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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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October 21, 2009

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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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: 21 October 2009

By: /s/ JANE McALOON
Name: **Jane McAloon**

Title: **Group Company Secretary**

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

Record quarterly iron ore production, despite the impact of tie-in activities associated with Rapid Growth Project (RGP) 4 (Australia).

Record quarterly petroleum production achieved with the continued ramp up of commissioned projects and strong operating performance. On track to deliver 10 per cent compound annual growth for the 2010 financial year.

Quarterly production records achieved at North West Shelf, Hunter Valley Energy Coal (both Australia) and Zamzama (Pakistan).

Shenzi (USA) and Samarco (Brazil) operated above nameplate capacity during the quarter.

During the quarter repairs to the Laguna Seca mill at Escondida (Chile) were successfully completed, however quarterly production was impacted due to the plant repair downtime.

On 6 October 2009, one of the two haulage systems at Olympic Dam (Australia) was damaged. We anticipate that ore hoisting will be at approximately 25 per cent of capacity until full production resumes in the third quarter of the 2010 financial year.

Over the last three months there has been increasingly positive economic news across most economies. Chinese economic growth continues to be robust on the back of strong domestic focused consumption and infrastructure-based stimulus spending. China's re-stock of commodities is essentially complete and there is now evidence of higher than normal stockpiles across the supply chain. We continue to look for Chinese imports to more closely reflect real demand over the remainder of 2009 calendar year.

There are signs of stabilisation in the developed economies, with positive signs of improvement in Industrial Production, the Purchasing Managers Index and a turn in consumer confidence. However, unemployment in key developed economies, such as the US, Japan and Europe, continues to lag and may trend higher in the near term. We are starting to see some positive impact of re-stocking of pipelines, particularly in steel making raw materials, after a period where demand essentially disappeared.

Despite the low metal inventories in developed economies, there is little evidence yet of sustainable demand for metals emerging post the northern summer. We continue to stress that this developed economy improvement is not without volatility and is from a very low base. We maintain our view that real demand follow-through in developed economies may not be transparent until mid-2010 calendar year.

Petroleum

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids (000 bbl) | 24,670 | 30% | 15% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) | 99.24 | 4% | 2% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | 41.21 | 18% | 10% |

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Total Petroleum Production Production hit an all time high due to the successful delivery of projects in the deepwater of Gulf of Mexico (USA) and Western Australia over the past two years. Operational performance was steady and benefited from the absence of weather related interruptions. This was partly offset by natural field decline.

Crude Oil, Condensate, and Natural Gas Liquids Production was significantly higher than the comparative period due to Shenzi operating above designed capacity, increased production from Atlantis (USA) and the absence of weather related interruptions. During the quarter, the operator commenced drilling water injection wells at Atlantis.

Natural Gas Record production was achieved due to stronger demand for gas in Pakistan and the contribution from Shenzi and Atlantis. Bass Strait (Australia) production was higher than the June 2009 quarter due to expected seasonal demand.

Aluminium

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alumina (000 tonnes) (a) | 841 | -2% | -5% |
| Aluminium (000 tonnes) | 313 | 1% | 1% |

Alumina Production was lower than the June 2009 quarter due to an unplanned calciner outage at Worsley (Australia). The stockpiled hydrate should be recovered over the remainder of the financial year.

Production at Alumar (Brazil) benefited from the recently expanded refinery, which will continue to ramp up gradually. However this increase was offset by planned and unplanned maintenance.

Aluminium Production across all operations was in line with comparative periods.

Base Metals

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Copper (000 tonnes) | 283.9 | -8% | -8% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 61,370 | 5% | 5% |
| Zinc (tonnes) | 46,425 | 11% | 5% |
| Silver (000 ounces) | 10,769 | 5% | 0% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 1,130 | 2% | -2% |

Copper Production during the September 2009 quarter was impacted by maintenance activities at Escondida and Olympic Dam (Australia). This was partially offset by higher production as Spence (Chile) operated at plant capacity during the quarter. The repairs to Escondida's Laguna Seca SAG mill were successfully completed in August 2009, however the repairs impacted production in the quarter. Escondida's production in the 2010 financial year is expected to increase by approximately five to 10 per cent due to the successful repairs to Laguna Seca mill and higher average grade.

On 6 October 2009, the haulage system in the Clark Shaft at Olympic Dam was damaged. A full investigation is underway to determine the extent of the damage. Hoisting is continuing at the secondary Whenan Shaft, but at this stage, we expect ore hoisting will be at approximately 25 per cent of capacity until full production resumes in the third quarter of the 2010 financial year.

Lead Production was higher than both comparative periods as a result of higher grade and improved recoveries at Cannington (Australia).

Zinc Production was higher than both comparative periods due to better grade and an increased proportion of ore containing zinc at Antamina (Peru).

Silver Production was higher than the September 2008 quarter due to higher grade at Cannington and Antamina. Production was in line with the June 2009 quarter.

