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There are powerful socio-economic forces driving China / India growth, but what will be the impact of higher energy prices?
Finished steel consumption
(kg/capita)
Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

Note:

The shape of the arrow shows the general trend among countries for finished steel consumption as **GDP** per capita increases and is not to scale GDP/Capita (Jan. 2008 Constant US Dollars) 200 400 600 800 1,000 1,200 0 5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000 25,000 30,000 35,000 40,000 45,000 50,000 China India Japan Korea, Rep.

United States Taiwan

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Energy
GDP per capita vs energy use per capita
Primary Energy Use
(t oil equiv./Capita)

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

Note: The shape of the arrow shows the general trend among countries for primary energy use as GDP per capita increases and

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China s annual power output is growing at a rate equivalent to a major European country
426
400
0
500
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UK s total

power

output

today

China s Growing Power Output (in billion kWh)

Source : National Bureau of Statistics of China (Yearbook), China Electricity Council, and Digest of UK Energy Statistics (Dep

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China is industrialising, India following
Source: IMF and BHP Billiton estimates.
a)
Sales volume converted to copper equivalent units.

0 500

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1,000			
1,500			
2,000			
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3,000			
3,500			
4,000			
4,500			
5,000			

China s rate of industrialisation is strong and growing

India s GDP currently 10-15 years behind China

BHP Billiton $\,$ s equivalent sales volume to India in FY2007 was greater than to China in FY2002

(a)

GDP

(\$B)

China

India

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Maintaining our commitment to our core strategy

Focus on Tier 1 assets that are large, low-cost, expandable and consistently profitable

Upstream focus and export-oriented commodities

A deep inventory of growth options

Portfolio diversified by commodity, geography and customer

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environment and community engagement

Employer of choice and a preferred partner

Page 11
Escondida
Norte
+
Sulphide Leach
Phase IV +
Laguna Seca

Concentrator

Oxide Plant

Expansion

Phase 3.5 +

Oxide Plant

Phase III

Phase I + II

Original plan: 320kt of copper a year

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Copper production at Escondida

(Tonnes, 000)

Source: BHP Billiton estimates

Escondida

demonstrates the true value of Tier 1 assets

Tier 1 Assets

Tier 1 assets are large, longlife, low-cost and expandable resources that generate exportable commodities.

This means that they can deliver more value for longer. They are robust in the downcycle.

But the real value of Tier 1 is revealed during times of high prices when they can be expanded as needed to meet increased demand

Sometimes several times

Staged development maximises return.

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Diversified and balanced across high margin commodities
Underlying EBITDA
(12 months, US\$bn)
Underlying EBITDA Margin
(a)
(CY2007, 12 months)

Note: Historical financial information has been restated for comparative purposes per note 1 of BHP Billiton shalf-year finan FY2002 EBITDA numbers are presented in accordance with UK GAAP whereas CY2007 is based on IFRS (so underlying EB a) EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

Iron ore

75%

Manganese

Energy coal

Metallurgical coal

52%

52%

Diamond and

specialty products

Base metals

40%

43%

36%

Petroleum

70%

Stainless

steel materials

Aluminium

34%

23%

0

6,000

12,000

18,000

24,000

FY2002

CY2007

4,677

23,623

Iron Ore

Manganese

Met. Coal

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Aluminium

Base Metals

Stainless

Steel

Diamond & Specialty

Products

Non

ferrous

(56%)

Energy

(21%)

Carbon

Steel

Materials (22%)

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Scarcer commodities tend to show greater price movement

552%

512%

337%

Met. Coal

Manganese

Iron Ore
421%
228%
90%
Copper
Nickel
Aluminium
491%
346%
163%
Uranium
Oil
Energy Coal
a)
Hard
coking
coal
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JFY2008
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206-240%
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JFY2007
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b)
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JFY2008 forecast prices calculated based on 65-71% increase above JFY2007 benchmark per Vale settlement for Itabira fines. d) Copper listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME) Nickel listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME) Aluminium listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME) g) Uranium NEUXCO spot prices WTI Crude Oil listed on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) i) Energy Coal (Powder River Basin) Carbon Steel Materials Non-Ferrous Energy (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

(i)

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BHP Billiton s growth profile is diverse
Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000
Production in copper equivalent tonnes
Estimated &
unrisked

Note: Copper equivalent units calculated using BHP Billiton (BHPB) estimates for BHPB production. Production volumes exc

Speciality Products operation and

all bauxite

production. All energy coal businesses are included. Alumina volumes reflect only tonnes available for external sale. Conversi of production forecasts to copper equivalent units

completed using long term consensus price forecasts, plus BHPB assumptions for diamonds, domestic coal and manganese.

