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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Western Australia Iron Ore shipments rose to a record annualised rate of 173 million tonnes per annum in the September 2011 quarter (100% basis), a 28% increase over the previous corresponding period.

Petroleum production increased 19% in the period, reflecting the successful acquisition of the Fayetteville and Petrohawk Onshore US shale businesses on top of strong operating performance from existing assets.

Quarterly production records were also achieved at New South Wales Energy Coal and Illawarra Coal (both Australia), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and the Alumar refinery (Brazil). Record material mined and milling rates at Antamina (Peru) coincided with a significant improvement in copper grades.

Petroleum

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids (000 bbl) | 21,838 | -14% | 3% |
| Natural gas (bcf) | 177.35 | 68% | 35% |
| Total petroleum products (million boe) | 51.40 | 19% | 19% |

Total petroleum production Petroleum production increased 19 per cent in the period, reflecting the successful acquisition of the Fayetteville and Petrohawk Onshore US shale businesses on top of strong operating performance from existing assets.

Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids Liquids production increased on the June 2011 quarter following strong operated field performance, development drilling at Shenzi (USA) and new volumes from the Onshore US assets. This was partly offset by shutdowns associated with non operated maintenance and drilling deferrals in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico (USA). Importantly, Mad Dog (USA) production is expected to recommence by the end of the 2011 calendar year following a period of maintenance related downtime.

Natural gas Natural gas production was higher than all comparable periods and reflected approximately 40 days of production from the recently acquired Petrohawk shale assets and a full quarter of production from the Angostura Gas Phase II project (Trinidad and Tobago).

Aluminium

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alumina (000 tonnes) | 1,060 | 6% | 3% |
| Aluminium (000 tonnes) | 315 | 0% | 1% |

Alumina Consistent performance from the expanded refinery capacity facilitated record quarterly production at Alumar and a modest increase in total alumina production in the period.

Aluminium Production was in line with comparable periods with all operations running at, or close to, effective capacity.

Base Metals

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Copper (000 tonnes) | 220.3 | -24% | -19% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 55,659 | -19% | -5% |
| Zinc (tonnes) | 23,444 | -42% | -33% |
| Silver (000 ounces) | 9,151 | -25% | -7% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 1,000 | -1% | -1% |

Copper Lower ore grades and industrial action at Escondida (Chile), planned maintenance activity at Pampa Norte (Chile) and planned smelter and refinery outages at Olympic Dam (Australia) all impacted copper production in the period. Record material mined and milling rates were, however, achieved at Antamina and coincided with operations progressing through a copper rich ore zone.

Due to industrial action that impacted operations in the September 2011 quarter, Escondida production is now expected to be marginally lower in the 2012 financial year with volumes weighted to the second half. Production is expected to improve beyond the 2012 financial year as mining activities progress towards higher grade ore with completion of the Escondida Ore Access project in the main pit.

Lead/zinc/silver A broad decline in average ore grades across the Antamina and Cannington (Australia) operations resulted in lower production relative to all comparable periods.

Uranium The steady grade profile of the Olympic Dam ore body was further illustrated by the consistent production performance of the uranium circuit.

Diamonds & Specialty Products

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Diamonds (000 carats) | 457 | -35% | -21% |

Diamonds Production was lower than all comparable periods due to the ongoing decline in average ore grades and unseasonably high rainfall that impacted operations. EKATI (Canada) production is expected to be impacted in the medium term as operations transition to lower grade material, consistent with the mine plan.

Stainless Steel Materials

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nickel (000 tonnes) | 35.1 | -9% | -8% |

Nickel Contained nickel production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) increased from the prior quarter following the successful early completion of the planned furnace replacement during the September 2011 quarter.

Metal production from the Nickel West Kwinana refinery (Australia) was stronger than the June 2011 quarter as the availability of third party hydrogen supply improved in the period. This was, however, offset by lower matte production following a planned outage at the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter (Australia).

Higher matte sales are anticipated in the December 2011 quarter as a planned outage at a third party hydrogen supplier will see production shift back towards the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter. BHP Billiton expects the construction of its wholly owned hydrogen plant to be completed before the end of the March 2012 quarter.

Iron Ore

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Iron ore (000 tonnes) | 39,572 | 24% | 11% |

Iron ore Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) shipments rose to a record annualised rate of 173 million tonnes per annum in the quarter (100% basis). WAIO continued to benefit from the dual tracking of the company's rail infrastructure, increasing overall system capability. The Yandi Joint Venture (Australia) achieved a significant increase in mine production following the ramp up of Ore Handling Plant 3 under the management of BHP Billiton's owner operator workforce.