Uranium Production was in line with all comparative periods. Production will be impacted by the Olympic Dam incident noted above.

Diamonds & Specialty Products

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|--|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|

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| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|------|
| Diamonds (000 carats) | 780 | 1% | -14% |
|------------------------|-----|----|------|

Diamonds Production decreased versus the June 2009 quarter mainly due to lower ore processed. Production continues to be influenced by variability of ore sources due to the mix of open pit and underground mining.

Stainless Steel Materials

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nickel (000 tonnes) (b) | 35.4 | 100% | -13% |

Nickel Production for the quarter was impacted by a restriction in hydrogen supply at Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia) and planned maintenance at Cerro Matoso (Colombia). The September 2008 quarter included the major furnace rebuild at the Kalgoorlie Nickel Smelter (Australia).

Iron Ore

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Iron Ore (000 tonnes) | 30,106 | 1% | 11% |

Iron Ore Production was higher than the June 2009 quarter reflecting improved performance at Western Australia Iron Ore (Australia) and all three pellet plants at Samarco (Brazil) operating since July 2009.

As RGP 4 is nearing completion, existing operations will continue to be impacted by tie-in activities in the next quarter.

Manganese

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Manganese Ore (000 tonnes) | 1,156 | -37% | 131% |
| Manganese Alloy (000 tonnes) | 63 | -69% | 152% |

Manganese Ore Market conditions progressively recovered during the quarter. However, the September 2009 quarterly production was limited due to larger than optimal stockpiles at the start of the quarter. As a result of improved demand and depletion of stockpiles, we expect to be operating near full capacity towards the end of the December 2009 quarter.

Manganese Alloy As demand conditions improved, stockpiles were drawn down and furnaces were restarted during the September 2009 quarter. We expect to be operating at about 65 percent of capacity towards the end of the December 2009 quarter.

Metallurgical Coal

| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Metallurgical Coal (000 tonnes) | 9,404 | 2% | -1% |

Metallurgical Coal Production was in line with previous periods. Shipments continued to increase during the quarter in response to stronger demand conditions.

Energy Coal

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| | SEPT 2009 QTR | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Energy Coal (000 tonnes) | 18,059 | 0% | 2% |

Energy Coal Production was in line with previous periods. Record quarterly production at Hunter Valley Energy Coal due to improved plant utilisation.

(a) Excluding Suriname which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) Excluding Yabulu which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

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 quarter ended 30 September 2009.

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | QUARTER ENDED | | SEPT Q09 vs SEPT Q08 | SEPT Q09 vs JUNE Q09 | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| | SEPT 2008 | JUNE 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2008 | | | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 16,180 | 18,523 | 21,648 | 21,648 | 16,180 | 34% | 17% |

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|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
| Natural gas | (bcf) | 95.27 | 97.17 | 99.24 | 99.24 | 95.27 | 4% | 2% |
| Natural gas liquid | (000 bbl) | 2,740 | 2,840 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 2,740 | 10% | 6% |
| Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 34.80 | 37.56 | 41.21 | 41.21 | 34.80 | 18% | 10% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina (a) | (000 tonnes) | 857 | 882 | 841 | 841 | 857 | -2% | -5% |
| Aluminium | (000 tonnes) | 309 | 310 | 313 | 313 | 309 | 1% | 1% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | (000 tonnes) | 308.9 | 307.2 | 283.9 | 283.9 | 308.9 | -8% | -8% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | 58,252 | 58,542 | 61,370 | 61,370 | 58,252 | 5% | 5% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | 41,761 | 44,187 | 46,425 | 46,425 | 41,761 | 11% | 5% |
| Gold | (ounces) | 41,751 | 46,993 | 39,911 | 39,911 | 41,751 | -4% | -15% |
| Silver | (000 ounces) | 10,300 | 10,796 | 10,769 | 10,769 | 10,300 | 5% | 0% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,110 | 1,154 | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,110 | 2% | -2% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 608 | 166 | 241 | 241 | 608 | -60% | 45% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | |
| Diamonds | (000 carats) | 773 | 903 | 780 | 780 | 773 | 1% | -14% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel (b) | (000 tonnes) | 17.7 | 40.8 | 35.4 | 35.4 | 17.7 | 100% | -13% |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | |
| Iron ore | (000 tonnes) | 29,824 | 27,048 | 30,106 | 30,106 | 29,824 | 1% | 11% |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese ore | (000 tonnes) | 1,830 | 500 | 1,156 | 1,156 | 1,830 | -37% | 131% |
| Manganese alloy | (000 tonnes) | 203 | 25 | 63 | 63 | 203 | -69% | 152% |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Metallurgical coal | (000 tonnes) | 9,210 | 9,460 | 9,404 | 9,404 | 9,210 | 2% | -1% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | |
| Energy coal | (000 tonnes) | <i>18,064</i> | <i>17,662</i> | 18,059 | 18,059 | <i>18,064</i> | 0% | 2% |

(a) Excluding Suriname which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) Excluding Yabulu which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

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

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION

| | BHP Billiton Interest | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | JUNE 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2008 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate (000 bbl) | | 16,180 | 16,012 | 15,613 | 18,523 | 21,648 | 21,648 | 16,180 |
| Natural gas (bcf) | | 95.27 | 90.23 | 82.19 | 97.17 | 99.24 | 99.24 | 95.27 |
| NGL (000 bbl) (a) | | 2,740 | 2,107 | 2,361 | 2,840 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 2,740 |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) | | 34.80 | 33.16 | 31.67 | 37.56 | 41.21 | 41.21 | 34.80 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Worsley | 86% | 733 | 756 | 688 | 747 | 709 | 709 | 733 |
| Suriname (b) | 45% | 241 | 242 | 226 | 226 | 78 | 78 | 241 |
| Alumar | 36% | 124 | 141 | 137 | 135 | 132 | 132 | 124 |
| Total | | 1,098 | 1,139 | 1,051 | 1,108 | 919 | 919 | 1,098 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | |
| Production (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Hillside | 100% | 175 | 176 | 174 | 177 | 179 | 179 | 175 |
| Bayside | 100% | 25 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Alumar | 40% | 45 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 |
| Mozaal | 47% | 64 | 65 | 62 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 64 |
| Total | | 309 | 310 | 304 | 310 | 313 | 313 | 309 |
| BASE METALS (c) | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 116.8 | 102.7 | 86.6 | 111.5 | 102.8 | 102.8 | 116.8 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 28.4 | 28.6 | 25.7 | 26.3 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 28.4 |
| Pinto Valley (d) | 100% | 14.2 | 14.7 | 4.4 | | | | 14.2 |
| Total | | 159.4 | 146.0 | 116.7 | 137.8 | 127.1 | 127.1 | 159.4 |
| Cathode (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida | 57.5% | 35.6 | 42.1 | 45.0 | 49.4 | 47.9 | 47.9 | 35.6 |
| Cerro Colorado | 100% | 21.8 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 27.5 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 21.8 |
| Spence | 100% | 35.7 | 44.5 | 47.7 | 44.8 | 51.0 | 51.0 | 35.7 |
| Pinto Valley (d) | 100% | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 54.8 | 47.6 | 45.4 | 46.3 | 37.7 | 37.7 | 54.8 |
| Total | | 149.5 | 162.2 | 166.1 | 169.4 | 156.8 | 156.8 | 149.5 |

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

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Cannington | 100% | 57,768 | 65,622 | 46,259 | 57,145 | 60,879 | 60,879 | 57,768 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 484 | 400 | 976 | 1,397 | 491 | 491 | 484 |
| Total | | 58,252 | 66,022 | 47,235 | 58,542 | 61,370 | 61,370 | 58,252 |

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

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Cannington | 100% | 14,449 | 14,199 | 12,943 | 13,258 | 15,190 | 15,190 | 14,449 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 27,312 | 23,671 | 26,454 | 30,929 | 31,235 | 31,235 | 27,312 |
| Total | | 41,761 | 37,870 | 39,397 | 44,187 | 46,425 | 46,425 | 41,761 |

GOLD**Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 14,391 | 17,840 | 17,496 | 17,595 | 13,905 | 13,905 | 14,391 |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100% | 27,360 | 27,950 | 23,331 | 29,398 | 26,006 | 26,006 | 27,360 |
| Pinto Valley (d) | 100% | | | 920 | | | | |
| Total | | 41,751 | 45,790 | 41,747 | 46,993 | 39,911 | 39,911 | 41,751 |

SILVER**Payable metal in concentrate (000 ounces)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Escondida | 57.5% | 668 | 738 | 673 | 686 | 512 | 512 | 668 |
| Antamina | 33.8% | 932 | 915 | 1,003 | 1,240 | 1,039 | 1,039 | 932 |
| Cannington | 100% | 8,391 | 9,565 | 6,802 | 8,609 | 9,013 | 9,013 | 8,391 |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100% | 244 | 234 | 200 | 259 | 205 | 205 | 244 |
| Pinto Valley (d) | 100% | 65 | 63 | 52 | 2 | | | 65 |
| Total | | 10,300 | 11,515 | 8,730 | 10,796 | 10,769 | 10,769 | 10,300 |

URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Olympic Dam | 100% | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 1,154 | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,110 |
| Total | | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 1,154 | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,110 |

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

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Antamina | 33.8% | 514 | 365 | 318 | 166 | 241 | 241 | 514 |
| Pinto Valley (d) | 100% | 94 | 46 | 19 | | | | 94 |
| Total | | 608 | 411 | 337 | 166 | 241 | 241 | 608 |

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS**DIAMONDS****Production (000 carats)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Ekati | 80% | 773 | 594 | 951 | 903 | 780 | 780 | 773 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS**NICKEL****Production (000 tonnes)**

