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BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE

QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 31 December 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- Record half year and quarterly production of aluminium, alumina, copper cathode, iron ore, and manganese ore from continuing operations in response to strong customer demand. A half year production record was also achieved for molybdenum.
- Half year production records at Zamzama (Pakistan), Worsley (Australia), Paranam (Suriname), Hillside and Bayside (both South Africa), Mozal (Mozambique), Western Australia Iron Ore and GEMCO (both Australia), Samancor (South Africa) and Hunter Valley Coal (Australia).
- Quarterly production records at Zamzama, Worsley, Alumar (Brazil), Bayside, Mt Newman, Saraji and GEMCO (all Australia).
- Record quarterly production of natural gas from North West Shelf (Australia) and copper from Escondida (Chile) in response to strong demand.
- First production from the recently commissioned Spence (Chile) and Poitrel (Australia) operations.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs	DEC Q06 vs	DEC Q06 vs
PETROLEUM	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06
Crude Oil & Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid ('000 bbl) (a)	28,889	13,673	0%	-1%	-10%
Natural Gas (bcf) (a)	173.47	82.93	-4%	-2%	-8%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a)	57.85	27.52	-2%	0%	-9%

(a) Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields (sold March 2006 quarter), Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

Total Petroleum Production -

Total production for the half year ended December 2006 was broadly in line with the half year ended 31 December 2005. Improving base operational performance had a very positive impact and reduced the

effect of natural field decline.

Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid -

December 2006 half year production was in line with previous period due to improved operational uptime mitigating natural field decline.

Production for the December 2006 quarter was lower than the September 2006 quarter primarily due to lower liquids associated with expected lower seasonal gas demand in southeast Australia, unscheduled equipment changes at Angostura (Trinidad), and the timing of recognising entitlement barrels in Production Sharing Contracts.

Natural Gas -

Production for the December 2006 half year was lower than the December 2005 half year primarily due to the strategy to limit gas sales to maximise liquids recovery at Liverpool Bay, and lower contractual demand.

Production from continuing operations for the December 2006 quarter was lower than the September 2006 quarter primarily due to the expected lower seasonal demand in southeast Australia. Well capacities remain strong and in excess of the quarterly gas sales.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs	DEC Q06 vs	DEC Q06 vs
	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06
ALUMINIUM					
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	2,231	1,153	9%	14%	7%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes) (a)	675	338	3%	1%	0%

(a) Excluding Valesul which was sold effective from 1 July 2006.

Alumina -

Production and sales for the half year and quarter ended 31 December 2006 were all time records. Both half year and quarterly production records were achieved at Worsley due to continued ramp up of the Worsley Development Capital Project and processing of stockpiled hydrate. Paranam achieved half year record production due to lower downtime and full utilisation of expanded capacity. Record quarterly production from Alumar also contributed to the strong result.

Aluminium

- Third consecutive record half year production was achieved. All operations performed at record or near record levels due to successful implementation of a series of business improvement initiatives.

	DEC 2006	DEC 2006	DEC H06 vs	DEC Q06 vs	DEC Q06 vs
	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06
BASE METALS					

(a) Excluding Tintaya which was sold effective from 1 June 2006.

Copper -

Production from continuing operations (excluding Tintaya (Peru)) was in line with the December 2005 half year and quarter. Record half year and quarterly copper cathode production from continuing operations (excluding Tintaya) reflecting the continued ramp up of the Sulphide Leach Project and the successful commissioning of Spence.

Escondida achieved a quarterly production record due to continued ramp up of the Sulphide Leach Project which produced 20,700 tonnes for the half year ended December 2006. Increased mill throughput and higher head grades contributed to near record half year and quarterly production at Antamina (Peru).

At the half year ended 31 December 2006 the Group had 205,129 tonnes of copper sales that were provisionally priced at a weighted average price of US\$6,325 per tonne. The final price of these sales will be determined in 2007. In addition, 274,280 tonnes of copper sales were subject to a finalisation adjustment from the prior period. The finalisation adjustment and provisional pricing impact as at 31 December 2006 will decrease earnings by US\$220 million for the period.

Silver / Lead -

Production was lower as the rehabilitation of ground support at Cannington (Australia) progressed. The rehabilitation project is substantially complete.

