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July 25, 2006

BHP Billiton

Limited

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

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

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

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

Total Petroleum Production -

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

Crude Oil and Condensate -

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

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

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

Natural Gas -

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

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

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

Alumina -

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

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

Aluminium

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

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

Copper -

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

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

Silver -

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

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

Lead -

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

Zinc

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

Uranium Oxide Concentrate -

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

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| | 97, | 26, | | | |
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) | 072 | 115 | 0% | 3% | 16% |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 35,643 | 9,224 | -4% | -4% | 9% |
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes) | 5,280 | 1,389 | -3% | -2% | 13% |
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes) | 652 | 175 | -14% | 12% | 1% |

Iron Ore -

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

Metallurgical Coal -

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

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

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

Manganese Ore -

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

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

Manganese Alloy -

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

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

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

Diamonds -

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

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

Fertiliser -

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

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

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

Energy Coal -

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

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

Cerrejon Coal reflecting the ramp up of recently expanded capacity.

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

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

Nickel

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

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

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

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| Products | boe) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | 1,054 | 1,075 | 1,072 | | 4,187 | 4,182 | 0% | 2% | 0% |
| Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | 321 | 340 | 344 | | 1,362 | 1,330 | 2% | 7% | 1% |
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| Copper | ('000 tonnes) | 269.8 | 319.1 | 311.7 | | 1,268.1 | 1,034.0 | 23% | 16% | -2% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | 64,652 | 68,754 | 55,507 | | 266,321 | 281,970 | -6% | -14% | -19% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | 28,204 | 28,419 | 27,564 | | 109,058 | 105,361 | 4% | -2% | -3% |
| Gold | (ounces) | 31,882 | 52,095 | 56,161 | | 216,622 | 125,413 | 73% | 76% | 8% |
| Silver | ('000 ounces) | 11,881 | 11,655 | 9,593 | | 46,476 | 50,047 | -7% | -19% | -18% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 415 | 913 | 865 | | 3,936 | 415 | - | - | -5% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 492 | 632 | 538 | | 2,515 | 1,806 | 39% | 9% | -15% |
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| Iron ore | ('000 tonnes) | 25,296 | 22,499 | 26,115 | | 97,072 | 96,745 | 0% | 3% | 16% |
| Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 9,570 | 8,460 | 9,224 | | 35,643 | 37,303 | -4% | -4% | 9% |
| Manganese ore | ('000 tonnes) | 1,418 | 1,226 | 1,389 | | 5,280 | 5,455 | -3% | -2% | 13% |
| Manganese alloy | ('000 tonnes) | 156 | 173 | 175 | | 652 | 755 | -14% | 12% | 1% |
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| Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 957 | 512 | 583 | | 2,561 | 3,617 | -29% | -39% | 14% |
| Fertiliser | ('000 tonnes) | 74 | 222.5 | 141.3 | | 861.3 | 73.9 | - | - | -36% |