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| CMSA | 99.9% | 10.7 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 10.7 |
| Yabulu (e) | 100% | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 9.1 |
| Nickel West | 100% | 7.0 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 27.1 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 7.0 |
| Total | | 26.8 | 50.2 | 47.5 | 48.6 | 38.2 | 38.2 | 26.8 |

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IRON ORE

Production (000 tonnes) (f)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 7,210 | 7,006 | 6,440 | 5,781 | 6,231 | 6,231 | 7,210 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 232 | 346 | 558 | 280 | 428 | 428 | 232 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 9,209 | 8,716 | 9,181 | 8,407 | 9,189 | 9,189 | 9,209 |

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|---------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,961 | 10,026 | 9,370 | 9,461 | 10,194 | 10,194 | 8,961 |
| Jimblebar | 85% | 1,461 | 1,040 | 1,070 | 1,342 | 1,318 | 1,318 | 1,461 |
| Samarco | 50% | 2,751 | 2,221 | 1,569 | 1,777 | 2,746 | 2,746 | 2,751 |
| Total | | 29,824 | 29,355 | 28,188 | 27,048 | 30,106 | 30,106 | 29,824 |

MANGANESE

MANGANESE ORES

Saleable production (000 tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|-------|
| South Africa (g) | 60% | 929 | 755 | 351 | 156 | 428 | 428 | 929 |
| Australia (g) | 60% | 901 | 657 | 382 | 344 | 728 | 728 | 901 |
| Total | | 1,830 | 1,412 | 733 | 500 | 1,156 | 1,156 | 1,830 |

MANGANESE ALLOYS

Saleable production (000 tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----------|-----------|-----|
| South Africa (g) (h) | 60% | 133 | 112 | 51 | 5 | 30 | 30 | 133 |
| Australia (g) | 60% | 70 | 69 | 53 | 20 | 33 | 33 | 70 |
| Total | | 203 | 181 | 104 | 25 | 63 | 63 | 203 |

METALLURGICAL COAL

Production (000 tonnes) (i)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| BMA | 50% | 6,384 | 6,781 | 5,165 | 6,378 | 5,822 | 5,822 | 6,384 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (j) | 80% | 1,633 | 1,771 | 549 | 1,482 | 1,597 | 1,597 | 1,633 |
| Illawarra | 100% | 1,193 | 1,598 | 1,882 | 1,600 | 1,985 | 1,985 | 1,193 |
| Total | | 9,210 | 10,150 | 7,596 | 9,460 | 9,404 | 9,404 | 9,210 |

ENERGY COAL

Production (000 tonnes)

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| South Africa | 100% | 8,277 | 7,484 | 6,453 | 7,682 | 8,099 | 8,099 | 8,277 |
| USA | 100% | 4,005 | 3,017 | 2,907 | 4,207 | 4,162 | 4,162 | 4,005 |
| Australia | 100% | 2,975 | 2,993 | 2,768 | 3,039 | 3,173 | 3,173 | 2,975 |
| Colombia | 33% | 2,807 | 2,435 | 2,618 | 2,734 | 2,625 | 2,625 | 2,807 |
| Total | | 18,064 | 15,929 | 14,746 | 17,662 | 18,059 | 18,059 | 18,064 |

- (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) Suriname was sold effective 31 July 2009.
- (c) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (d) The Pinto Valley operations were placed on care and maintenance in February 2009.
- (e) Yabulu was sold effective 31 July 2009.
- (f) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (g) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (h) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (i) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (j) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

QUARTER ENDED

QUARTER ENDED

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| | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | JUNE 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2008 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE (000 barrels) | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | 3,412 | 3,230 | 3,057 | 3,744 | 3,501 | 3,501 | 3,412 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 2,115 | 2,434 | 2,150 | 2,178 | 2,305 | 2,305 | 2,115 |
| Stybarrow | 3,376 | 2,720 | 1,843 | 1,538 | 1,328 | 1,328 | 3,376 |
| Other Australia (b) | 206 | 185 | 158 | 150 | 172 | 172 | 206 |
| Atlantis (c) | 2,232 | 2,319 | 2,449 | 3,333 | 4,630 | 4,630 | 2,232 |
| Shenzi (d) | 186 | | 49 | 2,788 | 5,001 | 5,001 | 186 |

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Trinidad /Tobago | 705 | 568 | 542 | 354 | 445 | 445 | 705 |
| Other Americas (e) | 1,561 | 2,025 | 2,016 | 1,860 | 1,741 | 1,741 | 1,561 |
| UK | 680 | 777 | 796 | 869 | 629 | 629 | 680 |
| Algeria | 1,624 | 1,664 | 2,457 | 1,611 | 1,793 | 1,793 | 1,624 |
| Pakistan | 83 | 90 | 96 | 98 | 103 | 103 | 83 |
| Total | 16,180 | 16,012 | 15,613 | 18,523 | 21,648 | 21,648 | 16,180 |

NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) (d)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bass Strait | 37.08 | 25.12 | 17.02 | 28.98 | 31.31 | 31.31 | 37.08 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 27.01 | 31.79 | 31.63 | 32.97 | 32.86 | 32.86 | 27.01 |
| Other Australia (b) | 7.33 | 6.35 | 6.75 | 6.11 | 5.83 | 5.83 | 7.33 |
| Atlantis (c) | 1.25 | 1.16 | 1.32 | 1.95 | 2.85 | 2.85 | 1.25 |
| Shenzi (d) | 0.04 | | | 0.73 | 1.75 | 1.75 | 0.04 |
| Other Americas (e) | 1.74 | 1.68 | 2.09 | 2.01 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 1.74 |
| UK | 7.51 | 9.70 | 8.95 | 8.11 | 5.20 | 5.20 | 7.51 |
| Pakistan | 13.31 | 14.43 | 14.43 | 16.31 | 17.34 | 17.34 | 13.31 |
| Total | 95.27 | 90.23 | 82.19 | 97.17 | 99.24 | 99.24 | 95.27 |

NGL (000 barrels)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bass Strait | 2,149 | 1,352 | 982 | 1,875 | 2,080 | 2,080 | 2,149 |
| North West Shelf (a) | 364 | 402 | 416 | 437 | 438 | 438 | 364 |
| UK | 41 | 89 | 31 | 97 | 53 | 53 | 41 |
| Algeria | 186 | 264 | 932 | 431 | 451 | 451 | 186 |
| Total | 2,740 | 2,107 | 2,361 | 2,840 | 3,022 | 3,022 | 2,740 |

TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 34.80 | 33.16 | 31.67 | 37.56 | 41.21 | 41.21 | 34.80 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

(million barrels of oil equivalent) (f)

- (a) North West Shelf LNG Train 5 was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter. North West Shelf Angel was commissioned during the December 2008 quarter.
- (b) Other Australia includes Griffin and Minerva. Griffin will cease production on 22 October 2009.
- (c) Atlantis North achieved first production on 5 June 2009.
- (d) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi. The Shenzi operation was commissioned during the March 2009 quarter.
- (e) Other Americas includes Neptune, Mad Dog, West Cameron 76, Mustang, Genesis and Starlifter. The Neptune operation was commissioned during the September 2008 quarter.
- (f) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | JUNE 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2008 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | |
| (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | 733 | 756 | 688 | 747 | 709 | 709 | 733 |
| Paranam, Suriname (a) | 241 | 242 | 226 | 226 | 78 | 78 | 241 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 124 | 141 | 137 | 135 | 132 | 132 | 124 |
| Total | 1,098 | 1,139 | 1,051 | 1,108 | 919 | 919 | 1,098 |

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| Sales | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|------------|-------|
| Worsley, Australia | 781 | 763 | 683 | 731 | 716 | 716 | 781 |
| Paranam, Suriname (a) | 216 | 252 | 218 | 246 | 74 | 74 | 216 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 128 | 140 | 110 | 145 | 154 | 154 | 128 |
| Total (b) | 1,125 | 1,155 | 1,011 | 1,122 | 944 | 944 | 1,125 |

ALUMINIUM**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hillside, South Africa | 175 | 176 | 174 | 177 | 179 | 179 | 175 |
| Bayside, South Africa | 25 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 45 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 64 | 65 | 62 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 64 |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 309 | 310 | 304 | 310 | 313 | 313 | 309 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

Sales

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Hillside, South Africa | 160 | 185 | 173 | 189 | 147 | 147 | 160 |
| Bayside, South Africa | 24 | 24 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 24 |
| Alumar, Brazil | 37 | 50 | 48 | 47 | 44 | 44 | 37 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | 36 | 105 | 41 | 88 | 67 | 67 | 36 |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 257 | 364 | 288 | 346 | 284 | 284 | 257 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tolling Agreement (b) | 31 | 27 | 40 | 31 | 35 | 35 | 31 |
| | 288 | 391 | 328 | 377 | 319 | 319 | 288 |

(a) Suriname was sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| | | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
| Escondida, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 99,375 | 100,544 | 97,357 | 102,558 | 102,352 | 102,352 | 99,375 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 20,416 | 22,516 | 21,381 | 19,898 | 16,224 | 16,224 | 20,416 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.32% | 1.04% | 0.93% | 1.22% | 1.38% | 1.38% | 1.32% |
| Production ex Mill (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 208.6 | 186.3 | 156.4 | 199.6 | 188.4 | 188.4 | 208.6 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 116.8 | 102.7 | 86.6 | 111.5 | 102.8 | 102.8 | 116.8 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 14,391 | 17,840 | 17,496 | 17,595 | 13,905 | 13,905 | 14,391 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 35.6 | 42.1 | 45.0 | 49.4 | 47.9 | 47.9 | 35.6 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 668 | 738 | 673 | 686 | 512 | 512 | 668 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 118.2 | 93.8 | 93.0 | 114.2 | 88.9 | 88.9 | 118.2 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 14,521 | 16,377 | 19,050 | 17,816 | 11,991 | 11,991 | 14,521 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 31.2 | 41.8 | 45.6 | 48.4 | 40.7 | 40.7 | 31.2 |
| Payable silver concentrate | (000 ounces) | 666 | 678 | 732 | 685 | 441 | 441 | 666 |
| Cerro Colorado, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 16,526 | 18,598 | 17,927 | 17,289 | 17,019 | 17,019 | 16,526 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 4,594 | 4,379 | 4,405 | 3,598 | 3,758 | 3,758 | 4,594 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.89% | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.86% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 21.8 | 26.3 | 26.5 | 27.5 | 18.6 | 18.6 | 21.8 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 22.9 | 26.2 | 26.5 | 30.5 | 18.3 | 18.3 | 22.9 |
| Spence, Chile | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 18,738 | 20,562 | 19,505 | 20,049 | 19,111 | 19,111 | 18,738 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 4,490 | 4,154 | 4,300 | 4,921 | 4,670 | 4,670 | 4,490 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 2.18% | 1.66% | 1.51% | 1.36% | 1.55% | 1.55% | 2.18% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 35.7 | 44.5 | 47.7 | 44.8 | 51.0 | 51.0 | 35.7 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 34.6 | 43.3 | 45.1 | 45.2 | 42.2 | 42.2 | 34.6 |
| Antamina, Peru | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 30,026 | 28,111 | 27,060 | 29,381 | 27,571 | 27,571 | 30,026 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 8,133 | 8,058 | 7,853 | 8,437 | 8,321 | 8,321 | 8,133 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Copper | (%) | 1.15% | 1.25% | 1.22% | 1.19% | 1.10% | 1.10% | 1.15% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 1.54% | 1.33% | 1.57% | 1.73% | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.54% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 28.4 | 28.6 | 25.7 | 26.3 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 28.4 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 27,312 | 23,671 | 26,454 | 30,929 | 31,235 | 31,235 | 27,312 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 932 | 915 | 1,003 | 1,240 | 1,039 | 1,039 | 932 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 484 | 400 | 976 | 1,397 | 491 | 491 | 484 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 514 | 365 | 318 | 166 | 241 | 241 | 514 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | (000 tonnes) | 26.7 | 29.4 | 28.7 | 24.2 | 25.6 | 25.6 | 26.7 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 26,402 | 27,024 | 24,457 | 29,110 | 30,633 | 30,633 | 26,402 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 719 | 844 | 754 | 987 | 1,079 | 1,079 | 719 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 387 | 518 | 207 | 724 | 1,707 | 1,707 | 387 |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 482 | 398 | 382 | 171 | 264 | 264 | 482 |
| Cannington, Australia | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | (000 tonnes) | 724 | 863 | 824 | 793 | 840 | 840 | 724 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 824 | 817 | 628 | 746 | 798 | 798 | 824 |
| Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| - Silver | (g/t) | 384 | 438 | 398 | 427 | 418 | 418 | 384 |
| - Lead | (%) | 8.3% | 9.5% | 8.8% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 8.3% |
| - Zinc | (%) | 3.0% | 3.1% | 3.3% | 3.0% | 3.1% | 3.10% | 3.0% |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 8,391 | 9,565 | 6,802 | 8,609 | 9,013 | 9,013 | 8,391 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 57,768 | 65,622 | 46,259 | 57,145 | 60,879 | 60,879 | 57,768 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 14,449 | 14,199 | 12,943 | 13,258 | 15,190 | 15,190 | 14,449 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 9,507 | 9,958 | 5,490 | 9,841 | 7,978 | 7,978 | 9,507 |
| Payable lead | (tonnes) | 64,980 | 67,467 | 36,945 | 64,544 | 53,778 | 53,778 | 64,980 |
| Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 16,949 | 10,990 | 11,195 | 15,649 | 10,697 | 10,697 | 16,949 |
| Olympic Dam, Australia | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (a) | (000 tonnes) | 2,628 | 2,419 | 2,415 | 2,370 | 2,479 | 2,479 | 2,628 |
| Ore milled | (000 tonnes) | 2,518 | 2,456 | 2,301 | 2,608 | 2,453 | 2,453 | 2,518 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 2.08% | 1.80% | 1.83% | 1.75% | 1.70% | 1.70% | 2.08% |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.56 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.58 | 0.56 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 51.9 | 44.6 | 42.7 | 42.6 | 34.5 | 34.5 | 51.9 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 1,110 | 860 | 883 | 1,154 | 1,130 | 1,130 | 1,110 |