Zinc

- In addition to the temporary partial closure at Cannington, production for the quarter was impacted by lower head grades at Antamina.

Uranium -

Production was lower than the half year and quarter ended December 2005 due to variability of ore sources, unscheduled maintenance and reduced ore hoisting at Olympic Dam (Australia).

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - IRON ORE	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

(a) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.

Iron Ore -

Record production and sales were achieved for the half year ended December 2006. This reflects the increased production from the recently expanded Western Australia Iron Ore operations in response to continuing strong customer demand. Tie-in activity for Rapid Growth Project 3 (Australia), including the Goldsworthy suspension, negatively impacted production and is expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - METALLURGICAL COAL	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

Metallurgical Coal -

Metallurgical coal production was in line with previous periods. First production was achieved at Poitrel during the quarter.

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS - MANGANESE	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

Manganese Ore -

Record production in response to stronger customer demand.

Manganese Alloy -

Higher production was due to optimisation of the product mix, improved equipment availability, and scheduled maintenance in prior periods.

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

Diamonds -

As Ekati (Canada) increases the diversity of its ore sources, the mix of ore processed will change from time to time and impact the carats recovered. In the December 2006 quarter, processing of higher grade, with lower diamonds values, had a positive impact on production.

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
ENERGY COAL	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

Energy Coal -

Production was in line with all comparative periods. Hunter Valley Coal achieved a record half year of production due to operational improvement initiatives.

	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
	2006	2006	vs	vs	vs
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS	HALF	QTR	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06

Nickel

- Production for the December 2006 half year was in line with the record production in the December 2005 half year.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS										
			QUARTER ENDED			HALF YEAR ENDED		% CHANGE		
			DEC	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC	DEC H06	DEC Q06	DEC Q06
			2005	2006	2006	2006	2005	vs	vs	vs
			2005	2006	2006	2006	2005	DEC H05	DEC Q05	SEPT Q06
PETROLEUM										
Crude oil & condensate (a)	('000 bbl)		11,104	12,091	10,963	23,054	22,953	0%	-1%	-9%
Natural gas (b)	(bcf)		84.49	90.54	82.93	173.47	179.95	-4%	-2%	-8%
Natural gas liquid	('000 bbl)		2,672	3,125	2,710	5,835	5,917	-1%	1%	-13%
Total Petroleum Products (b)	(million boe)		27.52	30.33	27.52	57.85	59.25	-2%	0%	-9%
ALUMINIUM										
Alumina	('000 tonnes)		1,012	1,078	1,153	2,231	2,040	9%	14%	7%
Aluminium (c)	('000 tonnes)		334	337	338	675	657	3%	1%	0%
BASE METALS										
Copper (d)	('000 tonnes)		300.4	249.9	300.7	550.6	582.3	-5%	0%	20%
Lead	(tonnes)		77,187	48,977	36,454	85,431	142,060	-40%	-53%	-26%
Zinc	(tonnes)		23,928	24,011	19,776	43,787	53,075	-17%	-17%	-18%
Gold (d)	(ounces)		46,500	41,160	38,564	79,724	92,118	-13%	-17%	-6%

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Silver (d)	('000 ounces)	13,698	7,349	6,566	13,915	24,893		-44%	-52%	-11%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,070	793	822	1,615	2,158		-25%	-23%	4%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	772	719	768	1,487	1,345		11%	-1%	7%
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
Iron ore (e)	('000 tonnes)	22,941	24,197	25,370	49,567	45,396		9%	11%	5%
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	8,973	9,247	8,966	18,213	17,959		1%	0%	-3%
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,278	1,509	1,529	3,038	2,665		14%	20%	1%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	165	153	192	345	304		13%	16%	25%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
Diamonds	('000 carats)	614	487	937	1,424	1,466		-3%	53%	92%
ENERGY COAL										
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	21,287	21,782	22,030	43,812	45,297		-3%	3%	1%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS										
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	49.0	44.5	48.3	92.8	93.1		0%	-1%	9%

(a)	Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields and Typhoon / Boris. Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields was disposed with effect from 16 January 2006.									
	The sale of Typhoon / Boris was completed in the December 2006 quarter.									
(b)	Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields, Moranbah Coal Bed Methane and Typhoon/ Boris. The sale of Moranbah Coal Bed Methane was completed in the September 2006 quarter.									
(c)	Excluding Valesul which was disposed with effect from 1 July 2006.									
(d)	Excluding Tintaya which was disposed with effect from 1 June 2006.									
(e)	Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.									

Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION										
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			QUARTER ENDED					HALF YEAR ENDED			
			BHP Billiton	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC	
			Interest	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005	
PETROLEUM											
Production											
	Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)		11,202	10,886	11,551	12,091	10,963		23,054	23,436
	Natural gas	(bcf)		86.35	77.85	98.59	91.83	83.09		174.92	184.00
	NGL (a)	('000 bbl)		2,672	2,448	3,063	3,125	2,710		5,835	5,917
	Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)		28.26	26.31	31.04	30.52	27.52		58.04	60.01
ALUMINIUM											
ALUMINA											
Production ('000 tonnes)											
	Worsley	86%		663	717	694	704	776		1,480	1,352
	Suriname	45%		219	228	247	253	241		494	446
	Alumar	36%		130	130	131	121	136		257	242
	Total			1,012	1,075	1,072	1,078	1,153		2,231	2,040
ALUMINIUM											
Production ('000 tonnes)											
	Hillside	100%		177	174	177	177	176		353	349
	Bayside	100%		46	46	46	49	50		99	87
	Alumar	46.3%		45	44	44	44	45		89	90
	Valesul (b)	45.5%		10	11	11	-	-		-	21
	Mozaal	47%		66	65	66	67	67		134	131
	Total			344	340	344	337	338		675	678
BASE METALS (c)											
COPPER											
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)											
	Escondida	57.5%		169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7	160.6		290.3	337.6
	Antamina	33.8%		34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	34.1		63.1	62.2
	Tintaya (d)	100%		18.1	16.2	12.9	-	-		-	35.4
	Total			221.4	217.3	207.2	158.7	194.7		353.4	435.2
Cathode ('000 tonnes)											
	Escondida	57.5%		20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5	32.7		50.2	39.6
	Cerro Colorado	100%		21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	27.4		57.4	36.0
	Spence (e)	100%		-	-	-	-	4.3		4.3	-
	Tintaya (d)	100%		9.9	9.1	6.1	-	-		-	19.6

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MOLYBDENUM									
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)									
	Antamina	33.8%	772	632	538	719	768	1,487	1,345
	Total		772	632	538	719	768	1,487	1,345
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS									
IRON ORE (f)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394	7,536	14,930	12,400
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,669	1,371	1,808	806	84	890	3,062
	Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821	5,334	10,155	9,255
	Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504	9,106	17,610	16,781
	Jimblebar	85%	1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490	1,449	2,939	3,214
	Samarco	50%	1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988	1,945	3,933	3,746
	Total		24,610	22,499	26,115	25,003	25,454	50,457	48,458
METALLURGICAL COAL (g)									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	BMA	50%	6,441	5,972	6,474	6,657	6,106	12,763	13,134
	BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	710	763	850	873	873	1,746	1,436
	Illawarra	100%	1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717	1,987	3,704	3,389
	Total		8,973	8,460	9,224	9,247	8,966	18,213	17,959
MANGANESE ORES									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	529	532	673	644	663	1,307	1,095
	Australia (i)	60%	749	694	716	865	866	1,731	1,570
	Total		1,278	1,226	1,389	1,509	1,529	3,038	2,665
	Refer footnotes on page 4.								
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)									
MANGANESE ALLOYS									
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa (i)	60%	105	119	131	93	126	219	184
	Australia (i)	60%	60	54	44	60	66	126	120
	Total		165	173	175	153	192	345	304
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS									
DIAMONDS									

