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The proposal

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BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto:

Creating a minerals industry super-major

BHP Billiton approached Rio Tinto on November 1 with a proposal to combine the two companies

Rio Tinto has not agreed to engage in discussions

The proposal sets out a unique opportunity to unlock value for shareholders

Optimising mineral basin asset positions and infrastructure utilisation

Enhancing the platform for future growth

Delivery of synergy and combination benefits

Attractive value proposition for all shareholders

Benefits for customers and communities

Importantly, BHP Billiton believes that the proposal is deliverable

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Summary of key elements of the proposal

All share proposal of 3 BHP Billiton shares for 1 Rio Tinto share

Attractive value at a premium of 28% to the combined volume-weighted

average
market
capitalisation
over
the
one
month
pre-approach

Proposal values Rio Tinto s
issued ordinary shares at \$153B

(b)
, equivalent to

£56.28 per Rio Tinto plc share

(b)(c)

A\$138.30 per Rio Tinto Ltd share

(b)

Continued participation of Rio Tinto shareholders through 41% ownership of
combined group

(d)

Intended
initial
share
buy-back
of
approximately
\$30B
following
completion

Two inter-conditional schemes of arrangement for Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Ltd

BHP Billiton is seeking the support and recommendation of the Rio Tinto Board

Notes:

a)

Premium based on the combined volume-weighted market capitalisation of Rio Tinto based on the volume-weighted average c
Rio Tinto Ltd respectively and volume-weighted average closing share prices over the month ended 31-Oct-2007 of BHP Billi
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Calculated before intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism); assumes that all Rio Tinto options estimated resulting

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BHP
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II.

Market environment

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China is industrialising, India following

Source: IMF and BHP Billiton estimates.

a)

Sales volume converted to copper equivalent units.

0

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

China's rate of industrialisation is strong and growing

India's GDP currently 10-15 years behind China

BHP Billiton's equivalent sales volume to India in FY2007 was greater than to China in FY2002

(a)

GDP

(\$B)

China

India

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Chinese growth is driving global materials demand

Source: IISI and BHP Billiton estimates.

Note crude steel production growth calculated based on the change in annual production between years ended 1996 and 2006.

0

250

500
750
1,000
1,250
1996
2006

Crude steel production

(mt)

China

USA

Japan

Europe

Other

India

65%

20%

6%

4%

4%

1%

Crude steel production growth (1996-2006)

(mt)

China

USA

Japan

Europe

Other

100% = 494

India

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Demand growth to continue

Source: World Bank, OECD (GDP at Purchasing Power Parity), and IISI.

Steel intensity per capita

(kg Steel/Capita)

0

200
400
600
800
1,000
1,200
0
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
30,000
35,000
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45,000
GDP/Capita (PPP, Jan. 2006 \$)
USA (1900-2005)
Japan (1950-2005)
S. Korea (1970-2005)
Taiwan (1970-2005)
China (1970-2005)
India (2005)

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Unlocking value

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Keys to unlocking value

Optimising mineral basin positions and infrastructure

Lower cost, more efficient production

Unlocking volume through matching reserves with infrastructure
Enhanced platform for future growth

Deployment of scarce resources to highest value opportunities

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

Better positioned as partner of choice with governments and stakeholders

Efficient exploration and infrastructure development
Unique synergies and combination benefits

Economies
of
scale

especially
procurement

Avoid duplication, reduce corporate and divisional non-operating costs

Accelerate tonnage delivered to market

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Optimising mineral basin positions and infrastructure

Selected existing BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto assets, projects and concessions.

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Hunter Valley Ops
Mt Arthur Coal
Bengalla
Mt Pleasant
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Dampier
Cape Lambert

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Hail Creek
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Pilbara
Port
BHP Billiton deposit / mine / port
Rio Tinto railway
Rio Tinto railway (proposed)
BHP Billiton railway

Rio Tinto deposit / mine / port

Example: matching reserves and infrastructure (WAIO)

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Notes:

a)

BHP Billiton estimates.

