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January 23, 2008

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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**BHP BILLITON PLC**

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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### BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Production was significantly up in 13 commodities, with record or equal record production achieved in seven major commodities during the half year ended December 2007. These records were delivered in 12 assets across six of our nine Customer Sector Groups. This performance reinforces our strong track record of project delivery. Our deep inventory of expansion projects underpins further growth.

We have a broad exposure to the steel making sector through our iron ore, manganese and metallurgical coal operations and achieved record shipments in all of these commodities; delivering an eighth consecutive half year production record at Western Australia Iron Ore. This was achieved at a time when current demand and the outlook remain very strong and prices for these commodities reached record levels.

The newly commissioned petroleum projects contributed to a record performance. Continuing ramp up of production from these projects and future expansions will enhance our net long energy position at a time of historically high energy prices.

We continued to focus on developing and delivering world class projects. First product was delivered from seven major projects across five commodities during the quarter. This, along with four major projects scheduled to commission in the next six months will significantly increase our production. A further four major projects were sanctioned recently, including the third port in Newcastle, which will underpin our Australian East Coast expansion plans in Energy Coal.

- **Record half year production from the total petroleum business, including record natural gas. Alumina, copper concentrate, iron ore, manganese ore and alloy also set records, as well as equal record production for aluminium. All supported by strong market conditions.**
- **Significant increase in half year production of copper cathode, uranium, lead, zinc, diamonds and metallurgical coal.**

- Half year production records achieved at Worsley, Western Australia Iron Ore, GEMCO, Illawarra Coal, and Hunter Valley Coal (all Australia), Zamzama (Pakistan), Paranam (Suriname), Samarco (Brazil), Hillside and Samancor (both South Africa), and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) operations. Mozal (Mozambique) equalled its previous record production.
- Record half year shipments across the entire carbon steel materials commodity suite (iron ore up six percent, manganese up six percent and metallurgical coal up 13 percent) driven by continuing strong customer demand.
- Record half year total material mined and ore hoisting achieved at Olympic Dam (Australia).

|  | DEC    | DEC    | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|--|--------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
|  | 2007   | 2007   | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>   | HALF   | QTR    | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl) (a) | 29,395 | 15,002 | 2%       | 9%      | 4%       |
| Natural Gas (bcf) (a)  | 186.89 | 91.21  | 9%       | 11%     | -5%      |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a)                   | 60.54  | 30.20  | 5%       | 10%     | 0%       |

#### Total Petroleum Production -

Total production for the half year and quarter was higher than all comparative periods reflecting the start up of Atlantis and Genghis Khan (both USA), and Stybarrow (Australia) in the December 2007 quarter. A steady increase in the total production profile is expected in the second half of the 2008 financial year due to the contribution of high margin output from these projects, all located in fiscally stable regimes.

In less than two months of operation, Stybarrow has already achieved production levels at nameplate capacity and has offloaded a total of 2.5 million barrels of oil (100% basis).

#### Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids -

Production was higher than all comparative periods due to the start up of new projects and continued success in infill and development drilling programs. This, combined with continued strong facility uptime, completely offset the effect of natural field decline.

#### Natural Gas -

Record half year production was achieved due to strong performance at Bass Strait and North West Shelf (both Australia) and the remainder of the global portfolio. The improved facility uptime across all operations also allowed us to capture the benefit of stronger demand for gas in Australia and Pakistan.

|                         | DEC   | DEC   | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
|                         | 2007  | 2007  | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>        | HALF  | QTR   | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Alumina ('000 tonnes)   | 2,310 | 1,157 | 4%       | 0%      | 0%       |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 675   | 338   | 0%       | 0%      | 0%       |

#### Alumina -

All time records in production and sales were achieved for the December 2007 half year reflecting continued strong performance from all operations. Worsley and Paranam achieved a second consecutive record half year of production.

#### Aluminium

- Production equalled both the half year and quarterly records achieved in the December 2006 half year and quarter. Despite the impact of load shedding (within agreed contractual limits), Hillside achieved a third consecutive quarterly record and Mozal equalled its previous record performance.

|  | DEC     | DEC    | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|--|---------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
|  | 2007    | 2007   | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>                           | HALF    | QTR    | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Copper ('000 tonnes)                         | 655.9   | 348.1  | 19%      | 16%     | 13%      |
| Lead (tonnes)                                | 132,065 | 70,544 | 53%      | 92%     | 15%      |
| Zinc (tonnes)                                | 65,066  | 27,807 | 49%      | 41%     | -25%     |
| Silver ('000 ounces)                         | 23,029  | 11,905 | 65%      | 81%     | 7%       |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 2,124   | 1,191  | 32%      | 45%     | 28%      |

#### Copper -

Half year production increased significantly with production of copper concentrate achieving an all time record. The continued ramp up of Escondida Sulphide Leach and Spence (both Chile) and the recently commissioned Pinto Valley (USA) all contributed to the increased production. In aggregate, these projects

contributed 96,100 tonnes during the half year ended December 2007. This increase was achieved despite two earthquakes in Chile that reduced output by approximately 9,100 tonnes, and lower production from Antamina (Peru) and Olympic Dam. Production at Antamina was impacted by unplanned interruptions at the SAG mill.

Olympic Dam achieved an all time high in total material mined and ore hoisted during the December 2007 half year. The build up of underground stock piles is progressing according to the development program in place to allow for increased ore hoisting. However, Olympic Dam's production was impacted by unplanned smelter interruptions and lower grades.

At 31 December 2007 the Group had 323,469 tonnes of outstanding copper sales that were revalued at a weighted average price of US\$6,662 per tonne. The final price of these sales will be determined in 2008. In addition, 346,610 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 2007 will decrease earnings(b) by US\$240 million for the period.

Lead -

Cannington's production in the December 2007 quarter was the highest since the record March 2005 quarter. Performance continues to improve following the completion of the Cannington (Australia) rehabilitation project.

Zinc -

Production for the half year was significantly higher due to higher grade and an increased proportion of zinc containing ore being processed at Antamina. The completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project also had a positive impact.

Silver -

Production was significantly higher than the December 2006 half year and quarter mainly due to the successful completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project. Half year production records were achieved at Escondida and Antamina.

Uranium -

Production was the highest since the December 2004 quarter and half year due to ongoing progress at improving recovery and leach circuit performance at Olympic Dam.

Third party uranium was purchased from the spot market to meet contractual requirements. This will decrease earnings(b) by US\$94 million for the half year ended December 2007.

|  | DEC<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | DEC H 07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY<br/>PRODUCTS</b> | HALF        | QTR         | DEC H 06       | DEC Q06       | SEPT Q07      |
| Diamonds ('000 carats)                     | 1,865       | 843         | 31%            | -10%          | -18%          |

Diamonds -

As Ekati (Canada) transitions from open pit mining to underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time. Production for the half year increased significantly compared to the December 2006 half year due to higher recoveries and grade. Although production increased it included a higher proportion of lower value carats.