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Production ('000 carats)									
	Ekati™	80%	614	512	583	487	937	1,424	1,466
FERTILISER									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (j)	100%	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3	-	84.3	497.5
ENERGY COAL									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	South Africa	100%	12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151	13,032	26,183	27,489
	USA	100%	4,065	2,829	3,891	3,467	3,871	7,338	8,626
	Australia	100%	2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766	2,790	5,556	4,613
	Colombia	33%	2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398	2,337	4,735	4,569
	Total		21,287	18,672	21,787	21,782	22,030	43,812	45,297
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
NICKEL									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	CMSA	99.8%	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.8	25.5	25.8
	Yabulu	100%	5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3	7.5	14.8	12.0
	Nickel West	100%	30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5	28.0	52.5	55.3
	Total		49.0	40.2	41.6	44.5	48.3	92.8	93.1

(a)	LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
(b)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.
(c)	Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
(d)	BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from 1 June 2006.
(e)	Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.
(f)	Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
(g)	Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
(h)	Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.
(i)	Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
(j)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT											
					QUARTER ENDED					HALF YEAR ENDED	
					DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC
					2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
PETROLEUM											

BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.

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CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)									
Bass Strait		3,584	3,414	3,964	3,847	3,311		7,158	7,304
Minerva		26	18	20	23	21		44	60
North West Shelf - condensate		1,405	1,263	1,091	1,350	1,410		2,760	2,775
North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack		979	751	1,111	1,634	1,325		2,959	2,128
Griffin		344	204	296	323	312		635	780
Pakistan		54	59	60	61	62		123	103
Typhoon/Boris (a)		23	-	-	-	-		-	329
Mad Dog		604	549	698	528	549		1,077	1,044
Other Americas (b)		161	68	68	78	81		159	284
Angostura		1,018	1,080	1,191	1,174	618		1,792	2,016
Liverpool Bay		1,161	1,278	1,199	931	1,280		2,211	2,321
Bruce/Keith		256	209	182	178	202		380	510
Ohanet		353	389	426	357	472		829	836
ROD		1,234	1,604	1,245	1,607	1,320		2,927	2,946
Total		11,202	10,886	11,551	12,091	10,963		23,054	23,436
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)									
Bass Strait		21.12	18.26	34.43	33.54	20.53		54.07	57.05
Minerva		8.14	5.78	6.36	7.73	6.90		14.63	18.44
North West Shelf - Domestic		3.81	3.55	4.63	3.54	3.89		7.43	7.78
North West Shelf - LNG		23.16	21.15	22.70	21.68	23.59		45.27	44.35
Griffin		0.41	0.12	0.19	0.49	0.45		0.94	0.97
Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (c)		1.73	1.75	1.86	1.12	-		1.12	3.38
Illawarra Coal Bed Methane		1.60	1.50	1.35	1.50	0.95		2.45	2.72
Pakistan		8.40	8.52	9.02	9.14	9.34		18.48	15.72
Typhoon/Boris (a)		0.01	-	-	-	-		-	0.47
Mad Dog		0.12	0.11	0.25	0.17	0.16		0.33	0.20
Other Americas (b)		1.00	1.78	2.34	2.55	2.27		4.82	2.89
Bruce/Keith		6.28	6.52	5.40	4.21	5.42		9.63	12.09
Liverpool Bay		10.57	8.81	10.06	6.16	9.59		15.75	17.94
Total		86.35	77.85	98.59	91.83	83.09		174.92	184.00
NGL ('000 barrels) (d)									
Bass Strait		1,719	1,574	2,254	2,224	1,726		3,950	3,912
North West Shelf		465	410	349	444	441		885	924
Bruce/Keith		176	94	59	138	107		245	336
Ohanet		312	370	401	319	436		755	745
Total		2,672	2,448	3,063	3,125	2,710		5,835	5,917
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS									
		28.26	26.31	31.04	30.52	27.52		58.04	60.01

