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**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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**BHP BILLITON PLC**

(REG. NO. 3196209)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006**

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 September 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- Record quarterly production of aluminium from continuing operations.
- Iron ore production in line with the record production in the June 2006 quarter (excluding the Goldsworthy (Australia) suspension).
- Record quarterly production of manganese ore in response to stronger customer demand.
- Record quarterly production was achieved at Mozal (Mozambique), GEMCO (Australia), Zamzama (Pakistan), Paranam (Suriname) and Bayside (South Africa).
- Copper production negatively impacted by an industrial stoppage at Escondida (Chile).

|  | SEPT   | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|--|--------|----------|----------|
|  | 2006   | vs       | vs       |
| PETROLEUM  | QTR    | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Crude Oil & Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid ('000 bbl) | 15,216 | -2%      | 4%       |
| Natural Gas (bcf)  | 91.83  | -6%      | -7%      |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe)                   | 30.52  | -4%      | -2%      |

Total Petroleum Production

- Production was in line with both comparative periods.

## Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid

- Production from continuing operations was higher than the previous quarter. Successful infill drilling at North West Shelf (Australia) and Bass Strait (Australia) and reduced downtime at North West Shelf increased production during the quarter. This was partly offset by planned maintenance at Liverpool Bay (UK) and cessation of production from Typhoon / Boris (USA) in September 2005.

## Natural Gas

- Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance in the UK and lower customer demand in Australia contributed to reduced production for the period. Record quarterly production was achieved at Zamzama in response to strong demand. Typhoon / Boris and the Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (Australia) operations have been sold and consequently production will be impacted in future periods.

|                         | SEPT  | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
|                         | 2006  | vs       | vs       |
| ALUMINIUM               | QTR   | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Alumina ('000 tonnes)   | 1,078 | 5%       | 1%       |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) | 337   | 1%       | -2%      |

## Alumina -

Production for the quarter ended September 2006 was higher than the September 2005 quarter. Ramp up of the Worsley Development Capital Project (Australia) and record production at Paranam contributed to the increased result. Stockpiled hydrate from the calciner outages at Alumar (Brazil) and Worsley decreased the current quarter's production.

## Aluminium

- Quarterly production from continuing operations (excluding Valesul (Brazil)) was an all time record. Mozal, Bayside and Hillside (South Africa) continued to deliver strong production. Mozal and Bayside achieved quarterly production records and Hillside production equalled the previous record results in the December 2005 and June 2006 quarters.

|                      | SEPT   | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|----------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                      | 2006   | vs       | vs       |
| BASE METALS          | QTR    | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Copper ('000 tonnes) | 249.9  | -19%     | -20%     |
| Silver ('000 ounces) | 7,349  | -35%     | -23%     |
| Lead (tonnes)        | 48,977 | -25%     | -12%     |
| Zinc (tonnes)        | 24,011 | -18%     | -13%     |

|  |     |      |     |
|--|-----|------|-----|
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 793 | -27% | -8% |
|--|-----|------|-----|

## Copper

- Production during the quarter was positively impacted by the successful commencement of the Sulphide Leach Project at Escondida (Chile) and strong production at Cerro Colorado (Chile). Production for the quarter was impacted by scheduled maintenance at Olympic Dam (Australia), strike action at Escondida and the sale of Tintaya (Peru) in June 2006.

## Silver / Lead

- Production was in line with expectations, as we continue to progress the rehabilitation of ground support at Cannington (Australia).

## Zinc

- In addition to the temporary partial closure at Cannington, production for the quarter was impacted by lower head grades at Cannington and Antamina (Peru).

## Uranium

- Planned maintenance at the Olympic Dam smelter also impacted uranium production for the quarter.

|                                  | SEPT   | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                                  | 2006   | vs       | vs       |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS           | QTR    | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes)           | 25,003 | 5%       | -4%      |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 9,247  | 3%       | 0%       |
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)      | 1,509  | 9%       | 9%       |
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)    | 153    | 10%      | -13%     |

## Iron Ore

- September 2006 quarterly production was in line with the record June 2006 quarter (excluding Goldsworthy). The ramp up of the Rapid Growth Project 2 (Australia), completed in June 2006, contributed to this strong result. Tie-in activity for Rapid Growth Project 3 (Australia), including the Goldsworthy suspension, contributed to lower overall production. Tie-in activity is expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

## Metallurgical Coal

- Metallurgical coal production was in line with previous periods reflecting increased product differentiation in the market.

## Manganese Ore

- Record quarterly production was achieved at GEMCO in response to stronger customer demand.

## Manganese Alloy

- Production for the quarter was impacted by scheduled maintenance.

|                               | SEPT | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
|                               | 2006 | vs       | vs       |
| DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | QTR  | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Diamonds ('000 carats)        | 487  | -43%     | -16%     |
| Fertiliser ('000 tonnes)      | 84.3 | -66%     | -40%     |

## Diamonds

- The volume of ore processed at Ekati (Canada) was four percent higher than the September 2005 quarter. As Ekati transitions from open pit mining to predominantly underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time. This has led to a reduced number of higher value carats recovered during the quarter.

## Fertiliser -

The fertiliser business was sold effective 1 August 2006.

|                           | SEPT   | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
|                           | 2006   | vs       | vs       |
| ENERGY COAL               | QTR    | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) | 21,782 | -9%      | 0%       |

## Energy Coal

- Production for the September 2006 quarter was in line with the June 2006 quarter. Production at Ingwe (South Africa) was two percent higher than the previous quarter despite unfavourable geological conditions and higher strip ratios. The Australian operations had their highest quarterly production since the record quarter in June 2005. Scheduled maintenance and challenging geological conditions at New Mexico Coal (USA) had a negative impact on production.

|                           | SEPT | SEPT Q06 | SEPT Q06 |
|---------------------------|------|----------|----------|
|                           | 2006 | vs       | vs       |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | QTR  | SEPT Q05 | JUNE Q06 |
| Nickel ('000 tonnes)      | 44.5 | 1%       | 7%       |

## Nickel

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- Production for the September 2006 quarter was higher than the June 2006 quarter. The previous quarter was impacted by tie-in activity related to the expansion at Yabulu (Australia).

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| BHP BILLITON<br>PRODUCTION SUMMARY |               | QUARTER ENDED |        |               | QUARTER ENDED |        | % CHANGE |      |      |     |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|------|------|-----|
|                                    |               | SEPT          | JUNE   | SEPT          | SEPT          | SEPT   | SEPT     | SEPT | SEPT |     |
|                                    |               | 2005          | 2006   | 2006          | 2006          | 2005   | SEPT     | JUNE | Q05  | Q06 |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                   |               |               |        |               |               |        |          |      |      |     |
| Crude oil & condensate             | ('000 bbl)    | 12,234        | 11,551 | <b>12,091</b> | <b>12,091</b> | 12,234 |          | -1%  | 5%   |     |
| Natural gas                        | (bcf)         | 97.65         | 98.59  | <b>91.83</b>  | <b>91.83</b>  | 97.65  |          | -6%  | -7%  |     |
| Natural gas liquid                 | ('000 bbl)    | 3,245         | 3,063  | <b>3,125</b>  | <b>3,125</b>  | 3,245  |          | -4%  | 2%   |     |
| Total Petroleum Products           | (million boe) | 31.75         | 31.04  | <b>30.52</b>  | <b>30.52</b>  | 31.75  |          | -4%  | -2%  |     |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                   |               |               |        |               |               |        |          |      |      |     |
| Alumina                            | ('000 tonnes) | 1,028         | 1,072  | <b>1,078</b>  | <b>1,078</b>  | 1,028  |          | 5%   | 1%   |     |
| Aluminium                          | ('000 tonnes) | 334           | 344    | <b>337</b>    | <b>337</b>    | 334    |          | 1%   | -2%  |     |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>                 |               |               |        |               |               |        |          |      |      |     |

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|   |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--|---------------|--------|--|------|------|
| Copper  | ('000 tonnes) | 308.9  | 311.7  | <b>249.9</b>  |  | <b>249.9</b>  | 308.9  |  | -19% | -20% |
| Lead  | (tonnes)      | 64,873 | 55,507 | <b>48,977</b> |  | <b>48,977</b> | 64,873 |  | -25% | -12% |
| Zinc  | (tonnes)      | 29,147 | 27,564 | <b>24,011</b> |  | <b>24,011</b> | 29,147 |  | -18% | -13% |
| Gold  | (ounces)      | 53,666 | 56,161 | <b>41,160</b> |  | <b>41,160</b> | 53,666 |  | -23% | -27% |
| Silver  | ('000 ounces) | 11,362 | 9,593  | <b>7,349</b>  |  | <b>7,349</b>  | 11,362 |  | -35% | -23% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate   | (tonnes)      | 1,088  | 865    | <b>793</b>    |  | <b>793</b>    | 1,088  |  | -27% | -8%  |
| Molybdenum  | (tonnes)      | 573    | 538    | <b>719</b>    |  | <b>719</b>    | 573    |  | 25%  | 34%  |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>   |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |
| Iron ore  | ('000 tonnes) | 23,848 | 26,115 | <b>25,003</b> |  | <b>25,003</b> | 23,848 |  | 5%   | -4%  |
| Metallurgical coal  | ('000 tonnes) | 8,986  | 9,224  | <b>9,247</b>  |  | <b>9,247</b>  | 8,986  |  | 3%   | 0%   |
| Manganese ore   | ('000 tonnes) | 1,387  | 1,389  | <b>1,509</b>  |  | <b>1,509</b>  | 1,387  |  | 9%   | 9%   |
| Manganese alloy   | ('000 tonnes) | 139    | 175    | <b>153</b>    |  | <b>153</b>    | 139    |  | 10%  | -13% |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>  |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |
| Diamonds  | ('000 carats) | 852    | 583    | <b>487</b>    |  | <b>487</b>    | 852    |  | -43% | -16% |
| Fertiliser  | ('000 tonnes) | 244.9  | 141.3  | <b>84.3</b>   |  | <b>84.3</b>   | 244.9  |  | -66% | -40% |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>  |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |
| Energy coal   | ('000 tonnes) | 24,010 | 21,787 | <b>21,782</b> |  | <b>21,782</b> | 24,010 |  | -9%  | 0%   |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |
| Nickel  | ('000 tonnes) | 44.1   | 41.6   | <b>44.5</b>   |  | <b>44.5</b>   | 44.1   |  | 1%   | 7%   |
| Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported. |               |        |        |               |  |               |        |  |      |      |

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION |  |  |              |      |      |       |      |      |  |               |      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|------|------|-------|------|------|--|---------------|------|
|                                      |  |  |              |      |      |       |      |      |  | QUARTER ENDED |      |
|                                      |  |  | BHP Billiton | SEPT | DEC  | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT |  | SEPT          | SEPT |
|                                      |  |  | Interest     | 2005 | 2005 | 2006  | 2006 | 2006 |  | 2006          | 2005 |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                     |  |  |              |      |      |       |      |      |  |               |      |

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| <b>Production</b>                                 |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|   | Crude oil & condensate   | ('000 bbl)    | 12,234 | 11,202 | 10,886 | 11,551 | <b>12,091</b> | <b>12,091</b> | 12,234 |
|   | Natural gas              | (bcf)         | 97.65  | 86.35  | 77.85  | 98.59  | <b>91.83</b>  | <b>91.83</b>  | 97.65  |
|   | NGL (a)                  | ('000 bbl)    | 3,245  | 2,672  | 2,448  | 3,063  | <b>3,125</b>  | <b>3,125</b>  | 3,245  |
|   | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 31.75  | 28.26  | 26.31  | 31.04  | <b>30.52</b>  | <b>30.52</b>  | 31.75  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                                  |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>                                    |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>                   |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|   | Worsley                  | 86%           | 689    | 663    | 717    | 694    | <b>704</b>    | <b>704</b>    | 689    |
|   | Suriname                 | 45%           | 227    | 219    | 228    | 247    | <b>253</b>    | <b>253</b>    | 227    |
|   | Alumar                   | 36%           | 112    | 130    | 130    | 131    | <b>121</b>    | <b>121</b>    | 112    |
|   | Total                    |               | 1,028  | 1,012  | 1,075  | 1,072  | <b>1,078</b>  | <b>1,078</b>  | 1,028  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                                  |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>                   |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|   | Hillside                 | 100%          | 172    | 177    | 174    | 177    | <b>177</b>    | <b>177</b>    | 172    |
|   | Bayside                  | 100%          | 41     | 46     | 46     | 46     | <b>49</b>     | <b>49</b>     | 41     |
|   | Alumar                   | 46.3%         | 45     | 45     | 44     | 44     | <b>44</b>     | <b>44</b>     | 45     |
|   | Valesul (b)              | 45.5%         | 11     | 10     | 11     | 11     | -             | -             | 11     |
|   | Mozal                    | 47%           | 65     | 66     | 65     | 66     | <b>67</b>     | <b>67</b>     | 65     |
|   | Total                    |               | 334    | 344    | 340    | 344    | <b>337</b>    | <b>337</b>    | 334    |
| <b>BASE METALS (c)</b>                            |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| <b>COPPER</b>                                     |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</b> |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|   | Escondida                | 57.5%         | 168.6  | 169.0  | 168.2  | 165.2  | <b>129.7</b>  | <b>129.7</b>  | 168.6  |
|   | Antamina                 | 33.8%         | 27.9   | 34.3   | 32.9   | 29.1   | <b>29.0</b>   | <b>29.0</b>   | 27.9   |
|   | Tintaya (d)              | 100%          | 17.3   | 18.1   | 16.2   | 12.9   | -             | -             | 17.3   |
|   | Total                    |               | 213.8  | 221.4  | 217.3  | 207.2  | <b>158.7</b>  | <b>158.7</b>  | 213.8  |
| <b>Cathode ('000 tonnes)</b>                      |                          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|   | Escondida                | 57.5%         | 19.6   | 20.0   | 15.4   | 11.7   | <b>17.5</b>   | <b>17.5</b>   | 19.6   |
|   | Cerro Colorado           | 100%          | 14.5   | 21.5   | 28.1   | 30.0   | <b>30.0</b>   | <b>30.0</b>   | 14.5   |
|   | Tintaya (d)              | 100%          | 9.7    | 9.9    | 9.1    | 6.1    | -             | -             | 9.7    |
|   | Pinto Valley             | 100%          | 2.2    | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.1    | <b>2.1</b>    | <b>2.1</b>    | 2.2    |
|   | Olympic Dam              | 100%          | 49.1   | 53.5   | 47.1   | 54.6   | <b>41.6</b>   | <b>41.6</b>   | 49.1   |
|   | Total                    |               | 95.1   | 107.0  | 101.8  | 104.5  | <b>91.2</b>   | <b>91.2</b>   | 95.1   |

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| <b>LEAD</b>                                       |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|---|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--|---------------|--------|
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Cannington                   | 100%  | 64,873 | 77,187 | 68,754 | 55,507 | <b>48,977</b> |  | <b>48,977</b> | 64,873 |
|   | Total                        |       | 64,873 | 77,187 | 68,754 | 55,507 | <b>48,977</b> |  | <b>48,977</b> | 64,873 |
| <b>ZINC</b>                                       |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Cannington                   | 100%  | 14,188 | 18,780 | 20,885 | 14,926 | <b>10,426</b> |  | <b>10,426</b> | 14,188 |
|   | Antamina                     | 33.8% | 14,959 | 5,148  | 7,534  | 12,638 | <b>13,585</b> |  | <b>13,585</b> | 14,959 |
|   | Total                        |       | 29,147 | 23,928 | 28,419 | 27,564 | <b>24,011</b> |  | <b>24,011</b> | 29,147 |
|   |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Refer footnotes on page 4.   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>BASE METALS (continued)</b>                    |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>GOLD</b>                                       |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)</b>      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Escondida                    | 57.5% | 19,194 | 19,200 | 17,877 | 23,567 | <b>17,049</b> |  | <b>17,049</b> | 19,194 |
|   | Tintaya (d)                  | 100%  | 8,048  | 8,200  | 8,032  | 4,958  | -             |  | -             | 8,048  |
|   | Olympic Dam (refined gold)   | 100%  | 26,424 | 27,300 | 26,186 | 27,636 | <b>24,111</b> |  | <b>24,111</b> | 26,424 |
|   | Total                        |       | 53,666 | 54,700 | 52,095 | 56,161 | <b>41,160</b> |  | <b>41,160</b> | 53,666 |
| <b>SILVER</b>                                     |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)</b> |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Escondida                    | 57.5% | 795    | 945    | 714    | 925    | <b>724</b>    |  | <b>724</b>    | 795    |
|   | Antamina                     | 33.8% | 642    | 859    | 865    | 808    | <b>713</b>    |  | <b>713</b>    | 642    |
|   | Tintaya (d)                  | 100%  | 167    | 168    | 138    | 119    | -             |  | -             | 167    |
|   | Cannington                   | 100%  | 9,579  | 11,672 | 9,693  | 7,503  | <b>5,714</b>  |  | <b>5,714</b>  | 9,579  |
|   | Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100%  | 179    | 222    | 245    | 238    | <b>198</b>    |  | <b>198</b>    | 179    |
|   | Total                        |       | 11,362 | 13,866 | 11,655 | 9,593  | <b>7,349</b>  |  | <b>7,349</b>  | 11,362 |
| <b>URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE</b>                  |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |                              |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|   | Olympic Dam                  | 100%  | 1,088  | 1,070  | 913    | 865    | <b>793</b>    |  | <b>793</b>    | 1,088  |

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|  | Total                      |       | 1,088  | 1,070  | 913    | 865    | 793    |  | 793    | 1,088  |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>MOLYBDENUM</b>                            |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b> |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Antamina                   | 33.8% | 573    | 772    | 632    | 538    | 719    |  | 719    | 573    |
|  | Total                      |       | 573    | 772    | 632    | 538    | 719    |  | 719    | 573    |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>IRON ORE (e)</b>                          |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>              |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | Mt Newman Joint Venture    | 85%   | 6,234  | 6,166  | 5,884  | 6,490  | 7,394  |  | 7,394  | 6,234  |
|  | Goldsworthy Joint Venture  | 85%   | 1,393  | 1,669  | 1,371  | 1,808  | 806    |  | 806    | 1,393  |
|  | Area C Joint Venture       | 85%   | 4,286  | 4,969  | 3,332  | 5,401  | 4,821  |  | 4,821  | 4,286  |
|  | Yandi Joint Venture        | 85%   | 8,409  | 8,372  | 8,561  | 8,854  | 8,504  |  | 8,504  | 8,409  |
|  | Jimblebar (f)              | 85%   | 1,645  | 1,569  | 1,549  | 1,607  | 1,490  |  | 1,490  | 1,645  |
|  | Samarco                    | 50%   | 1,881  | 1,865  | 1,802  | 1,955  | 1,988  |  | 1,988  | 1,881  |
|  | Total                      |       | 23,848 | 24,610 | 22,499 | 26,115 | 25,003 |  | 25,003 | 23,848 |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL (g)</b>                |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>              |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | BMA                        | 50%   | 6,693  | 6,441  | 5,972  | 6,474  | 6,657  |  | 6,657  | 6,693  |
|  | BHP Mitsui Coal (h)        | 80%   | 726    | 710    | 763    | 850    | 873    |  | 873    | 726    |
|  | Illawarra                  | 100%  | 1,567  | 1,822  | 1,725  | 1,900  | 1,717  |  | 1,717  | 1,567  |
|  | Total                      |       | 8,986  | 8,973  | 8,460  | 9,224  | 9,247  |  | 9,247  | 8,986  |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ORES</b>                        |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b>     |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  | South Africa (i)           | 60%   | 566    | 529    | 532    | 673    | 644    |  | 644    | 566    |
|  | Australia (i)              | 60%   | 821    | 749    | 694    | 716    | 865    |  | 865    | 821    |
|  | Total                      |       | 1,387  | 1,278  | 1,226  | 1,389  | 1,509  |  | 1,509  | 1,387  |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
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|  | Refer footnotes on page 4. |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|  |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)</b>       |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>                      |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</b>     |                            |       |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

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|  | South Africa (i)  | 60%   | 79     | 105    | 119    | 131    | <b>93</b>     |  | <b>93</b>     | 79     |
|  | Australia (i)   | 60%   | 60     | 60     | 54     | 44     | <b>60</b>     |  | <b>60</b>     | 60     |
|  | Total   |       | 139    | 165    | 173    | 175    | <b>153</b>    |  | <b>153</b>    | 139    |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b> |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>                        |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 carats)</b>        |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Ekati™  | 80%   | 852    | 614    | 512    | 583    | <b>487</b>    |  | <b>487</b>    | 852    |
| <b>FERTILISER</b>                      |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>        |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (j)  | 100%  | 244.9  | 252.6  | 222.5  | 141.3  | <b>84.3</b>   |  | <b>84.3</b>   | 244.9  |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                     |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>        |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | South Africa  | 100%  | 14,549 | 12,940 | 11,605 | 12,854 | <b>13,151</b> |  | <b>13,151</b> | 14,549 |
|  | USA   | 100%  | 4,561  | 4,065  | 2,829  | 3,891  | <b>3,467</b>  |  | <b>3,467</b>  | 4,561  |
|  | Australia   | 100%  | 2,568  | 2,045  | 1,897  | 2,636  | <b>2,766</b>  |  | <b>2,766</b>  | 2,568  |
|  | Colombia  | 33%   | 2,332  | 2,237  | 2,341  | 2,406  | <b>2,398</b>  |  | <b>2,398</b>  | 2,332  |
|  | Total   |       | 24,010 | 21,287 | 18,672 | 21,787 | <b>21,782</b> |  | <b>21,782</b> | 24,010 |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>       |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>NICKEL</b>                          |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
| <b>Production ('000 tonnes)</b>        |   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | CMSA  | 99.8% | 12.8   | 13.0   | 12.9   | 12.8   | <b>12.7</b>   |  | <b>12.7</b>   | 12.8   |
|  | Yabulu  | 100%  | 6.1    | 5.9    | 7.0    | 4.3    | <b>7.3</b>    |  | <b>7.3</b>    | 6.1    |
|  | Nickel West   | 100%  | 25.2   | 30.1   | 20.3   | 24.5   | <b>24.5</b>   |  | <b>24.5</b>   | 25.2   |
|  | Total   |       | 44.1   | 49.0   | 40.2   | 41.6   | <b>44.5</b>   |  | <b>44.5</b>   | 44.1   |
|  | (a) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquids (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). Comparative period information has been restated. |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (b) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.  |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (c) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (d) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.  |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (e) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.  |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (f) From October 1, 2005 Jimblebar production is disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis, prior production is disclosed at 100%.  |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (g) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.   |       |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |

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|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|
|   | (i)                               | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.                 |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   | (j)                               | BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006. |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                         |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               | QUARTER ENDED |
|   |                                   |   |  | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT          |  | SEPT          | SEPT          |
|   |                                   |   |  | 2005   | 2005   | 2006   | 2006   | 2006          |  | 2006          | 2005          |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>  |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
| <b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)</b>              |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   | Bass Strait                       |   |  | 3,720  | 3,584  | 3,414  | 3,964  | <b>3,847</b>  |  | <b>3,847</b>  | 3,720         |
|   | Minerva                           |   |  | 34     | 26     | 18     | 20     | <b>23</b>     |  | <b>23</b>     | 34            |
|   | North West Shelf - condensate     |   |  | 1,370  | 1,405  | 1,263  | 1,091  | <b>1,350</b>  |  | <b>1,350</b>  | 1,370         |
|   | North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack |   |  | 1,149  | 979    | 751    | 1,111  | <b>1,634</b>  |  | <b>1,634</b>  | 1,149         |
|   | Griffin                           |   |  | 436    | 344    | 204    | 296    | <b>323</b>    |  | <b>323</b>    | 436           |
|   | Pakistan                          |   |  | 49     | 54     | 59     | 60     | <b>61</b>     |  | <b>61</b>     | 49            |
|   | Typhoon/Boris (a)                 |   |  | 306    | 23     | -      | -      | <b>-</b>      |  | <b>-</b>      | 306           |
|   | Mad Dog                           |   |  | 440    | 604    | 549    | 698    | <b>528</b>    |  | <b>528</b>    | 440           |
|   | Other Americas (b)                |   |  | 123    | 161    | 68     | 68     | <b>78</b>     |  | <b>78</b>     | 123           |
|   | Angostura                         |   |  | 998    | 1,018  | 1,080  | 1,191  | <b>1,174</b>  |  | <b>1,174</b>  | 998           |
|   | Liverpool Bay                     |   |  | 1,160  | 1,161  | 1,278  | 1,199  | <b>931</b>    |  | <b>931</b>    | 1,160         |
|   | Bruce/Keith                       |   |  | 254    | 256    | 209    | 182    | <b>178</b>    |  | <b>178</b>    | 254           |
|   | Ohanet                            |   |  | 483    | 353    | 389    | 426    | <b>357</b>    |  | <b>357</b>    | 483           |
|   | ROD                               |   |  | 1,712  | 1,234  | 1,604  | 1,245  | <b>1,607</b>  |  | <b>1,607</b>  | 1,712         |
|   | Total                             |   |  | 12,234 | 11,202 | 10,886 | 11,551 | <b>12,091</b> |  | <b>12,091</b> | 12,234        |
|   |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
| <b>NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)</b>                       |                                   |   |  |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |               |
|   | Bass Strait                       |   |  | 35.93  | 21.12  | 18.26  | 34.43  | <b>33.54</b>  |  | <b>33.54</b>  | 35.93         |
|   | Minerva                           |   |  | 10.30  | 8.14   | 5.78   | 6.36   | <b>7.73</b>   |  | <b>7.73</b>   | 10.30         |
|   | North West Shelf - Domestic       |   |  | 3.97   | 3.81   | 3.55   | 4.63   | <b>3.54</b>   |  | <b>3.54</b>   | 3.97          |
|   | North West Shelf - LNG            |   |  | 21.19  | 23.16  | 21.15  | 22.70  | <b>21.68</b>  |  | <b>21.68</b>  | 21.19         |
|   | Griffin                           |   |  | 0.56   | 0.41   | 0.12   | 0.19   | <b>0.49</b>   |  | <b>0.49</b>   | 0.56          |
|   | Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (c)     |   |  | 1.65   | 1.73   | 1.75   | 1.86   | <b>1.12</b>   |  | <b>1.12</b>   | 1.65          |
|   | Illawarra Coal Bed Methane        |   |  | 1.12   | 1.60   | 1.50   | 1.35   | <b>1.50</b>   |  | <b>1.50</b>   | 1.12          |
|   | Pakistan                          |   |  | 7.32   | 8.40   | 8.52   | 9.02   | <b>9.14</b>   |  | <b>9.14</b>   | 7.32          |
|   | Typhoon/Boris (a)                 |   |  | 0.46   | 0.01   | -      | -      | <b>-</b>      |  | <b>-</b>      | 0.46          |
|   | Mad Dog                           |   |  | 0.08   | 0.12   | 0.11   | 0.25   | <b>0.17</b>   |  | <b>0.17</b>   | 0.08          |
|   | Other Americas (b)                |   |  | 1.89   | 1.00   | 1.78   | 2.34   | <b>2.55</b>   |  | <b>2.55</b>   | 1.89          |
|   | Bruce/Keith                       |   |  | 5.81   | 6.28   | 6.52   | 5.40   | <b>4.21</b>   |  | <b>4.21</b>   | 5.81          |

