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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Western Australia Iron Ore shipments rose to a record annualised rate of 173 million tonnes per annum in the September 2011 quarter (100% basis), a 28% increase over the previous corresponding period.

Petroleum production increased 19% in the period, reflecting the successful acquisition of the Fayetteville and Petrohawk Onshore US shale businesses on top of strong operating performance from existing assets.

Quarterly production records were also achieved at New South Wales Energy Coal and Illawarra Coal (both Australia), Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and the Alumar refinery (Brazil). Record material mined and milling rates at Antamina (Peru) coincided with a significant improvement in copper grades.

**Petroleum**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids ( 000 bbl)	21,838	-14%	3%
Natural gas (bcf)	177.35	68%	35%
Total petroleum products (million boe)	51.40	19%	19%

**Total petroleum production** Petroleum production increased 19 per cent in the period, reflecting the successful acquisition of the Fayetteville and Petrohawk Onshore US shale businesses on top of strong operating performance from existing assets.

**Crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids** Liquids production increased on the June 2011 quarter following strong operated field performance, development drilling at Shenzi (USA) and new volumes from the Onshore US assets. This was partly offset by shutdowns associated with non operated maintenance and drilling deferrals in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico (USA). Importantly, Mad Dog (USA) production is expected to recommence by the end of the 2011 calendar year following a period of maintenance related downtime.

**Natural gas** Natural gas production was higher than all comparable periods and reflected approximately 40 days of production from the recently acquired Petrohawk shale assets and a full quarter of production from the Angostura Gas Phase II project (Trinidad and Tobago).

**Aluminium**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Alumina ( 000 tonnes)	1,060	6%	3%
Aluminium ( 000 tonnes)	315	0%	1%

**Alumina** Consistent performance from the expanded refinery capacity facilitated record quarterly production at Alumar and a modest increase in total alumina production in the period.

**Aluminium** Production was in line with comparable periods with all operations running at, or close to, effective capacity.

**Base Metals**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Copper ( 000 tonnes)	220.3	-24%	-19%
Lead (tonnes)	55,659	-19%	-5%
Zinc (tonnes)	23,444	-42%	-33%
Silver ( 000 ounces)	9,151	-25%	-7%
Uranium oxide concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	1,000	-1%	-1%

**Copper** Lower ore grades and industrial action at Escondida (Chile), planned maintenance activity at Pampa Norte (Chile) and planned smelter and refinery outages at Olympic Dam (Australia) all impacted copper production in the period. Record material mined and milling rates were, however, achieved at Antamina and coincided with operations progressing through a copper rich ore zone.

Due to industrial action that impacted operations in the September 2011 quarter, Escondida production is now expected to be marginally lower in the 2012 financial year with volumes weighted to the second half. Production is expected to improve beyond the 2012 financial year as mining activities progress towards higher grade ore with completion of the Escondida Ore Access project in the main pit.

**Lead/zinc/silver** A broad decline in average ore grades across the Antamina and Cannington (Australia) operations resulted in lower production relative to all comparable periods.

**Uranium** The steady grade profile of the Olympic Dam ore body was further illustrated by the consistent production performance of the uranium circuit.

**Diamonds & Specialty Products**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Diamonds ( 000 carats)	457	-35%	-21%

**Diamonds** Production was lower than all comparable periods due to the ongoing decline in average ore grades and unseasonably high rainfall that impacted operations. EKATI (Canada) production is expected to be impacted in the medium term as operations transition to lower grade material, consistent with the mine plan.

**Stainless Steel Materials**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Nickel ( 000 tonnes)	35.1	-9%	-8%

**Nickel** Contained nickel production at Cerro Matoso (Colombia) increased from the prior quarter following the successful early completion of the planned furnace replacement during the September 2011 quarter.

Metal production from the Nickel West Kwinana refinery (Australia) was stronger than the June 2011 quarter as the availability of third party hydrogen supply improved in the period. This was, however, offset by lower matte production following a planned outage at the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter (Australia).

Higher matte sales are anticipated in the December 2011 quarter as a planned outage at a third party hydrogen supplier will see production shift back towards the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter. BHP Billiton expects the construction of its wholly owned hydrogen plant to be completed before the end of the March 2012 quarter.

**Iron Ore**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Iron ore ( 000 tonnes)	39,572	24%	11%

**Iron ore** Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) shipments rose to a record annualised rate of 173 million tonnes per annum in the quarter (100% basis). WAIO continued to benefit from the dual tracking of the company's rail infrastructure, increasing overall system capability. The Yandi Joint Venture (Australia) achieved a significant increase in mine production following the ramp up of Ore Handling Plant 3 under the management of BHP Billiton's owner operator workforce.

Consistently strong performance following the ramp up of the third pellet plant at Samarco (Brazil) continues to reinforce our confidence in the next phase of expansion.

**Manganese**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Manganese ore ( 000 tonnes)	2,019	-5%	13%
Manganese alloy ( 000 tonnes)	194	-3%	2%

**Manganese ore** Production and sales were stronger than the June 2011 quarter as plant availability at GEMCO (Australia) improved and Hotazel (South Africa) benefited from record quarterly production from the Mamatwan mine.

**Manganese alloy** Alloy production was in line with comparable periods.

**Metallurgical Coal**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Metallurgical coal ( 000 tonnes)	9,291	-10%	17%

**Metallurgical coal** Queensland Coal (Australia) volumes increased in the quarter as production continued to ramp up to pre-flood levels, despite stoppages associated with ongoing labour negotiations. Consistent with prior guidance, we expect to be impacted by the remnant effects of the wet weather, to some extent, for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year. At this stage it is not possible to determine when the labour negotiations will conclude.

Illawarra Coal achieved record quarterly production following longwall moves at Dendrobium and Appin in the June 2011 quarter. Lower volumes are forecast for the December 2011 quarter with a planned shutdown at the West Cliff Coal Handling Preparation Plant to enable upgrade works to be completed.

**Energy Coal**

	SEP 2011 QTR	SEP Q11 vs SEP Q10	SEP Q11 vs JUN Q11
Energy coal ( 000 tonnes)	18,460	8%	1%

**Energy coal** A significant improvement in performance was delivered across our high value, export oriented operations as quarterly production records were achieved at New South Wales Energy Coal and Cerrejon Coal. South Africa Coal recorded an equally impressive 11 per cent increase in total production from the prior quarter.

Lower production at New Mexico Coal (USA) was indicative of an increase in the strip ratio at Navajo Coal and an underground fire at San Juan Coal in September 2011. The San Juan Coal mine remains closed pending an investigation into the cause of the fire. Generator demand is currently being met by available stockpiles.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton's share and exclude suspended and sold operations.



This report, together with the Exploration and Development Report, represents the Interim Management Statement for the purposes of the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules. There have been no significant changes to the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 30 September 2011, other than those arising from the Group's previously announced acquisition of Petrohawk Energy Corporation that was completed during the period which affected the Group's cash reserves, net debt and gearing levels.

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

		QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		% CHANGE	
		SEP	JUN	SEP	SEP	SEP	SEP Q11	SEP Q11
		2010	2011	2011	2011	2010	vs SEP Q10	vs JUN Q11
<b>PETROLEUM</b>								
Crude oil & condensate	( 000 bbl)	22,087	18,652	<b>18,482</b>	<b>18,482</b>	22,087	-16%	-1%
Natural gas	(bcf)	105.83	131.79	<b>177.35</b>	<b>177.35</b>	105.83	68%	35%
Natural gas liquid	( 000 bbl)	3,363	2,636	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,356</b>	3,363	0%	27%
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	43.09	43.25	<b>51.40</b>	<b>51.40</b>	43.09	19%	19%
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>								
Alumina	( 000 tonnes)	1,000	1,026	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,060</b>	1,000	6%	3%
Aluminium	( 000 tonnes)	314	313	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>	314	0%	1%
<b>BASE METALS</b>								
Copper	( 000 tonnes)	291.2	272.3	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	291.2	-24%	-19%
Lead	(tonnes)	69,141	58,578	<b>55,659</b>	<b>55,659</b>	69,141	-19%	-5%
Zinc	(tonnes)	40,197	34,733	<b>23,444</b>	<b>23,444</b>	40,197	-42%	-33%
Gold	(ounces)	49,361	45,545	<b>39,439</b>	<b>39,439</b>	49,361	-20%	-13%
Silver	( 000 ounces)	12,152	9,877	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,151</b>	12,152	-25%	-7%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,010	1,015	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	1,010	-1%	-1%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	208	418	<b>595</b>	<b>595</b>	208	186%	42%
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>								
Diamonds	( 000 carats)	703	576	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	703	-35%	-21%
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>								
Nickel	( 000 tonnes)	38.5	38.2	<b>35.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>	38.5	-9%	-8%
<b>IRON ORE</b>								
Iron ore	( 000 tonnes)	31,983	35,526	<b>39,572</b>	<b>39,572</b>	31,983	24%	11%
<b>MANGANESE</b>								
Manganese ore	( 000 tonnes)	2,122	1,790	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,019</b>	2,122	-5%	13%
Manganese alloy	( 000 tonnes)	199	190	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	199	-3%	2%
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>								
Metallurgical coal	( 000 tonnes)	10,299	7,922	<b>9,291</b>	<b>9,291</b>	10,299	-10%	17%
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>								
Energy coal	( 000 tonnes)	17,106	18,338	<b>18,460</b>	<b>18,460</b>	17,106	8%	1%

Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		SEP 2010
		SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	
<b>PETROLEUM</b>								
<b>Production</b>								
Crude oil & condensate ( 000 bbl)		22,087	20,652	19,200	18,652	<b>18,482</b>	<b>18,482</b>	22,087
Natural gas (bcf)		105.83	82.54	84.90	131.79	<b>177.35</b>	<b>177.35</b>	105.83
NGL ( 000 bbl) (a)		3,363	2,842	2,442	2,636	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,356</b>	3,363
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)		43.09	37.25	35.79	43.25	<b>51.40</b>	<b>51.40</b>	43.09

**ALUMINIUM****ALUMINA****Production ( 000 tonnes)**

Worsley	86%	756	758	663	725	<b>752</b>	<b>752</b>	756
Alumar	36%	244	267	296	301	<b>308</b>	<b>308</b>	244
Total		1,000	1,025	959	1,026	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,060</b>	1,000

**ALUMINIUM****Production ( 000 tonnes)**

Hillside	100%	180	179	173	179	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	180
Bayside	100%	24	25	24	24	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	24
Alumar	40%	44	43	44	43	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	44
Mozal	47%	66	67	64	67	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	66
Total		314	314	305	313	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>	314

**BASE METALS (b)****COPPER****Payable metal in concentrate ( 000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	110.7	112.7	87.7	79.4	<b>49.9</b>	<b>49.9</b>	110.7
Antamina	33.8%	23.2	27.2	24.9	22.5	<b>30.3</b>	<b>30.3</b>	23.2
Total		133.9	139.9	112.6	101.9	<b>80.2</b>	<b>80.2</b>	133.9

**Cathode ( 000 tonnes)**

Escondida	57.5%	45.0	47.1	44.4	42.6	<b>32.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>	45.0
Pampa Norte (c)	100%	66.4	66.0	64.1	75.7	<b>65.4</b>	<b>65.4</b>	66.4
Pinto Valley	100%	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	1.4
Olympic Dam	100%	44.5	47.8	51.1	50.7	<b>40.4</b>	<b>40.4</b>	44.5
Total		157.3	162.4	161.0	170.4	<b>140.1</b>	<b>140.1</b>	157.3

**LEAD****Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	68,529	64,748	51,673	58,414	<b>55,557</b>	<b>55,557</b>	68,529
Antamina	33.8%	612	177	237	164	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>	612
Total		69,141	64,925	51,910	58,578	<b>55,659</b>	<b>55,659</b>	69,141

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**ZINC**

**Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

Cannington	100%	15,260	14,920	16,129	14,348	<b>14,488</b>	<b>14,488</b>	15,260
Antamina	33.8%	24,937	22,025	24,123	20,385	<b>8,956</b>	<b>8,956</b>	24,937
<b>Total</b>		<b>40,197</b>	<b>36,945</b>	<b>40,252</b>	<b>34,733</b>	<b>23,444</b>	<b>23,444</b>	<b>40,197</b>

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	SEP 2010	QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE		SEP 2010
			DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	
<b>BASE METALS (continued)</b>								
<b>GOLD</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	24,807	23,133	19,667	17,116	<b>11,063</b>	<b>11,063</b>	24,807
Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	24,554	28,493	29,892	28,429	<b>28,376</b>	<b>28,376</b>	24,554
Total		49,361	51,626	49,559	45,545	<b>39,439</b>	<b>39,439</b>	49,361
<b>SILVER</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate ( 000 ounces)</b>								
Escondida	57.5%	803	796	670	580	<b>403</b>	<b>403</b>	803
Antamina	33.8%	989	1,025	813	773	<b>972</b>	<b>972</b>	989
Cannington	100%	10,159	9,509	7,315	8,242	<b>7,559</b>	<b>7,559</b>	10,159
Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	201	241	258	282	<b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	201
Total		12,152	11,571	9,056	9,877	<b>9,151</b>	<b>9,151</b>	12,152
<b>URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Olympic Dam	100%	1,010	957	1,063	1,015	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	1,010
Total		1,010	957	1,063	1,015	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	1,010
<b>MOLYBDENUM</b>								
<b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>								
Antamina	33.8%	208	485	334	418	<b>595</b>	<b>595</b>	208
Total		208	485	334	418	<b>595</b>	<b>595</b>	208
<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>								
<b>DIAMONDS</b>								
<b>Production ( 000 carats)</b>								
EKATI	80%	703	676	551	576	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	703
<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>								
<b>NICKEL</b>								
<b>Production ( 000 tonnes)</b>								
CMSA	99.9%	12.4	12.4	7.8	7.4	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	12.4
Nickel West	100%	26.1	30.6	25.2	30.8	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.7</b>	26.1
Total		38.5	43.0	33.0	38.2	<b>35.1</b>	<b>35.1</b>	38.5

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**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

	BHP Billiton Interest	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		SEP 2010
		SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	
<b>IRON ORE</b>								
<b>Production ( 000 tonnes) (d)</b>								
Newman (e)	85%	9,640	11,213	11,912	12,480	<b>13,158</b>	<b>13,158</b>	9,640
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	384	225	305	284	<b>254</b>	<b>254</b>	384
Area C Joint Venture	85%	10,086	10,154	9,510	10,044	<b>10,479</b>	<b>10,479</b>	10,086
Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,787	9,078	8,799	9,796	<b>12,708</b>	<b>12,708</b>	8,787
Samarco	50%	3,086	2,996	2,705	2,922	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,973</b>	3,086
Total		31,983	33,666	33,231	35,526	<b>39,572</b>	<b>39,572</b>	31,983
<b>MANGANESE</b>								
<b>MANGANESE ORES</b>								
<b>Saleable production ( 000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa (f)	60%	938	779	514	776	<b>911</b>	<b>911</b>	938
Australia (f)	60%	1,184	1,050	838	1,014	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,108</b>	1,184
Total		2,122	1,829	1,352	1,790	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,019</b>	2,122
<b>MANGANESE ALLOYS</b>								
<b>Saleable production ( 000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa (f) (g)	60%	132	123	111	120	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	132
Australia (f)	60%	67	69	61	70	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	67
Total		199	192	172	190	<b>194</b>	<b>194</b>	199
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>								
<b>Production ( 000 tonnes) (h)</b>								
BMA	50%	6,538	4,534	3,955	4,874	<b>5,274</b>	<b>5,274</b>	6,538
BHP Mitsui Coal (i)	80%	1,913	1,421	1,133	1,426	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,803</b>	1,913
Illawarra	100%	1,848	1,832	1,582	1,622	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,214</b>	1,848
Total		10,299	7,787	6,670	7,922	<b>9,291</b>	<b>9,291</b>	10,299
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>								
<b>Production ( 000 tonnes)</b>								
South Africa	100%	8,997	8,507	8,596	8,228	<b>9,095</b>	<b>9,095</b>	8,997
USA	100%	3,177	2,296	2,360	3,779	<b>2,467</b>	<b>2,467</b>	3,177
Australia	100%	2,506	3,394	3,978	3,793	<b>4,046</b>	<b>4,046</b>	2,506
Colombia	33%	2,426	2,316	2,609	2,538	<b>2,852</b>	<b>2,852</b>	2,426
Total		17,106	16,513	17,543	18,338	<b>18,460</b>	<b>18,460</b>	17,106

- (a) LPG and Ethane are reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL). Product-specific conversions are made and NGL is reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe).
- (b) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (c) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.

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- (d) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (e) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.
- (f) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (g) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (h) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (i) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

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<b>PETROLEUM</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.							
<b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE ( 000 barrels)</b>							
Bass Strait	2,711	2,553	2,465	2,485	<b>2,527</b>	<b>2,527</b>	2,711
North West Shelf	2,237	2,188	1,719	1,442	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,400</b>	2,237
Stybarrow	551	358	862	1,037	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,171</b>	551
Pyrenees	5,516	5,362	4,326	4,584	<b>3,901</b>	<b>3,901</b>	5,516
Other Australia (a)	15	10	13	13	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	15
Atlantis (b)	3,038	2,881	2,694	2,098	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,081</b>	3,038
Mad Dog (b)	1,075	874	952	128			1,075
Shenzi (b) (c)	3,916	3,859	3,378	3,630	<b>3,848</b>	<b>3,848</b>	3,916
Onshore US (d)					<b>672</b>	<b>672</b>	
Trinidad/Tobago	285		299	687	<b>466</b>	<b>466</b>	285
Other Americas (b) (e)	359	430	397	448	<b>373</b>	<b>373</b>	359
UK	611	479	542	534	<b>447</b>	<b>447</b>	611
Algeria	1,686	1,587	1,474	1,498	<b>1,498</b>	<b>1,498</b>	1,686
Pakistan	87	71	79	68	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,087</b>	<b>20,652</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>18,652</b>	<b>18,482</b>	<b>18,482</b>	<b>22,087</b>
<b>NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)</b>							
Bass Strait	38.81	20.94	22.31	29.97	<b>31.88</b>	<b>31.88</b>	38.81
North West Shelf	36.49	36.47	35.11	35.44	<b>32.97</b>	<b>32.97</b>	36.49
Other Australia (a)	6.00	3.83	4.69	4.68	<b>4.45</b>	<b>4.45</b>	6.00
Atlantis (b)	1.33	1.07	0.84	0.67	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.64</b>	1.33
Mad Dog (b)	0.25	0.06	0.13	0.01			0.25
Shenzi (b) (c)	0.75	0.77	0.64	0.67	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.62</b>	0.75
Onshore US (d)				36.43	<b>77.59</b>	<b>77.59</b>	
Trinidad/Tobago				4.69	<b>9.31</b>	<b>9.31</b>	
Other Americas (b) (e)	1.40	1.32	1.33	1.42	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.19</b>	1.40
UK	6.31	6.14	6.32	5.69	<b>3.91</b>	<b>3.91</b>	6.31
Pakistan	14.49	11.94	13.53	12.12	<b>14.79</b>	<b>14.79</b>	14.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>105.83</b>	<b>82.54</b>	<b>84.90</b>	<b>131.79</b>	<b>177.35</b>	<b>177.35</b>	<b>105.83</b>
<b>NGL ( 000 barrels)</b>							
Bass Strait	2,030	1,412	1,252	1,554	<b>1,823</b>	<b>1,823</b>	2,030
North West Shelf	471	442	434	367	<b>423</b>	<b>423</b>	471
Atlantis (b)	188	177	150	117	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	188
Mad Dog (b)	42	42	39	11			42
Shenzi (b) (c)	196	336	245	252	<b>296</b>	<b>296</b>	196
Onshore US (d)					<b>416</b>	<b>416</b>	
Other Americas (b) (e)	42	54	42	47	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	42
UK	60	74	79	66	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	60
Algeria	334	305	201	222	<b>219</b>	<b>219</b>	334
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>3,363</b>
<b>TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (million barrels of oil equivalent) (f)</b>							
	43.09	37.25	35.79	43.25	<b>51.40</b>	<b>51.40</b>	43.09



- (a) Other Australia includes Minerva.
- (b) Gulf of Mexico volumes are net of royalties.
- (c) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi.
- (d) Fayetteville shale acquisition completed on 31 March 2011. Petrohawk Energy Corporation acquisition completed on 20 August 2011.
- (e) Other Americas includes Neptune, West Cameron 76, Genesis and Starlifter.
- (f) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

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	SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2010
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>ALUMINA</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Worsley, Australia	756	758	663	725	<b>752</b>	<b>752</b>	756
Alumar, Brazil	244	267	296	301	<b>308</b>	<b>308</b>	244
Total	1,000	1,025	959	1,026	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,060</b>	1,000
<b>Sales</b>							
Worsley, Australia	767	735	633	727	<b>720</b>	<b>720</b>	767
Alumar, Brazil	239	271	249	324	<b>280</b>	<b>280</b>	239
Total	1,006	1,006	882	1,051	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	1,006
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Hillside, South Africa	180	179	173	179	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	180
Bayside, South Africa	24	25	24	24	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	24
Alumar, Brazil	44	43	44	43	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	44
Mozal, Mozambique	66	67	64	67	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	66
Total	314	314	305	313	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>	314
<b>Sales</b>							
Hillside, South Africa	148	160	163	181	<b>163</b>	<b>163</b>	148
Bayside, South Africa	29	31	38	29	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	29
Alumar, Brazil	44	43	43	44	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	44
Mozal, Mozambique	55	76	66	80	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	55
Total	276	310	310	334	<b>291</b>	<b>291</b>	276

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<b>BASE METALS</b>								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.								
<b>Escondida, Chile</b>								
Material mined (100%)	( 000 tonnes)	103,841	98,167	100,966	97,705	<b>69,006</b>	<b>69,006</b>	103,841
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	( 000 tonnes)	19,697	18,789	15,993	16,399	<b>12,029</b>	<b>12,029</b>	19,697
Average copper grade	(%)	1.24%	1.26%	1.15%	1.06%	<b>0.97%</b>	<b>0.97%</b>	1.24%
Production ex Mill (100%)	( 000 tonnes)	197.7	194.6	153.1	141.2	<b>91.9</b>	<b>91.9</b>	197.7
<b>Production</b>								
Payable copper	( 000 tonnes)	110.7	112.7	87.7	79.4	<b>49.9</b>	<b>49.9</b>	110.7
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	24,807	23,133	19,667	17,116	<b>11,063</b>	<b>11,063</b>	24,807
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	45.0	47.1	44.4	42.6	<b>32.9</b>	<b>32.9</b>	45.0
Payable silver concentrate	( 000 ounces)	803	796	670	580	<b>403</b>	<b>403</b>	803
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable copper	( 000 tonnes)	114.8	113.9	74.3	90.9	<b>49.2</b>	<b>49.2</b>	114.8
Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	25,661	23,357	16,754	20,251	<b>10,974</b>	<b>10,974</b>	25,661
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	40.0	46.1	47.7	48.0	<b>25.7</b>	<b>25.7</b>	40.0
Payable silver concentrate	( 000 ounces)	831	804	569	673	<b>404</b>	<b>404</b>	831
<b>Pampa Norte, Chile</b>								
<b>Cerro Colorado</b>								
Material mined	( 000 tonnes)	15,644	18,290	16,320	17,840	<b>14,736</b>	<b>14,736</b>	15,644
Ore milled	( 000 tonnes)	4,584	4,631	4,251	4,771	<b>4,608</b>	<b>4,608</b>	4,584
Average copper grade	(%)	0.73%	0.76%	0.75%	0.74%	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	0.73%
<b>Production</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	21.7	22.4	22.6	25.7	<b>22.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	21.7
<b>Sales</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	21.4	24.7	22.5	25.7	<b>22.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	21.4
<b>Spence</b>								
Material mined	( 000 tonnes)	17,148	18,389	19,046	19,487	<b>19,816</b>	<b>19,816</b>	17,148
Ore milled	( 000 tonnes)	4,427	4,567	4,892	4,545	<b>3,862</b>	<b>3,862</b>	4,427
Average copper grade	(%)	1.25%	1.28%	1.23%	1.22%	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	1.25%
<b>Production</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	44.7	43.6	41.5	50.0	<b>42.9</b>	<b>42.9</b>	44.7
<b>Sales</b>								
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	37.0	48.2	45.7	54.5	<b>43.2</b>	<b>43.2</b>	37.0

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<b>BASE METALS</b>								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.								
<b>Antamina, Peru</b>								
Material mined (100%)	( 000 tonnes)	30,599	32,722	33,154	41,669	<b>44,212</b>	<b>44,212</b>	30,599
Sulphide ore milled (100%)	( 000 tonnes)	9,041	9,347	9,288	9,253	<b>9,396</b>	<b>9,396</b>	9,041
Average head grades								
- Copper	(%)	0.93%	1.06%	0.99%	0.90%	<b>1.11%</b>	<b>1.11%</b>	0.93%
- Zinc	(%)	1.35%	1.11%	1.15%	1.03%	<b>0.68%</b>	<b>0.68%</b>	1.35%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable copper	( 000 tonnes)	23.2	27.2	24.9	22.5	<b>30.3</b>	<b>30.3</b>	23.2
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	24,937	22,025	24,123	20,385	<b>8,956</b>	<b>8,956</b>	24,937
Payable silver	( 000 ounces)	989	1,025	813	773	<b>972</b>	<b>972</b>	989
Payable lead	(tonnes)	612	177	237	164	<b>102</b>	<b>102</b>	612
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	208	485	334	418	<b>595</b>	<b>595</b>	208
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable copper	( 000 tonnes)	27.7	21.8	26.1	23.5	<b>28.2</b>	<b>28.2</b>	27.7
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	23,937	24,912	25,571	18,479	<b>9,586</b>	<b>9,586</b>	23,937
Payable silver	( 000 ounces)	1,242	882	839	658	<b>833</b>	<b>833</b>	1,242
Payable lead	(tonnes)	748	503	180	92	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	748
Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	438	292	394	346	<b>549</b>	<b>549</b>	438
<b>Cannington, Australia</b>								
Material mined	( 000 tonnes)	742	824	703	841	<b>819</b>	<b>819</b>	742
Ore milled	( 000 tonnes)	831	760	713	786	<b>826</b>	<b>826</b>	831
Average head grades								
- Silver	(g/t)	447	459	377	381	<b>332</b>	<b>332</b>	447
- Lead	(%)	9.6%	9.9%	8.6%	8.6%	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	9.6%
- Zinc	(%)	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%	2.9%	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	3.0%
<b>Production</b>								
Payable silver	( 000 ounces)	10,159	9,509	7,315	8,242	<b>7,559</b>	<b>7,559</b>	10,159
Payable lead	(tonnes)	68,529	64,748	51,673	58,414	<b>55,557</b>	<b>55,557</b>	68,529
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,260	14,920	16,129	14,348	<b>14,488</b>	<b>14,488</b>	15,260
<b>Sales</b>								
Payable silver	( 000 ounces)	9,219	9,973	7,263	8,235	<b>6,434</b>	<b>6,434</b>	9,219
Payable lead	(tonnes)	63,091	67,815	52,199	58,868	<b>48,258</b>	<b>48,258</b>	63,091
Payable zinc	(tonnes)	12,477	16,621	12,986	14,530	<b>15,734</b>	<b>15,734</b>	12,477

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**BASE METALS**

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.

**Olympic Dam, Australia**

Material mined (a)	( 000 tonnes)	2,710	2,513	2,433	2,675	<b>2,543</b>	<b>2,543</b>	2,710
Ore milled	( 000 tonnes)	2,505	2,622	2,670	2,533	<b>2,471</b>	<b>2,471</b>	2,505
Average copper grade	(%)	1.91%	1.78%	1.84%	1.92%	<b>1.98%</b>	<b>1.98%</b>	1.91%
Average uranium grade	kg/t	0.54	0.50	0.54	0.54	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.54</b>	0.54

**Production**

Copper cathode (ER)	( 000 tonnes)	41.6	45.0	47.8	47.0	<b>37.6</b>	<b>37.6</b>	41.6
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	2.9	2.8	3.3	3.7	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.8</b>	2.9
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,010	957	1,063	1,015	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	1,010
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	24,554	28,493	29,892	28,429	<b>28,376</b>	<b>28,376</b>	24,554
Refined silver	( 000 ounces)	201	241	258	282	<b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	201

**Sales**

Copper cathode (ER)	( 000 tonnes)	42.2	45.3	48.7	46.5	<b>36.4</b>	<b>36.4</b>	42.2
Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	2.8	2.9	2.7	4.1	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	2.8
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	751	1,121	930	1,143	<b>910</b>	<b>910</b>	751
Refined gold	(fine ounces)	18,914	29,757	31,742	30,323	<b>28,979</b>	<b>28,979</b>	18,914
Refined silver	( 000 ounces)	201	150	334	269	<b>289</b>	<b>289</b>	201

(a) Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted.

**Pinto Valley, USA****Production**

Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	1.4
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**Sales**

Copper cathode (EW)	( 000 tonnes)	1.8	1.0	1.9	1.2	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>	1.8
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	SEP 2010	QUARTER ENDED			YEAR TO DATE			
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<b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b>								
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.								
<b>DIAMONDS</b>								
<b>EKATI , Canada</b>								
<b>Ore Processed (100%)</b>	( 000 tonnes)	1,196	1,162	1,122	1,212	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,177</b>	1,196
<b>Production</b>	( 000 carats)	703	676	551	576	<b>457</b>	<b>457</b>	703

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<b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>NICKEL</b>							
<b><u>CMSA, Colombia</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>	12.4	12.4	7.8	7.4	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	12.4
<b>Sales</b>	12.0	12.8	8.5	8.5	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	12.0
<b><u>Nickel West, Australia</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Nickel contained in concentrate	0.9	1.7	1.6	3.3	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	0.9
Nickel contained in finished matte	13.6	21.8	12.4	16.1	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	13.6
Nickel metal	11.6	7.1	11.2	11.4	<b>13.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	11.6
Nickel production	26.1	30.6	25.2	30.8	<b>24.7</b>	<b>24.7</b>	26.1
<b>Sales</b>							
Nickel contained in concentrate	1.6	0.8	2.2	3.9	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	1.6
Nickel contained in finished matte	14.6	19.9	14.7	14.9	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.1</b>	14.6
Nickel metal	12.2	9.6	9.2	12.4	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	12.2
Nickel sales	28.4	30.3	26.1	31.2	<b>20.7</b>	<b>20.7</b>	28.4

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<b>IRON ORE</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>IRON ORE (a)</b>							
<b><u>Pilbara, Australia</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Newman (b)	9,640	11,213	11,912	12,480	<b>13,158</b>	<b>13,158</b>	9,640
Goldsworthy Joint Venture	384	225	305	284	<b>254</b>	<b>254</b>	384
Area C Joint Venture	10,086	10,154	9,510	10,044	<b>10,479</b>	<b>10,479</b>	10,086
Yandi Joint Venture	8,787	9,078	8,799	9,796	<b>12,708</b>	<b>12,708</b>	8,787
Total (BHP Billiton share)	28,897	30,670	30,526	32,604	<b>36,599</b>	<b>36,599</b>	28,897
Total production (100%)	33,996	36,082	35,913	38,358	<b>43,058</b>	<b>43,058</b>	33,996
<b>Shipments</b>							
Lump	7,822	7,830	7,669	7,463	<b>7,744</b>	<b>7,744</b>	7,822
Fines	21,049	23,870	22,648	25,379	<b>29,311</b>	<b>29,311</b>	21,049
Total (BHP Billiton share)	28,871	31,700	30,317	32,842	<b>37,055</b>	<b>37,055</b>	28,871
Total sales (100%)	33,966	37,294	35,667	38,638	<b>43,594</b>	<b>43,594</b>	33,966

(a) Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.

(b) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.

<b><u>Samarco, Brazil</u></b>							
<b>Production</b>	3,086	2,996	2,705	2,922	<b>2,973</b>	<b>2,973</b>	3,086
<b>Shipments</b>	2,634	3,460	2,598	2,736	<b>2,926</b>	<b>2,926</b>	2,634

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	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
	SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2010
<b>MANGANESE</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>MANGANESE ORE</b>							
<b><u>South Africa (a)</u></b>							
<b>Saleable production</b>	938	779	514	776	<b>911</b>	<b>911</b>	938
<b>Sales</b>	657	947	701	746	<b>861</b>	<b>861</b>	657
<b><u>Australia (a)</u></b>							
<b>Saleable production</b>	1,184	1,050	838	1,014	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,108</b>	1,184
<b>Sales</b>	552	1,173	1,127	1,108	<b>1,094</b>	<b>1,094</b>	552
<b>MANGANESE ALLOY</b>							
<b><u>South Africa (a) (b)</u></b>							
<b>Saleable production</b>	132	123	111	120	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	132
<b>Sales</b>	95	153	145	123	<b>95</b>	<b>95</b>	95
<b><u>Australia (a)</u></b>							
<b>Saleable production</b>	67	69	61	70	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>	67
<b>Sales</b>	53	68	62	75	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	53

(a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.

(b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

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	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
	SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2010
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>METALLURGICAL COAL (a)</b>							
<b>Queensland, Australia</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
<b>BMA</b>							
Blackwater	1,458	1,134	870	1,127	<b>1,367</b>	<b>1,367</b>	1,458
Goonyella	1,863	1,086	993	1,417	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,463</b>	1,863
Peak Downs	1,117	984	758	543	<b>971</b>	<b>971</b>	1,117
Saraji	872	819	532	556	<b>802</b>	<b>802</b>	872
Norwich Park	468	73	128	386	<b>365</b>	<b>365</b>	468
Gregory Joint Venture	760	438	674	845	<b>306</b>	<b>306</b>	760
<b>BMA total</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>4,534</b>	<b>3,955</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>6,538</b>
<b>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</b>							
South Walker Creek	1,056	765	623	690	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,106</b>	1,056
Poitrel	857	656	510	736	<b>697</b>	<b>697</b>	857
<b>BHP Mitsui Coal total</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>1,913</b>
<b>Queensland total</b>	<b>8,451</b>	<b>5,955</b>	<b>5,088</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>7,077</b>	<b>8,451</b>
<b>Shipments</b>							
Coking coal	6,641	5,243	3,475	4,865	<b>5,066</b>	<b>5,066</b>	6,641
Weak coking coal	1,653	1,886	970	1,411	<b>1,691</b>	<b>1,691</b>	1,653
Thermal coal	368	206	125	285	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>	368
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,662</b>	<b>7,335</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>6,561</b>	<b>6,933</b>	<b>6,933</b>	<b>8,662</b>

(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%.

<b>Illawarra, Australia</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
	1,848	1,832	1,582	1,622	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,214</b>	1,848
<b>Shipments</b>							
Coking coal	1,388	1,495	1,374	1,407	<b>1,673</b>	<b>1,673</b>	1,388
Thermal coal	362	536	211	216	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>	362
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,750</b>

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	QUARTER ENDED				YEAR TO DATE		
	SEP 2010	DEC 2010	MAR 2011	JUN 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2011	SEP 2010
<b>ENERGY COAL</b>							
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. ( 000 tonnes)							
<b>South Africa</b>							
<b>Production</b>	8,997	8,507	8,596	8,228	<b>9,095</b>	<b>9,095</b>	8,997
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	3,047	3,365	2,887	3,082	<b>3,439</b>	<b>3,439</b>	3,047
Local utility	5,667	5,024	5,254	5,363	<b>5,622</b>	<b>5,622</b>	5,667
Inland	110	96	78	37	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	110
<b>Total</b>	8,824	8,485	8,219	8,482	<b>9,146</b>	<b>9,146</b>	8,824
<b>New Mexico, USA</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
Navajo Coal	1,754	1,818	1,629	2,271	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,178</b>	1,754
San Juan Coal	1,423	478	731	1,508	<b>1,289</b>	<b>1,289</b>	1,423
<b>Total</b>	3,177	2,296	2,360	3,779	<b>2,467</b>	<b>2,467</b>	3,177
<b>Sales - local utility</b>							
	3,361	3,339	3,385	3,106	<b>3,630</b>	<b>3,630</b>	3,361
<b>NSW Energy Coal, Australia</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
	2,506	3,394	3,978	3,793	<b>4,046</b>	<b>4,046</b>	2,506
<b>Sales</b>							
Export	2,626	3,253	3,824	3,522	<b>3,523</b>	<b>3,523</b>	2,626
Inland	404	180	339	364	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>	404
<b>Total</b>	3,030	3,433	4,163	3,886	<b>4,148</b>	<b>4,148</b>	3,030
<b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>							
<b>Production</b>							
	2,426	2,316	2,609	2,538	<b>2,852</b>	<b>2,852</b>	2,426
<b>Sales - export</b>							
	2,776	2,672	2,149	2,853	<b>2,901</b>	<b>2,901</b>	2,776

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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: October 19, 2011

By: /s/ Jane McAloon  
Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary