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BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

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plc

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BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 4 The largest mining company by market capitalisation US\$B Market Capitalisation as at 31 January 2008 0 20 40



Sources: Investments and Value Management, Datastream, Bloomberg

Slide 5 Structure driven by customer needs Petroleum Energy Coal Metallurgical Coal Manganese Iron Ore

Stainless Steel Materials Base Metals Aluminium Diamonds & Spec Prod Note: Location of dots indicative only

Slide 6 Core strategy is unchanged Focus on value creation

People

Run current assets at

full potential

Accelerate development projects

Create future options

People

Licence to Operate

World Class Assets

The BHP Billiton Way

(Value Added Processes)

Financial Strength

and Discipline

Project Pipeline

Growth

Options

People

Licence to Operate

World Class Assets

The BHP Billiton Way

(Value Added Processes)

Financial Strength

and Discipline

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Options

Slide 7 Highlights Half year ended December 2007

Strong operating and financial results

Cost control focus

is yielding excellent results

Project delivery

first production from seven new projects

Healthy volume growth from new production expected in FY 2008

A further four projects approved

Interim dividend increased 45% to 29 US cents per share

Longer term fundamentals remain strong

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Slide 8
2006
% Change
Underlying EBIT by Customer Sector Group
2007
Half year ended December (US$m)
Petroleum
1,972
1,612
+22
Aluminium
680
840
-19
Base Metals (including Uranium)
3,367
2,889
+17
Diamonds & Specialty Products
72
78
Stainless Steel Materials
799
1,427
-44
Iron Ore
1,673
1,404
+19
Manganese
431
105
+311
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Metallurgical Coal

523 657 -20 Energy Coal 277 242 +15 Group & Unallocated Items (1) (171) (120) BHP Billiton (Total) 9,623 9,134 +5

(1) Includes Technology

Slide 9

Declining rate of cost increase

H1 FY2005 and H2 FY2005 are shown on the basis of UKGAAP.

Other

periods are calculated under IFRS. All periods excluded third party trading.

4.0%

2.2%

3.0% 1.7% 5.5% 8.4% 5.9% 4.5% 4.3% 5.8% 6.7% 5.6% 4.9% 3.9% 0% 1% 2% 3% 4% 5% 6% 7% 8% 9% H1 FY2005 H2 FY2005

H1 FY2006

H2 FY2006

H1 FY2007

H2 FY2007

H1 FY2008

Total

Excl Non-Cash

Operating cost increase relative to preceding half year

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Slide 10
Outlook
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long term fundamentals strong, shorter term more fluid

0

1,000

2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

India

China

40

42

44

46

48

50

52

54

56

58

Jan-07

Apr-07

Jul-07

Oct-07

Gross domestic product (US\$bn) ISM purchasing manufacturers index Source: International Monetary Fund

Source: Thomson Financial

Slide 11 China s growth driven by domestic demand Asian export markets more important than the US 0 5 10

15 20 25 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007F Consumption Investment Inventories Net Exports Source: CEIC Data Co. Ltd (February 2008), BHP Billiton Estimates for CY2007 Composition of Chinese GDP (RMB trillions) Destination of Chinese exports 24%46% 21% 9% Europe

Other North America Asia

Slide 12

Can Chinese consumption growth offset the shorter term slow down in the US?

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40
50
60
70
80
90
100
Iron Ore
Copper
Energy
China
India
USA
Europe
Share of Consumption
(2007, %)
China Share of Incremental Demand
(1997-2007, %)
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
100
Iron Ore
Copper
Energy
Sources of data: CRU Quarterly Reports (January 2008); IISI
Steel Statistical Yearbook (December 2007);
BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2007
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Slide 13

A unique balance across high margin CSM, non ferrous and energy commodities

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

50%

60%

70%

80%

Diamonds

Aluminium

Nickel

Copper

Ag/Pb/Zn

Energy Coal

Petroleum

Met Coal

Manganese

Iron Ore

Note: EBITDA margin excludes third party trading.

EBITDA excluded third party trading and Group and Unallocated.

EBITDA margin H1 FY 2008

EBITDA H1 FY 2008

(Total = US\$11.4bn)

CSM

Energy

Non Ferrous

Other

49%

24%

26% 1%

Non Ferrous

CSM

Energy Other

Future growth from high quality opportunities **Future Options** 2010 2008 As at 6 February 2008 Proposed capital expenditure <\$500m \$501m-\$2bn \$2bn+ Feasibility Execution Scarborough SSM Petroleum D&SP **Energy Coal** Aluminium Iron Ore Base Metals Met Coal Manganese **CSG** 2013 Guinea Alumina Samarco 4 Nimba Worsley E&G Pyrenees Samarco Perseverance Deeps Navajo Sth Ekati Canadian Potash Thebe Browse LNG WA Iron Ore Quantum 2 CW Africa Exploration CW Africa Exploration