Rio Tinto

BHP Billiton

Incremental

Iron ore volume growth options unlocked

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Rio Tinto

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Rio Tinto

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Selected existing BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto project pipeline and exploration permits.

Source:

Rio

Tinto

Fact

Book
2007,
Rio
Tinto
press
releases
(03-Jul-2007,
28-Jun-2007,
02-Aug-2007),
Rio
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Enhanced platform for future growth
Unlocking value from future mineral provinces
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Lessons from:

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Ekati
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/ Zaldivar

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Yandicoogina
Iron Ore,
Bauxite
Coal
Bauxite
Coal
Diamonds
,
Copper
Nickel
,
Ind. Minerals
Iron Ore
Nickel
,
Coal
Copper
Nickel

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Example: efficient infrastructure development

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Source: Various Rio Tinto company presentations, and BHP Billiton.
Guinea Bauxite

A major source of
the world's bauxite
potential resources

BHP Billiton leading
its development
Guinea Iron Ore

Large, undeveloped
high-quality deposits

Deposits under
development by BHP
Billiton and Rio Tinto with
significant potential
infrastructure and other
synergies

Senegal

Sierra Leone

Liberia

Cote d'Ivoire

Mali

Guinea-Bissau

Guinea

BHP Billiton

Exploration License

Rio Tinto Mining Concession

BHP Billiton

Exploration Application

Planned Trans Guinean Railway

Liberian Rail System

Global Alumina Mining Concession (33% BHPB)

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Unique synergies and combination benefits

Material quantifiable synergies and financial benefits

Unique to this combination due to substantial overlap in neighbouring

and
jointly-owned operations

Incremental
EBITDA
impact
growing
to
estimated
\$3.7B
(a)
*

\$1.7B*
nominal
per
annum
from
cost
savings
expected
by
Year
3
(b)
; plus

Further EBITDA enhancement of \$2.0B*
nominal per annum driven
primarily
by
the
acceleration
of
volumes
expected
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Year
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(b)

Total estimated one-off implementation cash costs related to achieving these
synergies
of
\$0.65B*
over
Years
1
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(b)

Other combination benefits expected

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Appendix

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announcement

dated 12-Nov-2007, Further Details On BHP Billiton's Proposal .

a)

Full run rate synergies expected by Year 7.

b)

Relates to number of full years following completion.

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Anticipated cost savings EBITDA impact of \$1.7B

\$1.7B* EBITDA impact per annum from cost savings expected by Year 3

(a)

Operating costs

Economies of scale in operations and
procurement of goods and services

Corporate and divisional non-operating costs

Elimination of overlaps in head office /
administration, marketing, exploration and
technology

Delivery expected to be phased through Year 1

(c.35%),

Year

2

(c.85%)

and

Year

3

(100%)

(a)

* To

be

read

in

conjunction

with

the

notes

in

Appendix

1

of

BHP

Billiton

announcement

dated

12-Nov-2007,

Further

Details

On

BHP

Billiton s

Proposal .

a)

Relates to number of full years following completion.

Cost savings achievable

(\$B*)

3

Total = 1.7

56%

18%

26%

Operating

costs

Corporate

non-operating

costs

Divisional

non-operating

costs

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Anticipated further EBITDA enhancement of \$2.0B

\$2.0B* further EBITDA enhancement per annum expected by Year 7

Accelerate tonnage produced by optimising key mineral basins, assets and

infrastructure

Match infrastructure and resources in iron ore

Other asset optimisations

(NSW coal, Canadian diamonds, RBM/QIT)

Delivery expected to start in Year 4, and phased through Year 5 (c.25%), Year 6 (c.65%) and

Year

7

(100%)

(a)

3

* To

be

read

in

conjunction

with

the

notes

in

Appendix

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of

BHP

Billiton

announcement

dated

12-Nov-2007,

Further

Details

On

BHP

Billiton s

Proposal .

a)

Relates to number of full years following completion.

(a)

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Unlocking value: conclusions and observations

* To

be

read

in

conjunction
with
the
notes
in
Appendix
1
of
BHP
Billiton
announcement
dated
12-Nov-2007,

Further
Details

On
BHP
Billiton's
Proposal .

a)
Full run rate synergies expected by Year 7

b)
Relates to number of full years following completion.

This combination unlocks a very material and unique pool of value

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

Quantifiable
value;
incremental
EBITDA
impact
growing
to
estimated
\$3.7B
(before realisation
costs)

The core consideration of the proposal is how this value would be shared

All
share
proposal:
both
BHP
Billiton
and

Rio
Tinto
shareholders
benefit

Rio Tinto shareholders: an increased share by way of the premium

BHP Billiton shareholders: a fair proportion of the value pool
(a)*

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Creating a minerals industry super-major

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Consistent with our strategy and investment proposition

Our strategy

Large, low-cost assets which are consistently profitable through the cycle

Focus on the extraction of upstream natural resources

Portfolio diversified by commodity, customer and geography reducing the volatility of cash flows

Deep inventory of growth options

Focus on globally traded products

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environmental practice and community engagement

Employer of choice, and a preferred partner for countries and customers

Our investment proposition

Strong cashflows through the cycle

Volume and value growth

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Portfolio of tier 1 assets: low cost
2006
cost
curves
based

on
BHP
Billiton
estimates,
public
company
filings,
CRU,
Barlow
Jonker
and
Brook
Hunt
data.

Quartiles
calculated

as a percentage of total production reported.

Note: Orange shading represents assets owned by the combined company post transaction.

Iron ore CIF cost curve

(\$/dmt)

Hard coking coal FOB cost curve

(\$/t)

Copper C1 cash cost curve

(c/lb)

Alumina C1 cash cost curve

(\$/t)

0

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

0%

25%

50%

75%

100%

0

20

40

60

80

100

0%

25%

50%

75%

100%

0
20
40
60
80
0%
25%
50%
75%
100%
-120
-80
-40
0
40
80
120
160
200
25%
50%
75%
100%

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Unique portfolio of tier 1 assets: scale

Iron ore (Mt)

Copper mines (Kt)

Bauxite mines (Kt)

2006 Production

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Sources: 2006 data. CRU for iron ore, Brook Hunt for copper and bauxite.

Note: Orange represents assets owned by the combined company post transaction. Orange and grey shading represents assets w

a)
Rio Tinto owns 40% of the Grasberg Joint Venture. The Grasberg mine is owned 91% by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold

0
50
100
150
CVRD South
BHPB -
Pilbara
Rio -
Hamersley
CVRD North
Rio - Robe
Caemi System
Sishen
Ciudad Piar
Lebedinsky
Mikhailovsky
0
7,000
14,000
21,000
Huntly
Trombetas
(26.8%)
Weipa
Boké
(23.0%)
Boddington
Willowdale
Gove
Discovery Bay
Los Pijiguaos
Turgai
0
500
1000
1500
Escondida
Codelco Norte
Grasberg (a)
(40%)
Collahuasi
El Teniente
Norilsk
Antamina
(33.8%)
Morenci

Los Pelambres
Rudna

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Portfolio of tier 1 assets: product diversification

Source:

BHP

Billiton

2007
Annual
Report,
Rio
Tinto

2006
Annual
Report
and
2007HY
Report,
Alcan

2006
10K
filing
and
2007
2nd
Quarter
10Q
filing.

Note: Underlying EBITDA excludes exceptional items and net finance costs, taxation and depreciation for jointly controlled entities

a)
Rio
Tinto
financials
include
Alcan
(excluding
discontinued
operations),
for
the
twelve
months
ended
30-Jun-2007.
Aluminium
EBITDA
calculated
as
total
Rio
Tinto
Aluminium
underlying
EBITDA
plus

total
Alcan
underlying
EBITDA
less
Alcan
Packaging
and
Engineered
Products
Business
Group
Profit.
b)
Excludes
any
acquisition
accounting
adjustments,
synergies
and
the
potential
impact
of
adjusting
the
accounting
policies
of
Rio
Tinto
to
those
of
BHP
Billiton.