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(million barrels of oil equivalent) (e)													
(a)	BHP Billiton sold its interests in Typhoon / Boris, including the Little Burn field with effect from 1 July 2006. The sale was completed on 6 October 2006.												
(b)	BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from 16 January 2006.												
(c)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in September 2006 quarter.												
(d)	LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).												
(e)	Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.												
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT													
					QUARTER ENDED					HALF YEAR ENDED			
					DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC			DEC	DEC
					2005	2006	2006	2006	2006			2006	2005
ALUMINIUM													
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.													
('000 tonnes)													
ALUMINA													
Production													
Worsley, Australia					663	717	694	704	776			1,480	1,352
Paranam, Suriname					219	228	247	253	241			494	446
Alumar, Brazil					130	130	131	121	136			257	242
Total					1,012	1,075	1,072	1,078	1,153			2,231	2,040
Sales													
Worsley, Australia					710	709	672	666	820			1,486	1,294
Paranam, Suriname					249	213	244	236	243			479	452
Alumar, Brazil					121	130	147	108	137			245	228
Total (a)					1,080	1,052	1,063	1,010	1,200			2,210	1,974
ALUMINIUM													
Production													
Hillside, South Africa					177	174	177	177	176			353	349
Bayside, South Africa					46	46	46	49	50			99	87
Alumar, Brazil					45	44	44	44	45			89	90
Valesul, Brazil (b)					10	11	11	-	-			-	21
Mozal, Mozambique					66	65	66	67	67			134	131
Total					344	340	344	337	338			675	678
Sales													
Hillside, South Africa					175	162	186	170	173			343	343
Bayside, South Africa					43	40	48	44	47			91	77

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	Alumar, Brazil		44	48	44	44	42		86	86
	Valesul, Brazil (b)		12	10	11	-	-		-	23
	Mozal, Mozambique		79	58	68	60	66		126	133
	Total		353	318	357	318	328		646	662
	Tolling Agreement (a)		22	22	38	24	20		44	45
			375	340	395	342	348		690	707
(a)	Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales.									
(b)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul with effect 1 July 2006.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
			QUARTER ENDED					HALF YEAR ENDED		
			DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC		DEC	DEC
			2005	2006	2006	2006	2006		2006	2005
BASE METALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.										
<u>Escondida, Chile</u>										
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	92,155	90,781	94,429	59,601	93,770		153,371	183,074
	Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	22,161	21,843	21,473	18,257	22,585		40,842	44,416
	Average copper grade	(%)	1.58%	1.62%	1.63%	1.55%	1.55%		1.55%	1.59%
	Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	304.0	302.8	295.9	234.0	289.4		523.4	608.4
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7	160.6		290.3	337.6
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,200	17,877	23,567	17,049	22,365		39,414	38,394
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5	32.7		50.2	39.6
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	945	714	925	724	880		1,604	1,740
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	160.7	184.4	158.6	133.8	167.9		301.7	330.1
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	18,145	20,159	22,627	17,778	23,089		40,867	37,439
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	19.4	16.7	11.5	14.2	27.3		41.5	38.7
	Payable silver concentrate		892	802	891	752	909		1,661	1,695

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		('000 ounces)							
<u>Tintaya, Peru (a)</u>									
Material mined		('000 tonnes)	17,107	15,960	11,539	-	-	-	34,335
Sulphide Ore milled		('000 tonnes)	1,734	1,523	1,123	-	-	-	3,280
Average copper grade		(%)	1.26%	1.26%	1.33%	-	-	-	1.29%
Production									
Payable copper		('000 tonnes)	18.1	16.2	12.9	-	-	-	35
Payable gold concentrate		(fine ounces)	8,200	8,032	4,958	-	-	-	16,248
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	9.9	9.1	6.1	-	-	-	20
Payable silver concentrate		('000 ounces)	168	138	119	-	-	-	335
Sales									
Payable copper		('000 tonnes)	19.4	15.1	12.0	-	-	-	36
Payable gold concentrate		(fine ounces)	8,376	8,016	5,079	-	-	-	15,159
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	9.8	8.3	7.1	-	-	-	20
Payable silver concentrate		('000 ounces)	207	127	109	-	-	-	368
(a)	BHP Billiton sold Tintaya with effect from 1 June 2006.								
<u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u>									
Material mined		('000 tonnes)	17,107	17,926	18,258	16,334	18,858	35,192	33,803
Ore milled		('000 tonnes)	4,348	4,266	4,490	4,508	4,578	9,086	7,692
Average copper grade		(%)	0.90%	0.94%	0.83%	0.80%	0.81%	0.81%	0.85%
Production									
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	27.4	57.4	36.0
Sales									
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	19.7	24.4	34.5	27.9	28.3	56.2	34.7
<u>Spence, Chile (a)</u>									
Material mined			-	-	-	-	20,329	20,329	-

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		('000 tonnes)								
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	3,510		3,510	-
	Average copper grade	(%)	-	-	-	-	1.76%		1.76%	-
	Production									
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	4.3		4.3	-
	Sales									
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	-	-	-	-	1.3		1.3	-
	(a) Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.									
	<u>Antamina, Peru</u>									
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	32,598	28,982	29,740	29,917	28,317		58,234	65,437
	Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	8,349	7,549	7,196	7,581	7,930		15,511	15,716
	Average head grades									
	- Copper	(%)	1.36%	1.48%	1.45%	1.22%	1.41%		1.32%	1.33%
	- Zinc	(%)	0.51%	0.62%	0.88%	0.87%	0.65%		0.76%	0.76%
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	34.1		63.1	62.2
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	5,148	7,534	12,638	13,585	10,970		24,555	20,107
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	859	865	808	713	736		1,449	1,501
	Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	772	632	538	719	768		1,487	1,345
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	35.5	30.5	25.6	33.9	35.3		69.2	66.2
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	7,894	9,634	7,638	14,224	13,853		28,077	21,097
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	813	750	505	713	623		1,336	1,482
	Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	751	697	627	719	808		1,527	1,289
	<u>Cannington, Australia</u>									
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	887	799	496	428	506		934	1,797
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	850	809	589	478	478		956	1,622
	Average head grades									
	- Silver	(g/t)	493	431	462	423	360		392	474

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(a)	Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted.										
Pinto Valley, USA											
Production											
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	4.0	4.3		
Sales											
Copper cathode (EW)		('000 tonnes)	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	1.6	4.2	4.9		
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT											
QUARTER ENDED											
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CARBON STEEL MATERIALS											
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.											
('000 tonnes)											
IRON ORE (a)											
Pilbara, Australia											
Production											
Mt Newman Joint Venture			6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394	7,536	14,930	12,400		
Goldsworthy Joint Venture			1,669	1,371	1,808	806	84	890	3,062		
Area C Joint Venture			4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821	5,334	10,155	9,255		
Yandi Joint Venture			8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504	9,106	17,610	16,781		
Jimblebar			1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490	1,449	2,939	3,214		
Total (BHP Billiton share)			22,745	20,697	24,160	23,015	23,509	46,524	44,712		
Total production (100%)			26,760	24,350	28,423	27,076	27,658	54,734	52,313		
Sales											
Lump			6,483	5,276	6,092	6,429	5,856	12,285	12,474		
Fines			16,357	15,547	18,481	16,222	18,499	34,721	32,194		
Total (BHP Billiton share)			22,840	20,823	24,573	22,651	24,355	47,006	44,668		
Total sales (100%)			26,871	24,498	28,909	26,648	28,653	55,301	52,260		
(a)	Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.										
Samarco, Brazil											
Production											
			1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988	1,945	3,933	3,746		
Shipments											
			2,155	1,532	2,022	1,872	2,357	4,229	4,055		
METALLURGICAL COAL (a)											

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<u>Queensland, Australia</u>									
	Production								
	<u>BMA</u>								
	Blackwater		1,409	1,533	1,449	1,536	1,388	2,924	3,036
	Goonyella		1,921	1,751	1,986	1,892	1,296	3,188	3,530
	Peak Downs		1,186	1,095	858	1,202	1,161	2,363	2,436
	Saraji		602	563	794	682	893	1,575	1,277
	Norwich Park		678	550	675	631	677	1,308	1,437
	Gregory Joint Venture		645	480	712	714	691	1,405	1,418
	BMA total		6,441	5,972	6,474	6,657	6,106	12,763	13,134
	<u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u>								
	South Walker Creek		710	763	850	873	782	1,655	1,436
	Poitrel (c)		-	-	-	-	91	91	-
	BHP Mitsui Coal total		710	763	850	873	873	1,746	1,436
	<u>Queensland total</u>		7,151	6,735	7,324	7,530	6,979	14,509	14,570
	Shipments								
	Coking coal		4,987	5,032	5,798	5,190	5,040	10,230	9,856
	Weak coking coal		1,366	1,342	1,444	1,600	1,749	3,349	2,573
	Thermal coal		403	482	581	344	502	846	982
	Total		6,756	6,856	7,823	7,134	7,291	14,425	13,411
	(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%.							
	(c)	Poitrel was commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.							
<u>Illawarra, Australia</u>									
	Production		1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717	1,987	3,704	3,389
	Shipments								
	Coking coal		1,457	1,508	1,292	1,366	1,583	2,949	2,647
	Thermal coal		103	313	136	188	280	468	486
	Total		1,560	1,821	1,428	1,554	1,863	3,417	3,133
MANGANESE ORE									
<u>South Africa</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		529	532	673	644	663	1,307	1,095
<u>Australia</u>									
	Saleable production (a)		749	694	716	865	866	1,731	1,570

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MANGANESE ALLOY										
<u>South Africa</u>										
	Saleable production (a)		105	119	131	93	126		219	184
<u>Australia</u>										
	Saleable production (a)		60	54	44	60	66		126	120
(a)	Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
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DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
DIAMONDS										
<u>Ekati™, Canada</u>										
	Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	962	995	1,181	1,199	1,100		2,299	2,120
	Production	('000 carats)	614	512	583	487	937		1,424	1,466
FERTILISER										
<u>Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)</u>										
	Production (b)	('000 tonnes)	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3	-		84.3	497.5
	Sales (b)	('000 tonnes)	221.2	200.4	304.4	41.6	-		41.6	396.7
(a)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.									
(b)	Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
QUARTER ENDED										
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ENERGY COAL										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										

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<u>Ingwe, South Africa</u>										
	Production			12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151	13,032	26,183	27,489
	Sales									
	Export			6,273	5,658	4,271	5,168	5,211	10,379	11,709
	Local utility			7,250	7,328	7,365	7,552	7,413	14,965	15,263
	Inland			268	203	253	255	227	482	577
	Total			13,791	13,189	11,889	12,975	12,851	25,826	27,549
<u>New Mexico, USA</u>										
	Production									
	Navajo Coal			2,252	2,305	1,471	1,778	2,104	3,882	4,490
	San Juan Coal			1,813	524	2,420	1,689	1,767	3,456	4,136
	Total			4,065	2,829	3,891	3,467	3,871	7,338	8,626
	Sales - local utility			3,628	3,553	3,556	3,822	3,616	7,438	7,397
<u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>										
	Production			2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766	2,790	5,556	4,613
	Sales									
	Export			1,312	1,267	1,048	1,245	1,858	3,103	2,882
	Inland			793	643	1,475	1,031	1,005	2,036	1,776
	Total			2,105	1,910	2,523	2,276	2,863	5,139	4,658
<u>Carrejon Coal, Colombia</u>										
	Production			2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398	2,337	4,735	4,569
	Sales - export			2,087	2,116	2,387	2,336	2,323	4,659	4,257
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
				QUARTER ENDED					HALF YEAR ENDED	
				DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	DEC	DEC
				2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
<u>NICKEL</u>										
<u>CMSA, Colombia</u>										
	Production			13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.8	25.5	25.8
	Sales			14.2	12.4	13.6	11.7	14.4	26.1	25.3

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<u>Yabulu, Australia</u>										
Production										
Nickel metal										
				5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3	7.5	14.8	12.0
Cobalt										
				0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.5
Sales										
Nickel metal										
				6.6	6.9	4.9	6.0	7.2	13.2	12.9
Cobalt										
				0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7
<u>Nickel West, Australia</u>										
Production										
Nickel contained in finished matte										
				13.9	5.2	9.6	11.1	12.4	23.5	23.6
Nickel metal										
				16.2	15.1	14.9	13.4	15.6	29.0	31.7
Nickel production (a)										
				30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5	28.0	52.5	55.3
Sales										
Nickel contained in finished matte										
				14.3	8.8	7.9	9.3	13.5	22.8	21.9
Nickel metal (b)										
				14.9	15.7	15.8	12.9	14.3	27.2	30.8
Nickel sales (a)										
				29.2	24.5	23.7	22.2	27.8	50.0	52.7
(a)	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 sales of nickel in concentrate in the December 2006 half year.									

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