Goonyella

Exp **CMSA** Pyro Expansion Olympic Dam Expansion 1 Puma Puma CMSA Heap Leach 2 Olympic Dam Expansion 2 Olympic Dam Expansion 3 Neptune Shenzi WA Iron Ore RGP 4 **NWS** T5 Cliffs Cerrejon Opt Exp Escondida 3rd Conc Angola & DRC Caroona WA Iron Ore RGP 5 SA Mn Ore Exp Resolution Corridor Sands I Angostura Gas NWS Angel WA Iron Ore Quantum 1 Saraji MKO Talc Gabon Newcastle Third Port Alumar

Expansions GEMCO

Atlantis North Yabulu Klipspruit Kipper **GEMCO** Zamzama Phase 2 Macedon Maruwai Stage 1 Turrum Neptune Nth CMSA Heap Leach 1 Knotty Head Eastern Indonesian **Facility** Red Hill UG Kipper Ph 2 **NWS CP** Corridor Sands II Wards Well **RBM** Daunia Boffa/Santou Refinery Peak Downs Exp Shenzi Nth Maya Nickel DRC Smelter Mad Dog **SWR** KNS Exp Cannington

Life Ext Hallmark Blackwater

UG

NWS

WFG

Kennedy Douglas-

Middelburg

NWS Nth

Rankin B

Mt Arthur

Coal UG

Bakhuis

Maruwai

Stage 2

Slide 15

Development spend in high margin businesses

Note:

Represents pipeline projects in execution, feasibility does not include pre-feasibility projects.

EBITDA

margins

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business
in
12
months
to
31
December
2007
not
for
individual
projects.
EBITDA margin excluded third party trading.
Source: BHP Billiton estimates.
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
Petroleum
Iron Ore
Aluminium
Development pipeline capex
(Total US\$16.1bn)
EBITDA margins
(12 months to December 2007)
Petroleum
Aluminium
Iron Ore
Other
24%
33%
28%
15%

Slide 16 Strong cash flow delivering value to shareholders 0 2,000 4,000 6,000

8,000 10,000 12,000 14,000 16,000 18,000 FY2002 FY2003 FY2004 FY2005 FY2006 FY2007 FY2008 H1 H2 0 1500 3000 4500 6000 7500 9000 FY2002 FY2003 FY2004 FY2005 FY2006 FY2007 FY2008 Available Cash Flow (US\$m)Available Cash Flow (US\$m) Organic Growth¹ (US\$m)Return to Shareholders² (US\$m)(1) Capital and Exploration FY expenditures (exclude acquisitions). Dividends paid and share buy-backs. (3) FY2005, FY2006, FY2007 and H1 FY2008 have

been

calculated on the basis of the IFRS. Prior periods have been calculated on the basis of UKGAAP. 0 1500 3000 4500 6000 7500 9000 FY2002 FY2003 FY2004 FY2005 FY2006 FY2007 FY2008

Slide 17 Summary

Continued excellent operating and financial results

Unique portfolio balance provides stability

Project pipeline and global footprint to support future growth

Longer term outlook for global growth remains robust

BHP Billiton s offer to acquire Rio Tinto

Slide 19 Background to the offer

Early 2007: BHP Billiton discussed a merger of equals. This concept was rejected by Rio Tinto

1 November 2007: BHP Billiton made a confidential proposal to combine the

companies. Rio Tinto rejected the proposal and refused to enter discussions

8 November 2007: BHP Billiton confirmed it had approached Rio Tinto with a proposal

 $12\ \mbox{November}$ 2007: BHP Billiton announced the proposal following market speculation.

Since then:

Global roadshow has indicated a clear understanding of the industrial logic of the combination

Rio Tinto has refused to engage to discuss the proposal

21 December 2007: BHP Billiton required to put up or shut up by 6 February 2008

1 February 2008: Chinalco acquires a c.12% stake in Rio Tinto plc

 $6\ February\ 2008:\ BHP\ Billiton\ announced\ offers\ for\ all\ of\ the\ outstanding\ shares\ of\ Rio$

Tinto

BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 20 BHP Billiton offer for Rio Tinto Rio Tinto plc Offer:

Rio Tinto plc shareholders will receive 3.4 BHP Billiton shares for every Rio Tinto plc share held

80% in BHP Billiton Plc shares

20% in BHP Billiton Ltd shares

Separate US offer (which forms part of the Rio Tinto plc Offer) to:

US resident shareholders of Rio Tinto plc shares

All holders of Rio Tinto plc ADRs

UK CGT rollover relief expected to be available for UK resident shareholders accepting the Rio Tinto plc Offer if there are approximately 70% acceptances under the Rio Tinto plc Offer

