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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2005**

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 31 March 2005. Unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- **In a strong market environment, year to date production of iron ore, metallurgical coal, manganese ore, manganese alloys, natural gas, aluminium, copper, silver, lead, energy coal and ferrochrome was above the nine months ended March 2004.**
- **Ramp up of Western Australia Iron Ore operations continues on schedule, with production of 25.8 million tonnes (100% basis) for the quarter.**
- **Lower oil and condensate production ahead of continued ramp up of the recently commissioned Angostura (Trinidad & Tobago) and Mad Dog (USA) projects.**
- **First gas production from the newly commissioned Minerva (Australia) field.**
- **Record quarterly alumina production of 1.1 million tonnes.**
- **Record quarterly silver and lead production reflecting higher head grades at Cannington (Australia).**
- **Commissioning of Dendrobium (Australia) in April 2005, eight weeks ahead of schedule.**

- **Total Petroleum Products**

- Total production for the March 2005 quarter was 28.5 million barrels of oil equivalent, four per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter and three per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter.

- ◆ **Oil and Condensate** - Production for the March 2005 quarter was 12.3 million barrels, 14 per cent lower than the 14.3 million barrels produced in the March 2004 quarter. Production was lower due to natural field decline in Bass Strait (Australia), Liverpool Bay (UK) and Typhoon/Boris (USA). Production for the quarter was also impacted by higher downtime at Bass Strait and Liverpool Bay, along with the divestment of both Laminaria (Australia) in January 2005 and our producing assets in Bolivia in February 2004. This was partly offset by new production resulting from the commissioning of ROD (Algeria) in October 2004 and Angostura and Mad Dog, both commissioned in January 2005. Production for the March 2005 quarter was one per cent higher than the 12.2 million barrels produced in the December 2004 quarter. New production from Angostura, ROD and Mad Dog and successful infill drilling at Wanaea/Cossack (Australia) was mostly offset by higher downtime at Liverpool Bay and Bass Strait and the divestment of Laminaria.
- ◆ **Natural Gas** - Production for the March 2005 quarter was 82.4 billion cubic feet, eight per cent higher than the 76.5 billion cubic feet produced in the March 2004 quarter. This was primarily due to increased production from North West Shelf LNG (Australia) following the commissioning of the 4th LNG Train in September 2004, along with new production from Minerva following its commissioning in January 2005 and record production at Zamzama reflecting strong demand. This was partially offset by lower demand for Bass Strait gas, higher downtime at Liverpool Bay and natural field decline at Bruce (UK). Production for the March 2005 quarter was six per cent lower than the 87.4 billion cubic feet produced in the December 2004 quarter due to lower demand for Bass Strait gas, higher downtime at Liverpool Bay and North West Shelf LNG and natural field decline in

Typhoon/Boris. This was partially offset by new production from Minerva and record production at Zamzama reflecting strong demand.

- **Alumina**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was a record 1.1 million tonnes, three per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter and five percent higher than the December 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects increased production at Worsley due to the processing of stockpiled hydrate.

- **Aluminium**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was 332,000 tonnes in line with both the March 2004 and December 2004 quarters. This reflects consistently strong production from all of BHP Billiton's aluminium smelters, in particular Hillside (South Africa) and Mozal (Mozambique).

- **Copper**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was 249,600 tonnes, four per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects increased production at Antamina (Peru) following the return to their normal mine plan after the removal of lakebed sediments was completed in the June 2004 quarter, along with higher mill throughput at Escondida and higher head grades at Cerro Colorado (both Chile). These increases were partly offset by lower production at Tintaya (Peru) due to lower head grades. Production was six per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter due to lower head grades and reduced mill throughput at Escondida and Antamina, and lower head grades at Tintaya.

- **Silver**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was a record 14.0 million ounces, 16 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects increased mill throughput at Cannington resulting from a debottlenecking program, along with higher head grades. Production was 14 per cent higher than the December 2004 quarter reflecting higher head grades at Cannington.

- **Lead**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was a record 80,899 tonnes, 14 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This mainly reflects increased mill throughput at Cannington resulting from a debottlenecking program, along with higher head grades. Production was 13 per cent higher than the December 2004 quarter reflecting higher head grades at Cannington.

- **Iron Ore**

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was 24.0 million tonnes, 14 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. The increase reflects additional capacity following the completion of several expansion projects at Western Australia Iron Ore underpinned by continuing strong customer demand. Production was four per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter. Western Australia Iron Ore production is in line with the expected ramp up of expansion projects.