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|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 27,360 | 27,950 | 23,331 | 29,398 | 26,006 | 26,006 | 27,360 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 244 | 234 | 200 | 259 | 205 | 205 | 244 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode (ER) | (000 tonnes) | 49.5 | 48.3 | 42.7 | 40.5 | 36.1 | 36.1 | 49.5 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 868 | 1,262 | 829 | 1,261 | 537 | 537 | 868 |
| Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 26,121 | 26,383 | 24,298 | 35,876 | 25,053 | 25,053 | 26,121 |
| Refined silver | (000 ounces) | 232 | 250 | 79 | 400 | 173 | 173 | 232 |

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

Pinto Valley, USA

Production

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------|------|-----|-----|------------|------------|------|
| Copper concentrate (a) | (000 tonnes) | 14.2 | 14.7 | 4.4 | | | | 14.2 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Payable silver (a) | (000 ounces) | 65 | 63 | 52 | 2 | | | 65 |
| Payable gold (a) | (ounces) | | | 920 | | | | |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 94 | 46 | 19 | | | | 94 |

Sales

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|------|------|------|-----|------------|------------|------|
| Copper concentrate | (000 tonnes) | 14.0 | 13.0 | 10.5 | | | | 14.0 |
| Copper cathode (EW) | (000 tonnes) | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| Payable silver | (000 ounces) | 65 | 63 | 52 | 2 | | | 65 |
| Payable gold | (ounces) | | | 920 | | | | |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 15 | 44 | 100 | | | | 15 |

(a) During February 2009 the operations were placed on care and maintenance.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |

DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

DIAMONDS

Ekati, Canada

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Ore Processed (100%) | (000 tonnes) | 1,192 | 910 | 1,250 | 1,410 | 1,223 | 1,223 | 1,192 |
| Production | (000 carats) | 773 | 594 | 951 | 903 | 780 | 780 | 773 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

(000 tonnes)

NICKEL

CMSA, Colombia

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Production | | 10.7 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 13.7 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 10.7 |
| Sales | | 10.7 | 11.0 | 11.6 | 18.1 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 10.7 |

Yabulu, Australia (a)

Production

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Nickel metal | | 9.1 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 9.1 |
| Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

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| Sales | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Nickel metal | 7.2 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 7.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 7.2 |
| Cobalt | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |

(a) Yabulu was sold effective 31 July 2009.

Nickel West, Australia**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 6.4 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 6.4 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | 0.6 | 10.8 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 0.6 |
| Nickel metal | | 11.5 | 16.3 | 18.0 | 14.3 | 14.3 | |

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Nickel production | 7.0 | 27.7 | 26.9 | 27.1 | 23.4 | 23.4 | 7.0 |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|

Sales

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| Nickel contained in concentrate | 6.1 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 6.1 |
| Nickel contained in finished matte | | 10.2 | 5.9 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | |
| Nickel metal | 4.7 | 6.6 | 15.1 | 19.0 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 4.7 |

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Nickel sales | 10.8 | 22.4 | 25.3 | 29.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 10.8 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |

IRON ORE

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

(000 tonnes)

IRON ORE (a)**Pilbara, Australia****Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Mt Newman Joint Venture | 7,210 | 7,006 | 6,440 | 5,781 | 6,231 | 6,231 | 7,210 |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 232 | 346 | 558 | 280 | 428 | 428 | 232 |
| Area C Joint Venture | 9,209 | 8,716 | 9,181 | 8,407 | 9,189 | 9,189 | 9,209 |
| Yandi Joint Venture | 8,961 | 10,026 | 9,370 | 9,461 | 10,194 | 10,194 | 8,961 |
| Jimblebar | 1,461 | 1,040 | 1,070 | 1,342 | 1,318 | 1,318 | 1,461 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 27,073 | 27,134 | 26,619 | 25,271 | 27,360 | 27,360 | 27,073 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total production (100%) | 31,851 | 31,922 | 31,316 | 29,731 | 32,188 | 32,188 | 31,851 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Shipments

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Lump | 9,172 | 7,598 | 8,163 | 7,989 | 7,839 | 7,839 | 9,172 |
| Fines | 19,013 | 18,917 | 19,486 | 17,035 | 19,932 | 19,932 | 19,013 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total (BHP Billiton share) | 28,185 | 26,515 | 27,649 | 25,024 | 27,771 | 27,771 | 28,185 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total sales (100%) | 33,159 | 31,194 | 32,528 | 29,441 | 32,672 | 32,672 | 33,159 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

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

Samarco, Brazil**Production**

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2,751 | 2,221 | 1,569 | 1,777 | 2,746 | 2,746 | 2,751 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Shipments | 2,836 | 1,808 | 1,428 | 1,788 | 3,076 | 3,076 | 2,836 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |

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BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

(000 tonnes)

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South Africa (a)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Saleable production | 929 | 755 | 351 | 156 | 428 | 428 | 929 |
| Sales | 917 | 490 | 221 | 367 | 712 | 712 | 917 |

Australia (a)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Saleable production | 901 | 657 | 382 | 344 | 728 | 728 | 901 |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

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|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Sales | 872 | 323 | 442 | 530 | 838 | 838 | 872 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