Rio Tinto Ltd Offer:

Rio Tinto Ltd shareholders will receive 3.4 BHP Billiton Ltd shares for every Rio Tinto Ltd share held

If compulsory acquisition is reached in the Rio Tinto Ltd Offer, then Australian CGT rollover relief is expected to be available for Australian resident shareholders accepting the Rio Tinto Ltd

Offer

(a)

With a mix and match

facility

Notes:

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from the Australian Corporations Act. ASIC has indicated that it would consider an application for this relief, if it becomes ap BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 21 BHP Billiton offer for Rio Tinto

Offers are inter-conditional

Subject to pre-conditions relating to certain anti-trust clearances in the EU, the US, Australia, Canada and South Africa and FIRB approval in Australia

Conditional on more than 50% acceptances in respect of publicly-held shares

Subject to BHP Billiton shareholder approval and other terms and conditions set out in the offer announcement

Maintenance of BHP Billiton s progressive dividend policy

Proposed initial share buyback of up to US\$30bn following completion if the offer is successful

(a)

Buyback and any refinancing of Rio Tinto s borrowings to be funded through a combination

of

a

US\$55bn committed

bank

financing

facility,

cash

flow

from

operations,

asset disposal proceeds and, if required, debt financing

Target single A credit rating

DLC structure maintained

Notes:

a)

i.e.

if **BHP**

Billiton

acquires 100%

of

the

shares

in

Rio

Tinto

Limited

and

Rio

Tinto

plc on the 3.4:1 offer terms announced offer

terms.

BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 22 Unlocking value Why a combination with Rio Tinto?

Combined entity will have a unique portfolio of tier 1 assets

Enhanced ability to optimise

and high-grade portfolio

Greater diversity and reduced value at risk

Combination makes sense in both a rising and a falling market

Uniquely positioned to meet the growing demands of the global economy largely driven by

China growth

Expected material quantifiable synergies and financial benefits unique to this combination (a)

US\$1.7bn nominal per annum from cost savings

US\$2.0bn additional nominal per annum primarily from volume acceleration

Other combination benefits

Broader stakeholders will benefit

Customers

more product, more quickly and more efficiently

Communities, employees and developing countries

Notes:

a)

Estimated

incremental

EBITDA

based

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publicly

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information.

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Appendix

IV

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BHP

Billiton s

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dated
6-Feb-2008.
Full
run
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synergies
expected
by
year
7.

BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 23
Indicative timetable
Event
Date
Satisfaction of regulatory approval pre-conditions
Second half of 2008
Posting of offer documents for Rio Tinto plc Offer and

Rio Tinto Ltd Offer to shareholders

Day 0

(Within 28 days after the pre-conditions

are satisfied)

Last date for fulfilment of minimum acceptance condition in Rio Tinto

plc Offer

Day 60

Last date for fulfilment of all conditions to the Rio Tinto plc Offer

and all conditions to the Rio Tinto Ltd Offer (because offers

are inter-conditional)

Day 81

First date for delivery of consideration under the offers

Within 14 days after the offers become wholly

unconditional

BHP Billiton Offer for Rio Tinto

Appendix

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Slide 25
2006
2007
Financial highlights
Half year ended December (US$m)
Revenue
25,539
22,113
+15
Underlying EBITDA
11,167
10,494
+6
Underlying EBIT
9,623
9,134
+5
Attributable profit (excluding exceptionals)
5,995
6,168
-3
Attributable profit
6,017
6,168
-2
Net operating cash flows
7,870
7,116
+11
EPS (excluding exceptionals) (US cents)
106.8
103.9
+3
Dividends per share (US cents)
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29

20

+45 %

Change

Slide 26 Cash flow Operating cash flow and dividends (1) 11,600 10,188 Net interest paid (313)(231)Tax paid (2) (3,417)(2,841)Net operating cash flow 7,870 7,116 Capital expenditure (3,753)(3,466)Exploration expenditure (598)(312)Purchases of investments (153)(31)Proceeds from sale of fixed assets & investments 134 298 Net cash flow before dividends and funding 3,500 3,605 Dividends paid

(3)

(1,571)
(1,122)
Net cash flow before funding & buy-backs
1,929
2,483
2007
2006
Half year ended December (US\$m)
(1)
Operating cash flow includes dividends received.
(2)
Includes royalty related taxes paid.
(3)

Includes dividends paid to minority interests.

Slide 27

Return on capital and margins

(1)

H1 2008 is calculated on an annualised basis.

(2)

FY2005, FY2006, FY2007 and H1 2008 are shown on the basis of Underlying EBIT. Prior periods are calculated under UKGAAP. All periods excluded third party trading.

