% | 1,455 | 1,231 | 1,713 | 1,382 | 2,261 | 6,587 | 4,703 |
| | Total | | 20,571 | 19,329 | 20,648 | 19,735 | 21,991 | 81,703 | 82,835 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.8% | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 12.2 | 46.9 | 40.4 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 31.2 | 28.5 |
| | Total | | 17.7 | 19.1 | 19.4 | 18.6 | 21.0 | 78.1 | 68.9 |
| CHROME ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 664 | 713 | 714 | 679 | 720 | 2,826 | 2,451 |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (i) | 60% | 223 | 238 | 230 | 263 | 259 | 990 | 837 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Sulphide production at Escondida and Tintaya was reduced in November 2001 and January 2002 respectively due to | | | | | | | | | |
| weak market conditions. Commercial production of copper cathode commenced at Tintaya in June 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| The Escondida Phase IV expansion was commissioned in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Antamina commenced commercial production in October 2001. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) BHP Billiton announced the sale of its interest in Alumbrera in March 2003. The sale transaction reached closure in June 2003. | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Participation in the joint venture ceased on 2 April 2003. | | | | | | | | |
| | (e) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003. | | | | | | | | |
| | (f) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | |
| | (g) BHP Billiton acquired its share of South Blackwater in July 2001. South Blackwater is equally owned by BHP Billiton and | | | | | | | | |
| | Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. Effective January 2002, South Blackwater production is reported in BMA. | | | | | | | | |
| | (h) Shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest. | | | | | | | | |
| | (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |
| | (j) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas | | | | | | | | |
| | re-heating furnace. | | | | | | | | |
| | (k) Production shown on 86.5% basis after allowing for Indonesian state owned corporation's 13.5% share of production. | | | | | | | | |
| | BHP Billiton sold its interest in the Senakin and Satui mines effective 30 November 2001. Mining operations | | | | | | | | |
| | at Petangis ceased in October 2002. | | | | | | | | |
| | (l) BHP Billiton increased its interest in Cerrejon Zona Norte to 33.3% from 16.7% effective February 2002. | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | | 2003 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2002 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (⁰⁰⁰ barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 6,786 | 6,799 | 5,799 | 5,391 | 5,643 | | 23,632 |
| | North West Shelf - condensate | | 1,466 | 1,602 | 1,510 | 1,566 | 1,560 | | 6,238 |
| | North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | 1,892 | 1,876 | 1,655 | 1,679 | 1,606 | | 6,816 |
| | Laminaria | | 2,200 | 2,914 | 1,869 | 1,419 | 1,161 | | 7,363 |
| | Griffin | | 1,587 | 1,281 | 1,089 | 831 | 708 | | 3,909 |
| | Pakistan | | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 14 | | 65 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | 1,754 | 1,233 | 654 | 852 | 1,430 | | 4,169 |
| | Americas | | 861 | 718 | 652 | 816 | 715 | | 2,901 |
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| | Liverpool Bay | | 2,574 | 1,838 | 2,463 | 2,174 | 2,344 | | 8,819 | 11,042 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 594 | 271 | 690 | 566 | 454 | | 1,981 | 2,248 |
| | Total | | 19,732 | 18,550 | 16,398 | 15,310 | 15,635 | | 65,893 | 78,519 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 26.77 | 33.07 | 21.07 | 17.51 | 25.37 | | 97.02 | 96.86 |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 2.86 | 3.62 | 3.82 | 3.81 | 4.07 | | 15.32 | 13.73 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 13.01 | 16.55 | 14.93 | 15.11 | 15.41 | | 62.00 | 59.55 |
| | Griffin | | 0.34 | 0.95 | 1.03 | 0.81 | 0.81 | | 3.60 | 3.97 |
| | Pakistan | | 3.02 | 2.83 | 2.76 | 2.57 | 2.33 | | 10.49 | 11.45 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | 1.93 | 1.38 | 0.71 | 2.03 | 2.03 | | 6.15 | 6.19 |
| | Americas | | 4.63 | 3.91 | 3.80 | 3.34 | 3.42 | | 14.47 | 19.03 |
| | Bruce | | 7.92 | 4.59 | 10.55 | 10.04 | 8.17 | | 33.35 | 30.29 |
| | Keith | | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.14 | | 0.51 | 0.72 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 10.01 | 4.89 | 10.59 | 11.62 | 11.16 | | 38.26 | 41.69 |
| | Total | | 70.66 | 71.86 | 69.41 | 66.99 | 72.91 | | 281.17 | 283.47 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 126.70 | 149.66 | 115.23 | 111.74 | 135.18 | | 511.81 | 471.70 |
| | North West Shelf | | 35.08 | 36.32 | 31.04 | 32.67 | 32.39 | | 132.42 | 140.26 |
| | Bruce | | 17.49 | 22.45 | 20.47 | 15.10 | 37.24 | | 95.26 | 81.23 |
| | Keith | | 1.17 | 0.53 | 1.23 | 1.11 | 0.76 | | 3.63 | 4.38 |
| | Total | | 180.43 | 208.96 | 167.97 | 160.62 | 205.57 | | 743.12 | 697.56 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | | 25.62 | 27.67 | 19.91 | 22.35 | 24.97 | | 94.90 | 87.13 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) | | | 33.7 | 33.1 | 30.0 | 28.4 | 30.3 | | 121.8 | 134.2 |
| (b) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Typhoon commenced production in July 2001. Boris commenced production in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions based on the following: | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 686 | 698 | 662 | 658 | 724 | 2,742 | 2,696 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 215 | 221 | 213 | 222 | 223 | 879 | 851 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 117 | 112 | 123 | 123 | 113 | 471 | 396 |
| | Total | | 1,018 | 1,031 | 998 | 1,003 | 1,060 | 4,092 | 3,943 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 690 | 758 | 606 | 751 | 636 | 2,751 | 2,676 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 197 | 253 | 201 | 243 | 228 | 925 | 847 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 106 | 130 | 125 | 124 | 107 | 486 | 374 |
| | Total | | 993 | 1,141 | 932 | 1,118 | 971 | 4,162 | 3,897 |
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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 132 | 135 | 134 | 133 | 132 | 534 | 501 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 43 | 46 | 45 | 48 | 46 | 185 | 175 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 46 | 44 | 44 | 45 | 45 | 178 | 153 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 43 | 37 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 31 | 32 | 32 | 31 | 39 | 134 | 126 |
| | Total | | 263 | 268 | 266 | 267 | 273 | 1,074 | 992 |
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|--|------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 131 | 124 | 135 | 133 | 143 | 535 | 499 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 53 | 47 | 45 | 48 | 48 | 188 | 181 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 45 | 38 | 52 | 38 | 51 | 179 | 150 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 40 | 37 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 34 | 27 | 35 | 33 | 41 | 136 | 129 |
| | Total | | 274 | 245 | 279 | 261 | 293 | 1,078 | 996 |
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PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