Consistently strong performance following the ramp up of the third pellet plant at Samarco (Brazil) continues to reinforce our confidence in the next phase of expansion.

Manganese

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Manganese ore (000 tonnes) | 2,019 | -5% | 13% |
| Manganese alloy (000 tonnes) | 194 | -3% | 2% |

Manganese ore Production and sales were stronger than the June 2011 quarter as plant availability at GEMCO (Australia) improved and Hotazel (South Africa) benefited from record quarterly production from the Mamatwan mine.

Manganese alloy Alloy production was in line with comparable periods.

Metallurgical Coal

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Metallurgical coal (000 tonnes) | 9,291 | -10% | 17% |

Metallurgical coal Queensland Coal (Australia) volumes increased in the quarter as production continued to ramp up to pre-flood levels, despite stoppages associated with ongoing labour negotiations. Consistent with prior guidance, we expect to be impacted by the remnant effects of the wet weather, to some extent, for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year. At this stage it is not possible to determine when the labour negotiations will conclude.

Illawarra Coal achieved record quarterly production following longwall moves at Dendrobium and Appin in the June 2011 quarter. Lower volumes are forecast for the December 2011 quarter with a planned shutdown at the West Cliff Coal Handling Preparation Plant to enable upgrade works to be completed.

Energy Coal

| | SEP 2011 QTR | SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10 | SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Energy coal (000 tonnes) | 18,460 | 8% | 1% |

Energy coal A significant improvement in performance was delivered across our high value, export oriented operations as quarterly production records were achieved at New South Wales Energy Coal and Cerrejon Coal. South Africa Coal recorded an equally impressive 11 per cent increase in total production from the prior quarter.

Lower production at New Mexico Coal (USA) was indicative of an increase in the strip ratio at Navajo Coal and an underground fire at San Juan Coal in September 2011. The San Juan Coal mine remains closed pending an investigation into the cause of the fire. Generator demand is currently being met by available stockpiles.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton's share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

This report, together with the Exploration and Development Report, represents the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. There have been no significant changes to the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 30 September 2011, other than those arising from the Group's previously announced acquisition of Petrohawk Energy Corporation that was completed during the period which affected the Group's cash reserves, net debt and gearing levels.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | YEAR TO DATE | | % CHANGE | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|------------------|------------------|
| | | SEP | JUN | SEP | SEP | SEP | SEP Q11 | SEP Q11 |
| | | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 | 2011 | 2010 | vs SEP Q10 | vs JUN Q11 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 22,087 | 18,652 | 18,482 | 18,482 | 22,087 | -16% | -1% |
| Natural gas | (bcf) | 105.83 | 131.79 | 177.35 | 177.35 | 105.83 | 68% | 35% |
| Natural gas liquid | (000 bbl) | 3,363 | 2,636 | 3,356 | 3,356 | 3,363 | 0% | 27% |
| Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 43.09 | 43.25 | 51.40 | 51.40 | 43.09 | 19% | 19% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | (000 tonnes) | 1,000 | 1,026 | 1,060 | 1,060 | 1,000 | 6% | 3% |
| Aluminium | (000 tonnes) | 314 | 313 | 315 | 315 | 314 | 0% | 1% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | (000 tonnes) | 291.2 | 272.3 | 220.3 | 220.3 | 291.2 | -24% | -19% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | 69,141 | 58,578 | 55,659 | 55,659 | 69,141 | -19% | -5% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | 40,197 | 34,733 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 40,197 | -42% | -33% |
| Gold | (ounces) | 49,361 | 45,545 | 39,439 | 39,439 | 49,361 | -20% | -13% |
| Silver | (000 ounces) | 12,152 | 9,877 | 9,151 | 9,151 | 12,152 | -25% | -7% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,010 | 1,015 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,010 | -1% | -1% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 208 | 418 | 595 | 595 | 208 | 186% | 42% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| Diamonds | (000 carats) | 703 | 576 | 457 | 457 | 703 | -35% | -21% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | (000 tonnes) | 38.5 | 38.2 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 38.5 | -9% | -8% |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | |
| Iron ore | (000 tonnes) | 31,983 | 35,526 | 39,572 | 39,572 | 31,983 | 24% | 11% |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese ore | (000 tonnes) | 2,122 | 1,790 | 2,019 | 2,019 | 2,122 | -5% | 13% |
| Manganese alloy | (000 tonnes) | 199 | 190 | 194 | 194 | 199 | -3% | 2% |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Metallurgical coal | (000 tonnes) | 10,299 | 7,922 | 9,291 | 9,291 | 10,299 | -10% | 17% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Energy coal | (000 tonnes) | 17,106 | 18,338 | 18,460 | 18,460 | 17,106 | 8% | 1% |

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

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| | BHP Billiton Interest | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | SEP 2010 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate (000 bbl) | | 22,087 | 20,652 | 19,200 | 18,652 | 18,482 | 18,482 | 22,087 |
| Natural gas (bcf) | | 105.83 | 82.54 | 84.90 | 131.79 | 177.35 | 177.35 | 105.83 |
| NGL (000 bbl) (a) | | 3,363 | 2,842 | 2,442 | 2,636 | 3,356 | 3,356 | 3,363 |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | | 43.09 | 37.25 | 35.79 | 43.25 | 51.40 | 51.40 | 43.09 |

ALUMINIUM**ALUMINA****Production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Worsley | 86% | 756 | 758 | 663 | 725 | 752 | 752 | 756 |
| Alumar | 36% | 244 | 267 | 296 | 301 | 308 | 308 | 244 |
| Total | | 1,000 | 1,025 | 959 | 1,026 | 1,060 | 1,060 | 1,000 |

ALUMINIUM**Production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Hillside | 100% | 180 | 179 | 173 | 179 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Bayside | 100% | 24 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 24 |
| Alumar | 40% | 44 | 43 | 44 | 43 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| Mozal | 47% | 66 | 67 | 64 | 67 | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| Total | | 314 | 314 | 305 | 313 | 315 | 315 | 314 |

BASE METALS (b)**COPPER****Payable metal in concentrate (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 110.7 | 112.7 | 87.7 | 79.4 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 110.7 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 23.2 | 27.2 | 24.9 | 22.5 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 23.2 |
| Total | | 133.9 | 139.9 | 112.6 | 101.9 | 80.2 | 80.2 | 133.9 |

Cathode (000 tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 45.0 | 47.1 | 44.4 | 42.6 | 32.9 | 32.9 | 45.0 |
| Pampa Norte (c) | 100% | 66.4 | 66.0 | 64.1 | 75.7 | 65.4 | 65.4 | 66.4 |
| Pinto Valley | 100% | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 44.5 | 47.8 | 51.1 | 50.7 | 40.4 | 40.4 | 44.5 |
| Total | | 157.3 | 162.4 | 161.0 | 170.4 | 140.1 | 140.1 | 157.3 |

LEAD**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Cannington | 100% | 68,529 | 64,748 | 51,673 | 58,414 | 55,557 | 55,557 | 68,529 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 612 | 177 | 237 | 164 | 102 | 102 | 612 |
| Total | | 69,141 | 64,925 | 51,910 | 58,578 | 55,659 | 55,659 | 69,141 |

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ZINC

Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cannington | 100% | 15,260 | 14,920 | 16,129 | 14,348 | 14,488 | 14,488 | 15,260 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 24,937 | 22,025 | 24,123 | 20,385 | 8,956 | 8,956 | 24,937 |
| Total | | 40,197 | 36,945 | 40,252 | 34,733 | 23,444 | 23,444 | 40,197 |

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| | BHP Billiton Interest | SEP 2010 | QUARTER ENDED | | | SEP 2011 | YEAR TO DATE | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 24,807 | 23,133 | 19,667 | 17,116 | 11,063 | 11,063 | 24,807 |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100% | 24,554 | 28,493 | 29,892 | 28,429 | 28,376 | 28,376 | 24,554 |
| Total | | 49,361 | 51,626 | 49,559 | 45,545 | 39,439 | 39,439 | 49,361 |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (000 ounces) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 803 | 796 | 670 | 580 | 403 | 403 | 803 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 989 | 1,025 | 813 | 773 | 972 | 972 | 989 |
| Cannington | 100% | 10,159 | 9,509 | 7,315 | 8,242 | 7,559 | 7,559 | 10,159 |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100% | 201 | 241 | 258 | 282 | 217 | 217 | 201 |
| Total | | 12,152 | 11,571 | 9,056 | 9,877 | 9,151 | 9,151 | 12,152 |
| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 1,010 | 957 | 1,063 | 1,015 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,010 |
| Total | | 1,010 | 957 | 1,063 | 1,015 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,010 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 208 | 485 | 334 | 418 | 595 | 595 | 208 |
| Total | | 208 | 485 | 334 | 418 | 595 | 595 | 208 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 carats) | | | | | | | | |
| EKATI | 80% | 703 | 676 | 551 | 576 | 457 | 457 | 703 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| CMSA | 99.9% | 12.4 | 12.4 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 12.4 |
| Nickel West | 100% | 26.1 | 30.6 | 25.2 | 30.8 | 24.7 | 24.7 | 26.1 |
| Total | | 38.5 | 43.0 | 33.0 | 38.2 | 35.1 | 35.1 | 38.5 |