35% 38% 30% 44% 48% 44% 29%

21% 13%

11% 40%

40% 30%

24% 20%

0% 10%

20% 30%

40%

50% 60%

FY 2002 FY 2003

FY 2004

FY 2005

FY 2006

FY 2007

H1 2008

Return on Capital EBIT Margin

(2)

(1)

Slide 28 2006 % Change Underlying EBIT by Customer Sector Group 2007 Half year ended December (US\$m)

Record half year EBIT

Record half year production from global continuing operations

Cash costs flat with comparative half

Three major new projects on line in first half: Stybarrow, Atlantis and Genghis Khan

Exploration successful drilling of Thebe and acreage captured in Gulf of Mexico and Falklands Shenzi Petroleum 1,972 1,612 +22.3 Slide 29 2006 % Change Underlying EBIT by Customer Sector Group 2007

Production at record levels

Softer prices for metals and cost impacted by weaker US\$

South African power situation will impact metal production Half year ended December (US\$m)

Record copper concentrate production

Contribution of 96,000 tonnes from new projects

Olympic Dam pre-feasibility study progressing well Mozal Olympic Dam

Production and sales volumes improved second quarter

Ravensthorpe ramping up as expected

Nickel West

Aluminium

680

840

-19.0

Base Metals

3,367

2,889

+16.5

Stainless Steel Materials

799

1,427 -44.0 Slide 30 2006 % Change Underlying EBIT by Customer Sector Group 2007 Half year ended December (US\$m)

Record Half Year EBIT

Record production and shipments

RGP3 commissioned and RGP4 on schedule

Record production and shipments

Groote Eylandt expansion approved lifting capacity to 4.2mtpa of ore and concentrate

Record shipments benefiting from expanded Hay Point Terminal

EBIT impacted by lower prices

Severe flooding in Queensland will impact production

TEMCO

BMA

Mount Newman

Metallurgical Coal

523

657

-20.4

Manganese

431

105

+310.5

Iron Ore

1,673

1,404

+19.2

Slide 31 2006 % Change Underlying EBIT by Customer Sector Group 2007

Higher export prices driven by strong demand

Record annual production at Hunter Valley and Cerrejon

Approval of Klipspruit (+1.8mtpa export coal) and Newcastle third port Half year ended December (US\$m) BECSA

Koala Underground completed ahead of schedule and budget

Increased exploration activity on diamond targets in Angola and potash opportunity in Canada Ekati Energy Coal

277242

+14.5

Diamonds & Specialty Products

72 78

-7.7

Slide 32

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

50%

60%

70%

Petroleum

Aluminium

Base Metals

Diamonds

& Specialty

Products

Stainless

Steel

Materials

Iron Ore

Manganese

Met Coal

Energy

Coal

Cour

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EBIT margin

(1)

by Customer Sector Group

(1)

All periods excluded third party trading.

Slide 33 Underlying EBIT analysis Half year ended Dec 2007 vs Dec 2006 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000

7,000 8,000 9,000 10,000 11,000 12,000 Dec-06 Net Price Volume Exchange Inflation Cash Costs Non Cash Costs Exploration & Bus. Dev Other Dec-07 US\$m 9,134 1,635 461 (506)(206)(199)(61) (222)(413)9,623 (1) Including \$154m of price-linked costs impact. Including \$324m due to increase in volume from new operations. (1)

(2)

Slide 34

- -250
- -150
- -50
- 50
- 150
- 250

350 450 Impact of major volume changes Half year ended Dec 2007 vs Dec 2006 US\$m Total volume (1) variance US\$461 million Copper 387 Met Coal 83 Iron Ore 81 Aluminium/ Alumina 44 D&SP 24 Energy Coal (9) Petroleum (25)Nickel (226)Other 102

(1) Volume variances calculated using previous year margin and including \$324m due to increase in volume from new operations.

Slide 35 Impact of major commodity price Half year ended Dec 2007 vs Dec 2006 -200 -100 0 100

200 300 400 500 Total price variance US\$1,635 million (1) US\$m Petroleum 466 Base Metals 350 Manganese 346 Iron Ore 333 Energy Coal 308 SSM 97 Diamonds (23) Aluminium (44) Met Coal (198)

(1) Including \$154m of price-linked costs impact.