- **Metallurgical Coal -**

Production for the March 2005 quarter was 8.9 million tonnes, five per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects improved operating performance at Illawarra Coal (Australia), along with increased production at Queensland Coal (Australia) underpinned by strong customer demand. Production was seven per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter primarily reflecting lower production at Queensland Coal due to the depletion of reserves at Riverside and scheduled maintenance at Peak Downs. This was partially offset by the improved operating performance at Illawarra Coal.

- **Manganese ore**

- Ore production for the March 2005 quarter was 1.3 million tonnes, in line with the March 2004 quarter. Production was five per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter due to scheduled maintenance shutdowns in South Africa and seasonal conditions at Gemco (Australia).

- **Manganese alloys**

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- Production for the March 2005 quarter was 197,000 tonnes, 10 per cent higher than the March 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects improved operating performance at Metalloys (South Africa). Production was five per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter primarily reflecting changes to product mix at Temco (Australia).

• Diamonds

- Production of 802,000 carats at Ekati (Canada) was 21 per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter and eight per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects processing of lower grade ore in the current quarter.

• Energy Coal

- Production for the March 2005 quarter of 20.1 million tonnes was six per cent lower than both the March 2004 and December 2004 quarters. This primarily reflects lower domestic production at Ingwe (South Africa) as a result of product mix optimisation to improve export tonnages, along with lower production at New Mexico Coal (USA) due to a longwall move at San Juan underground. Hunter Valley Coal (Australia) achieved record export sales during the quarter reflecting the ramp up of the Mount Arthur North expansion.

• Nickel

- Production for the March 2005 quarter was 20,800 tonnes, in line with the March 2004 quarter. Record production at Cerro Matoso due to improved plant utilisation was offset by lower production at Yabulu (Australia) as a result of scheduled down time in the current quarter along with increased conversion of work in process inventories to finished goods in the March 2004 quarter. Production was six per cent higher than the December 2004 quarter reflecting improved plant utilisation at Cerro Matoso.

• Ferrochrome - Production for the March 2005 quarter was 240,000 tonnes, 10 per cent lower than the March 2004 quarter and 11 per cent lower than the December 2004 quarter. This primarily reflects a maintenance shutdown at Wonderkop JV (South Africa).

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| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|--------|--------|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | | % CHANGE | | | |
| | | | | | | | | MAR Q05 | MAR Q05 | YTD 05 | |
| | | | MARCH | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | vs | vs | vs | |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | MAR Q04 | DEC Q04 | YTD 04 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | | 14,341 | 12,190 | 12,345 | | 36,901 | 44,730 | -14% | 1% | -18% |
| Natural gas | (bcf) | | 76.47 | 87.35 | 82.35 | | 246.89 | 239.23 | 8% | -6% | 3% |
| LPG | ('000 tonnes) | | 217.83 | 216.07 | 199.29 | | 646.39 | 617.67 | -9% | -8% | 5% |
| Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | | 16.59 | 27.20 | 23.61 | | 78.56 | 69.16 | 42% | -13% | 14% |
| Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | | 29.78 | 29.38 | 28.49 | | 85.90 | 92.15 | -4% | -3% | -7% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | | 1,062 | 1,036 | 1,092 | | 3,128 | 3,165 | 3% | 5% | -1% |
| Aluminium | ('000 tonnes) | | 333 | 338 | 332 | | 1,009 | 923 | 0% | -2% | 9% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper | ('000 tonnes) | | 240.6 | 265.8 | 249.6 | | 764.2 | 681.8 | 4% | -6% | 12% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | | 70,838 | 71,509 | 80,899 | | 217,318 | 185,413 | 14% | 13% | 17% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | | 35,194 | 20,918 | 32,388 | | 77,157 | 130,200 | -8% | 55% | -41% |
| Gold | (ounces) | | 33,364 | 31,247 | 32,152 | | 93,531 | 94,619 | -4% | 3% | -1% |
| Silver | ('000 ounces) | | 12,064 | 12,353 | 14,044 | | 38,165 | 32,640 | 16% | 14% | 17% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | | 81 | 560 | 431 | | 1,314 | 696 | 430% | -23% | 89% |

| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| | Iron ore | ('000 tonnes) | 21,085 | 24,916 | 23,988 | 71,449 | 63,683 | 14% | -4% | 12% |
| | Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 8,532 | 9,629 | 8,938 | 27,844 | 26,076 | 5% | -7% | 7% |
| | Manganese ores | ('000 tonnes) | 1,264 | 1,361 | 1,297 | 4,037 | 3,616 | 3% | -5% | 12% |
| | Manganese alloys | ('000 tonnes) | 179 | 207 | 197 | 599 | 509 | 10% | -5% | 18% |
| | Hot briquetted iron | ('000 tonnes) | 399 | - | - | - | 1,422 | -100% | 0% | -100% |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 1,015 | 872 | 802 | 2,660 | 4,271 | -21% | -8% | -38% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Energy coal | ('000 tonnes) | 21,279 | 21,389 | 20,079 | 64,713 | 62,391 | -6% | -6% | 4% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 21.2 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 60.1 | 61.8 | -2% | 6% | -3% |
| | Ferrochrome | ('000 tonnes) | 266 | 271 | 240 | 776 | 762 | -10% | -11% | 2% |
| Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported. | | | | | | | | | | |

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | BHP Billiton | Interest | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |

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| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | (000 bbl) | 14,341 | 13,297 | 12,366 | 12,190 | 12,345 | 36,901 | 44,730 |
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 76.47 | 85.11 | 77.19 | 87.35 | 82.35 | 246.89 | 239.23 |
| | LPG | ('000 tonnes) | 217.83 | 235.86 | 231.03 | 216.07 | 199.29 | 646.39 | 617.67 |
| | Ethane | ('000 tonnes) | 16.59 | 25.14 | 27.75 | 27.20 | 23.61 | 78.56 | 69.16 |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 29.78 | 30.32 | 28.03 | 29.38 | 28.49 | 85.90 | 92.15 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley | 86% | 704 | 696 | 663 | 686 | 746 | 2,095 | 2,103 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 228 | 233 | 223 | 222 | 220 | 665 | 685 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 130 | 130 | 114 | 128 | 126 | 368 | 377 |
| | Total | | 1,062 | 1,059 | 1,000 | 1,036 | 1,092 | 3,128 | 3,165 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 169 | 167 | 173 | 171 | 169 | 513 | 455 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 45 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 45 | 137 | 138 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 44 | 45 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 132 | 111 |
| | Valesul | 45.5% | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 32 | 33 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 64 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 195 | 186 |
| | Total | | 333 | 333 | 339 | 338 | 332 | 1,009 | 923 |
| BASE METALS (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 130.8 | 159.1 | 142.5 | 146.3 | 135.4 | 424.2 | 355.8 |
| | Tintaya | 100% | 22.9 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 22.1 | 20.7 | 57.4 | 37.9 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 24.6 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 33.4 | 29.9 | 93.2 | 62.0 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (b) | 33.6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28.3 |

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| | Selbaie (c) | 100% | 0.8 | - | - | - | - | - | 4.1 |
| | Total | | 179.1 | 208.6 | 187.0 | 201.8 | 186.0 | 574.8 | 488.1 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 65.9 | 64.9 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 28.1 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 30.4 | 29.8 | 88.5 | 94.2 |
| | Tintaya | 100% | 9.3 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 28.0 | 27.3 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| | Total | | 61.5 | 64.0 | 61.8 | 64.0 | 63.6 | 189.4 | 193.7 |
| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 217,318 | 185,413 |
| | Total | | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 217,318 | 185,413 |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 13,589 | 13,493 | 10,968 | 13,956 | 15,241 | 40,165 | 40,131 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 19,099 | 15,545 | 12,883 | 6,962 | 17,147 | 36,992 | 74,058 |
| | Selbaie (c) | 100% | 2,506 | - | - | - | - | - | 16,011 |
| | Total | | 35,194 | 29,038 | 23,851 | 20,918 | 32,388 | 77,157 | 130,200 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 27,942 | 26,044 | 25,370 | 24,475 | 25,987 | 75,832 | 77,791 |
| | Tintaya | 100% | 4,009 | 5,101 | 4,762 | 6,772 | 6,165 | 17,699 | 6,667 |
| | Selbaie (c) | 100% | 1,413 | - | - | - | - | - | 7,970 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (b) | 33.6% | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,191 |