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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 172 | 172 | 177 | 174 | 177 | 700 | 685 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 29 | 41 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 179 | 166 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 44 | 45 | 45 | 44 | 44 | 178 | 176 |
| | Valesul | 45.5% | 11 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 43 | 43 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 65 | 65 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 262 | 260 |
| | Total | | 321 | 334 | 344 | 340 | 344 | 1,362 | 1,330 |
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| COPPER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 154.0 | 168.6 | 169.0 | 168.2 | 165.2 | 671.0 | 578.2 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 29.9 | 27.9 | 34.3 | 32.9 | 29.1 | 124.2 | 123.1 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 15.3 | 17.3 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 12.9 | 64.5 | 72.7 |
| | Total | | 199.2 | 213.8 | 221.4 | 217.3 | 207.2 | 859.7 | 774.0 |
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| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21.4 | 19.6 | 20.0 | 15.4 | 11.7 | 66.7 | 87.3 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 24.6 | 14.5 | 21.5 | 28.1 | 30.0 | 94.1 | 113.1 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 6.4 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 6.1 | 34.8 | 34.4 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 8.5 | 9.1 |
| | Olympic Dam (c) | 100% | 16.1 | 49.1 | 53.5 | 47.1 | 54.6 | 204.3 | 16.1 |
| | Total | | 70.6 | 95.1 | 107.0 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 408.4 | 260.0 |
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| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 64,652 | 64,873 | 77,187 | 68,754 | 55,507 | 266,321 | 281,970 |
| | Total | | 64,652 | 64,873 | 77,187 | 68,754 | 55,507 | 266,321 | 281,970 |
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| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
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| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 12,676 | 14,188 | 18,780 | 20,885 | 14,926 | 68,779 | 52,841 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 15,528 | 14,959 | 5,148 | 7,534 | 12,638 | 40,279 | 52,520 |
| | Total | | 28,204 | 29,147 | 23,928 | 28,419 | 27,564 | 109,058 | 105,361 |
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| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 20,774 | 19,194 | 19,200 | 17,877 | 23,567 | 79,838 | 96,606 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 4,066 | 8,048 | 8,200 | 8,032 | 4,958 | 29,238 | 21,765 |
| | Olympic Dam (c) (refined gold) | 100% | 7,042 | 26,424 | 27,300 | 26,186 | 27,636 | 107,546 | 7,042 |
| | Total | | 31,882 | 53,666 | 54,700 | 52,095 | 56,161 | 216,622 | 125,413 |
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| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 658 | 795 | 945 | 714 | 925 | 3,379 | 2,551 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 749 | 642 | 859 | 865 | 808 | 3,174 | 2,774 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 129 | 167 | 168 | 138 | 119 | 592 | 630 |
| | Cannington | 100% | 10,283 | 9,579 | 11,672 | 9,693 | 7,503 | 38,447 | 44,030 |
| | Olympic Dam (c) (refined silver) | 100% | 62 | 179 | 222 | 245 | 238 | 884 | 62 |
| | Total | | 11,881 | 11,362 | 13,866 | 11,655 | 9,593 | 46,476 | 50,047 |
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| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Olympic Dam (c) | 100% | 415 | 1,088 | 1,070 | 913 | 865 | 3,936 | 415 |
| | Total | | 415 | 1,088 | 1,070 | 913 | 865 | 3,936 | 415 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 492 | 573 | 772 | 632 | 538 | 2,515 | 1,806 |
| | Total | | 492 | 573 | 772 | 632 | 538 | 2,515 | 1,806 |
| IRON ORE (d) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 6,493 | 6,234 | 6,166 | 5,884 | 6,490 | 24,774 | 25,736 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,593 | 1,393 | 1,669 | 1,371 | 1,808 | 6,241 | 4,685 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 4,813 | 4,286 | 4,969 | 3,332 | 5,401 | 17,988 | 16,612 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,943 | 8,409 | 8,372 | 8,561 | 8,854 | 34,196 | 35,661 |
| | Jimblebar (e) | 85% | 1,558 | 1,645 | 1,569 | 1,549 | 1,607 | 6,370 | 6,364 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,896 | 1,881 | 1,865 | 1,802 | 1,955 | 7,503 | 7,687 |
| | Total | | 25,296 | 23,848 | 24,610 | 22,499 | 26,115 | 97,072 | 96,745 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (f) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 7,021 | 6,693 | 6,441 | 5,972 | 6,474 | 25,580 | 25,395 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (g) | 80% | 882 | 726 | 710 | 763 | 850 | 3,049 | 5,657 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,667 | 1,567 | 1,822 | 1,725 | 1,900 | 7,014 | 6,251 |
| | Total | | 9,570 | 8,986 | 8,973 | 8,460 | 9,224 | 35,643 | 37,303 |