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Slide 36
Developing world metals demand to show significant growth
US$ expenditure
(per capita)
10
20
30
40
50
GDP per capita (US$ 000)*
10
20
30
40
Aluminium
Copper
Iron Ore
Coking Coal
* 1 January 2008 real US dollars
Sources of data: CRU Quarterly Reports (January 2008); Brook Hunt Aluminium Metal
Service (February 2008); IISI
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Steel Statistical Yearbook (December 2007); World Bank (World Development Indicators Online Database, February 2008); BHP Billiton analysis China: \$2,000 per capita

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Slide 37
But, the dollar value of oil intensity per capita is 10 times
that of non ferrous metals
US$ Expenditure
(per capita)
100
200
300
400
500
GDP per capita (US$ 000)*
10
20
30
40
Crude Oil
Aluminium/Copper
China: $2,000 per capita
* 1 January 2008 real US dollars
Sources of data: CRU Quarterly Reports (January 2008); Brook Hunt Aluminium Metal
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Service (February 2008); IISI

Steel

Statistical Yearbook (December 2007); World Bank (World Development Indicators Online Database, February 2008); BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2007; BHP Billiton analysis

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0

500

1,000

1,500

2,000

2,500

3,000

3,500

4,000

4,500

5,000

5,500

FY02

H1 03

H2 03

H1 04

H2 04

H1 05

H2 05

H1 06

H2 06

H1 07

H2 07

H1 08

Petroleum

Aluminium

Base Metals

Iron Ore

Met Coal

Manganese

Energy Coal

SSM

Other

China

Diversification remains for sales into China

Currently 20% of total company revenues

US\$m

431

785

1,075

1,357

371

1,588

Europe

Japan

Other Asia

Nth

America

China

ROW

Australia

2,407

2,946

3,611

3,999 5,293 5,013

Slide 39 But so is Metallurgical coal

Leading position in the seaborne market

100% BMA owned Hay Point limits impact of infrastructure constraints

Significant growth options

Iron Ore is an important part of the mix

Geographic proximity to the growing Asian market

Record H1 production and shipments

Plans underway to expand WAIO to 300mtpa by 2015 And Manganese is a significant contributor

Largest supplier of seaborne manganese ore from high quality resource base

Manganese ore and alloy assets operating at record production levels in a strong demand environment Broad exposure to carbon steel sector demand 20%

64%

Total Carbon Steel Sector H1 FY 2008

EBIT

(Total = US\$2.6bn)

16%

Manganese

Met Coal

Iron Ore

Slide 40 Source: EIA International Energy Outlook 2007 WNA Global Nuclear Fuel Market 2007 Well positioned to meet energy demand regardless of fuel mix

Energy Demand Renewables Nuclear

Gas

Oil

Coal

2007 = 100

Projected world primary energy demand

Slide 41
China s copper, nickel, aluminium and iron ore demand and its percentage share of world demand 000 tonnes
Data: CRU Copper Quarterly, January 2008

000 tonnes

Data: CRU Nickel Quarterly, January 2008

Data: Brook Hunt Aluminium Metal Service, February 2008 000 tonnes million tonnes Data: IISI Steel Statistical Yearbook (Dec. 2007); China Customs data (www.customs.gov.cn); CRU -"The Iron Ore Market Service" Interim Report, December 2007; The Tex Report (February 2008); Iron ore data are seaborne traded, based on import statistics Copper Nickel Aluminium Iron Ore 0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500 4,000 4,500 5,000 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% Chinese refined copper consumption % share of world refined copper consumption (right hand scale) 0

50

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100
150
200
250
300
350
95
96
97
98
99
00
01
02
03
04
05
06
07
0%
5%
10%
15%
20%
25%
30%
Chinese primary nickel
consumption
% share of world primary nickel
consumption (right hand scale)
0
50
100
150
200
250
300
350
400
450
95
96
97
98
99
00
01
02
03
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05
06
07
0%
5%
10%
15%
20%
25%
30%
35%
40%
45%
50%
Chinese iron ore imports
% share of global seaborne iron ore
(right hand scale)
0
2,000
4,000
6,000
8,000
10,000
12,000
14,000
95
96
97
98
99
00
01
02
03
04
05
06
07
0%
5%
10%
15%
20%
25%
30%
35%
Chinese aluminium
consumption
% share of global aluminium
consumption (right hand scale)
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Slide 42 China and India account for a major share of world commodity demand Share of World Commodity Demand - 2007 0% 25% 50%

75% 100% Other Europe Japan USA India

China

Notes: Iron ore is demand for seaborne imports. Steel data are for crude steel production. Coal includes all coal types. Source: CRU Quarterly Reports (January 2008), Brook

Hunt Aluminium Metal Service (February

2008), BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2007, IISI

Steel Statistical Yearbook (December 2007);

BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2007

Slide 43 China s intensity of aluminium use is rising but it has much further to climb Aluminium - GDP per capita vs consumption per capita 0 5 10

Japan

Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

Note: Based on a project of similar growth patterns to the other

nations shown

Source: World Bank (World Development Indicators Online Database, February 2008); Government Statistics for Taiwan (www.stat.gov.tw); Brook Hunt Aluminium Metal Service (February 2008)

Slide 44 China s intensity of copper use is rising but it has much further to climb Copper - GDP per capita vs consumption per capita 0 5 10