Carat production decreased compared to the December 2006 and September 2007 quarters due to lower recoveries and grade.

|                                  | DEC  | DEC  | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|----------------------------------|------|------|----------|---------|----------|
|                                  | 2007 | 2007 | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b> | HALF | QTR  | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Nickel ('000 tonnes)             | 82.3 | 43.7 | -11%     | -9%     | 13%      |

Nickel -

Production in the half year ended December 2007 was impacted by scheduled shutdowns at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter (Australia), Yabulu (Australia) and Cerro Matoso (Colombia). This was partially offset by higher production from the Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia) which performed at near record levels. The Ravensthorpe Nickel Operation (Australia) produced more than 5,000 tonnes of mixed nickel-cobalt hydroxide product in the December 2007 quarter.

The start up of operations at Ravensthorpe and Line 2 at Yabulu adversely impacted earnings(b) by US\$132 million for the half year ended December 2007.

|                            | DEC    | DEC    | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|----------|
|                            | 2007   | 2007   | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>            | HALF   | QTR    | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (c) | 53,613 | 27,746 | 8%       | 9%      | 7%       |

Iron Ore -

Record production and sales were achieved for the half year and quarter ended December 2007. Western Australia Iron Ore and Samarco continued to perform strongly and set new half year and quarterly production records. Successful delivery of ongoing expansion projects led to an eighth consecutive half year production record at our Western Australia Iron Ore operations.

|                             | DEC   | DEC   | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|----------|---------|----------|
|                             | 2007  | 2007  | vs       | vs      | vs       |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>            | HALF  | QTR   | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes) | 3,058 | 1,613 | 1%       | 5%      | 12%      |

|                               |     |     |     |    |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes) | 393 | 209 | 12% | 9% | 14% |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|

## Manganese Ore -

Record half year and quarterly production achieved due to record or near record performance from all operations.

## Manganese Alloy -

Production for the half year and quarter ended December 2007 were all time records. Samancor and TEMCO (Australia) delivered strong production, with Samancor achieving a quarterly record.

|                                  | DEC<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | DEC H 07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>        | HALF        | QTR         | DEC H 06       | DEC Q06       | SEPT Q07      |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 19,215      | 9,643       | 6%             | 8%            | 1%            |

## Metallurgical Coal -

Production for the half year and quarter ended December 2007 was higher than all comparative periods. This was achieved despite the impact of planned and unplanned interruptions and unseasonal wet weather in Queensland Coal (Australia). Illawarra Coal achieved a half year production record, reflecting strong performance from West Cliff, Appin and Dendrobium mines (all Australia). Strong production at Peak Downs and South Walker Creek (both Australia) and the continued ramp up of Poitrel (Australia) also contributed to the higher production.

Responding to continuing strong customer demand, both Illawarra Coal and Queensland Coal achieved record half year shipments. Our Hay Point Coal terminal (Australia) achieved a half year record throughput despite weather related closure in the last week of December 2007. This mitigated the impact of infrastructure constraints at third party facilities.

|                               | DEC<br>2007 | DEC<br>2007 | DEC H 07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs | DEC Q07<br>vs |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>            | HALF        | QTR         | DEC H 06       | DEC Q06       | SEPT Q07      |
| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) (d) | 40,232      | 20,609      | -2%            | -1%           | 5%            |

## Energy Coal -

Production(e) was in line with all the comparative periods.

New Mexico Coal (USA) production improved following maintenance activities at Navajo (USA) and poor geological conditions at the longwall operation at San Juan (USA) experienced in the September 2007 quarter. In addition,

Hunter Valley Coal and Cerrejon Coal continued to set new production records.

Third party infrastructure constraints on the east coast of Australia will continue to impact Hunter Valley Coal's export sales.

(a) Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

(b) Earnings before interest and tax.

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

(d) Excluding Koornfontein operation which was sold effective 1 July 2007.

(e) Including 5.8 million tonnes of production from our South African Optimum operation (2.1 million tonnes export and 3.7 million tonnes domestic). Earnings on these tonnes will be excluded as the entitlement to those earnings vested with the intended purchaser effective from 1 July 2007.

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

This report together with the Exploration and Development Report represent the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. There have been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group in the half year ended 31 December 2007.

| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS |               |  | QUARTER ENDED |        |        | HALF YEAR ENDED |        | % CHANGE |          |         |          |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
|   |               |  | DEC           | SEPT   | DEC    | DEC             | DEC    |          | DEC H 07 | DEC Q07 | DEC Q07  |
|   |               |  | 2006          | 2007   | 2007   | 2007            | 2006   |          | vs       | vs      | vs       |
|   |               |  |               |        |        |                 |        |          | DEC H 06 | DEC Q06 | SEPT Q07 |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>  |               |  |               |        |        |                 |        |          |          |         |          |
| Crude oil & condensate                                  | ('000 bbl)    |  | 10,963        | 11,298 | 12,317 |                 | 23,615 | 23,056   | 2%       | 12%     | 9%       |
| Natural gas (a)   | (bcf)         |  | 82.14         | 95.68  | 91.21  |                 | 186.89 | 171.32   | 9%       | 11%     | -5%      |
| Natural gas liquid                                      | ('000 bbl)    |  | 2,747         | 3,095  | 2,685  |                 | 5,780  | 5,877    | -2%      | -2%     | -13%     |
| Total Petroleum Products (a)                            | (million boe) |  | 27.36         | 30.34  | 30.20  |                 | 60.54  | 57.45    | 5%       | 10%     | 0%       |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |               |  |               |        |        |                 |        |          |          |         |          |