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BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| | BHP Billiton Interest | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | SEP 2010 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) (d) | | | | | | | | |
| Newman (e) | 85% | 9,640 | 11,213 | 11,912 | 12,480 | 13,158 | 13,158 | 9,640 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 384 | 225 | 305 | 284 | 254 | 254 | 384 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 10,086 | 10,154 | 9,510 | 10,044 | 10,479 | 10,479 | 10,086 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,787 | 9,078 | 8,799 | 9,796 | 12,708 | 12,708 | 8,787 |
| Samarco | 50% | 3,086 | 2,996 | 2,705 | 2,922 | 2,973 | 2,973 | 3,086 |
| Total | | 31,983 | 33,666 | 33,231 | 35,526 | 39,572 | 39,572 | 31,983 |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa (f) | 60% | 938 | 779 | 514 | 776 | 911 | 911 | 938 |
| Australia (f) | 60% | 1,184 | 1,050 | 838 | 1,014 | 1,108 | 1,108 | 1,184 |
| Total | | 2,122 | 1,829 | 1,352 | 1,790 | 2,019 | 2,019 | 2,122 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa (f) (g) | 60% | 132 | 123 | 111 | 120 | 124 | 124 | 132 |
| Australia (f) | 60% | 67 | 69 | 61 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 67 |
| Total | | 199 | 192 | 172 | 190 | 194 | 194 | 199 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) (h) | | | | | | | | |
| BMA | 50% | 6,538 | 4,534 | 3,955 | 4,874 | 5,274 | 5,274 | 6,538 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (i) | 80% | 1,913 | 1,421 | 1,133 | 1,426 | 1,803 | 1,803 | 1,913 |
| Illawarra | 100% | 1,848 | 1,832 | 1,582 | 1,622 | 2,214 | 2,214 | 1,848 |
| Total | | 10,299 | 7,787 | 6,670 | 7,922 | 9,291 | 9,291 | 10,299 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | 100% | 8,997 | 8,507 | 8,596 | 8,228 | 9,095 | 9,095 | 8,997 |
| USA | 100% | 3,177 | 2,296 | 2,360 | 3,779 | 2,467 | 2,467 | 3,177 |
| Australia | 100% | 2,506 | 3,394 | 3,978 | 3,793 | 4,046 | 4,046 | 2,506 |
| Colombia | 33% | 2,426 | 2,316 | 2,609 | 2,538 | 2,852 | 2,852 | 2,426 |
| Total | | 17,106 | 16,513 | 17,543 | 18,338 | 18,460 | 18,460 | 17,106 |

- (a) LPG and Ethane are reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL). Product-specific conversions are made and NGL is reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
- (b) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (c) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.

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- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.
- (f) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (g) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (h) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