15 20 0 5000 10000 15000 20000 25000 30000 35000 40000 45000 50000 GDP/Capita (Jan. 2008 Constant US Dollars) China Germany India Japan Korea, Rep. **United States**

Taiwan

*Note: Based on a project of similar growth patterns to the other nations shown Source: World Bank (World Development Indicators Online Database, February 2008); Government

Statistics for Taiwan (www.stat.gov.tw); CRU Copper Quarterly (January 2008)

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Slide 45
China s intensity of steel use is rising but it has much further to climb
Steel - GDP per capita vs consumption per capita
0
200
400
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Germany

India

Japan

Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

*Note: Based on a project of similar growth patterns to the other nations shown

Source: World Bank (World Development Indicators Online Database, February 2008); Government

Statistics for Taiwan (www.stat.gov.tw); IISI

Steel Statistical Yearbook (Dec. 2007)

Slide 46 China s energy use has far to grow, providing strong opportunities for suppliers of energy raw materials Energy - GDP per capita vs energy use per capita 0 2 4

Japan Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

*Note: Based on a project of similar growth patterns to the other nations shown

Source: World Bank

World Development Indicators Online Database (February 2008), Government Statistics for Taiwan (www.stat.gov.tw); BP Statistical Review of World Energy June 2007

Slide 47 Inventories remain at historically low levels; Real LME metal prices are still high Monthly Real LME Metal Prices and Stocks 0 20 40

LME Price Index (left scale) Stocks (right scale) Source: Macquarie Capital Securities Research, February 2008. * London Metal Exchange (LME) prices and stocks of Al, Cu, Zn, Pb, Ni Stock/consumption ratios very low

Slide 48 1920-1945 Great Depression World War II High military demand Investment dries up Prices collapse

and stagnate 1975-2007 Emerging Market growth Maturing of Japan 1990: Collapse of USSR Re-birth of US economy Productivity & IT revolution Commodification Cost benefits from technology and economies of scale China s long boom Renewed call on copper resources Global Copper Prices in 1880-2007 0.00 0.50 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00 3.50 4.00 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 10-Year Moving Average Real Annual Cu Price 1880-1914 Second Industrial Revolution & US economic expansion Electrification Colonial/imperial raw materials networks

Rising real prices

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Expansion of US
copper mining
Expansion in
African Copperbelt
Expansion in
Chile/Peru
Escondida &
Freeport
Flotation, open-pit
mining and
mechanisation
Flash smelting
Birth of Sx/Ew
WWI
WWII
Twin Oil
Shocks
Collapse
of USSR
Wall
Street
Crash
1920-2007
Sources of data: CRU Quarterly Reports (January 2008, and archives), US Geological Survey
Metal Prices in the US Through 1998
(http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals), US Bureau of Economic Analysis (US CPI Database)
China s
Boom
1970s
Oil Shocks
Inflation/recession
Demand slumps
Substitution
LME pricing
Costs and prices
fall from peaks
Vietnam
War
1950-1973
Post-war boom
Japan s
economic miracle
High demand growth Nationalisation in
Chile,
Peru, Mexico and Africa
Costs and prices rise Producer pricing
Korean
Notean

War

Slide 49

0.0

1.0

2.0

3.0

4.0

5.0

6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0 FY 2002 FY 2003 FY 2004 FY 2005 FY 2006 FY 2007 FY 2008 Exploration Sustaining Capex Growth Expenditure Capital & exploration expenditure US\$bn 9.9 7.4 6.4 4.3 3.1 3.0 3.2 Total 1.3 0.8 0.8 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.4 Exploration (1) 1.5 1.4 1.4 1.2 0.8 0.7 0.9 Sustaining & Other 7.1 5.2 4.2 2.6

1.8 2.0

1.9 Growth 2008F 2007 2006 2005 2004 2003 2002 US\$ Billion (1) 2008 Forecast includes US\$600m for Petroleum

Slide 50 Portfolio management US\$6.1bn of disposals 0 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 5,000 6,000 7,000 Sale Proceeds Base Metals D&SP **Energy Coal** SSM Petroleum Steel Other 139 Dec 2007 444 FY 2007 6,146 Total proceeds 845 FY 2002 2,472 FY 2003 (1) 277 FY 2004 1,035 FY 2005 934 FY 2006 US\$m Proceeds from

Proceeds from sale of assets

(1) Includes BHP Steel demerger

and BHP Steel loans

(net of cash disposed and costs)

US\$m

Slide 51
Sanctioned development projects (US\$9.6bn)
Sanctioned
Third coal berth capable
of handling an estimated
30 million tpa
End CY10