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|--|---|--------|--------|--------|--|---------|--------|--|------|------|------|
| Alumina                                | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 1,153  | 1,153  | 1,157  |  | 2,310   | 2,231  |  | 4%   | 0%   | 0%   |
| Aluminium                              | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 338    | 337    | 338    |  | 675     | 675    |  | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>                     |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Copper                                 | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 300.7  | 307.8  | 348.1  |  | 655.9   | 550.4  |  | 19%  | 16%  | 13%  |
| Lead                                   | (tonnes)  | 36,804 | 61,521 | 70,544 |  | 132,065 | 86,114 |  | 53%  | 92%  | 15%  |
| Zinc                                   | (tonnes)  | 19,776 | 37,259 | 27,807 |  | 65,066  | 43,787 |  | 49%  | 41%  | -25% |
| Gold                                   | (ounces)  | 38,564 | 40,313 | 45,714 |  | 86,027  | 79,724 |  | 8%   | 19%  | 13%  |
| Silver                                 | ('000 ounces)                                     | 6,566  | 11,124 | 11,905 |  | 23,029  | 13,915 |  | 65%  | 81%  | 7%   |
| Uranium oxide concentrate              | (tonnes)  | 822    | 933    | 1,191  |  | 2,124   | 1,615  |  | 32%  | 45%  | 28%  |
| Molybdenum                             | (tonnes)  | 768    | 693    | 679    |  | 1,372   | 1,487  |  | -8%  | -12% | -2%  |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b> |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Diamonds                               | ('000 carats)                                     | 937    | 1,022  | 843    |  | 1,865   | 1,424  |  | 31%  | -10% | -18% |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>       |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Nickel                                 | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 48.3   | 38.6   | 43.7   |  | 82.3    | 92.8   |  | -11% | -9%  | 13%  |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                        |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Iron ore (b)                           | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 25,370 | 25,867 | 27,746 |  | 53,613  | 49,567 |  | 8%   | 9%   | 7%   |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                       |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Manganese ore                          | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 1,529  | 1,445  | 1,613  |  | 3,058   | 3,038  |  | 1%   | 5%   | 12%  |
| Manganese alloy                        | Production include Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese. | 191    | 184    | 209    |  | 393     | 350    |  | 12%  | 9%   | 14%  |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>              |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Metallurgical coal                     | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 8,966  | 9,572  | 9,643  |  | 19,215  | 18,213 |  | 6%   | 8%   | 1%   |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                     |   |        |        |        |  |         |        |  |      |      |      |
| Energy coal (c)                        | ('000 tonnes)                                     | 20,720 | 19,623 | 20,609 |  | 40,232  | 41,198 |  | -2%  | -1%  | 5%   |

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| (a)   | Excluding Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter). |  |
| (b)   | Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.                                       |  |
| (c)   | Excluding Koornfontein which was disposed effective 1 July 2007.  |  |
| Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported. |   |  |

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION |                          |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | HALF YEAR ENDED |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|                                      |                          | BHP Billiton  | DEC           | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   | DEC    | DEC             | DEC    |
|                                      |                          | Interest      | 2006          | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007            | 2006   |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                     |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
| Production                           |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
|                                      | Crude oil & condensate   | ('000 bbl)    | 10,963        | 10,671 | 11,443 | 11,299 | 12,317 | 23,616          | 23,054 |
|                                      | Natural gas              | (bcf)         | 83.09         | 86.68  | 95.25  | 95.68  | 91.21  | 186.89          | 174.92 |
|                                      | NGL (a)                  | ('000 bbl)    | 2,746         | 2,626  | 3,018  | 3,095  | 2,685  | 5,780           | 5,878  |
|                                      | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 27.52         | 27.68  | 30.47  | 30.34  | 30.20  | 60.54           | 58.05  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                     |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>                       |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)             |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
|                                      | Worsley                  | 86%           | 776           | 708    | 768    | 784    | 771    | 1,555           | 1,480  |
|                                      | Suriname                 | 45%           | 241           | 241    | 243    | 244    | 252    | 496             | 494    |
|                                      | Alumar                   | 36%           | 136           | 136    | 133    | 125    | 134    | 259             | 257    |
|                                      | Total                    |               | 1,153         | 1,085  | 1,144  | 1,153  | 1,157  | 2,310           | 2,231  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                     |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)             |                          |               |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |
|                                      | Hillside                 | 100%          | 176           | 174    | 177    | 178    | 180    | 358             | 353    |
|                                      | Bayside                  | 100%          | 50            | 48     | 47     | 48     | 47     | 95              | 99     |
|                                      | Alumar                   | 40%           | 45            | 44     | 44     | 44     | 44     | 88              | 89     |
|                                      | Mozal                    | 47%           | 67            | 65     | 66     | 67     | 67     | 134             | 134    |

|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------|--------|
|  | Total                      |       | 338    | 331    | 334    | 337    | 338    |  | 675     | 675    |
| <b>BASE METALS (b)</b>                     |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
| <b>COPPER</b>                              |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Escondida                  | 57.5% | 160.6  | 178.1  | 170.5  | 167.0  | 177.3  |  | 344.3   | 290.3  |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8% | 34.1   | 24.2   | 26.4   | 27.5   | 29.3   |  | 56.8    | 63.1   |
|  | Pinto Valley               | 100%  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 5.2    |  | 5.2     | -      |
|  | Total                      |       | 194.7  | 202.3  | 196.9  | 194.5  | 211.8  |  | 406.3   | 353.4  |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes)                      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Escondida                  | 57.5% | 32.7   | 38.2   | 37.7   | 30.9   | 30.3   |  | 61.2    | 50.2   |
|  | Cerro Colorado             | 100%  | 27.4   | 28.1   | 20.3   | 23.1   | 27.3   |  | 50.4    | 57.4   |
|  | Spence (c)                 | 100%  | 4.3    | 33.5   | 37.7   | 23.9   | 34.2   |  | 58.1    | 4.3    |
|  | Pinto Valley               | 100%  | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.8    | 1.7    |  | 3.5     | 3.8    |
|  | Olympic Dam                | 100%  | 39.7   | 53.6   | 47.6   | 33.6   | 42.8   |  | 76.4    | 81.3   |
|  | Total                      |       | 106.0  | 155.3  | 145.2  | 113.3  | 136.3  |  | 249.6   | 197.0  |
| <b>LEAD</b>                                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Cannington                 | 100%  | 36,454 | 62,974 | 62,409 | 61,073 | 70,369 |  | 131,442 | 85,431 |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8% | 350    | 469    | 317    | 448    | 175    |  | 623     | 683    |
|  | Total                      |       | 36,804 | 63,443 | 62,726 | 61,521 | 70,544 |  | 132,065 | 86,114 |
| <b>ZINC</b>                                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Cannington                 | 100%  | 8,806  | 15,095 | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 |  | 29,990  | 19,232 |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8% | 10,970 | 20,665 | 27,793 | 22,756 | 12,320 |  | 35,076  | 24,555 |
|  | Total                      |       | 19,776 | 35,760 | 39,148 | 37,259 | 27,807 |  | 65,066  | 43,787 |
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| <b>BASE METALS (continued)</b>             |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |

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|--|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| <b>GOLD</b>                                |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Escondida                    | 57.5% | 22,365 | 21,243 | 23,754 | 23,194 | 21,376 |  | 44,570 | 39,414 |
|  | Olympic Dam (refined gold)   | 100%  | 16,199 | 22,661 | 28,689 | 17,119 | 24,338 |  | 41,457 | 40,310 |
|  | Total                        |       | 38,564 | 43,904 | 52,443 | 40,313 | 45,714 |  | 86,027 | 79,724 |
| <b>SILVER</b>                              |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Escondida                    | 57.5% | 880    | 920    | 990    | 1,116  | 877    |  | 1,993  | 1,604  |
|  | Antamina                     | 33.8% | 736    | 749    | 934    | 1,056  | 652    |  | 1,708  | 1,449  |
|  | Cannington                   | 100%  | 4,805  | 9,160  | 9,426  | 8,759  | 10,124 |  | 18,883 | 10,519 |
|  | Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100%  | 145    | 196    | 275    | 193    | 239    |  | 432    | 343    |
|  | Pinto Valley                 | 100%  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 13     |  | 13     | -      |
|  | Total                        |       | 6,566  | 11,025 | 11,625 | 11,124 | 11,905 |  | 23,029 | 13,915 |
| <b>URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE</b>           |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Olympic Dam                  | 100%  | 822    | 883    | 988    | 933    | 1,191  |  | 2,124  | 1,615  |
|  | Total                        |       | 822    | 883    | 988    | 933    | 1,191  |  | 2,124  | 1,615  |
| <b>MOLYBDENUM</b>                          |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Antamina                     | 33.8% | 768    | 288    | 493    | 693    | 679    |  | 1,372  | 1,487  |
|  | Total                        |       | 768    | 288    | 493    | 693    | 679    |  | 1,372  | 1,487  |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>     |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>                            |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Production ('000 carats)                   |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Ekati™                       | 80%   | 937    | 889    | 911    | 1,022  | 843    |  | 1,865  | 1,424  |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>           |                              |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>NICKEL</b>                     |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)          |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   | CMSA                       | 99.9% | 12.8   | 12.8   | 12.7   | 12.5   | 11.4   | 23.9   | 25.5   |
|                                   | Yabulu                     | 100%  | 7.5    | 8.0    | 9.3    | 5.5    | 6.0    | 11.5   | 14.8   |
|                                   | Nickel West                | 100%  | 28.0   | 25.0   | 26.6   | 20.6   | 26.3   | 46.9   | 52.5   |
|                                   | Total                      |       | 48.3   | 45.8   | 48.6   | 38.6   | 43.7   | 82.3   | 92.8   |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
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|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes) (d)      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   | Mt Newman Joint Venture    | 85%   | 7,536  | 6,711  | 7,665  | 7,904  | 8,147  | 16,051 | 14,930 |
|                                   | Goldsworthy Joint Venture  | 85%   | 84     | 142    | 195    | 134    | 170    | 304    | 890    |
|                                   | Area C Joint Venture       | 85%   | 5,334  | 4,853  | 5,078  | 4,916  | 6,474  | 11,390 | 10,155 |
|                                   | Yandi Joint Venture        | 85%   | 9,106  | 8,277  | 9,661  | 9,823  | 9,770  | 19,593 | 17,610 |
|                                   | Jimblebar                  | 85%   | 1,449  | 1,177  | 1,341  | 1,157  | 1,248  | 2,405  | 2,939  |
|                                   | Samarco                    | 50%   | 1,945  | 1,866  | 2,001  | 2,067  | 2,107  | 4,174  | 3,933  |
|                                   | Total                      |       | 25,454 | 23,026 | 25,941 | 26,001 | 27,916 | 53,917 | 50,457 |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ORES</b>             |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   | South Africa (e)           | 60%   | 663    | 632    | 631    | 572    | 709    | 1,281  | 1,307  |
|                                   | Australia (e)              | 60%   | 866    | 820    | 888    | 873    | 904    | 1,777  | 1,731  |
|                                   | Total                      |       | 1,529  | 1,452  | 1,519  | 1,445  | 1,613  | 3,058  | 3,038  |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>           |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|                                   | South Africa (e) (f)       | 60%   | 125    | 132    | 137    | 123    | 141    | 264    | 224    |
|                                   | Australia (e)              | 60%   | 66     | 64     | 49     | 61     | 68     | 129    | 126    |
|                                   | Total                      |       | 191    | 196    | 186    | 184    | 209    | 393    | 350    |
|                                   |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

| METALLURGICAL COAL           |  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|------------------------------|--|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| Production ('000 tonnes) (g) |  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | BMA  | 50%  | 6,106  | 6,478  | 7,442  | 5,917  | 6,138  |  | 12,055 | 12,763 |
|                              | BHP Mitsui Coal (h)  | 80%  | 873    | 1,067  | 2,047  | 1,454  | 1,526  |  | 2,980  | 1,746  |
|                              | Illawarra  | 100% | 1,987  | 1,539  | 1,643  | 2,201  | 1,979  |  | 4,180  | 3,704  |
|                              | Total  |      | 8,966  | 9,084  | 11,132 | 9,572  | 9,643  |  | 19,215 | 18,213 |
| ENERGY COAL                  |  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| Production ('000 tonnes)     |  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | South Africa   | 100% | 13,032 | 12,863 | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 |  | 22,983 | 26,183 |
|                              | USA  | 100% | 3,871  | 3,106  | 4,636  | 2,511  | 3,671  |  | 6,182  | 7,338  |
|                              | Australia  | 100% | 2,790  | 2,731  | 2,610  | 2,918  | 2,959  |  | 5,877  | 5,556  |
|                              | Colombia   | 33%  | 2,337  | 2,230  | 2,441  | 2,488  | 2,702  |  | 5,190  | 4,735  |
|                              | Total  |      | 22,030 | 20,930 | 22,283 | 19,623 | 20,609 |  | 40,232 | 43,812 |
| (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)                          | Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter.  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| (d)                          | Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.   |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| (e)                          | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| (f)                          | Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.   |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| (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%.  |      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT                                |  |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |  |
|---|--|--|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|--|
|   |  |  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      |      | HALF YEAR ENDED |      |      |  |
|   |  |  | DEC           | MAR  | JUNE | SEPT | DEC  |                 | DEC  | DEC  |  |
|   |  |  | 2006          | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 |                 | 2007 | 2006 |  |
| PETROLEUM   |  |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |  |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. |  |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |  |
|   |  |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |  |

| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE<br>( <sup>'000</sup> barrels) |                               |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
|  | Bass Strait                   |  | 3,311  | 3,144  | 3,929  | 3,638  | 3,103  |  | 6,741  | 7,158  |
|  | North West Shelf              |  | 2,735  | 2,532  | 2,514  | 2,532  | 2,493  |  | 5,025  | 5,719  |
|  | Atlantis (a)                  |  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 615    |  | 615    | -      |
|  | Shenzi (a)                    |  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 32     |  | 32     | -      |
|  | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith |  | 1,482  | 1,053  | 1,011  | 923    | 946    |  | 1,869  | 2,592  |
|  | ROD / Ohanet                  |  | 1,793  | 2,104  | 1,730  | 1,830  | 1,709  |  | 3,539  | 3,757  |
|  | Other (b)                     |  | 1,642  | 1,838  | 2,259  | 2,376  | 3,419  |  | 5,795  | 3,828  |
|  | Total                         |  | 10,963 | 10,671 | 11,443 | 11,299 | 12,317 |  | 23,616 | 23,054 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (c)                 |                               |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Bass Strait                   |  | 20.53  | 22.73  | 37.70  | 39.77  | 28.41  |  | 68.18  | 54.07  |
|  | North West Shelf              |  | 27.48  | 27.10  | 25.70  | 27.17  | 28.13  |  | 55.30  | 52.70  |
|  | Atlantis (a)                  |  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 0.12   |  | 0.12   | -      |
|  | Shenzi (a)                    |  | -      | -      | -      | -      | 0.01   |  | 0.01   | -      |
|  | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith |  | 15.01  | 15.18  | 12.71  | 8.87   | 12.70  |  | 21.57  | 25.37  |
|  | Other (b)                     |  | 20.07  | 21.67  | 19.14  | 19.87  | 21.84  |  | 41.71  | 42.79  |
|  | Total                         |  | 83.09  | 86.68  | 95.25  | 95.68  | 91.21  |  | 186.89 | 174.92 |
| NGL ( <sup>'000</sup> barrels)                       |                               |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Bass Strait                   |  | 1,726  | 1,643  | 2,163  | 2,327  | 1,801  |  | 4,128  | 3,950  |
|  | North West Shelf              |  | 441    | 435    | 369    | 438    | 417    |  | 855    | 885    |
|  | Liverpool Bay & Bruce / Keith |  | 143    | 151    | 124    | 48     | 153    |  | 201    | 288    |
|  | ROD / Ohanet                  |  | 436    | 397    | 362    | 282    | 314    |  | 596    | 755    |
|  | Total                         |  | 2,746  | 2,626  | 3,018  | 3,095  | 2,685  |  | 5,780  | 5,878  |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS                             |                               |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) (d)              |                               |  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | (a)                           | Atlantis and Genghis Khan operations were commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. Genghis Khan is reported in Shenzi.   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | (b)                           | Other includes Stybarrow, Griffin, Minerva, Angostura, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis, Starlifter, Green Canyon 18/60 and Pakistan. Stybarrow operation was commissioned during the December 2007 quarter. |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

|   |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|---|------------------------|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-----------------|-------|--|
|   | (c)                    | BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in the September 2006 quarter. |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | (d)                    | Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.         |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   |                        |   | QUARTER ENDED |       |       |       |       |  | HALF YEAR ENDED |       |  |
|   |                        |   | DEC           | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  | DEC   |  | DEC             | DEC   |  |
|   |                        |   | 2006          | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  |  | 2007            | 2006  |  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>  |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Production             |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Worsley, Australia     |   | 776           | 708   | 768   | 784   | 771   |  | 1,555           | 1,480 |  |
|   | Paranam, Suriname      |   | 241           | 241   | 243   | 244   | 252   |  | 496             | 494   |  |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         |   | 136           | 136   | 133   | 125   | 134   |  | 259             | 257   |  |
|   | Total                  |   | 1,153         | 1,085 | 1,144 | 1,153 | 1,157 |  | 2,310           | 2,231 |  |
|   | Sales                  |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Worsley, Australia     |   | 820           | 659   | 794   | 792   | 803   |  | 1,595           | 1,486 |  |
|   | Paranam, Suriname      |   | 243           | 225   | 253   | 244   | 265   |  | 509             | 479   |  |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         |   | 137           | 120   | 164   | 131   | 128   |  | 259             | 245   |  |
|   | Total (a)              |   | 1,200         | 1,004 | 1,211 | 1,167 | 1,196 |  | 2,363           | 2,210 |  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |                        |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Production             |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Hillside, South Africa |   | 176           | 174   | 177   | 178   | 180   |  | 358             | 353   |  |
|   | Bayside, South Africa  |   | 50            | 48    | 47    | 48    | 47    |  | 95              | 99    |  |
|   | Alumar, Brazil         |   | 45            | 44    | 44    | 44    | 44    |  | 88              | 89    |  |
|   | Mozal, Mozambique      |   | 67            | 65    | 66    | 67    | 67    |  | 134             | 134   |  |
|   | Total                  |   | 338           | 331   | 334   | 337   | 338   |  | 675             | 675   |  |
|   | Sales                  |   |               |       |       |       |       |  |                 |       |  |
|   | Hillside, South Africa |   | 173           | 162   | 188   | 165   | 180   |  | 345             | 343   |  |
|   | Bayside, South Africa  |   | 47            | 46    | 57    | 50    | 50    |  | 100             | 91    |  |



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|   | Alumar, Brazil  |               | 42            | 38     | 47     | 43     | 48     |  | 91              | 86      |
|   | Mozal, Mozambique   |               | 66            | 64     | 70     | 56     | 72     |  | 128             | 126     |
|   | Total   |               | 328           | 310    | 362    | 314    | 350    |  | 664             | 646     |
|   | Tolling Agreement (a)   |               | 20            | 33     | 32     | 33     | 33     |  | 66              | 44      |
|   |   |               | 348           | 343    | 394    | 347    | 383    |  | 730             | 690     |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
| (a)   | Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales. |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   |   |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        |  | HALF YEAR ENDED |         |
|   |   |               | DEC           | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   | DEC    |  | DEC             | DEC     |
|   |   |               | 2006          | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   |  | 2007            | 2006    |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>  |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
| 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) | 93,770        | 85,654 | 88,409 | 82,995 | 88,319 |  | 171,314         | 153,371 |
|   | Sulphide ore milled (100%)  | ('000 tonnes) | 22,585        | 23,450 | 23,064 | 22,406 | 21,777 |  | 44,183          | 40,842  |
|   | Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.55%         | 1.62%  | 1.58%  | 1.63%  | 1.72%  |  | 1.68%           | 1.55%   |
|   | Production ex Mill (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 289.4         | 319.1  | 306.0  | 305.2  | 316.8  |  | 622.0           | 523.4   |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   | Production  |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   | Payable copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 160.6         | 178.1  | 170.5  | 167.0  | 177.3  |  | 344.3           | 290.3   |
|   | Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | 22,365        | 21,243 | 23,754 | 23,194 | 21,376 |  | 44,570          | 39,414  |
|   | Copper cathode (EW)   | ('000 tonnes) | 32.7          | 38.2   | 37.7   | 30.9   | 30.3   |  | 61.2            | 50.2    |
|   | Payable silver concentrate  | ('000 ounces) | 880           | 920    | 990    | 1,116  | 877    |  | 1,993           | 1,604   |
|   |   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
|   | Sales   |               |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |         |
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|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
|                              | Payable copper             | ('000 tonnes)   | 167.9  | 149.4  | 199.0  | 162.9  | 173.0  |  | 335.9  | 301.7  |
|                              | Payable gold concentrate   | (fine ounces)   | 23,089 | 17,966 | 27,623 | 22,957 | 21,158 |  | 44,115 | 40,867 |
|                              | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)   | 27.3   | 36.0   | 43.0   | 35.8   | 26.9   |  | 62.7   | 41.5   |
|                              | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces)   | 909    | 785    | 1,153  | 1,089  | 864    |  | 1,953  | 1,661  |
| <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Material mined             | ('000 tonnes)   | 18,858 | 15,429 | 13,984 | 17,095 | 17,798 |  | 34,893 | 35,192 |
|                              | Ore milled                 | ('000 tonnes)   | 4,578  | 4,398  | 4,365  | 4,278  | 4,410  |  | 8,688  | 9,086  |
|                              | Average copper grade       | (%)   | 0.81%  | 0.90%  | 0.79%  | 0.84%  | 1.03%  |  | 0.92%  | 0.81%  |
| Production                   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)   | 27.4   | 28.1   | 20.3   | 23.1   | 27.3   |  | 50.4   | 57.4   |
| Sales                        |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)   | 28.3   | 27.9   | 24.1   | 23.5   | 24.5   |  | 48.0   | 56.2   |
| <u>Spence, Chile (a)</u>     |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Material mined             | ('000 tonnes)   | 20,329 | 19,684 | 20,275 | 16,983 | 19,758 |  | 36,741 | 20,329 |
|                              | Ore milled                 | ('000 tonnes)   | 3,510  | 4,282  | 3,718  | 4,132  | 4,333  |  | 8,465  | 3,510  |
|                              | Average copper grade       | (%)   | 1.76%  | 2.00%  | 1.80%  | 1.56%  | 1.61%  |  | 1.60%  | 1.76%  |
| Production                   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)   | 4.3    | 33.5   | 37.7   | 23.9   | 34.2   |  | 58.1   | 4.3    |
| Sales                        |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                              | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)   | 1.3    | 28.0   | 40.4   | 31.0   | 24.0   |  | 55.0   | 1.3    |
|                              | (a)                        | Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <u>Antamina, Peru</u>        |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