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

BASE METALS

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

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| <u>Escondida, Chile (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>(b)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 77,244 | 74,671 | 74,303 | 73,466 | 74,665 | | 297,105 | 327,809 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 11,311 | 10,142 | 14,632 | 16,744 | 16,416 | | 57,934 | 43,028 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.74% | 1.45% | 1.59% | 1.49% | 1.62% | | 1.55% | 1.69% |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 170.3 | 125.6 | 191.8 | 210.8 | 230.9 | | 759.1 | 611.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 94.4 | 68.4 | 105.6 | 118.5 | 126.6 | | 419.1 | 339.1 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 17,694 | 10,074 | 15,936 | 17,458 | 20,664 | | 64,132 | 52,338 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.5 | 17.9 | 19.1 | 20.4 | 21.1 | | 78.5 | 86.5 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 344 | 304 | 387 | 471 | 538 | | 1,700 | 1,257 |
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| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 85.3 | 77.0 | 104.8 | 113.5 | 128.9 | | 424.2 | 333.0 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 17,004 | 11,689 | 16,709 | 17,166 | 20,138 | | 65,702 | 48,925 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 22.7 | 18.1 | 19.5 | 19.3 | 20.3 | | 77.2 | 88.1 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 248 | 269 | 400 | 484 | 584 | | 1,737 | 1,207 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Sulphide production at Escondida was reduced in November 2001 due to weak market conditions. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Includes production from the Escondida Phase IV expansion which commissioned in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Tintaya, Peru (a) (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 32,111 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 3,280 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 1.65% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | | - | 44.9 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 22,252 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.3 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | | 35.4 | 1.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 45.8 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 212 | - | - | - | - | | - | 24,955 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.9 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.5 | | 34.9 | 1.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Sulphide production at Tintaya was suspended in January 2002 due to weak market conditions. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Commercial production of copper cathode commenced in June 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 18,628 | 17,963 | 15,027 | 16,564 | 16,458 | | 66,012 | 64,661 |

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

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| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 7,575 | 8,034 | 8,703 | 8,376 | - | | 25,113 | 29,379 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 0.73% | 0.62% | 0.69% | 0.54% | - | | 0.62% | 0.73% |
| | - Gold | (g/t) | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | - | | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 12.8 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 9.9 | - | | 34.4 | 48.5 |
| | Payable gold | (fine ounces) | 43,020 | 35,935 | 42,594 | 30,730 | - | | 109,259 | 171,789 |
| | Payable gold - dore | (fine ounces) | 4,973 | 3,344 | 4,346 | 4,354 | - | | 12,044 | 13,624 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 56 | 53 | 72 | 75 | - | | 200 | 237 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 11.6 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 10.8 | - | | 34.4 | 47.2 |
| | Payable gold | (fine ounces) | 36,874 | 33,957 | 42,381 | 33,438 | - | | 109,776 | 166,819 |
| | Payable gold - dore | (fine ounces) | 4,466 | 3,082 | 4,409 | 4,159 | - | | 11,650 | 12,014 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 67 | 53 | 72 | 75 | - | | 200 | 247 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) BHP Billiton announced the sale of its interest in Alumbreira in March 2003. The sale transaction reached closure in June 2003. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Participation in the joint venture ceased on 2nd April 2003. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Highland Valley, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 18,522 | 20,455 | 18,682 | 16,642 | 18,186 | | 73,965 | 77,637 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 12,224 | 12,941 | 12,924 | 11,602 | 12,565 | | 50,032 | 49,755 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.43% | 0.40% | 0.39% | 0.40% | 0.39% | | 0.39% | 0.42% |
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| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 16.1 | 14.9 | 14.3 | 13.2 | 13.8 | | 56.2 | 62.1 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.26 | 0.28 | | 1.01 | 0.66 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 183 | 162 | 159 | 140 | 143 | | 604 | 709 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 1,228 | 1,314 | 1,230 | 1,114 | 1,007 | | 4,665 | 4,767 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 14.9 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 10.0 | 10.7 | | 52.6 | 62.7 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.22 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.23 | | 0.90 | 0.67 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 173 | 153 | 189 | 106 | 116 | | 564 | 729 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 1,467 | 1,240 | 1,644 | 843 | 793 | | 4,520 | 6,465 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 574 | 631 | 573 | 601 | 588 | | 2,393 | 2,240 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 575 | 599 | 564 | 589 | 560 | | 2,312 | 2,176 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 675 | 564 | 535 | 550 | 525 | | 544 | 615 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 13.6% | 11.7% | 11.9% | 11.8% | 12.1% | | 11.9% | 12.9% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 3.9% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 5.3% | | 4.5% | 4.6% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,265 | 9,612 | 8,326 | 8,773 | 8,161 | | 34,872 | 35,964 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 63,799 | 61,676 | 57,651 | 58,711 | 59,389 | | 237,427 | 231,764 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,511 | 15,182 | 14,721 | 15,480 | 18,479 | | 63,862 | 58,856 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,788 | 9,401 | 9,081 | 8,956 | 8,412 | | 35,850 | 35,448 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 67,650 | 59,856 | 62,735 | 57,961 | 58,742 | | 239,294 | 229,362 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 14,761 | 12,077 | 14,849 | 18,056 | 13,288 | | 58,270 | 64,935 |

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

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|---|---|---------------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------------------|--------|
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 3,667 | 3,701 | 6,179 | 5,343 | 4,466 | | 19,689 | 18,203 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 729 | 1,367 | 1,327 | 995 | 117 | | 3,806 | 4,610 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>San Manuel, USA (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 6.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) San Manuel SXEW operations closed in March 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 | | 10.6 | 12.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | | 10.5 | 12.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | YEAR ENDED | |
| | | | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | | JUNE | JUNE |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | | 2003 | 2002 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>IRON ORE (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | 5,413 | 5,486 | 5,287 | 4,964 | 6,221 | | 21,958 | 23,374 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b) | | 1,690 | 1,891 | 1,808 | 1,497 | 1,516 | | 6,712 | 6,447 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | | 6,663 | 7,796 | 8,187 | 7,452 | 8,353 | | 31,788 | 27,256 |
| | Jimblebar | | 1,476 | 1,433 | 1,186 | 1,371 | 1,428 | | 5,418 | 5,201 |
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|------------------------------|---|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 15,242 | 16,606 | 16,468 | 15,284 | 17,518 | | 65,876 | 62,279 |
| | Total production (100%) | | 17,671 | 19,284 | 19,165 | 17,739 | 20,359 | | 76,547 | 72,350 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 4,151 | 4,335 | 4,290 | 4,352 | 4,193 | | 17,170 | 14,679 |
| | Fines | | 10,517 | 11,842 | 13,896 | 12,144 | 13,187 | | 51,069 | 45,959 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 14,668 | 16,177 | 18,186 | 16,496 | 17,380 | | 68,239 | 60,638 |
| | Total shipments (100%) | | 17,256 | 19,033 | 21,396 | 19,407 | 20,448 | | 80,284 | 71,338 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Includes bulk sample production from Mining Area C. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,838 | 2,022 | 1,979 | 1,953 | 1,902 | | 7,856 | 5,629 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | 1,768 | 2,034 | 2,004 | 2,049 | 2,153 | | 8,240 | 6,069 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,669 | 1,633 | 1,603 | 1,668 | 1,937 | | 6,841 | 5,843 |
| | Goonyella | | 904 | 734 | 812 | 1,191 | 1,075 | | 3,812 | 3,776 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,185 | 789 | 757 | 1,009 | 1,076 | | 3,631 | 3,828 |
| | Saraji | | 716 | 427 | 629 | 599 | 666 | | 2,321 | 2,547 |
| | Norwich Park | | 527 | 573 | 451 | 610 | 527 | | 2,161 | 2,073 |
| | South Blackwater (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 1,194 |
| | Gregory/Crinum | | 685 | 496 | 780 | 761 | 488 | | 2,525 | 2,440 |
| | BMA total | | 5,686 | 4,652 | 5,032 | 5,838 | 5,769 | | 21,291 | 21,701 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (c)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riverside | | 928 | 927 | 400 | 300 | 1,014 | | 2,641 | 3,402 |
| | South Walker | | 818 | 936 | 1,072 | 900 | 1,019 | | 3,927 | 3,341 |