2,000

4,000

6,000

0,000

8,000

10,000

12,000

CY 2007

CY 2008 CY 2009

CY 2010

CY 2011

CY 2012

% of Growth

2007-2012

Non

Ferrous

Energy

CSM

38%

21%

41%

Pyrenees

RGP 4

Samarco

Mt Arthur

Alumar

Atlantis

North

Gemco

Neptune

Shenzi

Maruwai

Worsley

Kipper

Yabulu

NWS T5

North

Rankin

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Capital cost and risk matter
Growth in Copper Equivalent Tonnes (CY 07-12)
Production growth from existing operations,
brownfield
expansions and greenfield
development

0 500 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500

BHB Billiton

Rio Tinto

Existing

Brownfield

Greenfield

85%

80%

20%

15%

Source:

BHP

Billiton

analysis.

Rio

Tinto

excludes

Coega

greenfield

project

development.

Note: Brownfield percentage also includes growth from existing operations (i.e. operations ramping up from CY07 onwards). Brownfield

Expansions or additional developments of, or around existing operations

Lower cost and lower risk Greenfield

Development of a new operation where no operations exist to ameliorate risk or cost

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WA Iron Ore

Quantum 2

DRC

Smelter

Boffa/Santou

Refinery 2010

As at 2 May 2008

Proposed

capital expenditure

<\$500m

\$501m-\$2bn

\$2bn+

SSM

Energy Coal

D&SP

Iron Ore

Base Metals

Petroleum Met Coal **CSG** Manganese Aluminium 2008 Execution Pyrenees Samarco Neptune Shenzi Alumar Atlantis North Klipspruit **GEMCO** Zamzama Phase 2 2013 Feasibility Guinea Alumina Worsley E&G Perseverance Deeps Maruwai Stage 1 Douglas-Middelburg Mt Arthur Coal UG **Future Options** Cliffs Newcastle Third Port **NWS** Angel Nimba Ekati Canadian Potash WA Iron Ore Quantum 1 CW Africa Exploration Angola & DRC WA Iron Ore RGP 5

Lagar Filling. File File File
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Turrum
CMSA Heap
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Sands 1
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Opt Exp
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T5
BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale
Navajo
Sth
Bakhuis
Maruwai
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Expansions
Olympic Dam
Expansion 3
Corridor
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Maya
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Gabon
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Olympic Dam
Expansion 2

Browse LNG Resolution Saraji Saraji Thebe **CMSA** Pyro Expansion Cannington Life Ext SA Mn Ore Exp Wards Well Eastern Indonesian Facility NWS WFGH Blackwater UG Olympic Dam Expansion 1 CMSA Heap Leach 2 Escondida 3rd Conc Red Hill UG **GEMCO** Exp Samarco 4 Shenzi Nth Neptune Nth MKO Talc

Scarborough Scarborough Caroona Kennedy

Page 17 Resourcing the future Industry Outlook Strategy and Growth BHP Billiton & Rio Tinto Unlocking value together

Page 18 Keys to unlocking value Optimising mineral basin positions and infrastructure

Lower cost, more efficient production

Unlocking volume through matching reserves with infrastructure

Enhanced platform for future growth

Deployment of scarce resources to highest value opportunities

Greater ability to develop the next generation of large scale projects in new geographies

Better positioned as partner of choice with governments and stakeholders

Efficient exploration and infrastructure development Unique synergies and combination benefits

Economies

of

scale

especially

procurement

Avoid duplication, reduce corporate and divisional non-operating costs

Accelerate tonnage delivered to market

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Conclusion
Strength, stability and growth

BHP Billiton s core strategy remains unchanged

BHP Billiton is focused on producing volumes from its low cost assets to take advantage of the strong market conditions

A combination of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto can generate substantial additional value for shareholders

they are a natural fit

This combination unlocks a very material and unique pool of value:

More production, faster and lower cost; enhanced future growth options; traditional synergies

Quantifiable value; incremental EBITDA impact growing to estimated \$3.7B

The terms of the Rio Tinto offer reflect a good deal for both companies shareholders

BHP Billiton on a standalone basis is an attractive business with a compelling growth profile

Transaction must be value accretive for all BHP shareholders

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