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|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
|  | Material mined (100%)        | ('000 tonnes) | 28,317 | 24,428 | 29,034 | 31,145 | 31,289 |  | 62,434 | 58,234 |
|  | Sulphide ore milled (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 7,930  | 7,841  | 8,033  | 8,344  | 6,955  |  | 15,299 | 15,511 |
|  | Average head grades          |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | - Copper                     | (%)           | 1.41%  | 1.10%  | 1.17%  | 1.15%  | 1.47%  |  | 1.32%  | 1.32%  |
|  | - Zinc                       | (%)           | 0.65%  | 1.25%  | 1.46%  | 1.17%  | 0.69%  |  | 0.95%  | 0.75%  |
|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Production                   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Payable copper               | ('000 tonnes) | 34.1   | 24.2   | 26.4   | 27.5   | 29.3   |  | 56.8   | 63.1   |
|  | Payable zinc                 | (tonnes)      | 10,970 | 20,665 | 27,793 | 22,756 | 12,320 |  | 35,076 | 24,555 |
|  | Payable silver               | ('000 ounces) | 736    | 749    | 934    | 1,056  | 652    |  | 1,708  | 1,449  |
|  | Payable lead                 | (tonnes)      | 350    | 469    | 317    | 448    | 175    |  | 623    | 683    |
|  | Payable molybdenum           | (tonnes)      | 768    | 288    | 493    | 693    | 679    |  | 1,372  | 1,487  |
|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Sales                        |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Payable copper               | ('000 tonnes) | 35.3   | 25.0   | 20.7   | 28.5   | 32.6   |  | 61.1   | 69.2   |
|  | Payable zinc                 | (tonnes)      | 13,853 | 15,479 | 31,914 | 25,306 | 12,458 |  | 37,764 | 28,077 |
|  | Payable silver               | ('000 ounces) | 623    | 707    | 645    | 917    | 719    |  | 1,636  | 1,478  |
|  | Payable lead                 | (tonnes)      | 346    | 686    | 394    | 334    | 140    |  | 474    | 991    |
|  | Payable molybdenum           | (tonnes)      | 808    | 591    | 480    | 662    | 605    |  | 1,267  | 1,362  |
|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | <u>Cannington, Australia</u> |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Material mined               | ('000 tonnes) | 506    | 732    | 717    | 824    | 808    |  | 1,632  | 934    |
|  | Ore milled                   | ('000 tonnes) | 478    | 704    | 688    | 661    | 755    |  | 1,416  | 956    |
|  | Average head grades          |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | - Silver                     | (g/t)         | 360    | 477    | 493    | 478    | 489    |  | 484    | 392    |
|  | - Lead                       | (%)           | 8.8%   | 10.5%  | 10.3%  | 10.4%  | 10.7%  |  | 10.5%  | 10.2%  |
|  | - Zinc                       | (%)           | 3.1%   | 3.6%   | 3.0%   | 3.5%   | 3.3%   |  | 3.4%   | 3.4%   |
|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Production                   |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

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|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------|--------|
|  | Payable silver                | ('000 ounces) | 4,805  | 9,160  | 9,426  | 8,759  | 10,124 |  | 18,883  | 10,519 |
|  | Payable lead                  | (tonnes)      | 36,454 | 62,974 | 62,409 | 61,073 | 70,369 |  | 131,442 | 85,431 |
|  | Payable zinc                  | (tonnes)      | 8,806  | 15,095 | 11,355 | 14,503 | 15,487 |  | 29,990  | 19,232 |
|  | Sales                         |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Payable silver                | ('000 ounces) | 6,637  | 8,331  | 10,352 | 6,725  | 11,266 |  | 17,991  | 11,647 |
|  | Payable lead                  | (tonnes)      | 51,521 | 56,726 | 66,411 | 46,148 | 78,325 |  | 124,473 | 91,215 |
|  | Payable zinc                  | (tonnes)      | 12,315 | 11,585 | 14,888 | 9,257  | 19,577 |  | 28,834  | 18,661 |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | <b>Olympic Dam, Australia</b> |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Material mined (a)            | ('000 tonnes) | 2,030  | 2,103  | 2,255  | 2,424  | 2,520  |  | 4,944   | 4,208  |
|  | Ore milled                    | ('000 tonnes) | 2,182  | 2,117  | 2,272  | 2,239  | 2,552  |  | 4,791   | 4,225  |
|  | Average copper grade          | (%)           | 2.21%  | 1.96%  | 1.93%  | 1.83%  | 1.86%  |  | 1.85%   | 2.16%  |
|  | Average uranium grade         | kg/t          | 0.58   | 0.59   | 0.58   | 0.57   | 0.63   |  | 0.60    | 0.57   |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Production                    |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Copper cathode (ER)           | ('000 tonnes) | 35.4   | 50.2   | 44.1   | 30.6   | 40.2   |  | 70.8    | 73.8   |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)           | ('000 tonnes) | 4.3    | 3.4    | 3.5    | 3.0    | 2.6    |  | 5.6     | 7.5    |
|  | Uranium oxide concentrate     | (tonnes)      | 822    | 883    | 988    | 933    | 1,191  |  | 2,124   | 1,615  |
|  | Refined gold                  | (fine ounces) | 16,199 | 22,661 | 28,689 | 17,119 | 24,338 |  | 41,457  | 40,310 |
|  | Refined silver                | ('000 ounces) | 145    | 196    | 275    | 193    | 239    |  | 432     | 343    |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  |                               |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Sales                         |               |        |        |        |        |        |  |         |        |
|  | Copper cathode (ER)           | ('000 tonnes) | 33.7   | 51.6   | 45.2   | 30.7   | 41.0   |  | 71.7    | 75.3   |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)           | ('000 tonnes) | 2.7    | 4.6    | 4.4    | 3.1    | 2.5    |  | 5.6     | 6.2    |
|  | Uranium oxide concentrate     | (tonnes)      | 1,009  | 1,043  | 646    | 562    | 346    |  | 908     | 1,629  |

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|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
|                          | Refined gold           | (fine ounces)   | 18,404 | 22,983 | 27,589 | 20,118 | 21,760 |  | 41,878 | 41,637 |
|                          | Refined silver         | ('000 ounces)   | 157    | 183    | 294    | 192    | 237    |  | 429    | 345    |
|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | (a)                    | Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted. |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | Production             |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | Copper concentrate (a) | ('000 tonnes)   | -      | -      | -      | -      | 5.2    |  | 5.2    | -      |
|                          | Copper cathode (EW)    | ('000 tonnes)   | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.9    | 1.8    | 1.7    |  | 3.5    | 3.8    |
|                          | Payable silver (a)     | ('000 ounces)   | -      | -      | -      | -      | 13.3   |  | 13.3   | -      |
|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | Sales                  |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | Copper concentrate     | ('000 tonnes)   | -      | -      | -      | -      | 5.2    |  | 5.2    | -      |
|                          | Copper cathode (EW)    | ('000 tonnes)   | 1.6    | 1.5    | 2.5    | 0.9    | 0.9    |  | 1.8    | 3.2    |
|                          | Payable silver         | ('000 ounces)   | -      | -      | -      | -      | 13.3   |  | 13.3   | -      |
|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          | (a)                    | Production restarted during the December 2007 quarter.      |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|                          |                        |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

|   |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
|   |                      |               | QUARTER ENDED |       |       |       |       | HALF YEAR ENDED |       |       |
|   |                      |               | DEC           | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  | DEC   | DEC             | DEC   |       |
|   |                      |               | 2006          | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  | 2007            | 2006  |       |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>                                  |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
|   |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>   |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u>   |                      |               |               |       |       |       |       |                 |       |       |
|   | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,100         | 1,046 | 1,194 | 1,009 | 1,080 |                 | 2,089 | 2,299 |

|  |            |               |     |     |     |       |     |  |       |       |
|--|------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|--|-------|-------|
|  |            |               |     |     |     |       |     |  |       |       |
|  | Production | ('000 carats) | 937 | 889 | 911 | 1,022 | 843 |  | 1,865 | 1,424 |
|  |            |               |     |     |     |       |     |  |       |       |
|  |            |               |     |     |     |       |     |  |       |       |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT  |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|------|------|
|   |                                    |  | QUARTER ENDED |      |      |      |      | HALF YEAR ENDED |      |      |
|   |                                    |  | DEC           | MAR  | JUNE | SEPT | DEC  | DEC             | DEC  |      |
|   |                                    |  | 2006          | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007 | 2007            | 2006 |      |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
| NICKEL  |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u>   |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Production                         |  | 12.8          | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 11.4 |                 | 23.9 | 25.5 |
|   | Sales                              |  | 14.4          | 12.4 | 12.5 | 6.9  | 13.2 |                 | 20.1 | 26.1 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u>  |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Production                         |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Nickel metal                       |  | 7.5           | 8.0  | 9.3  | 5.5  | 6.0  |                 | 11.5 | 14.8 |
|   | Cobalt                             |  | 0.5           | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.5  | 0.4  |                 | 0.9  | 0.8  |
|   | Sales                              |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Nickel metal                       |  | 7.2           | 7.1  | 9.6  | 5.3  | 6.3  |                 | 11.6 | 13.2 |
|   | Cobalt                             |  | 0.4           | 0.4  | 0.5  | 0.4  | 0.5  |                 | 0.9  | 0.8  |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia</u>   |                                    |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Production                         |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   | Nickel contained in concentrate    |  | -             | -    | 0.9  | -    | 1.2  |                 | 1.2  | -    |
|   | Nickel contained in finished matte |  | 12.4          | 12.9 | 13.2 | 3.9  | 8.5  |                 | 12.4 | 23.5 |
|   | Nickel metal                       |  | 15.6          | 12.1 | 12.5 | 16.7 | 16.6 |                 | 33.3 | 29.0 |
|   | Nickel production                  |  | 28.0          | 25.0 | 26.6 | 20.6 | 26.3 |                 | 46.9 | 52.5 |
|   | Sales                              |  |               |      |      |      |      |                 |      |      |
|   |                                    |  | -             | -    | 0.9  | -    | 0.9  |                 | 0.9  | -    |

|   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-----------------|--------|
|   | Nickel contained in concentrate    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | Nickel contained in finished matte |   | 13.5          | 9.9    | 15.1   | 6.2    | 9.5    |  | 15.7            | 22.8   |
|   | Nickel metal                       |   | 14.3          | 14.2   | 11.5   | 14.7   | 14.4   |  | 29.1            | 27.2   |
|   | Nickel sales                       |   | 27.8          | 24.1   | 27.5   | 20.9   | 24.8   |  | 45.7            | 50.0   |
|   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   |                                    |   | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        |  | HALF YEAR ENDED |        |
|   |                                    |   | DEC           | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   | DEC    |  | DEC             | DEC    |
|   |                                    |   | 2006          | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   |  | 2007            | 2006   |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
| IRON ORE (a)  |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u>   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | Production                         |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | Mt Newman Joint Venture            |   | 7,536         | 6,711  | 7,665  | 7,904  | 8,147  |  | 16,051          | 14,930 |
|   | Goldsworthy Joint Venture          |   | 84            | 142    | 195    | 134    | 170    |  | 304             | 890    |
|   | Area C Joint Venture               |   | 5,334         | 4,853  | 5,078  | 4,916  | 6,474  |  | 11,390          | 10,155 |
|   | Yandi Joint Venture                |   | 9,106         | 8,277  | 9,661  | 9,823  | 9,770  |  | 19,593          | 17,610 |
|   | Jimblebar                          |   | 1,449         | 1,177  | 1,341  | 1,157  | 1,248  |  | 2,405           | 2,939  |
|   | Total (BHP Billiton share)         |   | 23,509        | 21,160 | 23,940 | 23,934 | 25,809 |  | 49,743          | 46,524 |
|   | Total production (100%)            |   | 27,658        | 24,896 | 28,165 | 28,159 | 30,363 |  | 58,522          | 54,734 |
|   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | Shipments                          |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | Lump                               |   | 5,856         | 5,193  | 5,753  | 6,076  | 7,179  |  | 13,255          | 12,285 |
|   | Fines                              |   | 18,499        | 15,454 | 17,458 | 17,979 | 18,847 |  | 36,826          | 34,721 |
|   | Total (BHP Billiton share)         |   | 24,355        | 20,647 | 23,211 | 24,055 | 26,026 |  | 50,081          | 47,006 |
|   | Total sales (100%)                 |   | 28,653        | 24,290 | 27,307 | 28,300 | 30,619 |  | 58,919          | 55,301 |
|   |                                    |   |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |
|   | (a)                                | Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. |               |        |        |        |        |  |                 |        |





|   |                             |   | DEC   | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  | DEC   |  | DEC    | DEC    |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------|--------|
|   |                             |   | 2006  | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  | 2007  |  | 2007   | 2006   |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <b>(a)</b>  |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u>  |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | Production                  |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | <u>BMA</u>                  |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | Blackwater                  |   | 1,388 | 1,484 | 1,730 | 1,407 | 1,370 |  | 2,777  | 2,924  |
|   | Goonyella                   |   | 1,296 | 1,896 | 2,268 | 1,677 | 1,505 |  | 3,182  | 3,188  |
|   | Peak Downs                  |   | 1,161 | 1,076 | 1,045 | 881   | 1,243 |  | 2,124  | 2,363  |
|   | Saraji                      |   | 893   | 883   | 939   | 777   | 890   |  | 1,667  | 1,575  |
|   | Norwich Park                |   | 677   | 745   | 797   | 502   | 576   |  | 1,078  | 1,308  |
|   | Gregory Joint Venture       |   | 691   | 394   | 663   | 673   | 554   |  | 1,227  | 1,405  |
|   | BMA total                   |   | 6,106 | 6,478 | 7,442 | 5,917 | 6,138 |  | 12,055 | 12,763 |
|   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u>  |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | South Walker Creek          |   | 782   | 785   | 982   | 939   | 868   |  | 1,807  | 1,655  |
|   | Poitrel (c)                 |   | 91    | 282   | 1,065 | 515   | 658   |  | 1,173  | 91     |
|   | BHP Mitsui Coal total       |   | 873   | 1,067 | 2,047 | 1,454 | 1,526 |  | 2,980  | 1,746  |
|   | <u>Queensland total</u>     |   | 6,979 | 7,545 | 9,489 | 7,371 | 7,664 |  | 15,035 | 14,509 |
|   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | <u>Shipments</u>            |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | Coking coal                 |   | 5,040 | 5,368 | 5,684 | 5,479 | 5,875 |  | 11,354 | 10,230 |
|   | Weak coking coal            |   | 1,749 | 1,710 | 1,804 | 1,668 | 1,966 |  | 3,634  | 3,349  |
|   | Thermal coal                |   | 502   | 419   | 854   | 516   | 328   |  | 844    | 846    |
|   | Total                       |   | 7,291 | 7,497 | 8,343 | 7,663 | 8,169 |  | 15,832 | 14,425 |
|   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   |                             |   |       |       |       |       |       |  |        |        |
|   | (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                  |   | 1,987 | 1,539 | 1,643 | 2,201 | 1,979 |  | 4,180  | 3,704  |

|  |              |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|--|--------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|  |              |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Shipments    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|  | Coking coal  |  | 1,583 | 1,624 | 1,724 | 1,906 | 1,851 |  | 3,757 | 2,949 |
|  | Thermal coal |  | 280   | 175   | 288   | 199   | 290   |  | 489   | 468   |
|  | Total        |  | 1,863 | 1,799 | 2,012 | 2,105 | 2,141 |  | 4,246 | 3,417 |
|  |              |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
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| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   |                       |   | QUARTER ENDED |        |        |        |        | HALF YEAR ENDED |        |        |
|   |                       |   | DEC           | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   | DEC    | DEC             | DEC    |        |
|   |                       |   | 2006          | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007   | 2007            | 2006   |        |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>  |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
| <u>South Africa (a)</u>   |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   | Production            |   | 13,032        | 12,863 | 12,596 | 11,706 | 11,277 |                 | 22,983 | 26,183 |
|   | Sales                 |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   | Export                |   | 5,211         | 5,068  | 5,218  | 4,207  | 4,269  |                 | 8,476  | 10,379 |
|   | Local utility         |   | 7,413         | 7,874  | 7,416  | 7,063  | 7,351  |                 | 14,414 | 14,965 |
|   | Inland                |   | 227           | 259    | 310    | 388    | 209    |                 | 597    | 482    |
|   | Total                 |   | 12,851        | 13,201 | 12,944 | 11,658 | 11,829 |                 | 23,487 | 25,826 |
|   | (a)                   | Koornfontein was sold with effect from 1 July 2007. |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u>  |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   | Production            |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   | Navajo Coal           |   | 2,104         | 1,971  | 2,321  | 1,548  | 1,899  |                 | 3,447  | 3,882  |
|   | San Juan Coal         |   | 1,767         | 1,135  | 2,315  | 963    | 1,772  |                 | 2,735  | 3,456  |
|   | Total                 |   | 3,871         | 3,106  | 4,636  | 2,511  | 3,671  |                 | 6,182  | 7,338  |
|   | Sales - local utility |   | 3,616         | 3,400  | 3,185  | 3,693  | 3,254  |                 | 6,947  | 7,438  |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>   |                       |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |
|   | Production            |   | 2,790         | 2,731  | 2,610  | 2,918  | 2,959  |                 | 5,877  | 5,556  |
|   | Sales                 |   |               |        |        |        |        |                 |        |        |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|                                | Export         |  | 1,858 | 1,479 | 1,934 | 1,423 | 1,892 |  | 3,315 | 3,103 |
|                                | Inland         |  | 1,005 | 1,168 | 909   | 1,179 | 985   |  | 2,164 | 2,036 |
|                                | Total          |  | 2,863 | 2,647 | 2,843 | 2,602 | 2,877 |  | 5,479 | 5,139 |
| <b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b> |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|                                | Production     |  | 2,337 | 2,230 | 2,441 | 2,488 | 2,702 |  | 5,190 | 4,735 |
|                                | Sales - export |  | 2,323 | 2,446 | 2,401 | 2,761 | 2,334 |  | 5,095 | 4,659 |
|                                |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |
|                                |                |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |       |

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SIGNATURES

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

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 23 January 2008

By: Jane McAloon

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