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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

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

- **Oil and Condensate**

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

- **Natural Gas**

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

- **Alumina**

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

- **Aluminium**

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

- **Copper**

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

- **Iron Ore**

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

- **Metallurgical Coal**

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

- **Ekati™ Diamond**

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

- **Energy Coal**

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

- **Nickel**

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

- **Ferrochrome**

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

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY											
				QUARTER ENDED			9 MONTHS ENDED		% CHANGE		
									MAR Q03	MAR Q03	YTD 03
				MARCH	DEC	MARCH		MARCH	MARCH	vs	vs

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

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

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	Worsley	86%	677	686	698	662	658		2,018	2,010
	Suriname	45%	208	215	221	213	222		656	636
	Alumar	36%	111	117	112	123	123		358	279
	Total		996	1,018	1,031	998	1,003		3,032	2,925
ALUMINIUM										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	Hillside	100%	127	132	135	134	133		402	369
	Bayside	100%	43	43	46	45	48		139	132
	Alumar	46.3%	40	46	44	44	45		133	107
	Valesul	45.5%	9	11	11	11	10		32	26
	Mozal	47.1%	31	31	32	32	31		95	95
	Total		250	263	268	266	267		801	729
BASE METALS (a)										
COPPER										
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)										
	Escondida (b)	57.5%	75.3	94.4	68.4	105.6	118.5		292.5	244.7
	Tintaya (b)	100%	0.8	0.2	-	-	-		-	44.7
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	25.1	30.5	25.7	26.4	23.6		75.7	51.3
	Alumbrera	25%	12.3	12.8	11.1	13.4	9.9		34.4	35.7
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	14.2	16.1	14.9	14.3	13.2		42.4	46.0
	Selbaie	100%	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.1	1.7		6.6	7.5
	Total		130.3	156.6	122.9	161.8	166.9		451.6	430.0
Cathode ('000 tonnes)										
	Escondida	57.5%	21.2	21.5	17.9	19.1	20.4		57.4	65.0
	Cerro Colorado	100%	31.3	31.3	32.5	33.1	32.5		98.1	99.5
	Tintaya (b)	100%	-	1.3	8.4	8.9	9.0		26.3	-
	San Manuel	100%	1.8	-	-	-	-		-	6.3
	Pinto Valley	100%	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5		8.0	10.0
	Total		57.4	56.9	61.6	63.8	64.4		189.8	180.8

LEAD										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	63,172	63,799	61,676	57,651	58,711		178,038	167,965
	Pering (d)	100%	892	969	1,567	694	354		2,615	3,333
	Total		64,064	64,768	63,243	58,345	59,065		180,653	171,298
	Refer footnotes on page 5.									
BASE METALS (continued)										
ZINC										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	15,002	12,511	15,182	14,721	15,480		45,383	46,346
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	18,798	13,518	18,189	15,424	20,519		54,132	34,808
	Selbaie	100%	8,495	8,121	9,840	6,540	6,421		22,801	26,075
	Pering (d)	100%	4,851	4,793	5,331	7,430	4,335		17,096	16,322
	Total		47,147	38,942	48,542	44,115	46,755		139,412	123,551
GOLD										
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)										
	Escondida (b)	57.5%	11,837	17,694	10,074	15,936	17,458		43,468	34,645
	Tintaya (b)	100%	503	-	-	-	-		-	22,252
	Alumbrera	25%	49,065	47,993	39,279	46,940	35,084		121,303	137,420
	Selbaie	100%	5,685	5,117	4,486	5,069	4,146		13,701	17,118
	Highland Valley Copper	33.6%	1,126	1,268	1,314	1,230	1,114		3,658	3,539
	Total		68,216	72,072	55,153	69,175	57,802		182,130	214,973
SILVER										
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)										
	Cannington	100%	9,980	10,265	9,612	8,326	8,773		26,711	25,699
	Escondida	57.5%	295	344	304	387	471		1,162	913
	Antamina (c)	33.8%	590	461	536	557	617		1,710	1,207

