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Chief Executive Officer, BHP Billiton
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The
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Slide 3
Disclaimer (continued)
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political,
economic,
business,
competitive,
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and
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rates,
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Report
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Form
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relevant
materials.
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filed.
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substitute
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Billiton
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U.S.
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PLC
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SEC's
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(<http://www.sec.gov>),
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Copies
of
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documents
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also
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obtained
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BHP
Billiton
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charge,
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they
are
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Slide 4
Disclaimer (continued)
Information
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Holders
of

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Shares
BHP
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Rio
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Offer.
Accordingly,
Rio
Tinto
Limited
shareholders
should
carefully
consider
the
following:
The
Rio
Tinto
Limited
Offer
will
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exchange
offer
made
for
the
securities
of
a
foreign
company.
Such
offer
is
subject
to
disclosure
requirements
of
a
foreign
country
that
are
different
from
those
of
the
United
States.
Financial
statements
included
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will
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be
residents
of
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countries.
You
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company
or
its
officers
or
directors
in
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foreign
court
for

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of
the
U.S.
securities
laws.
It
may
be
difficult
to
compel
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foreign
company
and
its
affiliates
to
subject
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to
a
U.S.
court's
judgment.
You
should
be
aware
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BHP
Billiton
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offer,
such
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market
or
privately
negotiated
purchases.
References
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this
presentation
to
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are
to
United
States
dollars
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specified.

Slide 5

Resourcing the future

Industry outlook and growth

BHP Billiton: strategy and approach

BHP Billiton: growth

Conclusion

Slide 6
Demand growth expected to continue
Finished steel consumption
(kg/capita)
Source:
World
Bank;

Government

Statistics

for

Taiwan;

ISI

GDP/Capita (Jan 2008 Constant US Dollars)

0

200

400

600

800

1,000

1,200

0

5,000

10,000

15,000

20,000

25,000

30,000

35,000

40,000

45,000

50,000

China

India

Japan

Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

Slide 7

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1997
2007
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2,000
4,000
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8,000
10,000
12,000
1996
2006

China's resource demand is not limited to steel

0
150
300
450
600
750
900
1997
2007
0
3,000
6,000
9,000
12,000
15,000
18,000
1997
2007

Copper consumption (kt)
Nickel consumption (kt)
Imported Iron ore (mt)
Energy consumption (mtoe)

China
USA
Other

Notes:
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iron
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demand
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statistics

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CRU

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2007,
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1997.
Energy
consumption
is
all
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of
coal,
gas,
oil
and
nuclear,
expressed
as
millions
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of
oil
equivalent,
2007
data
not
yet
available.
Source:
CRU,
Brook
Hunt,
BP
Statistical
Review
of
World
Energy
(2007),
IISI.

Slide 8
Industry challenges
Demand
outstripping
supply
Shortage
of skilled

labour
Infrastructure
constraints
Rising
costs
Longer lead times
for delivery of
large scale projects

Slide 9

Sustainability: A core part of BHP Billiton

Sustainable development at every level is fundamental to our success

our licence to operate depends on the responsible operation of all aspects of our business:

A strong track record of being valued by our communities contributes to our objective of being considered a company of choice by governments, business partners and communities

Our reputation as an ethical, responsible business will assist in our ability to attract capital to continue to grow our business

We aim to be a business that creates a positive legacy

Slide 10
Sustainable development in action

Slide 11

Technology: Creating smarter ways of working

Next generation copper bio-leaching at Escondida

Detecting oil and gas from the sea floor electromagnetic data

Ravensthorpe

third generation

enhanced pressure acid leach
technology

Proprietary software delivering
maximum value at our Iron Ore
operations

Ni heap leaching facility NTC

New product development -
Coal, Iron Ore and Manganese

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Maintaining our commitment to our core strategy

Focus on Tier 1 assets that are large,
low-cost, expandable and consistently
profitable

Upstream focus and export-oriented commodities

A deep inventory of growth options

Portfolio diversified by commodity, geography and customer

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environment and community engagement

Employer of choice and a preferred partner

Slide 14
Corporate Centre
Business Units

Corporate centre focuses on the things that matter

Ensures delivery of key directives including Zero

Harm, reputation & ethics

Monitors and measures business performance

Responsible for managing operations and delivering efficiency

Delivers key directives

Plans and delivers down to EBIT level

A simple, effective organisation with global talent

Slide 15

A globally diversified workforce

Office location

GMC

located in offices
across the world

Our leadership team
is diversified across
a wide range of
nationalities
Business
Presidents