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PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (000 barrels) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 2,711 | 2,553 | 2,465 | 2,485 | 2,527 | 2,527 | 2,711 |
| North West Shelf | 2,237 | 2,188 | 1,719 | 1,442 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 2,237 |
| Stybarrow | 551 | 358 | 862 | 1,037 | 1,171 | 1,171 | 551 |
| Pyrenees | 5,516 | 5,362 | 4,326 | 4,584 | 3,901 | 3,901 | 5,516 |
| Other Australia (a) | 15 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| Atlantis (b) | 3,038 | 2,881 | 2,694 | 2,098 | 2,081 | 2,081 | 3,038 |
| Mad Dog (b) | 1,075 | 874 | 952 | 128 | | | 1,075 |
| Shenzi (b) (c) | 3,916 | 3,859 | 3,378 | 3,630 | 3,848 | 3,848 | 3,916 |
| Onshore US (d) | | | | | 672 | 672 | |
| Trinidad/Tobago | 285 | | 299 | 687 | 466 | 466 | 285 |
| Other Americas (b) (e) | 359 | 430 | 397 | 448 | 373 | 373 | 359 |
| UK | 611 | 479 | 542 | 534 | 447 | 447 | 611 |
| Algeria | 1,686 | 1,587 | 1,474 | 1,498 | 1,498 | 1,498 | 1,686 |
| Pakistan | 87 | 71 | 79 | 68 | 85 | 85 | 87 |
| Total | 22,087 | 20,652 | 19,200 | 18,652 | 18,482 | 18,482 | 22,087 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 38.81 | 20.94 | 22.31 | 29.97 | 31.88 | 31.88 | 38.81 |
| North West Shelf | 36.49 | 36.47 | 35.11 | 35.44 | 32.97 | 32.97 | 36.49 |
| Other Australia (a) | 6.00 | 3.83 | 4.69 | 4.68 | 4.45 | 4.45 | 6.00 |
| Atlantis (b) | 1.33 | 1.07 | 0.84 | 0.67 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 1.33 |
| Mad Dog (b) | 0.25 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.01 | | | 0.25 |
| Shenzi (b) (c) | 0.75 | 0.77 | 0.64 | 0.67 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.75 |
| Onshore US (d) | | | | 36.43 | 77.59 | 77.59 | |
| Trinidad/Tobago | | | | 4.69 | 9.31 | 9.31 | |
| Other Americas (b) (e) | 1.40 | 1.32 | 1.33 | 1.42 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 1.40 |
| UK | 6.31 | 6.14 | 6.32 | 5.69 | 3.91 | 3.91 | 6.31 |
| Pakistan | 14.49 | 11.94 | 13.53 | 12.12 | 14.79 | 14.79 | 14.49 |
| Total | 105.83 | 82.54 | 84.90 | 131.79 | 177.35 | 177.35 | 105.83 |
| NGL (000 barrels) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 2,030 | 1,412 | 1,252 | 1,554 | 1,823 | 1,823 | 2,030 |
| North West Shelf | 471 | 442 | 434 | 367 | 423 | 423 | 471 |
| Atlantis (b) | 188 | 177 | 150 | 117 | 120 | 120 | 188 |
| Mad Dog (b) | 42 | 42 | 39 | 11 | | | 42 |
| Shenzi (b) (c) | 196 | 336 | 245 | 252 | 296 | 296 | 196 |
| Onshore US (d) | | | | | 416 | 416 | |
| Other Americas (b) (e) | 42 | 54 | 42 | 47 | 41 | 41 | 42 |
| UK | 60 | 74 | 79 | 66 | 18 | 18 | 60 |
| Algeria | 334 | 305 | 201 | 222 | 219 | 219 | 334 |
| Total | 3,363 | 2,842 | 2,442 | 2,636 | 3,356 | 3,356 | 3,363 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (million barrels of oil equivalent) (f) | | | | | | | |
| | 43.09 | 37.25 | 35.79 | 43.25 | 51.40 | 51.40 | 43.09 |

- (a) Other Australia includes Minerva.
- (b) Gulf of Mexico volumes are net of royalties.
- (c) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi.
- (d) Fayetteville shale acquisition completed on 31 March 2011. Petrohawk Energy Corporation acquisition completed on 20 August 2011.
- (e) Other Americas includes Neptune, West Cameron 76, Genesis and Starlifter.
- (f) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | 756 | 758 | 663 | 725 | 752 | 752 | 756 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 244 | 267 | 296 | 301 | 308 | 308 | 244 |
| Total | 1,000 | 1,025 | 959 | 1,026 | 1,060 | 1,060 | 1,000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | 767 | 735 | 633 | 727 | 720 | 720 | 767 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 239 | 271 | 249 | 324 | 280 | 280 | 239 |
| Total | 1,006 | 1,006 | 882 | 1,051 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,006 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Hillside, South Africa | 180 | 179 | 173 | 179 | 180 | 180 | 180 |
| Bayside, South Africa | 24 | 25 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 24 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 44 | 43 | 44 | 43 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 66 | 67 | 64 | 67 | 66 | 66 | 66 |
| Total | 314 | 314 | 305 | 313 | 315 | 315 | 314 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Hillside, South Africa | 148 | 160 | 163 | 181 | 163 | 163 | 148 |
| Bayside, South Africa | 29 | 31 | 38 | 29 | 24 | 24 | 29 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 44 | 43 | 43 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 55 | 76 | 66 | 80 | 60 | 60 | 55 |
| Total | 276 | 310 | 310 | 334 | 291 | 291 | 276 |

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| | | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 103,841 | 98,167 | 100,966 | 97,705 | 69,006 | 69,006 | 103,841 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 19,697 | 18,789 | 15,993 | 16,399 | 12,029 | 12,029 | 19,697 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.24% | 1.26% | 1.15% | 1.06% | 0.97% | 0.97% | 1.24% |
| Production ex Mill (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 197.7 | 194.6 | 153.1 | 141.2 | 91.9 | 91.9 | 197.7 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 110.7 | 112.7 | 87.7 | 79.4 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 110.7 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 24,807 | 23,133 | 19,667 | 17,116 | 11,063 | 11,063 | 24,807 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 45.0 | 47.1 | 44.4 | 42.6 | 32.9 | 32.9 | 45.0 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 803 | 796 | 670 | 580 | 403 | 403 | 803 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 114.8 | 113.9 | 74.3 | 90.9 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 114.8 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 25,661 | 23,357 | 16,754 | 20,251 | 10,974 | 10,974 | 25,661 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 40.0 | 46.1 | 47.7 | 48.0 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 40.0 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 831 | 804 | 569 | 673 | 404 | 404 | 831 |
| Pampa Norte, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Cerro Colorado | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 15,644 | 18,290 | 16,320 | 17,840 | 14,736 | 14,736 | 15,644 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 4,584 | 4,631 | 4,251 | 4,771 | 4,608 | 4,608 | 4,584 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 0.73% | 0.76% | 0.75% | 0.74% | 0.72% | 0.72% | 0.73% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 21.7 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 25.7 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 21.7 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 21.4 | 24.7 | 22.5 | 25.7 | 22.4 | 22.4 | 21.4 |
| Spence | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 17,148 | 18,389 | 19,046 | 19,487 | 19,816 | 19,816 | 17,148 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 4,427 | 4,567 | 4,892 | 4,545 | 3,862 | 3,862 | 4,427 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.25% | 1.28% | 1.23% | 1.22% | 1.30% | 1.30% | 1.25% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 44.7 | 43.6 | 41.5 | 50.0 | 42.9 | 42.9 | 44.7 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 37.0 | 48.2 | 45.7 | 54.5 | 43.2 | 43.2 | 37.0 |

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| | | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| Antamina, Peru | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 30,599 | 32,722 | 33,154 | 41,669 | 44,212 | 44,212 | 30,599 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 9,041 | 9,347 | 9,288 | 9,253 | 9,396 | 9,396 | 9,041 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Copper | (%) | 0.93% | 1.06% | 0.99% | 0.90% | 1.11% | 1.11% | 0.93% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 1.35% | 1.11% | 1.15% | 1.03% | 0.68% | 0.68% | 1.35% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 23.2 | 27.2 | 24.9 | 22.5 | 30.3 | 30.3 | 23.2 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 24,937 | 22,025 | 24,123 | 20,385 | 8,956 | 8,956 | 24,937 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 989 | 1,025 | 813 | 773 | 972 | 972 | 989 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 612 | 177 | 237 | 164 | 102 | 102 | 612 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 208 | 485 | 334 | 418 | 595 | 595 | 208 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 27.7 | 21.8 | 26.1 | 23.5 | 28.2 | 28.2 | 27.7 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 23,937 | 24,912 | 25,571 | 18,479 | 9,586 | 9,586 | 23,937 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 1,242 | 882 | 839 | 658 | 833 | 833 | 1,242 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 748 | 503 | 180 | 92 | 91 | 91 | 748 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 438 | 292 | 394 | 346 | 549 | 549 | 438 |
| Cannington, Australia | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 742 | 824 | 703 | 841 | 819 | 819 | 742 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 831 | 760 | 713 | 786 | 826 | 826 | 831 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Silver | (g/t) | 447 | 459 | 377 | 381 | 332 | 332 | 447 |
| - Lead | (%) | 9.6% | 9.9% | 8.6% | 8.6% | 7.9% | 7.9% | 9.6% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 3.0% | 3.3% | 3.6% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 2.9% | 3.0% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 10,159 | 9,509 | 7,315 | 8,242 | 7,559 | 7,559 | 10,159 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 68,529 | 64,748 | 51,673 | 58,414 | 55,557 | 55,557 | 68,529 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,260 | 14,920 | 16,129 | 14,348 | 14,488 | 14,488 | 15,260 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 9,219 | 9,973 | 7,263 | 8,235 | 6,434 | 6,434 | 9,219 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 63,091 | 67,815 | 52,199 | 58,868 | 48,258 | 48,258 | 63,091 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,477 | 16,621 | 12,986 | 14,530 | 15,734 | 15,734 | 12,477 |