Underlying EBITDA (12 months to Jun-2007)

(\$B)

31%

31%

31%

24%

22%

20%

25%

16%

9%

10%

17%

9%

16%

5%

7%

4%

7%

4%

2%

6%

3%

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto(a)

Combined Company(b)

23.0

17.2

40.2

Base Metals

Iron Ore, Manganese & Met Coal

Aluminium

Stainless Steel Materials

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Diamonds & Specialty Products

Other

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Portfolio of tier 1 assets: geographic diversity and fiscal stability

49%

28%

11%

12%
Pro forma assets by geography
(\$B)
100% = 91.4
Source:
BHP
Billiton

2007
Annual
Report,
Rio
Tinto
and
Alcan
pro
forma
sourced
from
Rio
Tinto
and
Alcan
company
presentation
12-Jul-2007,
Recommended
cash
offer
for
Alcan
by
Rio
Tinto .
Notes:

-
No adjustment to accounting policies has been made for the purposes of comparison. Alcan's assets have not been adjusted to

-
BHP Billiton assets equal to total assets less investments in jointly controlled entities and unallocated assets as at 30-Jun-2007.

-
Rio Tinto and Alcan based on PP&E, intangible assets and goodwill as at 31 December 2006.

Australia
North America
Europe
South America,
Southern Africa
and Other

High proportion of core assets
in fiscally stable countries

A sound foundation for future
ventures into new mineral
provinces

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Portfolio of tier 1 assets: deep project pipeline

Source: Rio Tinto Fact Book 2007, Rio Tinto press releases (03-Jul-2007, 28-Jun-2007, 02-Aug-2007), Rio Tinto and Alcan co

* Note Olympic Dam expansion shown under both Base Metals and Energy.

a)

Includes BHP Billiton Energy Coal and Rio Tinto Energy projects.

Execution

Feasibility

KUC Pushback

Northparkes

Cortez Hills

Oyu Tolgoi

Pebble

Olympic Dam Exp*

Escondida 3rd
Concentrator

Resolution

Greens Creek Ext

Northparkes Ext

KUC Ext

Alaska Copper

Deep Cortez Hill

La Granja

WA Iron Ore RGP 3

WA Iron Ore RGP 4

Samarco
#3 Pellet
Plant

Hamersley Port &
Rail

Hope Downs

Cape Lambert Port

WA Iron
Ore RGP 5

Quantum 1

Quantum 2

Samarco
#4

Nimba

CW Africa Exp

Pilbara Expansion
to 320mt

Orissa

Corumba
II

Corumba
III

IOC options

Simandou

Rössing

Clermont

Klipspruit

Douglas -
Middleburg

Newcastle Port

Mt Arthur Coal UG

Navajo South

Mt Pleasant

Cerrejon
Opt Exp

Caroona

Rössing
Options

Sweetwater

Nth American Coal

ERA Options

Neptune

NWS Angel

NWS T5

Shenzi

Atlantis North

Pyrenees

Kipper

NWS Nth Rankin B

Angostura Gas

Browse LNG

Scarborough

Thebe

Macedon

Turrum

Shenzi North

Alumar Refinery

Yarwun

Sohar

1

Coega
Smelter

Worsley E&G

Guinea Alumina

Bakhuis

Adalco
Smelter

Ma'aden
Smelter

Sarawak Smelter

ISAL Smelter

Kitimat
Smelter

Boffa
/ Santou
Refinery

DRC Smelter

Alumina Options

Yarwun
Exp

Guinea Options

Ghana and
Madagascar
Options

Sohar
Line 2

Ekati Koala UG

Argyle UG

Diavik
Optimisation

QMM

PRC Argentina

Murowa

Ekati

Corridor Sands 1

Corridor Sands 2

Angola & DRC

Canadian Potash

RBM

Indian Diamonds

Cliffs

Yabulu

Ravensthorpe

Perseverance
Deeps

Eagle

CMSA Heap
Leaching

Hallmark

CMSA 3rd
Line

CMSA 4th
Line

Sulawesi Nickel

Maruwai 1

Maruwai 2

Daunia

Peak Downs Exp

Red Hill UG

Wards Well

Saraji

Blackwater
UG

Kennedy

Sth
African Coal

Hail Creek +

GEMCO Exp

Alloy Exp

SA Mn Ore Exp

Gabon

GEMCO Exp 2

Base

Metals

Iron Ore

Energy

(a)

Petroleum

Aluminium

Diamonds

& SP

Nickel

Met Coal

Manganese

Pre-

Feasibility

&

Future

Options

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Joint

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Creating a minerals industry super-major

Source: Company filings, Bloomberg and Datastream.

a)

Based

on

BHP
Billiton
Plc
and
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
closing
share
prices
of
£18.31
and
A\$46.10,
Rio
Tinto
plc
and
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
closing
share
prices
of
£44.90
and
A\$110.00, respectively and exchange rates of 2.077
US\$/£
and 0.927 US\$/A\$

as at 31-Oct-2007. BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto issued ordinary shares outstanding (excluding Treasury shares and cross shares) at 9-Nov-2007. Market capitalisation excludes impact of intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism).

b)
Source:
BHP
Billiton

2007
Annual
Report,
Rio
Tinto

2006
Annual
Report
and
2007HY
Report,
Alcan

2006

10K

filing

and

2007

2nd

Quarter

10Q

filing. Note: Underlying EBITDA excludes exceptional items

and net finance costs, taxation and depreciation for jointly controlled entities.

Top 10 metals & mining companies

Market capitalisation as at 9-Nov-2007 (\$B)

Top 5 company in the world by

market value

(a)

Pro forma FY2007 annual underlying

EBITDA of approximately \$40B

(b)

Increased index weighting in both

Australia and UK

Targeting a single A credit rating

A core investment holding

0

100

200

300

400

Southern Copper

Anglo Platinum

Freeport McMoRan

Chalco

Norilsk Nickel

Xstrata

Anglo American

CVRD

Shenhua

Combined

Company (a)

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Attractive and deliverable proposal

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Compelling proposal for Rio Tinto shareholders

28% premium to the combined volume-weighted average market capitalisation over the one month pre-approach

(a)

41% share of combined group for Rio Tinto shareholders

(b)

Pro rata exposure to post combination synergies

Incremental EBITDA

impact

growing

to

estimated

\$3.7B

(c)

per

annum

All share proposal

No shareholder forced to exit

CGT rollover relief for eligible shareholders

(d)

Strengthened asset portfolio and future growth opportunities

Opportunity to

participate

in

intended

initial

share

buy-back

of

approximately

\$30B

(e)

BHP Billiton progressive dividend policy to be maintained

Benefits only achievable by this combination

Notes:

a)

Premium

based

on

the

combined

market

capitalisation

of
Rio
Tinto
based
on
the
volume-weighted
average closing share prices over the month ended 31-Oct-2007 of £43.09 and A\$109.20 for Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Ltd respectively and
volume-weighted average closing share prices over the month ended 31-Oct-2007 of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Ltd of A\$109.20
(excluding
Treasury
shares
and
cross
shareholdings
eg.
Rio
Tinto
plc's
shareholding
in
Rio
Tinto
Ltd)
as
at
9-Nov-2007
and
exchange
rates
of
2.077
US\$/£
and
0.927
US\$/A\$ as at 31-Oct-2007.

b)
Calculated before intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism); assumes that all Rio Tinto options estimated to be exercised are
shares exchanged for BHP Billiton shares.

c)
Full run rate synergies expected by Year 7. To be read in conjunction with the notes in Appendix 1 of BHP Billiton announcement dated 27-Sep-2007.

d)
With the potential exception of Rio Tinto plc shareholders in relation to any BHP Billiton Ltd shares received as consideration for the acquisition of Rio Tinto Ltd.

e)
This may be effected through an other appropriate mechanism, to be determined at a later date.

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Value enhancing for BHP Billiton shareholders

Pro-rata exposure to post combination synergies

Incremental EBITDA

growing
to
estimated
\$3.7B
(a)
per
annum

Strengthened asset portfolio and future growth

Cashflow per share accretive from the first full fiscal year following completion

(b)

Earnings per share accretive from the first full fiscal year following completion

(c)

Opportunity to

participate

in

the

intended

initial

share

buy-back

of

approximately

\$30B

(d)

Progressive dividend policy to be maintained

Benefits only achievable by this combination

Notes:

a)

Full run rate synergies expected by Year 7. To be read in conjunction with the notes in Appendix 1 of BHP Billiton announcement

b)

After adjusting for the intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism).

c)

After

adjusting

for

the

intended

initial

share

buy-back

(or

an

other

appropriate
mechanism)
and
excluding
depreciation
on
the
write-up
of
Rio
Tinto's
assets.

d)
This may be effected through an other appropriate mechanism, to be determined at a later date.

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Broader stakeholders will benefit

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Customers

Increased product volumes to market more quickly

Expanded
product,
shipping
and
delivery
options

improved
security
of supply

Low cost, reliable producer through the cycle

Communities, employees and developing countries

Global leader in safety, community and environmental practices

Stable employer and employer of choice

Quality and depth of skills to explore, develop and operate

Trusted brand for partnership with developing countries
governments

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Value of corporate renewal
BHP Billiton Ltd and Rio Tinto Ltd total
shareholder
return
(a)

Index

June 2001 = 100

Source: IRESS.

a)

As

at

31-Oct-2007.

Total

Shareholder

Return

(TSR)

calculated

as

the

increase

in

share

value

including

dividends

reinvested

at

the

date

of

receipt.

Assumes

Bluescope

Steel

shares received by BHP Billiton Ltd

shareholders

in

July

2002

were

immediately

monetised

with

proceeds

reinvested

in BHP Billiton Ltd.

BHP Billiton DLC merger was a catalyst

for corporate renewal and created a

superior platform for long term value

growth

Total shareholder return:

BHP Billiton Ltd TSR 30.2% per

annum

(a)

Rio Tinto Ltd TSR 23.2% per

annum

(a)

A\$10,000 invested at the date of
formation is today worth approximately

BHP Billiton Ltd: A\$53,317

(a)

Rio Tinto Ltd: A\$37,612

(a)

Estimated shareholder overlap ~60-70%

0

100

200

300

400

500

600

Jun-01

Mar-02

Nov-02

Jul-03

Apr-04

Dec-04

Aug-05

Apr-06

Jan-07

Sep-07

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

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A natural fit

low integration risk

Similar heritage, culture, values and strategy

Best of breed
management

Optimal
deployment
of
scarce
labour
resources

Successful track record of integration

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A deliverable proposal

Following a thorough anti-trust analysis, we believe any possible regulatory concerns can be readily addressed without impacting benefits in a meaningful way

Likely the regulatory focus will fall primarily on iron ore

Combined share of contestable iron ore sales approximately 27%

Prices
are
set
by
supply
and
demand
and
the
cost
of
the
marginal
production

Combined assets are low cost compared to marginal production; combination incentivised to maximise current production, invest in assets and increase supply

Emerging
and
new
low
cost
producers
will
increase
competition
in
a
rapidly
evolving marketplace

Obtaining regulatory approvals is expected to take between 9-12 months, allowing for a detailed review by the regulators

Notes:

a)

Based on 2006 market sales, inclusive of Chinese domestic production.

(a)

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Summary of key terms of the proposal

All share proposal of 3 BHP Billiton shares for every Rio Tinto share

Rio Tinto Ltd shareholders will receive BHP Billiton Ltd shares

Rio Tinto plc shareholders will receive 80% BHP Billiton Plc shares and 20% BHP Billiton Ltd shares (subject to mix and match)

41% Rio Tinto shareholder ownership of the combined group

(a)

Overall

28%

premium

to

the

combined

volume-weighted

average

market

capitalisation

over

the one month pre-approach

(b)

Overall 15% premium based on BHP Billiton's closing share prices on 9-Nov-2007 and Rio Tinto's

combined market capitalisation

immediately prior to BHP Billiton's announcement on

8-Nov-2007 in response to speculation of a potential offer

(c)

Notes:

a)

Calculated before intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism); assumes that all Rio Tinto options estimated and resulting Rio Tinto shares exchanged for BHP Billiton shares.

b)

Premium

based

on

the

combined

market

capitalisation

of

Rio

Tinto

based

on

the

volume-weighted

average

closing

share

prices
over
the
month
ended
31-Oct-2007

of
£43.09
and
A\$109.20

for
Rio
Tinto
plc
and

Rio Tinto Ltd respectively and volume-weighted average closing share prices over the month ended 31-Oct-2007 of BHP Billi

and
Rio
Tinto
issued
ordinary
shares
outstanding
(excluding
Treasury
shares
and
cross
shareholdings

e.g.
Rio
Tinto
plc s
shareholding
in
Rio
Tinto
Ltd)

as
at
9-Nov-2007
and
exchange
rates

of
2.077
US\$/£
and
0.927 US\$/A\$ as at 31-Oct-2007.

c)

Premium
based
on
the
combined
market
capitalisation
of
Rio
Tinto
based
on
the
closing
share
prices
of
Rio
Tinto
plc
of
£43.50
on
7-Nov-2007
and
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
of
A\$113.4
on
8-Nov-2007
and
closing
share
prices
of
BHP
Billiton
Plc
and
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
of
£16.28
and
A\$42.47
respectively
on

9-Nov-2007.
Based
on
BHP
Billiton
and
Rio
Tinto
issued
ordinary
shares
outstanding
(excluding
Treasury
shares
and
cross
shareholdings
eg.
Rio
Tinto
Plc s
shareholding
in
Rio
Tinto
Ltd)
as
at
9-Nov-2007
and
exchange
rates
of
2.095
US\$/£
and
0.914
US\$/A\$
as
at
9-Nov-2007.

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Summary of key terms of the proposal

DLC maintained with listings in UK and Australia of approximately equal size

BHP
Billiton
would
invite
a
number
of
Rio
Tinto s
independent
directors
to
the
combined Board

Key management positions to be filled by drawing on the best of both
management teams

Structure
Board and
Management
Approvals /
conditions

Support and recommendation of Rio Tinto Board

Pre-conditional approval by merger control and other regulatory authorities in
EU, US, Australia, Canada and South Africa

BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto shareholder and court approvals

Separate interconditional
schemes of arrangement for each of Rio Tinto plc
and Rio Tinto Ltd
Process

Intended
initial
share
buy-back
of
approximately
\$30B
(a)
following
completion

Future capital management consistent with a single A rating target

Intended
share buy-back
Notes:

a)

This may be effected through an other appropriate mechanism, to be determined at a later date.

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Conclusion: a unique combination to unlock value

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BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto
unlocking value

Compelling value opportunity for Rio Tinto shareholders through an all-share proposal

41% share of combined group for Rio Tinto shareholders

(a)

Pro-rata exposure to EBITDA synergies growing to estimated \$3.7B per annum

Attractive value proposition for BHP Billiton shareholders

Benefits for customers and communities

Confident that anti-trust issues present no significant barriers to completion, and that any regulatory concerns can be addressed without impacting benefits in a meaningful way

This natural combination unlocks value, value not available by any other means

More production, faster and lower cost

Enhanced future growth options

Quantified traditional combination synergies are large

Creates a minerals industry super-major , a core investment holding

Notes:

a)

Calculated before intended initial share buy-back (or an other appropriate mechanism), assumes that all outstanding Rio Tinto BHP Billiton shares.

b)

Full run rate synergies expected by Year 7. To be read in conjunction with the notes in Appendix 1 of BHP Billiton announcement

(b)