390 Energy Coal Newcastle Third Port (Australia) 35.5% Sanctioned Incremental 1.8 million tpa export coal Incremental 2.1 million tpa domestic H2 CY09 450 Energy Coal Klipspruit 100% Sanctioned Additional 1 million tpa manganese concentrate H1 CY09 110 Mn Ore GEMCO (Australia) 60 % On time and budget. Increase system capacity to 155 million tpa H1 CY10 1,850 Iron Ore Western Australia Iron Ore RGP 4 (Australia) 86.2%On time and budget. 7.6 million tpa H1 CY08 590 Iron Ore Samarco Third Pellet Plant (Brazil) 50% On time and budget. 2 million tpa Q2 CY09

725 Alumina

Alumar Refinery Expansion

(Brazil)

36%

Production Capacity

(100%)

Progress

Initial

Production

Target Date

Share of

Approved

Capex

US\$m

Commodity

Minerals Projects

Slide 52
Sanctioned development projects (US\$9.6bn) cont.
On revised
schedule and
budget
150 million cubic feet gas
per day

H1 CY08 46 Gas Zamzama Phase 2 (Pakistan) 38.5% On time and budget. LNG processing capacity 4.2 million tpa Late CY08 350 LNG North West Shelf 5th Train (Australia) 16.67% On time and budget. 50,000 barrels and 50 million cubic feet gas per day Q1 CY08 405 Oil/Gas Neptune (US) 35% **Production Capacity** (100%)**Progress** Initial Production Target Date Share of Approved Capex US\$m Commodity Petroleum Projects On revised schedule and budget 45,000 tpa nickel Q1 CY08 556 Nickel Yabulu (Australia) 100% On time and budget. 360,000 tpa nickel ore

H1 CY08

139

Nickel

Cliffs (Australia)

100%

Production Capacity

(100%)

Progress

Initial

Production

Target Date

Share of

Approved

Capex

US\$m

Commodity

Minerals Projects

(cont d)

Slide 53
Sanctioned development projects (US\$9.6bn) cont.
Sanctioned
10,000 bpd condensate
and processing capacity
of 80 million cubic feet
gas per day

CY11 500 Oil/Gas Kipper (Australia) 32.5%-50% On time and budget. 96,000 barrels of oil and 60 million cubic feet gas per day H1 CY10 1,200 Oil/Gas Pyrenees (Australia) 71.43% On time and budget. Tie-back to Atlantis South H2 CY09 100 Oil/Gas Atlantis North (US) 44% On time and budget. 100,000 barrels and 50 million cubic feet of gas per day Mid CY09 1,940 Oil/gas Shenzi (US) 44% On time and budget. 800 million cubic feet gas per day and 50,000 bpd condensate End CY08 200 Oil/Gas North West Shelf Angel (Australia) 16.67% **Production Capacity** (100%)**Progress** Initial Production Target Date

Share of
Approved
Capex
US\$m
Commodity
Petroleum Projects
(cont d)

Slide 54
Development projects in feasibility (US\$6.5bn)
3.2 million tpa
H2 CY11
1,000
Alumina
Guinea Alumina Project (Guinea)

33.3% 1 million tpa clean coal End CY08 50 Met Coal Maruwai Stage 1 (Indonesia) 100% 6.9 million tpa bauxite H2 CY09 320 Bauxite Bakhuis (Suriname) 45% Optimisation of existing reserve base H1 CY08 1,000 **Energy Coal** Douglas-Middelburg Optimisation (South Africa) 84% 5 million tpa clean coal H2 CY10 405 Met Coal Maruwai (Indonesia) 100% 1.1 million tpa End CY10 1,750 Alumina Worsley Efficiency and Growth (Australia) 86% **Project Capacity** (100%)*Forecast Initial Production* **Estimated Share**

of Capex*
US\$m
Commodity
Minerals Projects
(US\$4.7bn)

Indicative only

164

Slide 55
Development projects in feasibility (US\$6.5bn) cont.
5.7 million tpa saleable coal
End CY10
480
Energy Coal
Navajo South Mine Extension

(USA) 100% Maintain Nickel West system capacity H2 CY13 500 Nickel Perseverance Deeps (Australia) 100% 7 million tpa saleable coal End CY10 475 **Energy Coal** Mt Arthur Coal UG (Australia) 100% **Project Capacity** (100%)*Forecast Initial Production* **Estimated Share** of Capex* US\$m Commodity Minerals Projects (US\$4.7bn) LNG processing capacity 2.5 million tpa H2 CY12 600 LNG NWS North Rankin B 16.67% **Project Capacity** (100%)* Forecast Initial Production* **Estimated Share** of Capex* US\$m Commodity **Petroleum Projects** (US\$600m)

Indicative only

Slide 56
Development projects commissioned since July 2001
Q1 CY04
Q2 CY04
266
299
Products & Capacity Expansion (Australia)