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BASE METALS

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

Olympic Dam, Australia

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Material mined (a) | (000 tonnes) | 2,710 | 2,513 | 2,433 | 2,675 | 2,543 | 2,543 | 2,710 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 2,505 | 2,622 | 2,670 | 2,533 | 2,471 | 2,471 | 2,505 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.91% | 1.78% | 1.84% | 1.92% | 1.98% | 1.98% | 1.91% |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.54 |

Production

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 41.6 | 45.0 | 47.8 | 47.0 | 37.6 | 37.6 | 41.6 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,010 | 957 | 1,063 | 1,015 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,010 |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 24,554 | 28,493 | 29,892 | 28,429 | 28,376 | 28,376 | 24,554 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 201 | 241 | 258 | 282 | 217 | 217 | 201 |

Sales

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 42.2 | 45.3 | 48.7 | 46.5 | 36.4 | 36.4 | 42.2 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 751 | 1,121 | 930 | 1,143 | 910 | 910 | 751 |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 18,914 | 29,757 | 31,742 | 30,323 | 28,979 | 28,979 | 18,914 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 201 | 150 | 334 | 269 | 289 | 289 | 201 |

(a) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted.

Pinto Valley, USA**Production**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

Sales

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 1.8 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

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| | | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | |
| <u>EKATI , Canada</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Ore Processed (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 1,196 | 1,162 | 1,122 | 1,212 | 1,177 | 1,177 | 1,196 |
| Production | (000 carats) | 703 | 676 | 551 | 576 | 457 | 457 | 703 |

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| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
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| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | 12.4 | 12.4 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 10.4 | 10.4 | 12.4 |
| Sales | 12.0 | 12.8 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 12.0 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 0.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 0.9 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 13.6 | 21.8 | 12.4 | 16.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 13.6 |
| Nickel metal | 11.6 | 7.1 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 11.6 |
| Nickel production | 26.1 | 30.6 | 25.2 | 30.8 | 24.7 | 24.7 | 26.1 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 1.6 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 14.6 | 19.9 | 14.7 | 14.9 | 10.1 | 10.1 | 14.6 |
| Nickel metal | 12.2 | 9.6 | 9.2 | 12.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 12.2 |
| Nickel sales | 28.4 | 30.3 | 26.1 | 31.2 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 28.4 |

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| IRON ORE | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Newman (b) | 9,640 | 11,213 | 11,912 | 12,480 | 13,158 | 13,158 | 9,640 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 384 | 225 | 305 | 284 | 254 | 254 | 384 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 10,086 | 10,154 | 9,510 | 10,044 | 10,479 | 10,479 | 10,086 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | 8,787 | 9,078 | 8,799 | 9,796 | 12,708 | 12,708 | 8,787 |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 28,897 | 30,670 | 30,526 | 32,604 | 36,599 | 36,599 | 28,897 |
| Total production (100%) | 33,996 | 36,082 | 35,913 | 38,358 | 43,058 | 43,058 | 33,996 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | |
| Lump | 7,822 | 7,830 | 7,669 | 7,463 | 7,744 | 7,744 | 7,822 |
| Fines | 21,049 | 23,870 | 22,648 | 25,379 | 29,311 | 29,311 | 21,049 |
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 28,871 | 31,700 | 30,317 | 32,842 | 37,055 | 37,055 | 28,871 |
| Total sales (100%) | 33,966 | 37,294 | 35,667 | 38,638 | 43,594 | 43,594 | 33,966 |

(a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.

(b) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | |
| Production | 3,086 | 2,996 | 2,705 | 2,922 | 2,973 | 2,973 | 3,086 |
| Shipments | 2,634 | 3,460 | 2,598 | 2,736 | 2,926 | 2,926 | 2,634 |

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| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORE | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa (a)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 938 | 779 | 514 | 776 | 911 | 911 | 938 |
| Sales | 657 | 947 | 701 | 746 | 861 | 861 | 657 |
| <u>Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 1,184 | 1,050 | 838 | 1,014 | 1,108 | 1,108 | 1,184 |
| Sales | 552 | 1,173 | 1,127 | 1,108 | 1,094 | 1,094 | 552 |
| MANGANESE ALLOY | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa (a) (b)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 132 | 123 | 111 | 120 | 124 | 124 | 132 |
| Sales | 95 | 153 | 145 | 123 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| <u>Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production | 67 | 69 | 61 | 70 | 70 | 70 | 67 |
| Sales | 53 | 68 | 62 | 75 | 91 | 91 | 53 |

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

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | |
| Queensland, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| BMA | | | | | | | |
| Blackwater | 1,458 | 1,134 | 870 | 1,127 | 1,367 | 1,367 | 1,458 |
| Goonyella | 1,863 | 1,086 | 993 | 1,417 | 1,463 | 1,463 | 1,863 |
| Peak Downs | 1,117 | 984 | 758 | 543 | 971 | 971 | 1,117 |
| Saraji | 872 | 819 | 532 | 556 | 802 | 802 | 872 |
| Norwich Park | 468 | 73 | 128 | 386 | 365 | 365 | 468 |
| Gregory Joint Venture | 760 | 438 | 674 | 845 | 306 | 306 | 760 |
| BMA total | 6,538 | 4,534 | 3,955 | 4,874 | 5,274 | 5,274 | 6,538 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (b) | | | | | | | |
| South Walker Creek | 1,056 | 765 | 623 | 690 | 1,106 | 1,106 | 1,056 |
| Poitrel | 857 | 656 | 510 | 736 | 697 | 697 | 857 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total | 1,913 | 1,421 | 1,133 | 1,426 | 1,803 | 1,803 | 1,913 |
| Queensland total | 8,451 | 5,955 | 5,088 | 6,300 | 7,077 | 7,077 | 8,451 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | |
| Coking coal | 6,641 | 5,243 | 3,475 | 4,865 | 5,066 | 5,066 | 6,641 |
| Weak coking coal | 1,653 | 1,886 | 970 | 1,411 | 1,691 | 1,691 | 1,653 |
| Thermal coal | 368 | 206 | 125 | 285 | 176 | 176 | 368 |
| Total | 8,662 | 7,335 | 4,570 | 6,561 | 6,933 | 6,933 | 8,662 |

(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%.

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Illawarra, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| | 1,848 | 1,832 | 1,582 | 1,622 | 2,214 | 2,214 | 1,848 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | |
| Coking coal | 1,388 | 1,495 | 1,374 | 1,407 | 1,673 | 1,673 | 1,388 |
| Thermal coal | 362 | 536 | 211 | 216 | 159 | 159 | 362 |
| Total | 1,750 | 2,031 | 1,585 | 1,623 | 1,832 | 1,832 | 1,750 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | SEP 2010 | DEC 2010 | MAR 2011 | JUN 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2011 | SEP 2010 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | |
| Production | 8,997 | 8,507 | 8,596 | 8,228 | 9,095 | 9,095 | 8,997 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Export | 3,047 | 3,365 | 2,887 | 3,082 | 3,439 | 3,439 | 3,047 |
| Local utility | 5,667 | 5,024 | 5,254 | 5,363 | 5,622 | 5,622 | 5,667 |
| Inland | 110 | 96 | 78 | 37 | 85 | 85 | 110 |
| Total | 8,824 | 8,485 | 8,219 | 8,482 | 9,146 | 9,146 | 8,824 |
| New Mexico, USA | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Navajo Coal | 1,754 | 1,818 | 1,629 | 2,271 | 1,178 | 1,178 | 1,754 |
| San Juan Coal | 1,423 | 478 | 731 | 1,508 | 1,289 | 1,289 | 1,423 |
| Total | 3,177 | 2,296 | 2,360 | 3,779 | 2,467 | 2,467 | 3,177 |
| Sales - local utility | | | | | | | |
| | 3,361 | 3,339 | 3,385 | 3,106 | 3,630 | 3,630 | 3,361 |
| NSW Energy Coal, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| | 2,506 | 3,394 | 3,978 | 3,793 | 4,046 | 4,046 | 2,506 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Export | 2,626 | 3,253 | 3,824 | 3,522 | 3,523 | 3,523 | 2,626 |
| Inland | 404 | 180 | 339 | 364 | 625 | 625 | 404 |
| Total | 3,030 | 3,433 | 4,163 | 3,886 | 4,148 | 4,148 | 3,030 |
| Cerrejon Coal, Colombia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| | 2,426 | 2,316 | 2,609 | 2,538 | 2,852 | 2,852 | 2,426 |
| Sales - export | | | | | | | |
| | 2,776 | 2,672 | 2,149 | 2,853 | 2,901 | 2,901 | 2,776 |

SIGNATURES

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

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: October 19, 2011

By: /s/ Jane McAloon
Name: Jane McAloon
Title: Group Company Secretary