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| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 631 | 566 | 529 | 532 | 673 | 2,300 | 2,508 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 787 | 821 | 749 | 694 | 716 | 2,980 | 2,947 |
| | Total | | 1,418 | 1,387 | 1,278 | 1,226 | 1,389 | 5,280 | 5,455 |
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| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 98 | 79 | 105 | 119 | 131 | 434 | 492 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 58 | 60 | 60 | 54 | 44 | 218 | 263 |
| | Total | | 156 | 139 | 165 | 173 | 175 | 652 | 755 |
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| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati(TM) | 80% | 957 | 852 | 614 | 512 | 583 | 2,561 | 3,617 |
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| FERTILISER | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (i) | 100% | 73.9 | 244.9 | 252.6 | 222.5 | 141.3 | 861.3 | 73.9 |
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| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | South Africa | 100% | 13,548 | 14,549 | 12,940 | 11,605 | 12,854 | 51,948 | 54,650 |
| | USA | 100% | 4,128 | 4,561 | 4,065 | 2,829 | 3,891 | 15,346 | 14,927 |
| | Australia | 100% | 2,823 | 2,568 | 2,045 | 1,897 | 2,636 | 9,146 | 9,865 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,204 | 2,332 | 2,237 | 2,341 | 2,406 | 9,316 | 7,974 |
| | Total | | 22,703 | 24,010 | 21,287 | 18,672 | 21,787 | 85,756 | 87,416 |

NICKEL

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

FERROCHROME

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

(a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.

(b) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.

(c) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005.

(d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.

(e) From October 1, 2005 Jimlebar production disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis.

(f) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.

(g) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

(h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

(i) BHP Billiton acquired Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (formerly Queensland Fertilizer Operations) with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. BHP Billiton announced the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations in May 2006, completion is expected to occur in the coming weeks.

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| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.98 | 3.97 | 3.81 | 3.55 | 4.63 | 15.96 | 14.63 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 22.14 | 21.19 | 23.16 | 21.15 | 22.70 | 88.20 | 83.09 |
| | Griffin | | 0.70 | 0.56 | 0.41 | 0.12 | 0.19 | 1.28 | 2.63 |
| | Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (f) | | 1.64 | 1.65 | 1.73 | 1.75 | 1.86 | 6.99 | 3.24 |
| | Illawarra Coal Bed Methane (g) | | 1.10 | 1.12 | 1.60 | 1.50 | 1.35 | 5.57 | 5.48 |
| | Pakistan | | 7.25 | 7.32 | 8.40 | 8.52 | 9.02 | 33.26 | 31.69 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (c) | | 0.95 | 0.46 | 0.01 | - | - | 0.47 | 7.12 |
| | Mad Dog (a) | | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.25 | 0.56 | 0.21 |
| | Other Americas (d) | | 1.88 | 1.89 | 1.00 | 1.78 | 2.34 | 7.01 | 7.68 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 6.90 | 5.81 | 6.28 | 6.52 | 5.40 | 24.01 | 23.77 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 10.30 | 7.37 | 10.57 | 8.81 | 10.06 | 36.81 | 33.98 |
| | Total | | 98.79 | 97.65 | 86.35 | 77.85 | 98.59 | 360.44 | 345.68 |
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| | LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 128.50 | 143.55 | 108.47 | 99.96 | 144.04 | 496.02 | 510.61 |
| | North West Shelf | | 33.15 | 39.64 | 40.05 | 35.32 | 30.09 | 145.10 | 129.52 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 16.53 | 13.73 | 15.21 | 8.12 | 5.05 | 42.11 | 59.96 |
| | Ohanet | | 35.53 | 37.32 | 26.86 | 31.86 | 34.57 | 130.61 | 160.01 |
| | Total | | 213.71 | 234.24 | 190.59 | 175.26 | 213.75 | 813.84 | 860.10 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | 22.97 | 28.02 | 24.72 | 22.25 | 31.16 | 106.15 | 101.53 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | 33.13 | 31.38 | 27.93 | 26.01 | 30.63 | 115.95 | 119.03 |
| | (million barrels of oil equivalent) (h) | | | | | | | | |
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| | (a) Minerva, Mad Dog and Angostura commenced production in January 2005. | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Laminaria with effect from January 14, 2005. | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) Typhoon/Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform. | | | | | | | | |
| | (d) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from January 16, 2006. | | | | | | | | |
| | (e) ROD commenced production in October 2004. | | | | | | | | |
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| Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 277.8 | 304.4 | 304.0 | 302.8 | 295.9 | 207.1 | 1,040.8 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 154.0 | 168.6 | 169.0 | 168.2 | 165.2 | 571.0 | 578.2 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 20,774 | 19,194 | 19,200 | 17,877 | 23,567 | 9,838 | 96,606 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.4 | 19.6 | 20.0 | 15.4 | 11.7 | 66.7 | 87.3 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 658 | 795 | 945 | 714 | 925 | 3,379 | 2,551 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 146.0 | 169.4 | 160.7 | 184.4 | 158.6 | 573.1 | 571.4 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 19,816 | 19,294 | 18,145 | 20,159 | 22,628 | 10,225 | 97,892 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 26.8 | 19.3 | 19.4 | 16.7 | 11.5 | 66.9 | 90.8 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 631 | 803 | 892 | 802 | 891 | 3,388 | 2,615 |
| Tintaya, Peru (a) | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 12,385 | 17,228 | 17,107 | 15,960 | 11,539 | 11,834 | 66,122 |
| Sulphide Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 1,086 | 1,546 | 1,734 | 1,523 | 1,123 | 5,926 | 5,831 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.67% | 1.33% | 1.26% | 1.26% | 1.33% | 1.29% | 1.49% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 15.3 | 17.3 | 18.1 | 16.2 | 12.9 | 64.5 | 72.7 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 4,066 | 8,048 | 8,200 | 8,032 | 4,958 | 29,238 | 21,765 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 6.4 | 9.7 | 9.9 | 9.1 | 6.1 | 34.8 | 34.4 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 129 | 167 | 168 | 138 | 119 | 592 | 630 |

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| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 17.2 | 17.0 | 19.4 | 15.1 | 12.0 | 63.5 | 72.1 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 7,073 | 6,783 | 8,376 | 8,016 | 5,072 | 23,254 | 24,376 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 8.2 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 35.5 | 35.9 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 160 | 161 | 207 | 127 | 109 | 604 | 651 |
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| (a) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006. | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 14,805 | 16,696 | 17,107 | 17,926 | 18,258 | 69,987 | 65,593 |
| Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 3,144 | 3,344 | 4,348 | 4,266 | 4,490 | 16,448 | 15,603 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 0.83% | 0.79% | 0.90% | 0.94% | 0.83% | 0.87% | 0.91% |
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| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 24.6 | 14.5 | 21.5 | 28.1 | 30.0 | 94.1 | 113.1 |
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| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 24.8 | 15.0 | 19.7 | 24.4 | 34.5 | 93.6 | 114.4 |
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| <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 31,802 | 32,839 | 32,598 | 28,982 | 29,740 | 124,159 | 128,988 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 7,557 | 7,367 | 8,349 | 7,549 | 7,196 | 30,461 | 30,725 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Copper | (%) | 1.35% | 1.30% | 1.36% | 1.48% | 1.45% | 1.40% | 1.37% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 1.09% | 1.04% | 0.51% | 0.62% | 0.88% | 0.75% | 0.93% |
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| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 29.9 | 27.9 | 34.3 | 32.9 | 29.1 | 124.2 | 123.1 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,528 | 14,959 | 5,148 | 7,534 | 12,638 | 40,279 | 52,520 |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 749 | 642 | 859 | 865 | 808 | 3,174 | 2,774 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 492 | 573 | 772 | 632 | 538 | 2,515 | 1,806 |
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| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 28.7 | 30.7 | 35.5 | 30.5 | 25.6 | 122.3 | 123.0 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,066 | 13,203 | 7,894 | 9,634 | 7,638 | 33,369 | 51,161 |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 769 | 669 | 813 | 750 | 505 | 2,737 | 2,743 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 587 | 538 | 751 | 697 | 627 | 2,613 | 1,639 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 880 | 910 | 887 | 799 | 496 | 3,092 | 3,437 |
| Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 746 | 772 | 850 | 809 | 589 | 3,020 | 3,089 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Silver | (g/t) | 482 | 453 | 493 | 431 | 469 | 461 | 515 |
| - Lead | (%) | 9.8% | 9.9% | 10.8% | 9.8% | 10.9% | 10.3% | 10.5% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 3.0% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 4.0% | 4.1% | 3.7% | 3.2% |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,283 | 9,579 | 11,672 | 9,693 | 7,503 | 33,447 | 44,030 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 64,652 | 64,873 | 77,187 | 68,754 | 55,507 | 265,321 | 281,970 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,676 | 14,188 | 18,780 | 20,885 | 14,926 | 63,779 | 52,841 |
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| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 12,265 | 9,078 | 11,972 | 9,061 | 8,516 | 33,627 | 44,051 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 76,680 | 59,942 | 79,474 | 63,112 | 62,787 | 265,315 | 284,977 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 13,415 | 10,676 | 16,814 | 17,508 | 20,126 | 65,119 | 53,359 |
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| <u>Olympic Dam, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (b) | ('000 tonnes) | 855 | 2,007 | 2,145 | 2,065 | 2,002 | 2,219 | 855 | |
| Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 933 | 2,345 | 2,430 | 2,343 | 2,517 | 2,635 | 933 | |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 2.15% | 2.26% | 2.32% | 2.10% | 2.10% | 2.19% | 2.15% | |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.57 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.59 | 0.55 | 0.61 | 0.57 | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 14.5 | 44.2 | 48.6 | 43.1 | 50.5 | 48.4 | 14.5 | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.6 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 17.9 | 1.6 | |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 415 | 1,088 | 1,070 | 913 | 865 | 3,936 | 415 | |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 7,042 | 26,424 | 27,300 | 26,186 | 27,630 | 17,546 | 7,042 | |
| Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 62 | 179 | 222 | 245 | 238 | 884 | 62 | |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 16.2 | 47.5 | 44.9 | 44.1 | 49.0 | 185.5 | 16.2 | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.1 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 19.3 | 1.1 | |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 391 | 879 | 1,287 | 992 | 1,183 | 4,341 | 391 | |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 10,555 | 21,192 | 26,369 | 27,300 | 27,370 | 102,236 | 10,555 | |
| Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 68 | 144 | 254 | 178 | 320 | 896 | 68 | |
| (a) BHP Billiton acquired Olympic Dam with the acquisition of WMC. Production data is shown from June 1, 2005. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |

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

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| | Coking coal | | 5,705 | 4,869 | 4,987 | 5,032 | 5,798 | 20,686 | 22,134 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,619 | 1,207 | 1,366 | 1,342 | 1,444 | 5,359 | 6,615 |
| | Thermal coal | | 815 | 579 | 403 | 482 | 581 | 2,045 | 2,717 |
| | Total | | 8,139 | 6,655 | 6,756 | 6,856 | 7,823 | 28,090 | 31,466 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,667 | 1,567 | 1,822 | 1,725 | 1,900 | 7,014 | 6,251 |
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| | Shipments | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,500 | 1,190 | 1,457 | 1,508 | 1,292 | 5,447 | 5,654 |
| | Thermal coal | | 27 | 383 | 103 | 313 | 136 | 935 | 346 |
| | Total | | 1,527 | 1,573 | 1,560 | 1,821 | 1,428 | 6,382 | 6,000 |
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| MANGANESE ORE | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 631 | 566 | 529 | 532 | 673 | 2,300 | 2,508 |
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| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 787 | 821 | 749 | 694 | 716 | 2,980 | 2,947 |
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| MANGANESE ALLOY | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 98 | 79 | 105 | 119 | 131 | 434 | 492 |
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| <u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Production | | 2,204 | 2,332 | 2,237 | 2,341 | 2,406 | 9,316 | 7,974 |
| | Sales - export | | 2,338 | 2,170 | 2,087 | 2,116 | 2,387 | 8,760 | 8,385 |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 13.7 | 12.8 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.8 | 51.5 | 51.3 |
| | Sales | | 12.8 | 11.1 | 14.2 | 12.4 | 13.6 | 51.3 | 50.1 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 8.9 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 4.3 | 23.3 | 31.4 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 8.3 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 24.7 | 31.5 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | 3.3 | 9.7 | 13.9 | 5.2 | 9.6 | 38.4 | 3.3 |
| | Nickel metal | | 5.9 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 15.1 | 14.9 | 61.7 | 5.9 |
| | | | 9.2 | 25.2 | 30.1 | 20.3 | 24.5 | 100.1 | 9.2 |

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

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

BHP Billiton Limited

Date: 25 July 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary