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23 April 2003
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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 31 March 2003.

- **Oil and Condensate**

production for the quarter of 15.3 million barrels was 22 per cent lower than the March 2002 quarter. The decrease was mainly due to natural field decline in Bass Strait (Australia), Laminaria (Australia) and Griffin (Australia), and higher downtime and natural field decline at Liverpool Bay (UK) and Typhoon (US). This was partly offset by the commencement of production from Boris (US). Production was 7 per cent lower than the December 2002 quarter. The decrease reflected natural field decline in Bass Strait, Laminaria, and Griffin, and maintenance downtime and natural field decline at Liverpool Bay. This was partially offset by the commencement of production from Boris and infill drilling in Bolivia.

- **Natural Gas**

production for the quarter of 66.99 billion cubic feet was in line with the March 2002 quarter, reflecting increased production from Bruce (UK) following removal of contract restrictions and increased demand at Bass Strait. This was partly offset by natural field decline in West Cameron (US) and lower demand from Brazil reducing production from Bolivia. Natural gas production was 3 per cent lower than the December 2002 quarter mainly due to seasonal conditions reducing demand from Bass Strait.

- **Alumina**

production for the quarter of 1.0 million tonnes was in line with the March 2002 and December 2002 quarters. Higher year on year production mainly reflects a return to full production at Alumar (Brazil) following government enforced power rationing.

- **Aluminium**

production for the quarter of 267,000 tonnes was 7 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter, mainly due to a return to full production at Alumar and Valesul (Brazil) following government enforced power restrictions and increased pot amperage at Hillside (South Africa) in March 2003. Aluminium production was in line with the December 2002 quarter.

- **Copper**

production for the quarter of 231,300 tonnes was 23 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter due to the ramp up of the Escondida (Chile) Phase IV expansion. This scheduled increase was realised despite the ongoing capacity reductions at the Escondida and Tintaya (Peru) operations that were originally announced in November 2001, and more recently extended in December 2002. Production for the quarter was 3 per cent higher than the December 2002 quarter mainly due to the successful ramp up of the Escondida Phase IV expansion.

- **Iron Ore**

production for the quarter of 17.2 million tonnes (BHP Billiton share) was 5 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter and 7 per cent lower than the December 2002 quarter. Western Australian iron ore production of 17.7 million tonnes (100 per cent terms) was 7 per cent lower than the December 2002 quarter and 3 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter. Lower production compared to the December quarter was largely due to the impact of cyclonic weather conditions during January 2003. Shipments of Western Australian iron ore during the quarter continued to reflect strong demand for all products in Asian markets. Samarco (Brazil) production for the March 2003 quarter of 2.0 million tonnes was in line with the December 2002 quarter and 19 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter, reflecting strong customer demand for pellets during the year.

- **Metallurgical Coal**

production for the quarter of 8.6 million tonnes was in line with the December 2002 quarter and 5 per cent lower than the March 2002 quarter. Queensland (Australia) production of 7.0 million tonnes was 8 per cent higher than the December 2002 quarter and 9 per cent lower than the March 2002 quarter, matching customer demand for the period.

- **Ekati™ Diamond**

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(Canada) production for the quarter of 1.02 million carats was 9 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter mainly due to continued benefits of a processing plant de-bottlenecking program and mining of higher ore grades.

• **Energy Coal**

production for the quarter of 19.7 million tonnes was in line with the March 2002 quarter. Production at Mount Arthur North (Australia) commenced in January 2003 in accordance with customer contractual arrangements and higher production at Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) reflects increased ownership interest purchased in February 2002. These factors were partly offset by lower South African production reflecting the closure of Rietspruit in May 2002 and closure of the Petangis (Indonesia) mine in October 2002.

• **Nickel**

production for the quarter of 18,600 tonnes was 4 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter, reflecting ramp-up of production at Cerro Matoso Line 2 (Colombia), benefits from ongoing improvement programs at Cerro Matoso and improved efficiencies at Yabulu (Australia). Production was 4 per cent lower than the December 2002 quarter because of scheduled maintenance shutdowns at Cerro Matoso.

• **Ferrochrome**

production for the quarter of 263,000 tonnes was 31 per cent higher than the March 2002 quarter and 14 per cent higher than the December 2002 quarter. The increase is driven by restart of idle furnaces in response to increased market demand, and commissioning of the pelletising plant at Tubatse (South Africa).

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY | | | QUARTER ENDED | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | % CHANGE | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------|-----|----------------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| | | | MARCH | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | MAR Q03 | MAR Q03 | YTD 03 |
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| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2003 | 2002 | MAR Q02 | DEC Q02 | YTD 02 |
|--|------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--|---------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | 19,644 | 16,398 | 15,310 | | 50,258 | 58,787 | -22% | -7% | -15% |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 66.30 | 69.41 | 66.99 | | 208.26 | 212.82 | 1% | -3% | -2% |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 161.20 | 167.97 | 160.62 | | 537.55 | 517.13 | 0% | -4% | 4% |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 18.87 | 19.91 | 22.35 | | 69.93 | 61.51 | 18% | 12% | 14% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | 996 | 998 | 1,003 | | 3,032 | 2,925 | 1% | 1% | 4% |
| | Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | 250 | 266 | 267 | | 801 | 729 | 7% | 0% | 10% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper | ('000 tonnes) | 187.6 | 225.6 | 231.3 | | 641.4 | 610.8 | 23% | 3% | 5% |
| | Lead | (tonnes) | 64,064 | 58,345 | 59,065 | | 180,653 | 171,298 | -8% | 1% | 5% |
| | Zinc | (tonnes) | 47,147 | 44,115 | 46,755 | | 139,412 | 123,551 | -1% | 6% | 13% |
| | Gold | (ounces) | 68,216 | 69,175 | 57,802 | | 182,130 | 214,973 | -15% | -16% | -15% |
| | Silver | ('000 ounces) | 11,604 | 9,870 | 10,355 | | 31,485 | 30,074 | -11% | 5% | 5% |
| | Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 121 | 250 | 260 | | 730 | 426 | 115% | 4% | 71% |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Iron ore | ('000 tonnes) | 16,464 | 18,447 | 17,237 | | 54,312 | 50,827 | 5% | -7% | 7% |
| | Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 8,989 | 8,390 | 8,556 | | 25,596 | 26,173 | -5% | 2% | -2% |
| | Manganese ores | ('000 tonnes) | 891 | 1,059 | 890 | | 3,044 | 2,751 | 0% | -16% | 11% |
| | Manganese alloys | ('000 tonnes) | 166 | 190 | 177 | | 542 | 449 | 7% | -7% | 21% |
| | Hot briquetted iron | ('000 tonnes) | 277 | 414 | 465 | | 1,212 | 1,047 | 68% | 12% | 16% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 932 | 1,071 | 1,015 | | 3,040 | 2,627 | 9% | -5% | 16% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Energy coal | ('000 tonnes) | 19,236 | 20,648 | 19,707 | | 59,684 | 62,264 | 2% | -5% | -4% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 17.8 | 19.4 | 18.6 | | 57.1 | 51.2 | 4% | -4% | 12% |
| | Chrome ores | ('000 tonnes) | 549 | 714 | 679 | | 2,106 | 1,787 | 24% | -5% | 18% |
| | Ferrochrome | ('000 tonnes) | 201 | 230 | 263 | | 731 | 614 | 31% | 14% | 19% |
| Throughout this report figures in italics indicate adjustments made since the figure was previously reported. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | BHP Billiton | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | | MARCH | MARCH | |
| | | Interest | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2003 | 2002 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 19,644 | 19,732 | 18,550 | 16,398 | 15,310 | | 50,258 | 58,787 | |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 66.30 | 70.66 | 71.86 | 69.41 | 66.99 | | 208.26 | 212.82 | |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 161.20 | 180.43 | 208.96 | 167.97 | 160.62 | | 537.55 | 517.13 | |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 18.87 | 25.62 | 27.67 | 19.91 | 22.35 | | 69.93 | 61.51 | |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Worsley | 86% | 677 | 686 | 698 | 662 | 658 | | 2,018 | 2,010 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 208 | 215 | 221 | 213 | 222 | | 656 | 636 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 111 | 117 | 112 | 123 | 123 | | 358 | 279 |
| | Total | | 996 | 1,018 | 1,031 | 998 | 1,003 | | 3,032 | 2,925 |
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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 127 | 132 | 135 | 134 | 133 | | 402 | 369 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 43 | 43 | 46 | 45 | 48 | | 139 | 132 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 40 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 45 | | 133 | 107 |
| | Valesul | 45.5% | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | | 32 | 26 |
| | Mozal | 47.1% | 31 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 31 | | 95 | 95 |
| | Total | | 250 | 263 | 268 | 266 | 267 | | 801 | 729 |
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| BASE METALS (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida (b) | 57.5% | 75.3 | 94.4 | 68.4 | 105.6 | 118.5 | | 292.5 | 244.7 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 0.8 | 0.2 | - | - | - | | - | 44.7 |
| | Antamina (c) | 33.8% | 25.1 | 30.5 | 25.7 | 26.4 | 23.6 | | 75.7 | 51.3 |
| | Alumbrera | 25% | 12.3 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 9.9 | | 34.4 | 35.7 |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 14.2 | 16.1 | 14.9 | 14.3 | 13.2 | | 42.4 | 46.0 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 | | 6.6 | 7.5 |
| | Total | | 130.3 | 156.6 | 122.9 | 161.8 | 166.9 | | 451.6 | 430.0 |
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| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21.2 | 21.5 | 17.9 | 19.1 | 20.4 | | 57.4 | 65.0 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 31.3 | 31.3 | 32.5 | 33.1 | 32.5 | | 98.1 | 99.5 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | - | 1.3 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 9.0 | | 26.3 | - |
| | San Manuel | 100% | 1.8 | - | - | - | - | | - | 6.3 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| | Total | | 57.4 | 56.9 | 61.6 | 63.8 | 64.4 | | 189.8 | 180.8 |
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| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 63,172 | 63,799 | 61,676 | 57,651 | 58,711 | 178,038 | 167,965 |
| | Pering (d) | 100% | 892 | 969 | 1,567 | 694 | 354 | 2,615 | 3,333 |
| | Total | | 64,064 | 64,768 | 63,243 | 58,345 | 59,065 | 180,653 | 171,298 |
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| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 15,002 | 12,511 | 15,182 | 14,721 | 15,480 | 45,383 | 46,346 |
| | Antamina (c) | 33.8% | 18,798 | 13,518 | 18,189 | 15,424 | 20,519 | 54,132 | 34,808 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 8,495 | 8,121 | 9,840 | 6,540 | 6,421 | 22,801 | 26,075 |
| | Pering (d) | 100% | 4,851 | 4,793 | 5,331 | 7,430 | 4,335 | 17,096 | 16,322 |
| | Total | | 47,147 | 38,942 | 48,542 | 44,115 | 46,755 | 139,412 | 123,551 |
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| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida (b) | 57.5% | 11,837 | 17,694 | 10,074 | 15,936 | 17,458 | 43,468 | 34,645 |
| | Tintaya (b) | 100% | 503 | - | - | - | - | - | 22,252 |
| | Alumbrera | 25% | 49,065 | 47,993 | 39,279 | 46,940 | 35,084 | 121,303 | 137,420 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 5,685 | 5,117 | 4,486 | 5,069 | 4,146 | 13,701 | 17,118 |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 1,126 | 1,268 | 1,314 | 1,230 | 1,114 | 3,658 | 3,539 |
| | Total | | 68,216 | 72,072 | 55,153 | 69,175 | 57,802 | 182,130 | 214,973 |
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| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 9,980 | 10,265 | 9,612 | 8,326 | 8,773 | 26,711 | 25,699 |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 295 | 344 | 304 | 387 | 471 | 1,162 | 913 |
| | Antamina (c) | 33.8% | 590 | 461 | 536 | 557 | 617 | 1,710 | 1,207 |

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| | Alumbrera | 25.0% | 68 | 56 | 53 | 72 | 75 | | 200 | 181 |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 168 | 183 | 162 | 159 | 140 | | 461 | 526 |
| | Selbaie | 100% | 504 | 524 | 593 | 369 | 279 | | 1,241 | 1,549 |
| | Total | | 11,604 | 11,833 | 11,260 | 9,870 | 10,355 | | 31,485 | 30,074 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Highland Valley Copper | 33.6% | 121 | 232 | 220 | 250 | 260 | | 730 | 426 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 5,565 | 5,413 | 5,486 | 5,287 | 4,964 | | 15,737 | 17,961 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,434 | 1,690 | 1,891 | 1,808 | 1,497 | | 5,196 | 4,757 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 6,614 | 6,663 | 7,796 | 8,187 | 7,452 | | 23,435 | 20,593 |
| | Jimblebar | 100% | 1,211 | 1,476 | 1,433 | 1,186 | 1,371 | | 3,990 | 3,725 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,640 | 1,838 | 2,022 | 1,979 | 1,953 | | 5,954 | 3,791 |
| | Total | | 16,464 | 17,080 | 18,628 | 18,447 | 17,237 | | 54,312 | 50,827 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (e) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA (f) | 50% | 6,017 | 5,686 | 4,652 | 5,032 | 5,838 | | 15,522 | 16,015 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (g) | 80% | 1,707 | 1,746 | 1,863 | 1,472 | 1,200 | | 4,535 | 4,997 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,265 | 1,927 | 2,135 | 1,886 | 1,518 | | 5,539 | 5,161 |
| | Total | | 8,989 | 9,359 | 8,650 | 8,390 | 8,556 | | 25,596 | 26,173 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | | |

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| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 424 | 475 | 581 | 560 | 534 | 1,675 | 1,392 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 467 | 309 | 514 | 499 | 356 | 1,369 | 1,359 |
| | Total | | 891 | 784 | 1,095 | 1,059 | 890 | 3,044 | 2,751 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 115 | 121 | 124 | 125 | 117 | 366 | 285 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 51 | 48 | 51 | 65 | 60 | 176 | 164 |
| | Total | | 166 | 169 | 175 | 190 | 177 | 542 | 449 |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Boodarie™ Iron (i) | 100% | 277 | - | 333 | 414 | 465 | 1,212 | 1,047 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati™ | 80% | 932 | 1,023 | 954 | 1,071 | 1,015 | 3,040 | 2,627 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 13,633 | 13,815 | 13,838 | 13,333 | 13,256 | 40,427 | 41,895 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,266 | 3,703 | 2,800 | 4,339 | 3,147 | 10,286 | 9,542 |
| | Australia | 100% | 1,129 | 1,390 | 1,244 | 1,234 | 1,922 | 4,400 | 3,165 |

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| | Indonesia (j) | 80% | 186 | 208 | 216 | 29 | - | 245 | 4,414 |
| | Colombia (k) | 33% | 1,022 | 1,455 | 1,231 | 1,713 | 1,382 | 4,326 | 3,248 |
| | Total | | 19,236 | 20,571 | 19,329 | 20,648 | 19,707 | 59,684 | 62,264 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.8% | 10.5 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 34.7 | 30.5 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 22.4 | 20.7 |
| | Total | | 17.8 | 17.7 | 19.1 | 19.4 | 18.6 | 57.1 | 51.2 |
| CHROME ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 549 | 664 | 713 | 714 | 679 | 2,106 | 1,787 |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 201 | 223 | 238 | 230 | 263 | 731 | 614 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 5. | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Sulphide production at Escondida and Tintaya was temporarily reduced in November 2001 and January 2002 respectively due to | | | | | | | | | |
| weak market conditions. Commercial production of copper cathode commenced at Tintaya in June 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| The Escondida Phase IV expansion was commissioned in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Antamina commenced commercial production in October 2001. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) BHP Billiton acquired its share of South Blackwater in July 2001. South Blackwater is equally owned by BHP Billiton and | | | | | | | | | |

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| Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. Effective January 2002, South Blackwater production is reported in BMA. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) Shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| (i) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas re-heating furnace. | | | | | | | | | |
| (j) Production shown on 86.5% basis after allowing for Indonesian state owned corporation's 13.5% share of production. | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton sold its interest in the Senakin and Satui mines effective 30 November 2001. Production ceased at Petangis in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| (k) BHP Billiton increased its interest in Cerrejon Zona Norte to 33.3% from 16.7% effective February 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | | | 6,593 | 6,786 | 6,799 | 5,799 | 5,391 | 17,989 | 21,190 |
| North West Shelf - condensate | | | 1,525 | 1,466 | 1,602 | 1,510 | 1,566 | 4,678 | 4,166 |
| North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | | 1,851 | 1,892 | 1,876 | 1,655 | 1,679 | 5,210 | 5,422 |
| Laminaria | | | 1,958 | 2,200 | 2,914 | 1,869 | 1,419 | 6,202 | 7,528 |
| Griffin | | | 1,971 | 1,587 | 1,281 | 1,089 | 831 | 3,201 | 3,871 |
| Pakistan | | | 20 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 51 | 56 |
| Typhoon/Boris (a) | | | 1,507 | 1,754 | 1,233 | 654 | 852 | 2,739 | 3,785 |
| Americas | | | 917 | 861 | 718 | 652 | 816 | 2,186 | 2,645 |
| Liverpool Bay | | | 2,770 | 2,574 | 1,838 | 2,463 | 2,174 | 6,475 | 8,468 |
| Bruce/Keith | | | 532 | 594 | 271 | 690 | 566 | 1,527 | 1,655 |
| Total | | | 19,644 | 19,732 | 18,550 | 16,398 | 15,310 | 50,258 | 58,787 |

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| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 17.18 | 26.77 | 33.07 | 21.07 | 17.51 | | 71.65 | 70.08 |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.45 | 2.86 | 3.62 | 3.82 | 3.81 | | 11.25 | 10.86 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 15.22 | 13.01 | 16.55 | 14.93 | 15.11 | | 46.59 | 46.54 |
| | Griffin | | 0.92 | 0.34 | 0.95 | 1.03 | 0.81 | | 2.79 | 3.62 |
| | Pakistan | | 2.94 | 3.02 | 2.83 | 2.76 | 2.57 | | 8.16 | 8.43 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | 2.01 | 1.93 | 1.38 | 0.71 | 2.03 | | 4.12 | 4.16 |
| | Americas | | 4.40 | 4.63 | 3.91 | 3.80 | 3.34 | | 11.05 | 14.50 |
| | Bruce | | 8.44 | 7.92 | 4.59 | 10.55 | 10.04 | | 25.18 | 22.36 |
| | Keith | | 0.11 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.15 | | 0.37 | 0.57 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 11.63 | 10.01 | 4.89 | 10.59 | 11.62 | | 27.10 | 31.69 |
| | Total | | 66.30 | 70.66 | 71.86 | 69.41 | 66.99 | | 208.26 | 212.82 |
| LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 108.47 | 126.70 | 149.66 | 115.23 | 111.74 | | 376.63 | 345.00 |
| | North West Shelf | | 33.33 | 35.08 | 36.32 | 31.04 | 32.67 | | 100.03 | 105.18 |
| | Bruce | | 18.73 | 17.49 | 22.45 | 20.47 | 15.10 | | 58.02 | 63.74 |
| | Keith | | 0.67 | 1.17 | 0.53 | 1.23 | 1.11 | | 2.87 | 3.21 |
| | Total | | 161.20 | 180.43 | 208.96 | 167.97 | 160.62 | | 537.55 | 517.13 |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 18.87 | 25.62 | 27.67 | 19.91 | 22.35 | | 69.93 | 61.51 |
| (a) Typhoon commenced production in July 2001. Boris commenced production in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 MONTHS ENDED | | | | | | | | | | |
| MARCH JUNE SEPT DEC MARCH MARCH MARCH | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 2002 2002 2002 2003 2003 2002 | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | |

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|-----------|------------------------|--|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|--|-------|-------|
| | Worsley, Australia | | 677 | 686 | 698 | 662 | 658 | | 2,018 | 2,010 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 208 | 215 | 221 | 213 | 222 | | 656 | 636 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 111 | 117 | 112 | 123 | 123 | | 358 | 279 |
| | Total | | 996 | 1,018 | 1,031 | 998 | 1,003 | | 3,032 | 2,925 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 656 | 690 | 758 | 606 | 751 | | 2,115 | 1,986 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 205 | 197 | 253 | 201 | 243 | | 697 | 650 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 101 | 106 | 130 | 125 | 124 | | 379 | 268 |
| | Total | | 962 | 993 | 1,141 | 932 | 1,118 | | 3,191 | 2,904 |
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| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 127 | 132 | 135 | 134 | 133 | | 402 | 369 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 43 | 43 | 46 | 45 | 48 | | 139 | 132 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 40 | 46 | 44 | 44 | 45 | | 133 | 107 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | | 32 | 26 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 31 | 31 | 32 | 32 | 31 | | 95 | 95 |
| | Total | | 250 | 263 | 268 | 266 | 267 | | 801 | 729 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 128 | 131 | 124 | 135 | 133 | | 392 | 368 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 42 | 53 | 47 | 45 | 48 | | 140 | 128 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 38 | 45 | 38 | 52 | 38 | | 128 | 105 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 10 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 9 | | 30 | 26 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 31 | 34 | 27 | 35 | 33 | | 95 | 95 |
| | Total | | 249 | 274 | 245 | 279 | 261 | | 785 | 722 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | |
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| | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Escondida, Chile (a)</u> | | | | | | | | |
| <u>(b)</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 80,401 | 77,244 | 74,671 | 74,303 | 73,466 | 222,440 | 250,565 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 10,452 | 11,311 | 10,142 | 14,632 | 16,744 | 41,518 | 31,717 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.53% | 1.74% | 1.45% | 1.59% | 1.49% | 1.52% | 1.67% |
| Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 134.9 | 170.3 | 125.6 | 191.8 | 210.8 | 528.2 | 441.2 |
| Production | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 75.3 | 94.4 | 68.4 | 105.6 | 118.5 | 292.5 | 244.7 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 11,837 | 17,694 | 10,074 | 15,936 | 17,458 | 43,468 | 34,645 |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.2 | 21.5 | 17.9 | 19.1 | 20.4 | 57.4 | 65.0 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 295 | 344 | 304 | 387 | 471 | 1,162 | 913 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 77.0 | 85.3 | 77.0 | 104.8 | 113.5 | 295.3 | 247.7 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 10,806 | 17,004 | 11,689 | 16,709 | 17,166 | 45,564 | 31,921 |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 24.6 | 22.7 | 19.5 | 21.7 | 19.3 | 60.5 | 65.4 |
| Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 313 | 248 | 269 | 400 | 484 | 1,153 | 959 |
| (a) Sulphide production at Escondida was temporarily reduced in November 2001 due to weak market conditions. | | | | | | | | |

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| (b) Includes production from the Escondida Phase IV expansion which commissioned in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| Tintaya, Peru (a) (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 396 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32,111 |
| Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 71 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,280 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.64% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.65% |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 0.8 | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - | 44.7 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 503 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 22,252 |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | | 1.3 | 8.4 | 8.9 | 9.0 | | 26.3 | - |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 8.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 45.8 |
| Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 5,452 | 212 | - | - | - | - | - | 24,743 |
| Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | | 1.9 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 8.7 | | 25.4 | - |
| (a) Sulphide production at Tintaya was temporarily suspended in January 2002 due to weak market conditions. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Commercial production of copper cathode commenced in June 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cerro Colorado, Chile | | | | | | | | | |
| Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 15,760 | 18,628 | 17,963 | 15,027 | 16,564 | | 49,554 | 46,032 |
| Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 3,698 | 3,581 | 3,759 | 3,942 | 3,916 | | 11,617 | 11,078 |
| Average copper grade | (%) | 1.03% | 1.00% | 0.97% | 1.03% | 1.00% | | 1.00% | 1.07% |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 31.3 | 31.3 | 32.5 | 33.1 | 32.5 | | 98.1 | 99.5 |

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| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 33.2 | 34.5 | 23.2 | 36.1 | 39.3 | | 98.6 | 98.6 |
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| Antamina, Peru (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 20,548 | 28,990 | 30,235 | 25,797 | 25,290 | | 81,322 | 40,518 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 6,309 | 7,250 | 6,794 | 6,395 | 6,424 | | 19,613 | 12,627 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.31% | 1.43% | 1.33% | 1.41% | 1.32% | | 1.35% | 1.37% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.44% | 0.93% | 1.28% | 1.15% | 1.54% | | 1.32% | 1.39% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 25.1 | 30.5 | 25.7 | 26.4 | 23.6 | | 75.7 | 51.3 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 18,798 | 13,518 | 18,189 | 15,424 | 20,519 | | 54,132 | 34,808 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 590 | 461 | 536 | 557 | 617 | | 1,710 | 1,207 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 28.8 | 28.6 | 30.6 | 25.8 | 22.4 | | 78.8 | 57.5 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 23,031 | 15,009 | 19,184 | 14,407 | 15,400 | | 48,991 | 32,014 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 602 | 489 | 590 | 530 | 575 | | 1,695 | 1,198 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Commercial production commenced in October 2001. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Alumbrera, Argentina | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 25,430 | 26,524 | 29,356 | 28,730 | 26,400 | | 84,486 | 83,610 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 7,146 | 7,575 | 8,034 | 8,703 | 8,376 | | 25,113 | 21,804 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 0.76% | 0.73% | 0.62% | 0.69% | 0.54% | | 0.62% | 0.73% |
| | - Gold | (g/t) | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | | 0.8 | 1.1 |
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| | Production | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 12.3 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 13.4 | 9.9 | | 34.4 | 35.7 |
| | Payable gold | (fine ounces) | 45,421 | 43,020 | 35,935 | 42,594 | 30,730 | | 109,259 | 128,769 |
| | Payable gold - dore | (fine ounces) | 3,644 | 4,973 | 3,344 | 4,346 | 4,354 | | 12,044 | 8,651 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 68 | 56 | 53 | 72 | 75 | | 200 | 181 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 12.7 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 10.8 | | 34.4 | 35.6 |
| | Payable gold | (fine ounces) | 47,261 | 36,874 | 33,957 | 42,381 | 33,438 | | 109,776 | 129,945 |
| | Payable gold - dore | (fine ounces) | 3,710 | 4,466 | 3,082 | 4,409 | 4,159 | | 11,650 | 7,548 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 67 | 67 | 53 | 72 | 75 | | 200 | 180 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Highland Valley, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 18,322 | 18,522 | 20,455 | 18,682 | 16,642 | | 55,779 | 59,115 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 11,778 | 12,224 | 12,941 | 12,924 | 11,602 | | 37,467 | 37,531 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.42% | 0.43% | 0.40% | 0.39% | 0.40% | | 0.40% | 0.42% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 14.2 | 16.1 | 14.9 | 14.3 | 13.2 | | 42.4 | 46.0 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.12 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.26 | | 0.73 | 0.43 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 168 | 183 | 162 | 159 | 140 | | 461 | 526 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 1,126 | 1,268 | 1,314 | 1,230 | 1,114 | | 3,658 | 3,539 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 11.6 | 14.9 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 10.0 | | 41.9 | 47.8 |
| | Payable molybdenum | ('000 tonnes) | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.26 | | 0.67 | 0.45 |

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| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 133 | 173 | 153 | 189 | 106 | | 448 | 555 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 1,096 | 1,467 | 1,240 | 1,644 | 843 | | 3,727 | 4,998 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Cannington, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 569 | 574 | 631 | 573 | 601 | | 1,805 | 1,667 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 567 | 575 | 599 | 564 | 589 | | 1,752 | 1,601 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 619 | 675 | 564 | 535 | 550 | | 550 | 595 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 12.7% | 13.6% | 11.7% | 11.9% | 11.8% | | 11.8% | 12.7% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 4.6% | 3.9% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 4.3% | | 4.3% | 4.9% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,980 | 10,265 | 9,612 | 8,326 | 8,773 | | 26,711 | 25,699 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 63,172 | 63,799 | 61,676 | 57,651 | 58,711 | | 178,038 | 167,965 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 15,002 | 12,511 | 15,182 | 14,721 | 15,480 | | 45,383 | 46,346 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,383 | 10,788 | 9,401 | 9,027 | 8,717 | | 27,145 | 24,659 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 59,712 | 67,650 | 59,876 | 62,735 | 58,366 | | 180,977 | 161,712 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 19,105 | 14,761 | 12,077 | 14,849 | 18,155 | | 45,081 | 50,175 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Selbaie, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 1,012 | 1,016 | 1,049 | 999 | 919 | | 2,967 | 3,047 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.32% | 1.26% | 1.37% | 1.09% | 1.11% | | 1.20% | 1.37% |
| | - Copper | (%) | 0.33% | 0.34% | 0.33% | 0.28% | 0.25% | | 0.29% | 0.34% |
| | - Gold | (g/t) | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.23 | | 0.24 | 0.28 |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 29.10 | 28.99 | 35.10 | 22.75 | 22.15 | | 26.93 | 30.49 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 8,495 | 8,121 | 9,840 | 6,540 | 6,421 | | 22,801 | 26,075 |
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| | Payable copper | (tonnes) | 2,452 | 2,642 | 2,789 | 2,111 | 1,654 | | 6,554 | 7,544 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (ounces) | 5,685 | 5,117 | 4,486 | 5,069 | 4,146 | | 13,701 | 17,118 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 504 | 524 | 593 | 369 | 279 | | 1,241 | 1,549 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 8,400 | 7,877 | 9,861 | 7,245 | 6,636 | | 23,742 | 26,291 |
| | Payable copper | (tonnes) | 2,605 | 2,459 | 2,823 | 2,107 | 2,751 | | 7,681 | 8,416 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (ounces) | 5,048 | 5,142 | 5,932 | 3,082 | 5,508 | | 14,522 | 21,162 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 605 | 573 | 527 | 478 | 444 | | 1,449 | 1,210 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Pering, South Africa (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 330 | 338 | 320 | 288 | 151 | | 759 | 1,011 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | | |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.73% | 1.85% | 2.21% | 3.34% | 3.47% | | 2.89% | 1.88% |
| | - Lead | (%) | 0.42% | 0.52% | 0.66% | 0.40% | 0.33% | | 0.50% | 0.48% |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 4,851 | 4,793 | 5,331 | 7,430 | 4,335 | | 17,096 | 16,322 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 892 | 969 | 1,567 | 694 | 354 | | 2,615 | 3,333 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 4,745 | 3,667 | 3,701 | 6,179 | 5,343 | | 15,223 | 14,536 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 1,298 | 729 | 1,367 | 1,327 | 995 | | 3,689 | 3,881 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>San Manuel, USA (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.8 | - | - | - | - | | - | 6.3 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) San Manuel SXEW operations closed in March 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | | 8.0 | 10.0 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 4.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.6 | | 7.9 | 9.8 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
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| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | | 2003 | 2002 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | 5,565 | 5,413 | 5,486 | 5,287 | 4,964 | | 15,737 | 17,961 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b) | | 1,434 | 1,690 | 1,891 | 1,808 | 1,497 | | 5,196 | 4,757 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | | 6,614 | 6,663 | 7,796 | 8,187 | 7,452 | | 23,435 | 20,593 |
| | Jimblebar | | 1,211 | 1,476 | 1,433 | 1,186 | 1,371 | | 3,990 | 3,725 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 14,824 | 15,242 | 16,606 | 16,468 | 15,284 | | 48,358 | 47,037 |
| | Total production (100%) | | 17,226 | 17,671 | 19,284 | 19,165 | 17,739 | | 56,188 | 54,679 |
| Shipments | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 3,316 | 4,151 | 4,335 | 4,290 | 4,352 | | 12,977 | 10,528 |
| | Fines | | 11,083 | 10,517 | 11,842 | 13,896 | 12,144 | | 37,882 | 35,442 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 14,399 | 14,668 | 16,177 | 18,186 | 16,496 | | 50,859 | 45,970 |
| | Total shipments (100%) | | 16,940 | 17,256 | 19,033 | 21,396 | 19,407 | | 59,836 | 54,082 |

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| | (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Includes bulk sample production from Mining Area C. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,640 | 1,838 | 2,022 | 1,979 | 1,953 | | 5,954 | 3,791 |
| | Shipments | | 1,705 | 1,768 | 2,034 | 2,004 | 2,049 | | 6,087 | 4,301 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,892 | 1,669 | 1,633 | 1,603 | 1,668 | | 4,904 | 4,174 |
| | Goonyella | | 1,036 | 904 | 734 | 812 | 1,191 | | 2,737 | 2,872 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,028 | 1,185 | 789 | 757 | 1,009 | | 2,555 | 2,643 |
| | Saraji | | 676 | 716 | 427 | 629 | 599 | | 1,655 | 1,831 |
| | Norwich Park | | 524 | 527 | 573 | 451 | 610 | | 1,634 | 1,546 |
| | South Blackwater (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 1,194 |
| | Gregory | | 861 | 685 | 496 | 780 | 761 | | 2,037 | 1,755 |
| | BMA total | | 6,017 | 5,686 | 4,652 | 5,032 | 5,838 | | 15,522 | 16,015 |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (c)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riverside | | 907 | 928 | 927 | 400 | 300 | | 1,627 | 2,474 |
| | South Walker Creek | | 800 | 818 | 936 | 1,072 | 900 | | 2,908 | 2,523 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 1,707 | 1,746 | 1,863 | 1,472 | 1,200 | | 4,535 | 4,997 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 7,724 | 7,432 | 6,515 | 6,504 | 7,038 | | 20,057 | 21,012 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 4,799 | 5,252 | 4,165 | 4,034 | 4,707 | | 12,906 | 13,614 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,604 | 1,124 | 1,739 | 1,503 | 1,569 | | 4,811 | 4,871 |
| | Thermal coal | | 764 | 734 | 1,022 | 800 | 852 | | 2,674 | 2,099 |
| | Total | | 7,167 | 7,110 | 6,926 | 6,337 | 7,128 | | 20,391 | 20,584 |

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| (a) Coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) BHP Billiton acquired its share of South Blackwater in July 2001. South Blackwater is equally owned by BHP Billiton and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. Effective January 2002, South Blackwater production is included in Blackwater. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) BHP Mitsui Coal production shown on 100% basis before 20% outside equity interest. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,265 | 1,927 | 2,135 | 1,886 | 1,518 | | 5,539 | 5,161 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,555 | 1,543 | 1,515 | 1,900 | 1,611 | | 5,026 | 4,667 |
| | Thermal coal | | 49 | 268 | 134 | 95 | 242 | | 471 | 279 |
| | Total | | 1,604 | 1,811 | 1,649 | 1,995 | 1,853 | | 5,497 | 4,946 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 424 | 475 | 581 | 560 | 534 | | 1,675 | 1,392 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 467 | 309 | 514 | 499 | 356 | | 1,369 | 1,359 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 115 | 121 | 124 | 125 | 117 | | 366 | 285 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 51 | 48 | 51 | 65 | 60 | | 176 | 164 |

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| | (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 277 | - | 333 | 414 | 465 | 1,212 | 1,047 | |
| | Shipments | | 391 | 93 | 202 | 464 | 416 | 1,082 | 1,051 | |
| | (a) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas re-heating furnace. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 932 | 1,023 | 954 | 1,071 | 1,015 | 3,040 | 2,627 | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 | |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
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|--|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Production | | 13,633 | 13,815 | 13,838 | 13,333 | 13,256 | | 40,427 | 41,895 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 5,605 | 5,744 | 5,648 | 6,609 | 5,696 | | 17,953 | 17,977 |
| | Local utility | | 6,979 | 7,767 | 7,836 | 7,263 | 7,160 | | 22,259 | 21,236 |
| | Inland | | 835 | 742 | 471 | 412 | 340 | | 1,223 | 3,038 |
| | Total | | 13,418 | 14,253 | 13,955 | 14,284 | 13,196 | | 41,435 | 42,250 |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | | 1,801 | 2,030 | 1,602 | 2,154 | 1,797 | | 5,553 | 5,177 |
| | San Juan Coal (a) | | 1,465 | 1,673 | 1,198 | 2,185 | 1,350 | | 4,733 | 4,365 |
| | Total | | 3,266 | 3,703 | 2,800 | 4,339 | 3,147 | | 10,286 | 9,542 |
| | Sales - local utility | | 2,882 | 3,469 | 3,546 | 3,348 | 3,316 | | 10,210 | 9,778 |
| | (a) Includes production from longwall operations commenced at San Juan in October 2002. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,129 | 1,390 | 1,244 | 1,234 | 1,922 | | 4,400 | 3,165 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 904 | 1,056 | 783 | 881 | 1,036 | | 2,700 | 2,079 |
| | Inland | | 342 | 337 | 366 | 276 | 704 | | 1,346 | 1,118 |
| | Total | | 1,246 | 1,393 | 1,149 | 1,157 | 1,740 | | 4,046 | 3,197 |
| <u>Kalimantan, Indonesia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Senakin (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 1,962 |
| | Satui (b) | | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 1,845 |
| | Petangis (c) | | 186 | 208 | 216 | 29 | - | | 245 | 608 |
| | Total | | 186 | 208 | 216 | 29 | - | | 245 | 4,414 |
| | Sales - export | | 242 | 243 | 189 | 49 | 56 | | 294 | 4,238 |
| | (a) Reported on 86.5% basis after allowing for the Indonesian state-owned corporation's 13.5% share of all production. | | | | | | | | | |

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| | (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Senakin and Satui effective 30 November 2001. | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) Production ceased at Petangis in October 2002. | | | | | | | | |
| Cerrejon Coal, Colombia (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,022 | 1,455 | 1,231 | 1,713 | 1,382 | 4,326 | 3,248 |
| | Sales - export | | 971 | 1,144 | 1,246 | 1,851 | 1,971 | 5,068 | 2,757 |
| | (a) BHP Billiton increased its interest in CZN from 16.7% to 33.3% effective February 2002. | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | 9 MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2002 | 2003 | 2003 | 2002 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| CMSA, Colombia | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 10.5 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 11.1 | 34.7 | 30.5 |
| | Sales | | 10.5 | 11.6 | 10.5 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 33.6 | 30.0 |
| Yabulu, Australia | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 7.3 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 22.4 | 20.7 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 23.5 | 21.9 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| CHROME ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 549 | 664 | 713 | 714 | 679 | 2,106 | 1,787 |

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| | Saleable production (a) | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | |
| South Africa | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 201 | 223 | 238 | 230 | 263 | 731 | 614 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |

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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
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 23 April 2003