Slide 16

100

110

120

130

140

150

160

A strong track record of growth and delivery

Production Growth

2001-2007

(a)

(Index:

FY2001

production

=

100)

BHP Billiton Ltd

(b)

(Index:

Jun-2001 = 100)

4.2

31-Dec-02

23.0

31-Dec-03

28.3

31-Dec-04

51.0

31-Dec-05

13.3

31-Dec-06

85.2

31-Oct-07

(c)

%

Period

Ended

Total BHP Shareholder

Return

(b)

FY05

FY04

FY03

FY07

FY02

FY06

BHP Billiton

CAGR 8%

Source: BHP Billiton production, interim and annual reports

a)

Production shown for the comparable 12 months ending 30-June for BHP Billiton. Converted to copper equivalent units using

b)

Source: IRESS. As at 31-Oct-2007. Total Shareholder Return (TSR) calculated as the increase in share value including dividends received by BHP Billiton Ltd shareholders in July 2002 were immediately sold with proceeds reinvested in BHP Billiton Ltd. I

c)

31-Oct-07

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BHP
Billiton
proposal
BHP Billiton
CAGR 30%
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Jun-01
Jul-02
Jul-03
Aug-04
Aug-05
Sep-06
Oct-07

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Our portfolio is diversified and balanced across high margin commodities

Underlying EBITDA

(12 months, US\$bn)

Underlying EBITDA Margin

(a)

(CY2007, 12 months)

Note: Historical financial information has been restated for comparative purposes per note 1 of BHP Billiton's half-year financial report. FY2002 EBITDA numbers are presented in accordance with UK GAAP where applicable.

a) EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

Iron Ore

75%

Manganese

Energy Coal

Metallurgical Coal

52%

52%

Diamonds and

Specialty Products

Base Metals

40%

43%

36%

Petroleum

70%

Stainless

Steel Materials

Aluminium

34%

23%

0

6,000

12,000

18,000

24,000

FY2002

CY2007

4,677

23,623

Iron Ore

Manganese

Met Coal

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Aluminium

Base Metals

Stainless

Steel

Diamonds & Specialty

Products

Non

ferrous

(56%)

Energy

(21%)

Carbon

Steel
Materials
(22%)

Slide 19
Boffa/Santou
Refinery
2010
As
at
2
May
2008
Proposed
capital
expenditure
<\$500m
\$501m-\$2bn
\$2bn+
SSM
Energy Coal
D&SP
Iron Ore
Base Metals
Petroleum
Met Coal
CSG
Manganese
Aluminium
2008
Execution
Pyrenees
Samarco
Neptune

Shenzi
Alumar
Atlantis
North
Klipspruit
GEMCO
Zamzama
Phase 2
2013
Feasibility
Guinea
Alumina
Worsley
E&G
Perseverance
Deeps
Maruwai
Stage 1
Douglas-
Middelburg
Mt Arthur
Coal UG
Future Options
Cliffs
Newcastle
Third Port
NWS
Angel
Nimba
Ekati
Canadian
Potash
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 1
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Smelter
Mad Dog
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Our Tier 1 project growth pipeline is attractive
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Thebe
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An attractive growth profile of significant scale

Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000

Production in copper equivalent tonnes

Source: BHP Billiton analysis.

Similar methodology as per Rio Tinto 13 February 2008 presentation on an unrisksed basis.

CAGR 6.9%

Estimate

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Resourcing the future

Industry outlook and growth

BHP Billiton: strategy and approach

BHP Billiton: growth

Conclusion

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

Strong pricing fundamentals due to increased demand and lagging supply

BHP Billiton's strategy is unchanged -

a diversified upstream portfolio of Tier 1, large, low-cost, expandable assets

BHP Billiton is well positioned to continue to create strong value for shareholders with a large project pipeline, focussed on high margin investments, which will deliver strong growth

The Rio Tinto acquisition can generate additional value for both sets of shareholders and is strongly aligned with BHP Billiton's strategy and management philosophy of simplicity, accountability and global talent

The combined organisation would deliver:

More production, faster and lower cost, an enhanced set of future growth options and quantifiable synergies - \$3.7bn in incremental EBITDA by year 7

A compelling 45% premium for Rio Tinto shareholders and participation in the world's largest mining company