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|--|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Total | | 33,364 | 31,145 | 30,132 | 31,247 | 32,152 | | 93,531 | 94,619 |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 10,485 | 9,471 | 10,339 | 11,025 | 12,383 | | 33,747 | 27,949 |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 614 | 720 | 604 | 639 | 650 | | 1,893 | 1,725 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 588 | 662 | 692 | 503 | 830 | | 2,025 | 1,517 |
| | Tintaya | 100% | 239 | 200 | 134 | 186 | 181 | | 500 | 409 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (b) | 33.6% | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 323 |
| | Selbaie (c) | 100% | 138 | - | - | - | - | | - | 717 |
| | Total | | 12,064 | 11,053 | 11,769 | 12,353 | 14,044 | | 38,165 | 32,640 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 81 | 240 | 323 | 560 | 431 | | 1,314 | 126 |
| | Highland Valley Copper (b) | 33.6% | - | - | - | - | - | | - | 570 |
| | Total | | 81 | 240 | 323 | 560 | 431 | | 1,314 | 696 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (d) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 6,031 | 5,084 | 6,157 | 6,611 | 6,475 | | 19,243 | 19,377 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,348 | 1,386 | 1,038 | 1,037 | 1,017 | | 3,092 | 4,458 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 1,768 | 2,519 | 2,990 | 4,358 | 4,451 | | 11,799 | 3,157 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,429 | 8,046 | 8,767 | 9,238 | 8,713 | | 26,718 | 26,113 |
| | Jimblebar | 100% | 1,647 | 1,566 | 1,675 | 1,622 | 1,509 | | 4,806 | 4,789 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,862 | 1,936 | 1,918 | 2,050 | 1,823 | | 5,791 | 5,789 |
| | Total | | 21,085 | 20,537 | 22,545 | 24,916 | 23,988 | | 71,449 | 63,683 |

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| METALLURGICAL COAL (e) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 5,263 | 6,285 | 6,231 | 6,184 | 5,959 | 18,374 | 16,249 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (f) | 80% | 1,811 | 1,653 | 1,748 | 1,822 | 1,205 | 4,775 | 5,328 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,458 | 1,346 | 1,298 | 1,623 | 1,774 | 4,695 | 4,499 |
| | Total | | 8,532 | 9,284 | 9,277 | 9,629 | 8,938 | 27,844 | 26,076 |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (g) | 60% | 604 | 647 | 632 | 639 | 606 | 1,877 | 1,855 |
| | Australia (g) | 60% | 660 | 690 | 747 | 722 | 691 | 2,160 | 1,761 |
| | Total | | 1,264 | 1,337 | 1,379 | 1,361 | 1,297 | 4,037 | 3,616 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (g) | 60% | 116 | 131 | 121 | 136 | 137 | 394 | 331 |
| | Australia (g) | 60% | 63 | 72 | 74 | 71 | 60 | 205 | 178 |
| | Total | | 179 | 203 | 195 | 207 | 197 | 599 | 509 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd) | | | | | | | | | |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Boodarie™ Iron (h) | 100% | 399 | 294 | - | - | - | - | 1,422 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati™ | 80% | 1,015 | 1,211 | 986 | 872 | 802 | 2,660 | 4,271 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 13,231 | 13,768 | 14,588 | 13,745 | 12,769 | 41,102 | 40,485 |
| | USA | 100% | 3,687 | 3,154 | 3,899 | 3,731 | 3,169 | 10,799 | 10,076 |
| | Australia | 100% | 2,318 | 2,590 | 2,595 | 2,189 | 2,258 | 7,042 | 6,128 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,043 | 1,982 | 2,163 | 1,724 | 1,883 | 5,770 | 5,702 |
| | Total | | 21,279 | 21,494 | 23,245 | 21,389 | 20,079 | 64,713 | 62,391 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.8% | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 13.3 | 37.6 | 37.1 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 22.5 | 24.7 |
| | Total | | 21.2 | 19.9 | 19.6 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 60.1 | 61.8 |
| FERROCHROME | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (g) | 60% | 266 | 264 | 265 | 271 | 240 | 776 | 762 |
| (a) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal. | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Highland Valley Copper with effect from January 3, 2004. | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) Production at Selbaie ceased in February 2004, in accordance with mine plan. Shipments ceased in May 2004. | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |

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| (f) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | | |
| (g) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | |
| (h) Production was suspended at Boodarie Iron following an incident in May 2004 and the plant was placed on care and maintenance in November 2004. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | | 2005 | 2004 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| Bass Strait | | 5,174 | 4,641 | 4,835 | 4,226 | 3,754 | | 12,815 | 16,379 |
| Minerva (a) | | - | - | - | - | 21 | | 21 | - |
| North West Shelf - condensate | | 1,352 | 1,367 | 1,330 | 1,274 | 1,305 | | 3,909 | 4,047 |
| North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | 1,519 | 1,357 | 1,475 | 1,272 | 1,535 | | 4,282 | 4,798 |
| Laminaria (b) | | 928 | 803 | 597 | 472 | 84 | | 1,153 | 3,045 |
| Griffin | | 380 | 585 | 414 | 473 | 403 | | 1,290 | 1,685 |
| Pakistan | | 50 | 49 | 50 | 54 | 58 | | 162 | 156 |
| Typhoon/Boris | | 1,457 | 1,462 | 1,461 | 1,290 | 907 | | 3,658 | 4,276 |
| Mad Dog (a) | | - | - | - | - | 251 | | 251 | - |
| Other Americas | | 332 | 213 | 181 | 180 | 160 | | 521 | 1,526 |
| Angostura (a) | | - | - | - | - | 799 | | 799 | - |
| Liverpool Bay | | 1,926 | 1,788 | 1,344 | 1,858 | 1,289 | | 4,491 | 6,311 |
| Bruce/Keith | | 423 | 388 | 121 | 321 | 290 | | 732 | 1,263 |
| Ohanet | | 800 | 644 | 558 | 432 | 589 | | 1,579 | 1,244 |
| ROD (c) | | - | - | - | 338 | 900 | | 1,238 | - |
| Total | | 14,341 | 13,297 | 12,366 | 12,190 | 12,345 | | 36,901 | 44,730 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|
| | Bass Strait | | 24.95 | 34.62 | 35.61 | 27.44 | 20.71 | | 83.76 | 81.85 |
| | Minerva (a) | | - | - | - | - | 6.63 | | 6.63 | - |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.91 | 3.76 | 3.50 | 3.51 | 3.64 | | 10.65 | 11.85 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 13.74 | 15.43 | 17.78 | 22.36 | 20.81 | | 60.95 | 45.41 |
| | Griffin | | 0.44 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.54 | | 1.93 | 2.30 |
| | Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (d) | | - | - | - | 0.53 | 1.07 | | 1.60 | - |
| | Illawarra Coal Bed Methane (e) | | - | - | 1.34 | 1.65 | 1.39 | | 4.38 | - |
| | Pakistan | | 7.51 | 7.10 | 7.69 | 7.87 | 8.88 | | 24.44 | 23.20 |
| | Typhoon/Boris | | 2.14 | 2.13 | 2.32 | 2.53 | 1.32 | | 6.17 | 6.13 |
| | Mad Dog (a) | | - | - | - | - | 0.03 | | 0.03 | - |
| | Other Americas | | 2.60 | 2.75 | 1.99 | 2.05 | 1.76 | | 5.80 | 9.58 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 9.44 | 8.49 | 2.26 | 7.39 | 7.22 | | 16.87 | 26.92 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 11.74 | 10.16 | 4.02 | 11.31 | 8.35 | | 23.68 | 31.99 |
| | Total | | 76.47 | 85.11 | 77.19 | 87.35 | 82.35 | | 246.89 | 239.23 |
| LPG ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 111.26 | 136.52 | 145.85 | 127.70 | 108.56 | | 382.11 | 391.47 |
| | North West Shelf | | 29.59 | 32.95 | 34.66 | 29.43 | 32.28 | | 96.37 | 91.91 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 19.22 | 19.27 | 6.93 | 18.65 | 17.85 | | 43.43 | 52.17 |
| | Ohanet | | 57.76 | 47.12 | 43.59 | 40.29 | 40.60 | | 124.48 | 82.12 |
| | Total | | 217.83 | 235.86 | 231.03 | 216.07 | 199.29 | | 646.39 | 617.67 |
| ETHANE ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 16.59 | 25.14 | 27.75 | 27.20 | 23.61 | | 78.56 | 69.16 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | 29.78 | 30.32 | 28.03 | 29.38 | 28.49 | | 85.90 | 92.15 |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) (f) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) Minerva, Mad Dog and Angostura commenced production in January 2005. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) BHP Billiton sold its interest in Laminaria with effect from January 14, 2005. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) ROD commenced production in October 2004. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) Moranbah Coal Bed Methane commenced production in September 2004 and was first reported in December 2004. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) Illawarra Coal Bed Methane production was first reported in December 2004. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on the following: | | | | | | | | | | |

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|--|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|
| 6000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe; 1 tonne of LPG equals 11.6 boe; 1 tonne of ethane equals 4.4667 boe. | | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | | | 704 | 696 | 663 | 686 | 746 | 2,095 | 2,103 |
| Paranam, Suriname | | | 228 | 233 | 223 | 222 | 220 | 665 | 685 |
| Alumar, Brazil | | | 130 | 130 | 114 | 128 | 126 | 368 | 377 |
| Total | | | 1,062 | 1,059 | 1,000 | 1,036 | 1,092 | 3,128 | 3,165 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| Worsley, Australia | | | 652 | 732 | 667 | 681 | 734 | 2,082 | 2,089 |
| Paranam, Suriname | | | 233 | 214 | 239 | 221 | 210 | 670 | 704 |
| Alumar, Brazil | | | 144 | 111 | 129 | 131 | 118 | 378 | 392 |
| Total | | | 1,029 | 1,057 | 1,035 | 1,033 | 1,062 | 3,130 | 3,185 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| Hillside, South Africa | | | 169 | 167 | 173 | 171 | 169 | 513 | 455 |
| Bayside, South Africa | | | 45 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 45 | 137 | 138 |
| Alumar, Brazil | | | 44 | 45 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 132 | 111 |
| Valesul, Brazil | | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 32 | 33 |
| Mozal, Mozambique | | | 64 | 64 | 65 | 65 | 65 | 195 | 186 |

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|---|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| | Total | | 333 | 333 | 339 | 338 | 332 | 1,009 | 923 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 176 | 171 | 155 | 189 | 153 | 497 | 455 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 49 | 45 | 45 | 41 | 39 | 125 | 138 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 39 | 55 | 43 | 44 | 43 | 130 | 102 |
| | Valesul, Brazil | | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 34 | 34 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 78 | 56 | 59 | 69 | 62 | 190 | 179 |
| | Total | | 353 | 339 | 314 | 354 | 308 | 976 | 908 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Escondida, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 83,640 | 95,757 | 100,466 | 97,512 | 90,838 | 288,816 | 235,891 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 19,620 | 21,197 | 20,637 | 20,926 | 19,913 | 61,476 | 56,807 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.48% | 1.61% | 1.47% | 1.47% | 1.41% | 1.45% | 1.38% |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 239.6 | 284.2 | 256.8 | 265.1 | 241.1 | 763.0 | 644.9 |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 130.8 | 159.1 | 142.5 | 146.3 | 135.4 | 424.2 | 355.8 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 27,942 | 26,044 | 25,370 | 24,475 | 25,987 | 75,832 | 77,791 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 21.7 | 21.8 | 21.9 | 22.2 | 21.8 | 65.9 | 64.9 |

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|--|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 614 | 720 | 604 | 639 | 650 | 1,893 | 1,725 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 127.3 | 150.4 | 140.0 | 148.3 | 137.1 | 425.4 | 358.3 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 28,545 | 24,874 | 24,732 | 25,462 | 27,882 | 78,076 | 80,864 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 26.2 | 21.3 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 18.6 | 64.0 | 68.1 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 612 | 683 | 582 | 690 | 712 | 1,984 | 1,820 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Tintaya, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 17,206 | 17,944 | 18,676 | 17,486 | 17,575 | 53,737 | 38,807 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 1,609 | 1,616 | 1,621 | 1,564 | 1,560 | 4,745 | 3,017 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.61% | 1.45% | 1.14% | 1.64% | 1.56% | 1.44% | 1.50% |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 22.9 | 19.6 | 14.6 | 22.1 | 20.7 | 57.4 | 37.9 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 4,009 | 5,101 | 4,762 | 6,772 | 6,165 | 17,699 | 6,667 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 9.3 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 28.0 | 27.3 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 239 | 200 | 134 | 186 | 181 | 500 | 409 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 23.1 | 20.6 | 5.7 | 25.9 | 23.3 | 54.9 | 33.7 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 4,372 | 4,100 | 1,219 | 8,491 | 7,593 | 17,303 | 7,458 |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 8.2 | 8.4 | 10.4 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 27.7 | 25.8 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 240 | 226 | 64 | 234 | 193 | 491 | 340 |
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| | <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | |

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|--|-----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 16,199 | 16,697 | 17,554 | 16,378 | 16,856 | 50,788 | 56,386 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 3,700 | 4,330 | 4,232 | 4,362 | 3,865 | 12,459 | 12,451 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.92% | 0.90% | 0.87% | 0.91% | 1.00% | 0.92% | 0.97% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 28.1 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 30.4 | 29.8 | 88.5 | 94.2 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode | ('000 tonnes) | 27.8 | 35.5 | 28.9 | 28.2 | 32.5 | 89.6 | 91.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 28,588 | 36,035 | 33,177 | 33,201 | 30,808 | 97,186 | 87,236 |
| | Ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 6,954 | 8,205 | 8,069 | 8,027 | 7,072 | 23,168 | 20,245 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.26% | 1.37% | 1.26% | 1.45% | 1.41% | 1.37% | 1.20% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 1.48% | 0.97% | 1.02% | 0.47% | 1.16% | 0.87% | 1.79% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 24.6 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 33.4 | 29.9 | 93.2 | 62.0 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 19,099 | 15,545 | 12,883 | 6,962 | 17,147 | 36,992 | 74,058 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 588 | 662 | 692 | 503 | 830 | 2,025 | 1,517 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 81 | 240 | 323 | 560 | 431 | 1,314 | 126 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 20.2 | 26.4 | 32.1 | 32.2 | 30.0 | 94.3 | 61.4 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 14,219 | 19,931 | 13,617 | 4,185 | 18,293 | 36,095 | 67,928 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 423 | 655 | 624 | 632 | 718 | 1,974 | 1,334 |
| | Payable | (tonnes) | 43 | 110 | 160 | 300 | 592 | 1,052 | 87 |

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| | molybdenum | | | | | | | | |
| Cannington, Australia | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 729 | 681 | 828 | 844 | 885 | 2,557 | 2,065 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 698 | 724 | 730 | 825 | 788 | 2,343 | 1,885 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 539 | 486 | 504 | 500 | 571 | 525 | 533 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 11.4% | 10.8% | 10.3% | 10.0% | 11.9% | 10.7% | 11.1% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 3.5% | 3.4% | 3.1% | 3.0% | 3.5% | 3.2% | 3.6% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 10,485 | 9,471 | 10,339 | 11,025 | 12,383 | 33,747 | 27,949 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 70,838 | 64,472 | 64,910 | 71,509 | 80,899 | 217,318 | 185,413 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 13,589 | 13,493 | 10,968 | 13,956 | 15,241 | 40,165 | 40,131 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 8,569 | 12,583 | 9,266 | 9,006 | 13,514 | 31,786 | 26,050 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 56,259 | 84,315 | 62,774 | 57,286 | 88,237 | 208,297 | 169,659 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 12,790 | 13,410 | 12,170 | 9,146 | 18,628 | 39,944 | 44,456 |
| Pinto Valley, USA | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 7.3 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (SXEW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 6.1 | 7.2 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |
| CARBON STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |

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| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
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| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 6,031 | 5,084 | 6,157 | 6,611 | 6,475 | | 19,243 | 19,377 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 1,348 | 1,386 | 1,038 | 1,037 | 1,017 | | 3,092 | 4,458 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 1,768 | 2,519 | 2,990 | 4,358 | 4,451 | | 11,799 | 3,157 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 8,429 | 8,046 | 8,767 | 9,238 | 8,713 | | 26,718 | 26,113 |
| | Jimblebar | 1,647 | 1,566 | 1,675 | 1,622 | 1,509 | | 4,806 | 4,789 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | 19,223 | 18,601 | 20,627 | 22,866 | 22,165 | | 65,658 | 57,894 |
| | Total production (100%) | 22,326 | 21,608 | 23,971 | 26,615 | 25,810 | | 76,396 | 67,266 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | 5,402 | 5,064 | 5,530 | 6,084 | 5,784 | | 17,398 | 15,469 |
| | Fines | 13,181 | 14,067 | 14,544 | 16,052 | 16,086 | | 46,682 | 40,483 |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | 18,583 | 19,131 | 20,074 | 22,136 | 21,870 | | 64,080 | 55,952 |
| | Total shipments (100%) | 21,862 | 22,507 | 23,617 | 26,042 | 25,729 | | 75,389 | 65,827 |
| (a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | 1,862 | 1,936 | 1,918 | 2,050 | 1,823 | | 5,791 | 5,789 |
| | Shipments | 1,918 | 1,994 | 1,976 | 2,142 | 1,768 | | 5,886 | 5,817 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | |

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| | Blackwater | | 1,508 | 1,864 | 1,638 | 1,709 | 1,615 | | 4,962 | 4,667 |
| | Goonyella | | 1,019 | 935 | 1,112 | 1,254 | 1,355 | | 3,721 | 2,842 |
| | Peak Downs | | 881 | 1,223 | 1,198 | 1,164 | 842 | | 3,204 | 2,889 |
| | Saraji | | 703 | 806 | 809 | 812 | 752 | | 2,373 | 2,105 |
| | Norwich Park | | 556 | 682 | 700 | 680 | 664 | | 2,044 | 1,662 |
| | Gregory Joint Venture | | 596 | 775 | 774 | 565 | 731 | | 2,070 | 2,084 |
| | BMA total | | 5,263 | 6,285 | 6,231 | 6,184 | 5,959 | | 18,374 | 16,249 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Riverside | | 967 | 575 | 910 | 951 | 480 | | 2,341 | 2,748 |
| | South Walker Creek | | 844 | 1,078 | 838 | 871 | 725 | | 2,434 | 2,580 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 1,811 | 1,653 | 1,748 | 1,822 | 1,205 | | 4,775 | 5,328 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 7,074 | 7,938 | 7,979 | 8,006 | 7,164 | | 23,149 | 21,577 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 5,116 | 4,777 | 5,188 | 5,801 | 5,440 | | 16,429 | 15,212 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,585 | 1,569 | 1,665 | 1,722 | 1,609 | | 4,996 | 4,851 |
| | Thermal coal | | 803 | 756 | 743 | 527 | 632 | | 1,902 | 2,591 |
| | Total | | 7,504 | 7,102 | 7,596 | 8,050 | 7,681 | | 23,327 | 22,654 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,458 | 1,346 | 1,298 | 1,623 | 1,774 | | 4,695 | 4,499 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,359 | 1,215 | 1,097 | 1,610 | 1,447 | | 4,154 | 4,165 |
| | Thermal coal | | 134 | 114 | 82 | 144 | 93 | | 319 | 272 |
| | Total | | 1,493 | 1,329 | 1,179 | 1,754 | 1,540 | | 4,473 | 4,437 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Saleable production (a) | | 604 | 647 | 632 | 639 | 606 | | 1,877 | 1,855 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 660 | 690 | 747 | 722 | 691 | | 2,160 | 1,761 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 116 | 131 | 121 | 136 | 137 | | 394 | 331 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 63 | 72 | 74 | 71 | 60 | | 205 | 178 |
| HOT BRIQUETTED IRON | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production (b) | | 399 | 294 | - | - | - | | - | 1,422 |
| | Shipments | | 436 | 318 | - | - | - | | - | 1,441 |
| (a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) Production was suspended at Boodarie Iron following an incident in May 2004 and the plant was placed on care and maintenance in November 2004. | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | | |
| | | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | |
| | | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |

| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 1,052 | 1,207 | 1,184 | 1,094 | 1,101 | 3,379 | 3,239 |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 1,015 | 1,211 | 986 | 872 | 802 | 2,660 | 4,271 |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
| | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH | |
| | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 | |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
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| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ingwe, South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | 13,231 | 13,768 | 14,588 | 13,745 | 12,769 | 41,102 | 40,485 | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | 5,354 | 4,830 | 5,551 | 4,750 | 5,082 | 15,383 | 16,128 | |
| | Local utility | 7,579 | 8,426 | 8,546 | 8,106 | 7,069 | 23,721 | 23,495 | |
| | Inland | 330 | 361 | 383 | 308 | 353 | 1,044 | 994 | |
| | Total | 13,263 | 13,617 | 14,480 | 13,164 | 12,504 | 40,148 | 40,617 | |
| <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | 1,709 | 1,714 | 2,083 | 1,765 | 2,008 | 5,856 | 5,502 | |
| | San Juan Coal | 1,978 | 1,440 | 1,816 | 1,966 | 1,161 | 4,943 | 4,574 | |
| | Total | 3,687 | 3,154 | 3,899 | 3,731 | 3,169 | 10,799 | 10,076 | |
| | Sales - local utility | 3,213 | 3,353 | 3,897 | 3,739 | 3,447 | 11,083 | 10,253 | |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| | Production | | 2,318 | 2,590 | 2,595 | 2,189 | 2,258 | | 7,042 | 6,128 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 1,729 | 1,734 | 1,440 | 1,201 | 1,866 | | 4,507 | 3,542 |
| | Inland | | 1,044 | 958 | 1,220 | 595 | 872 | | 2,687 | 2,550 |
| | Total | | 2,773 | 2,692 | 2,660 | 1,796 | 2,738 | | 7,194 | 6,092 |
| Cerrejon Coal, Colombia | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 2,043 | 1,982 | 2,163 | 1,724 | 1,883 | | 5,770 | 5,702 |
| | Sales - export | | 1,828 | 2,283 | 2,166 | 1,954 | 1,927 | | 6,047 | 5,793 |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | | | NINE MONTHS ENDED | |
|--|--|---------------|------|------|------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | | MARCH | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MARCH | MARCH | MARCH |
| | | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 | 2004 |

STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

('000 tonnes)

NICKEL

CMSA, Colombia

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|--|------|------|
| | Production | | 12.5 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 13.3 | | 37.6 | 37.1 |
| | Sales | | 11.2 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 13.3 | 13.4 | | 37.3 | 35.4 |

Yabulu, Australia

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|------|------|
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 8.7 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 | | 22.5 | 24.7 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel | | 8.0 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.7 | | 23.2 | 24.2 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | | 1.2 | 1.4 |

FERROCHROME

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| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|
| | Saleable production (a) | | 266 | 264 | 265 | 271 | 240 | | 776 | 762 |
| | (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: 28 April 2005