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

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|---|---|---------------|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------------|
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 121 | 124 | 125 | 117 | 137 | | 503 406 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 48 | 51 | 65 | 60 | 58 | | 234 212 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | - | 333 | 414 | 465 | 458 | | 1,670 1,047 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | 93 | 202 | 464 | 416 | 487 | | 1,569 1,144 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas | | | | | | | | |
| | re-heating furnace. | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | YEAR ENDED |
| | | | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | | JUNE JUNE |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | | 2003 2002 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
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| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 883 | 996 | 1,045 | 1,087 | 1,182 | | 4,310 3,354 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 1,023 | 954 | 1,071 | 1,015 | 1,300 | | 4,340 3,650 |
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| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | JUNE | JUNE |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 13,815 | 13,838 | 13,333 | 13,256 | 13,812 | 54,239 | 55,710 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 5,744 | 5,648 | 6,609 | 5,696 | 6,339 | 24,292 | 23,721 |
| | Local utility | | 7,767 | 7,836 | 7,263 | 7,160 | 7,926 | 30,185 | 29,003 |
| | Inland | | 742 | 471 | 412 | 340 | 337 | 1,560 | 3,780 |
| | Total | | 14,253 | 13,955 | 14,284 | 13,196 | 14,602 | 56,037 | 56,503 |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | | 2,030 | 1,602 | 2,154 | 1,797 | 2,497 | 8,050 | 7,207 |
| | San Juan Coal (a) | | 1,673 | 1,198 | 2,185 | 1,350 | 1,380 | 6,113 | 6,038 |
| | Total | | 3,703 | 2,800 | 4,339 | 3,147 | 3,877 | 14,163 | 13,245 |
| | Sales - local utility | | 3,469 | 3,546 | 3,348 | 3,316 | 3,643 | 13,853 | 13,247 |
| (a) Includes production from longwall operations commenced at San Juan in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,390 | 1,244 | 1,234 | 1,922 | 2,041 | 6,441 | 4,555 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 1,056 | 783 | 881 | 1,036 | 1,301 | 4,001 | 3,135 |
| | Inland | | 337 | 366 | 276 | 704 | 1,285 | 2,631 | 1,455 |
| | Total | | 1,393 | 1,149 | 1,157 | 1,740 | 2,586 | 6,632 | 4,590 |
| <u>Kalimantan, Indonesia</u> | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|--|--|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|------------|-------|
| | Production (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Senakin (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,962 |
| | Satui (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,845 |
| | Petangis (c) | | 208 | 216 | 29 | 28 | - | | 273 | 815 |
| | Total | | 208 | 216 | 29 | 28 | - | | 273 | 4,622 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales - export | | 243 | 189 | 49 | 56 | - | | 294 | 4,481 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Reported on 86.5% basis after allowing for the Indonesian state-owned corporation's 13.5% share of all production. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Senakin and Satui effective 30 November 2001. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) Mining operations at Petangis ceased in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,455 | 1,231 | 1,713 | 1,382 | 2,261 | | 6,587 | 4,703 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales - export | | 1,144 | 1,246 | 1,851 | 1,971 | 2,247 | | 7,315 | 3,901 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) BHP Billiton increased its interest in CZN from 16.7% to 33.3% effective February 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | YEAR ENDED | |
| | | | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | JUNE | | JUNE | JUNE |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | | 2003 | 2002 |
| | STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| | BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (‘000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 12.2 | | 46.9 | 40.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | 11.6 | 10.5 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 13.5 | | 47.1 | 41.6 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 8.8 | | 31.2 | 28.5 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | | 1.9 | 1.7 |
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| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 7.1 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 9.5 | | 33.0 | 29.0 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| CHROME ORES | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 664 | 713 | 714 | 679 | 720 | | 2,826 | 2,451 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 223 | 238 | 230 | 263 | 259 | | 990 | 837 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
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SIGNATURES

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

BHP BILLITON Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 24 July 2003