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|  | Liverpool Bay      |  | 7.37  | 10.57 | 8.81  | 10.06 | 6.16  |  | 6.16  | 7.37          |
|  | Total              |  | 97.65 | 86.35 | 77.85 | 98.59 | 91.83 |  | 91.83 | 97.65         |
| <b>NGL ('000 barrels) (d)</b>  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|  | Bass Strait        |  | 2,193 | 1,719 | 1,574 | 2,254 | 2,224 |  | 2,224 | 2,193         |
|  | North West Shelf   |  | 460   | 465   | 410   | 349   | 444   |  | 444   | 460           |
|  | Bruce/Keith        |  | 159   | 176   | 94    | 59    | 138   |  | 138   | 159           |
|  | Ohanet             |  | 433   | 312   | 370   | 401   | 319   |  | 319   | 433           |
|  | Total              |  | 3,245 | 2,672 | 2,448 | 3,063 | 3,125 |  | 3,125 | 3,245         |
| <b>TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b>  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>(million barrels of oil equivalent) (e)</b>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <p>(a) Typhoon/ Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform. The sale of Typhoon/ Boris, including the Littleburn field, is pending US Minerals Management Service approval.</p>                      |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <p>(b) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from January 16, 2006.</p>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <p>(c) BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in September 2006 quarter.</p>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <p>(d) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquids (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). Comparative period information has been restated.</p> |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <p>(e) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000 cf of natural gas equals 1 boe.</p>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       | QUARTER ENDED |
|  |                    |  | SEPT  | DEC   | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  |  |       | SEPT          |
|  |                    |  | 2005  | 2005  | 2006  | 2006  | 2006  |  |       | 2006          |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| ('000 tonnes)  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>Production</b>  |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|  | Worsley, Australia |  | 689   | 663   | 717   | 694   | 704   |  | 704   | 689           |
|  | Paranam, Suriname  |  | 227   | 219   | 228   | 247   | 253   |  | 253   | 227           |
|  | Alumar, Brazil     |  | 112   | 130   | 130   | 131   | 121   |  | 121   | 112           |
|  | Total              |  | 1,028 | 1,012 | 1,075 | 1,072 | 1,078 |  | 1,078 | 1,028         |
| <b>Sales</b>   |                    |  |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|  | Worsley, Australia |  | 584   | 710   | 709   | 672   | 666   |  | 666   | 584           |
|  | Paranam, Suriname  |  | 203   | 249   | 213   | 244   | 236   |  | 236   | 203           |
|  | Alumar, Brazil     |  | 107   | 121   | 130   | 147   | 108   |  | 108   | 107           |

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|   | Total (a)                  |   | 894    | 1,080  | 1,052  | 1,063  | 1,010  |  | 1,010  | 894    |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>  |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | <b>Production</b>          |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | Hillside, South Africa     |   | 172    | 177    | 174    | 177    | 177    |  | 177    | 172    |
|   | Bayside, South Africa      |   | 41     | 46     | 46     | 46     | 49     |  | 49     | 41     |
|   | Alumar, Brazil             |   | 45     | 45     | 44     | 44     | 44     |  | 44     | 45     |
|   | Valesul, Brazil (b)        |   | 11     | 10     | 11     | 11     | -      |  | -      | 11     |
|   | Mozal, Mozambique          |   | 65     | 66     | 65     | 66     | 67     |  | 67     | 65     |
|   | Total                      |   | 334    | 344    | 340    | 344    | 337    |  | 337    | 334    |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | <b>Sales</b>               |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | Hillside, South Africa     |   | 168    | 175    | 162    | 186    | 170    |  | 170    | 168    |
|   | Bayside, South Africa      |   | 34     | 43     | 40     | 48     | 44     |  | 44     | 34     |
|   | Alumar, Brazil             |   | 42     | 44     | 48     | 44     | 44     |  | 44     | 42     |
|   | Valesul, Brazil (b)        |   | 11     | 12     | 10     | 11     | -      |  | -      | 11     |
|   | Mozal, Mozambique          |   | 54     | 79     | 58     | 68     | 60     |  | 60     | 54     |
|   | Total                      |   | 309    | 353    | 318    | 357    | 318    |  | 318    | 309    |
|   | Tolling Agreement (a)      |   | 23     | 22     | 22     | 38     | 24     |  | 24     | 23     |
|   |                            |   | 332    | 375    | 340    | 395    | 342    |  | 342    | 332    |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | (a)                        | Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales. |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | (b)                        | BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.  |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   |  | SEPT   | SEPT   |
|   |                            |   | 2005   | 2005   | 2006   | 2006   | 2006   |  | 2006   | 2005   |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>  |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
| <b>Escondida, Chile</b>   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | Material mined (100%)      | ('000 tonnes)   | 90,919 | 92,155 | 90,781 | 94,429 | 59,601 |  | 59,601 | 90,919 |
|   | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes)   | 22,255 | 22,161 | 21,843 | 21,473 | 18,257 |  | 18,257 | 22,255 |
|   | Average copper grade       | (%)   | 1.60%  | 1.58%  | 1.62%  | 1.63%  | 1.55%  |  | 1.55%  | 1.60%  |
|   | Production ex Mill (100%)  | ('000 tonnes)   | 304.4  | 304.0  | 302.8  | 295.9  | 234.0  |  | 234.0  | 304.4  |
|   |                            |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |
|   | <b>Production</b>          |   |        |        |        |        |        |  |        |        |

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|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|--|--|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--|---------------|--------|
|  | Payable copper   | ('000 tonnes) | 168.6  | 169.0  | 168.2  | 165.2  | <b>129.7</b>  |  | <b>129.7</b>  | 168.6  |
|  | Payable gold concentrate                                   | (fine ounces) | 19,194 | 19,200 | 17,877 | 23,567 | <b>17,049</b> |  | <b>17,049</b> | 19,194 |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)  | ('000 tonnes) | 19.6   | 20.0   | 15.4   | 11.7   | <b>17.5</b>   |  | <b>17.5</b>   | 19.6   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate                                 | ('000 ounces) | 795    | 945    | 714    | 925    | <b>724</b>    |  | <b>724</b>    | 795    |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | <b>Sales</b>   |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Payable copper   | ('000 tonnes) | 169.4  | 160.7  | 184.4  | 158.6  | <b>133.8</b>  |  | <b>133.8</b>  | 169.4  |
|  | Payable gold concentrate                                   | (fine ounces) | 19,294 | 18,145 | 20,159 | 22,627 | <b>17,778</b> |  | <b>17,778</b> | 19,294 |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)  | ('000 tonnes) | 19.3   | 19.4   | 16.7   | 11.5   | <b>14.2</b>   |  | <b>14.2</b>   | 19.3   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate                                 | ('000 ounces) | 803    | 892    | 802    | 891    | <b>752</b>    |  | <b>752</b>    | 803    |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | <b>Tintaya, Peru (a)</b>                                   |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Material mined   | ('000 tonnes) | 17,228 | 17,107 | 15,960 | 11,539 | -             |  | -             | 17,228 |
|  | Sulphide Ore milled  | ('000 tonnes) | 1,546  | 1,734  | 1,523  | 1,123  | -             |  | -             | 1,546  |
|  | Average copper grade                                       | (%)           | 1.33%  | 1.26%  | 1.26%  | 1.33%  | -             |  | -             | 1.33%  |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | <b>Production</b>  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Payable copper   | ('000 tonnes) | 17.3   | 18.1   | 16.2   | 12.9   | -             |  | -             | 17.3   |
|  | Payable gold concentrate                                   | (fine ounces) | 8,048  | 8,200  | 8,032  | 4,958  | -             |  | -             | 8,048  |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)  | ('000 tonnes) | 9.7    | 9.9    | 9.1    | 6.1    | -             |  | -             | 9.7    |
|  | Payable silver concentrate                                 | ('000 ounces) | 167    | 168    | 138    | 119    | -             |  | -             | 167    |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | <b>Sales</b>   |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | Payable copper   | ('000 tonnes) | 17.0   | 19.4   | 15.1   | 12.0   | -             |  | -             | 17.0   |
|  | Payable gold concentrate                                   | (fine ounces) | 6,783  | 8,376  | 8,016  | 5,079  | -             |  | -             | 6,783  |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)  | ('000 tonnes) | 10.3   | 9.8    | 8.3    | 7.1    | -             |  | -             | 10.3   |
|  | Payable silver concentrate                                 | ('000 ounces) | 161    | 207    | 127    | 109    | -             |  | -             | 161    |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | (a) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006. |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  |  |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
|  | <b>Cerro Colorado, Chile</b>                               |               |        |        |        |        |               |  |               |        |
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|  |                              |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|  | Material mined               | ('000 tonnes) | 16,696 | 17,107 | 17,926 | 18,258 | <b>16,334</b> | <b>16,334</b> | 16,696 |
|  | Ore milled                   | ('000 tonnes) | 3,344  | 4,348  | 4,266  | 4,490  | <b>4,508</b>  | <b>4,508</b>  | 3,344  |
|  | Average copper grade         | (%)           | 0.79%  | 0.90%  | 0.94%  | 0.83%  | <b>0.80%</b>  | <b>0.80%</b>  | 0.79%  |
|  | <b>Production</b>            |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)          | ('000 tonnes) | 14.5   | 21.5   | 28.1   | 30.0   | <b>30.0</b>   | <b>30.0</b>   | 14.5   |
|  | <b>Sales</b>                 |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Copper cathode (EW)          | ('000 tonnes) | 15.0   | 19.7   | 24.4   | 34.5   | <b>27.9</b>   | <b>27.9</b>   | 15.0   |
|  | <b>Antamina, Peru</b>        |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Material mined (100%)        | ('000 tonnes) | 32,839 | 32,598 | 28,982 | 29,740 | <b>29,917</b> | <b>29,917</b> | 32,839 |
|  | Sulphide ore milled (100%)   | ('000 tonnes) | 7,367  | 8,349  | 7,549  | 7,196  | <b>7,581</b>  | <b>7,581</b>  | 7,367  |
|  | Average head grades          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | - Copper                     | (%)           | 1.30%  | 1.36%  | 1.48%  | 1.45%  | <b>1.22%</b>  | <b>1.22%</b>  | 1.30%  |
|  | - Zinc                       | (%)           | 1.04%  | 0.51%  | 0.62%  | 0.88%  | <b>0.87%</b>  | <b>0.87%</b>  | 1.04%  |
|  | <b>Production</b>            |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Payable copper               | ('000 tonnes) | 27.9   | 34.3   | 32.9   | 29.1   | <b>29.0</b>   | <b>29.0</b>   | 27.9   |
|  | Payable zinc                 | (tonnes)      | 14,959 | 5,148  | 7,534  | 12,638 | <b>13,585</b> | <b>13,585</b> | 14,959 |
|  | Payable silver               | ('000 ounces) | 642    | 859    | 865    | 808    | <b>713</b>    | <b>713</b>    | 642    |
|  | Payable molybdenum           | (tonnes)      | 573    | 772    | 632    | 538    | <b>719</b>    | <b>719</b>    | 573    |
|  | <b>Sales</b>                 |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Payable copper               | ('000 tonnes) | 30.7   | 35.5   | 30.5   | 25.6   | <b>33.9</b>   | <b>33.9</b>   | 30.7   |
|  | Payable zinc                 | (tonnes)      | 13,203 | 7,894  | 9,634  | 7,638  | <b>14,224</b> | <b>14,224</b> | 13,203 |
|  | Payable silver               | ('000 ounces) | 669    | 813    | 750    | 505    | <b>713</b>    | <b>713</b>    | 669    |
|  | Payable molybdenum           | (tonnes)      | 538    | 751    | 697    | 627    | <b>719</b>    | <b>719</b>    | 538    |
|  | <b>Cannington, Australia</b> |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | Material mined               | ('000 tonnes) | 910    | 887    | 799    | 496    | <b>428</b>    | <b>428</b>    | 910    |
|  | Ore milled                   | ('000 tonnes) | 772    | 850    | 809    | 589    | <b>478</b>    | <b>478</b>    | 772    |
|  | Average head grades          |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|  | - Silver                     | (g/t)         | 453    | 493    | 431    | 469    | <b>385</b>    | <b>385</b>    | 453    |
|  | - Lead                       | (%)           | 9.9%   | 10.8%  | 9.8%   | 10.9%  | <b>10.7%</b>  | <b>10.7%</b>  | 9.9%   |



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| <b>Pinto Valley, USA</b>  |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--------|---------------|
| <b>Production</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)  | 2.2    | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.1    | 2.1 | 2.1    | 2.2           |
| <b>Sales</b>  |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   | Copper cathode (EW)        | ('000 tonnes)  | 2.3    | 2.6    | 2.6    | 2.6    | 2.6    | 2.6 | 2.6    | 2.3           |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        | QUARTER ENDED |
|   |                            |  | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT   |     | SEPT   | SEPT          |
|   |                            |  | 2005   | 2005   | 2006   | 2006   | 2006   |     | 2006   | 2005          |
| <b>CARBON STEEL MATERIALS</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| <b>IRON ORE (a)</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| <b>Pilbara, Australia</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| <b>Production</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   | Mt Newman Joint Venture    |  | 6,234  | 6,166  | 5,884  | 6,490  | 7,394  |     | 7,394  | 6,234         |
|   | Goldsworthy Joint Venture  |  | 1,393  | 1,669  | 1,371  | 1,808  | 806    |     | 806    | 1,393         |
|   | Area C Joint Venture       |  | 4,286  | 4,969  | 3,332  | 5,401  | 4,821  |     | 4,821  | 4,286         |
|   | Yandi Joint Venture        |  | 8,409  | 8,372  | 8,561  | 8,854  | 8,504  |     | 8,504  | 8,409         |
|   | Jimblebar (b)              |  | 1,645  | 1,569  | 1,549  | 1,607  | 1,490  |     | 1,490  | 1,645         |
|   | Total (BHP Billiton share) |  | 21,967 | 22,745 | 20,697 | 24,160 | 23,015 |     | 23,015 | 21,967        |
|   | Total production (100%)    |  | 25,553 | 26,760 | 24,350 | 28,423 | 27,076 |     | 27,076 | 25,553        |
| <b>Sales</b>  |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   | Lump                       |  | 5,991  | 6,483  | 5,276  | 6,092  | 6,429  |     | 6,429  | 5,991         |
|   | Fines                      |  | 15,837 | 16,357 | 15,547 | 18,481 | 16,337 |     | 16,337 | 15,837        |
|   | Total (BHP Billiton share) |  | 21,828 | 22,840 | 20,823 | 24,573 | 22,766 |     | 22,766 | 21,828        |
|   | Total sales (100%)         |  | 25,389 | 26,871 | 24,498 | 28,909 | 26,784 |     | 26,784 | 25,389        |
|   | (a)                        | Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   | (b)                        | From October 1, 2005 Jimblebar production is disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis, prior production is disclosed at 100%. |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| <b>Samarco, Brazil</b>  |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
| <b>Production</b>   |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   |                            |  | 1,881  | 1,865  | 1,802  | 1,955  | 1,988  |     | 1,988  | 1,881         |
| <b>Shipments</b>  |                            |  |        |        |        |        |        |     |        |               |
|   |                            |  | 1,900  | 2,155  | 1,532  | 2,022  | 1,872  |     | 1,872  | 1,900         |

| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL (a)</b> |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Queensland, Australia</b>  |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>             |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| <b>BMA</b>                    |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| Blackwater                    |   | 1,627        | 1,409        | 1,533        | 1,449        | <b>1,536</b> |  | <b>1,536</b> | 1,627        |
| Goonyella                     |   | 1,609        | 1,921        | 1,751        | 1,986        | <b>1,892</b> |  | <b>1,892</b> | 1,609        |
| Peak Downs                    |   | 1,250        | 1,186        | 1,095        | 858          | <b>1,202</b> |  | <b>1,202</b> | 1,250        |
| Saraji                        |   | 675          | 602          | 563          | 794          | <b>682</b>   |  | <b>682</b>   | 675          |
| Norwich Park                  |   | 759          | 678          | 550          | 675          | <b>631</b>   |  | <b>631</b>   | 759          |
| Gregory Joint Venture         |   | 773          | 645          | 480          | 712          | <b>714</b>   |  | <b>714</b>   | 773          |
| BMA total                     |   | 6,693        | 6,441        | 5,972        | 6,474        | <b>6,657</b> |  | <b>6,657</b> | 6,693        |
| <b>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</b>    |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| South Walker Creek            |   | 726          | 710          | 763          | 850          | <b>873</b>   |  | <b>873</b>   | 726          |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total         |   | 726          | 710          | 763          | 850          | <b>873</b>   |  | <b>873</b>   | 726          |
| <b>Queensland total</b>       |   | <b>7,419</b> | <b>7,151</b> | <b>6,735</b> | <b>7,324</b> | <b>7,530</b> |  | <b>7,530</b> | <b>7,419</b> |
| <b>Shipments</b>              |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| Coking coal                   |   | 4,869        | 4,987        | 5,032        | 5,798        | <b>5,190</b> |  | <b>5,190</b> | 4,869        |
| Weak coking coal              |   | 1,207        | 1,366        | 1,342        | 1,444        | <b>1,600</b> |  | <b>1,600</b> | 1,207        |
| Thermal coal                  |   | 579          | 403          | 482          | 581          | <b>344</b>   |  | <b>344</b>   | 579          |
| Total                         |   | 6,655        | 6,756        | 6,856        | 7,823        | <b>7,134</b> |  | <b>7,134</b> | 6,655        |
| (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%.   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| <b>Illawarra, Australia</b>   |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>             |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
|                               |   | 1,567        | 1,822        | 1,725        | 1,900        | <b>1,717</b> |  | <b>1,717</b> | 1,567        |
| <b>Shipments</b>              |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| Coking coal                   |   | 1,190        | 1,457        | 1,508        | 1,292        | <b>1,366</b> |  | <b>1,366</b> | 1,190        |
| Thermal coal                  |   | 383          | 103          | 313          | 136          | <b>188</b>   |  | <b>188</b>   | 383          |
| Total                         |   | 1,573        | 1,560        | 1,821        | 1,428        | <b>1,554</b> |  | <b>1,554</b> | 1,573        |
| <b>MANGANESE ORE</b>          |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| <b>South Africa</b>           |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| Saleable production (a)       |   | 566          | 529          | 532          | 673          | <b>644</b>   |  | <b>644</b>   | 566          |
| <b>Australia</b>              |   |              |              |              |              |              |  |              |              |
| Saleable production (a)       |   | 821          | 749          | 694          | 716          | <b>865</b>   |  | <b>865</b>   | 821          |