MANGANESE ALLOY**South Africa (a) (b)**

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|------------|------------|-----|
| Saleable production | 133 | 112 | 51 | 5 | 30 | 30 | 133 |
| Sales | 106 | 56 | 54 | 70 | 101 | 101 | 106 |

Australia (a)

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|-----------|----|
| Saleable production | 70 | 69 | 53 | 20 | 33 | 33 | 70 |
| Sales | 56 | 57 | 36 | 32 | 60 | 60 | 56 |

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

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | SEPT | DEC | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | SEPT | SEPT |
| | 2008 | 2008 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2009 | 2008 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | |
| Queensland, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| BMA | | | | | | | |
| Blackwater | 1,457 | 1,239 | 1,165 | 1,521 | 1,352 | 1,352 | 1,457 |
| Goonyella | 1,699 | 1,915 | 1,346 | 1,725 | 1,507 | 1,507 | 1,699 |
| Peak Downs | 914 | 1,103 | 1,105 | 1,268 | 1,187 | 1,187 | 914 |
| Saraji | 1,104 | 1,027 | 651 | 723 | 779 | 779 | 1,104 |
| Norwich Park | 439 | 605 | 427 | 513 | 392 | 392 | 439 |
| Gregory Joint Venture | 771 | 892 | 471 | 628 | 605 | 605 | 771 |
| BMA total | 6,384 | 6,781 | 5,165 | 6,378 | 5,822 | 5,822 | 6,384 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (b) | | | | | | | |
| South Walker Creek | 1,049 | 943 | 386 | 600 | 821 | 821 | 1,049 |
| Poitrel | 584 | 828 | 163 | 882 | 776 | 776 | 584 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total | 1,633 | 1,771 | 549 | 1,482 | 1,597 | 1,597 | 1,633 |
| Queensland total | 8,017 | 8,552 | 5,714 | 7,860 | 7,419 | 7,419 | 8,017 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | |
| Coking coal | 5,923 | 5,590 | 4,703 | 5,087 | 5,725 | 5,725 | 5,923 |
| Weak coking coal | 1,961 | 1,547 | 1,041 | 1,796 | 1,613 | 1,613 | 1,961 |
| Thermal coal | 462 | 297 | 253 | 461 | 453 | 453 | 462 |
| Total | 8,346 | 7,434 | 5,997 | 7,344 | 7,791 | 7,791 | 8,346 |

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

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

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Illawarra, Australia

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|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Production Shipments | 1,193 | 1,598 | 1,882 | 1,600 | 1,985 | 1,985 | 1,193 |
| Coking coal | 895 | 1,195 | 1,637 | 1,696 | 2,097 | 2,097 | 895 |
| Thermal coal | 160 | 166 | 346 | 46 | 159 | 159 | 160 |
| Total | 1,055 | 1,361 | 1,983 | 1,742 | 2,256 | 2,256 | 1,055 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | QUARTER ENDED | | | | QUARTER ENDED | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | SEPT 2008 | DEC 2008 | MAR 2009 | JUNE 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2009 | SEPT 2008 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. (000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | |
| Production Sales | 8,277 | 7,484 | 6,453 | 7,682 | 8,099 | 8,099 | 8,277 |
| Export | 2,329 | 2,945 | 1,672 | 1,700 | 2,377 | 2,377 | 2,329 |
| Local utility | 6,334 | 5,665 | 5,053 | 5,858 | 5,884 | 5,884 | 6,334 |
| Inland | 376 | 123 | 97 | 70 | 46 | 46 | 376 |
| Total | 9,039 | 8,733 | 6,822 | 7,628 | 8,307 | 8,307 | 9,039 |
| New Mexico, USA | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | |
| Navajo Coal | 2,064 | 1,923 | 1,950 | 2,426 | 2,167 | 2,167 | 2,064 |
| San Juan Coal | 1,941 | 1,094 | 957 | 1,781 | 1,995 | 1,995 | 1,941 |
| Total | 4,005 | 3,017 | 2,907 | 4,207 | 4,162 | 4,162 | 4,005 |
| Sales - local utility | 3,660 | 3,605 | 3,172 | 3,453 | 3,604 | 3,604 | 3,660 |
| Hunter Valley, Australia | | | | | | | |
| Production Sales | 2,975 | 2,993 | 2,768 | 3,039 | 3,173 | 3,173 | 2,975 |
| Export | 1,849 | 2,242 | 2,360 | 1,958 | 1,766 | 1,766 | 1,849 |
| Inland | 946 | 650 | 764 | 573 | 619 | 619 | 946 |
| Total | 2,795 | 2,892 | 3,124 | 2,531 | 2,385 | 2,385 | 2,795 |
| Cerrejon Coal, Colombia | | | | | | | |
| Production | 2,807 | 2,435 | 2,618 | 2,734 | 2,625 | 2,625 | 2,807 |
| Sales - export | 2,593 | 2,829 | 2,409 | 2,623 | 2,355 | 2,355 | 2,593 |