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85%
Q1 CY04
Q1 CY04
33
50
Cerrejon Zona Norte (Colombia)
33.3%
Q4 CY03
Q4 CY03
464
464
Ohanet (Algeria)
45%
Q4 CY03
Q2 CY04
411
449
Hillside 3 (South Africa)
100%
Q4 CY03
Q4 CY03
380
411
Mt Arthur North (Australia)
100%
Q3 CY03
Q4 CY03
171
181
Area C (Australia)
85%
Q2 CY03
Q3 CY03
40
40
Zamzama (Pakistan)
38.5\%
Q2 CY01
Q2 CY01
752
775
Antamina (Peru)
33.75%
Q4 CY02
Q2 CY03
34
50
Bream Gas Pipeline (Australia)
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50%

Q3 CY02 Q3 CY02 543 600 Escondida Phase IV (Chile) 57.5% Q3 CY02 Q3 CY02 143 146 San Juan Underground (US) 100% Q2 CY02 Q2 CY02 120 138 Tintaya Oxide (Peru) 99.9% Q3 CY01 Q3 CY01 114 128 Typhoon (US) 50% Mozal 2 (Mozambique) 47.1% Project Q2 CY03 Q4 CY03 311 405 **Initial Production Date** Our Share of Capex Actual Budget Actual

US\$m Budget US\$m

Slide 57
Development projects commissioned since July 2001
Q2 CY06
Q1 CY06
188
165
Worsley Development Capital Project (Australia)

86% Q4 CY05 Q3 CY05 33 29 Paranam Refinery Expansion (Suriname) 45% Oct 2005 Q4 CY05 251 230 Escondida Norte (Chile) 57.5% Mid CY05 Mid CY05 100 90 BMA Phase 1 (Including Broadmeadow) (Australia) 50% April 2005 Mid CY05 200 200 Dendrobium (Australia) 100% April 2005 Early CY05 139 146 Panda Underground (Canada) 80% Jan 2005 End CY04 337 327 Angostura (Trinidad) 45% Q2 CY04 Q2 CY04 80 83 WA Iron Ore Accelerated Expansion (Australia) 85% Jan 2005 End CY04 370 368 Mad Dog (US) 23.9%

Q4 CY04

Q4 CY04 132 132 GoM Pipelines Infrastructure (US) 22/25% Q4 CY04 Q4 CY04 101 95 Western Australia Iron Ore RGP (Australia) 85% Q4 CY04 Q4 CY04 192 192 ROD (Algeria) 36% Mid CY04 Mid CY04 252 247 NWS Train 4 (Australia) 16.7% Minerva (Australia) 90% Project Jan 2005 Q4 CY04 157 150 **Initial Production Date** Our Share of Capex Actual Budget Actual

US\$m Budget US\$m

Slide 58
Development projects commissioned since July 2001
Q4 CY07
Q4 CY07
144
(1)
140

Pinto Valley (USA) 100% Q4 CY07 Q4 CY07 1,300 (1) 1,300 Western Australia Iron Ore RGP3 (Australia) 86.2% Q4 CY07 Q1 CY08 2,079 (1) 2,200 Ravensthorpe (Australia) 100% End CY07 End CY07 176 200 Koala Underground (Canada) 80% Q2 CY08 Q2 CY08 380 (1) 380 Stybarrow (Australia)-50% H2 CY07 H2 CY07 1,630 (1) 1,630 **Atlantis** South (US) 44% H2 CY07 H2 CY07 365 (1) 365 Genghis Khan (US) 44%

H1 CY07

Mid CY07 140 (1) 100 Blackwater Coal Preparation (Australia)
50% Q4 CY06 H2 CY06 88 (1) 88 BMA Phase 2 (Australia) 50% Q4 CY06 Q4 CY06 1,100 990 Spence (Chile) 100% Q2 CY06 H2 CY06 566 500 Escondida Sulphide
Leach (Chile)
57.5% Q2 CY06 H2 CY06 501 489 Western Australia Iron Ore RGP2 (Australia)
85% Project Initial Production Date Our Share of Capex Actual Budget

Actual

US\$m

Budget US\$m

(1)

Actual cost subject to finalisation.

Key net profit sensitivities US\$1/t on iron ore price 60 US\$1/bbl on oil price US\$1/t on metallurgical coal price 25 USc1/lb on aluminium price USc1/lb on copper price US\$1/t on energy coal price USc1/lb on nickel price AUD (USc1/A\$) Operations (2) 65 RAND (0.2 Rand/US\$) Operations (2) 35 (US\$m) Approximate impact

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(1)

on FY 2008 net profit after tax of changes of:

- (1) Assumes total volumes exposed to price.
- (2) Impact based on average exchange rate for the period.