| MANGANESE ALLOY   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|---|---|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|---------------|
| <b>South Africa</b>   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   | Saleable production (a)   |               | 79    | 105   | 119   | 131   | 93    |  | 93    | 79            |
| <b>Australia</b>  |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   | Saleable production (a)   |               | 60    | 60    | 54    | 44    | 60    |  | 60    | 60            |
| (a)   | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.                 |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       | QUARTER ENDED |
|   |   |               | SEPT  | DEC   | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  |  | SEPT  | SEPT          |
|   |   |               | 2005  | 2005  | 2006  | 2006  | 2006  |  | 2006  | 2005          |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>                                  |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>DIAMONDS</b>   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>Ekati™, Canada</b>   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   | Ore Processed (100%)  | ('000 tonnes) | 1,158 | 962   | 995   | 1,181 | 1,199 |  | 1,199 | 1,158         |
|   | Production  | ('000 carats) | 852   | 614   | 512   | 583   | 487   |  | 487   | 852           |
| <b>FERTILISER</b>   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)</b>              |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   | Production (b)  | ('000 tonnes) | 244.9 | 252.6 | 222.5 | 141.3 | 84.3  |  | 84.3  | 244.9         |
|   | Sales (b)   | ('000 tonnes) | 175.5 | 221.2 | 200.4 | 304.4 | 41.6  |  | 41.6  | 175.5         |
| (a)   | BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006. |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| (b)   | Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate.                                 |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| <b>PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT</b>                                   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
|   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       | QUARTER ENDED |
|   |   |               | SEPT  | DEC   | MAR   | JUNE  | SEPT  |  | SEPT  | SEPT          |
|   |   |               | 2005  | 2005  | 2006  | 2006  | 2006  |  | 2006  | 2005          |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>  |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |
| ('000 tonnes)   |   |               |       |       |       |       |       |  |       |               |

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| <b>Ingwe, South Africa</b>  |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | <b>Production</b>            |  | 14,549 | 12,940 | 11,605 | 12,854 | <b>13,151</b> | <b>13,151</b> | 14,549        |
|   | <b>Sales</b>                 |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | Export                       |  | 5,436  | 6,273  | 5,658  | 4,271  | <b>5,168</b>  | <b>5,168</b>  | 5,436         |
|   | Local utility                |  | 8,013  | 7,250  | 7,328  | 7,365  | <b>7,552</b>  | <b>7,552</b>  | 8,013         |
|   | Inland                       |  | 309    | 268    | 203    | 253    | <b>255</b>    | <b>255</b>    | 309           |
|   | Total                        |  | 13,758 | 13,791 | 13,189 | 11,889 | <b>12,975</b> | <b>12,975</b> | 13,758        |
| <b>New Mexico, USA</b>  |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | <b>Production</b>            |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | Navajo Coal                  |  | 2,238  | 2,252  | 2,305  | 1,471  | <b>1,778</b>  | <b>1,778</b>  | 2,238         |
|   | San Juan Coal                |  | 2,323  | 1,813  | 524    | 2,420  | <b>1,689</b>  | <b>1,689</b>  | 2,323         |
|   | Total                        |  | 4,561  | 4,065  | 2,829  | 3,891  | <b>3,467</b>  | <b>3,467</b>  | 4,561         |
|   | <b>Sales - local utility</b> |  | 3,769  | 3,628  | 3,553  | 3,556  | <b>3,822</b>  | <b>3,822</b>  | 3,769         |
| <b>Hunter Valley, Australia</b>   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | <b>Production</b>            |  | 2,568  | 2,045  | 1,897  | 2,636  | <b>2,766</b>  | <b>2,766</b>  | 2,568         |
|   | <b>Sales</b>                 |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | Export                       |  | 1,570  | 1,312  | 1,267  | 1,048  | <b>1,245</b>  | <b>1,245</b>  | 1,570         |
|   | Inland                       |  | 983    | 793    | 643    | 1,475  | <b>1,031</b>  | <b>1,031</b>  | 983           |
|   | Total                        |  | 2,553  | 2,105  | 1,910  | 2,523  | <b>2,276</b>  | <b>2,276</b>  | 2,553         |
| <b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>  |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | <b>Production</b>            |  | 2,332  | 2,237  | 2,341  | 2,406  | <b>2,398</b>  | <b>2,398</b>  | 2,332         |
|   | <b>Sales - export</b>        |  | 2,170  | 2,087  | 2,116  | 2,387  | <b>2,336</b>  | <b>2,336</b>  | 2,170         |
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|   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               | QUARTER ENDED |
|   |                              |  | SEPT   | DEC    | MAR    | JUNE   | SEPT          |               | SEPT          |
|   |                              |  | 2005   | 2005   | 2006   | 2006   | 2006          |               | 2006          |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
| ('000 tonnes)   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
| <b>NICKEL</b>   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
| <b>CMSA, Colombia</b>   |                              |  |        |        |        |        |               |               |               |
|   | <b>Production</b>            |  | 12.8   | 13.0   | 12.9   | 12.8   | <b>12.7</b>   | <b>12.7</b>   | 12.8          |
|   | <b>Sales</b>                 |  | 11.1   | 14.2   | 12.4   | 13.6   | <b>11.7</b>   | <b>11.7</b>   | 11.1          |

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| <b>Yabulu, Australia</b>      |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
|                               | <b>Production</b>                  |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | Nickel metal                       |  | 6.1  | 5.9  | 7.0  | 4.3  | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>7.3</b>  | 6.1  |
|                               | Cobalt                             |  | 0.3  | 0.2  | 0.3  | 0.2  | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>0.3</b>  | 0.3  |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | <b>Sales</b>                       |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | Nickel metal                       |  | 6.3  | 6.6  | 6.9  | 4.9  | <b>6.0</b>  | <b>6.0</b>  | 6.3  |
|                               | Cobalt                             |  | 0.4  | 0.3  | 0.4  | 0.3  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | 0.4  |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
| <b>Nickel West, Australia</b> |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | <b>Production</b>                  |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | Nickel contained in finished matte |  | 9.7  | 13.9 | 5.2  | 9.6  | <b>11.1</b> | <b>11.1</b> | 9.7  |
|                               | Nickel metal                       |  | 15.5 | 16.2 | 15.1 | 14.9 | <b>13.4</b> | <b>13.4</b> | 15.5 |
|                               | Nickel production (a)              |  | 25.2 | 30.1 | 20.3 | 24.5 | <b>24.5</b> | <b>24.5</b> | 25.2 |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | <b>Sales</b>                       |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | Nickel contained in finished matte |  | 7.6  | 14.3 | 8.8  | 7.9  | <b>9.3</b>  | <b>9.3</b>  | 7.6  |
|                               | Nickel metal (b)                   |  | 15.9 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 15.8 | <b>12.9</b> | <b>12.9</b> | 15.9 |
|                               | Nickel sales (a) (b)               |  | 23.5 | 29.2 | 24.5 | 23.7 | <b>22.2</b> | <b>22.2</b> | 23.5 |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | (a)                                | In addition to the production and sales reported above, Nickel West also produced and sold 1.2 kt nickel in concentrate during the |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               |                                    | quarter ended 30 June 2006. There has been no production or sales of nickel in concentrate in the September 2006 quarter.          |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               | (b)                                | Comparative has been restated to exclude third party trading sales   |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|                               |                                    |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |

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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: 24 October 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Group Company Secretary