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Shareholder benefits

We believe a combined BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto would provide

the ability to lower cost by optimising  
the use of assets and  
infrastructure

a more diversified asset portfolio

the ability to deliver volumes on an accelerated basis

a management team drawn from the best of both companies  
that will have exceptional experience and depth

a commitment to continue with progressive dividend policy

strong cash flows and a strong balance sheet that will allow  
re-investment throughout the cycle