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRODUCTION AND
SHIPMENT REPORT

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

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

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

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

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	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	133	173	153	189	106		448	555
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	1,096	1,467	1,240	1,644	843		3,727	4,998
<u>Cannington, Australia</u>										
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	569	574	631	573	601		1,805	1,667
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	567	575	599	564	589		1,752	1,601
	Average head grades									
	- Silver	(g/t)	619	675	564	535	550		550	595
	- Lead	(%)	12.7%	13.6%	11.7%	11.9%	11.8%		11.8%	12.7%
	- Zinc	(%)	4.6%	3.9%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%		4.3%	4.9%
	Production									
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	9,980	10,265	9,612	8,326	8,773		26,711	25,699
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	63,172	63,799	61,676	57,651	58,711		178,038	167,965
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	15,002	12,511	15,182	14,721	15,480		45,383	46,346
	Sales									
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	9,383	10,788	9,401	9,027	8,717		27,145	24,659
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	59,712	67,650	59,876	62,735	58,366		180,977	161,712
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	19,105	14,761	12,077	14,849	18,155		45,081	50,175
<u>Selbaie, Canada</u>										
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,012	1,016	1,049	999	919		2,967	3,047
	Average head grades									
	- Zinc	(%)	1.32%	1.26%	1.37%	1.09%	1.11%		1.20%	1.37%
	- Copper	(%)	0.33%	0.34%	0.33%	0.28%	0.25%		0.29%	0.34%
	- Gold	(g/t)	0.26	0.25	0.23	0.25	0.23		0.24	0.28
	- Silver	(g/t)	29.10	28.99	35.10	22.75	22.15		26.93	30.49
	Production									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	8,495	8,121	9,840	6,540	6,421		22,801	26,075

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	Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,452	2,642	2,789	2,111	1,654		6,554	7,544
	Payable gold concentrate	(ounces)	5,685	5,117	4,486	5,069	4,146		13,701	17,118
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	504	524	593	369	279		1,241	1,549
	Sales									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	8,400	7,877	9,861	7,245	6,636		23,742	26,291
	Payable copper	(tonnes)	2,605	2,459	2,823	2,107	2,751		7,681	8,416
	Payable gold concentrate	(ounces)	5,048	5,142	5,932	3,082	5,508		14,522	21,162
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	605	573	527	478	444		1,449	1,210
<u>Pering, South Africa (a)</u>										
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	330	338	320	288	151		759	1,011
	Average head grades									
	- Zinc	(%)	1.73%	1.85%	2.21%	3.34%	3.47%		2.89%	1.88%
	- Lead	(%)	0.42%	0.52%	0.66%	0.40%	0.33%		0.50%	0.48%
	Production									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	4,851	4,793	5,331	7,430	4,335		17,096	16,322
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	892	969	1,567	694	354		2,615	3,333
	Sales									
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	4,745	3,667	3,701	6,179	5,343		15,223	14,536
	Payable lead	(tonnes)	1,298	729	1,367	1,327	995		3,689	3,881
(a) Production ceased, ahead of mine closure, in February 2003.										
<u>San Manuel, USA (a)</u>										
	Production									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	1.8	-	-	-	-		-	6.3
(a) San Manuel SXEW operations closed in March 2002.										
<u>Pinto Valley, USA</u>										

	Production									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5		8.0	10.0
	Sales									
	Copper cathode (SXEW)	('000 tonnes)	4.4	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6		7.9	9.8
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
			QUARTER ENDED						9 MONTHS ENDED	
			MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH		MARCH	MARCH
			2002	2002	2002	2002	2003		2003	2002
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
IRON ORE (a)										
<u>Pilbara, Australia</u>										
	Production									
	Mt Newman Joint Venture		5,565	5,413	5,486	5,287	4,964		15,737	17,961
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture (b)		1,434	1,690	1,891	1,808	1,497		5,196	4,757
	Yandi Joint Venture		6,614	6,663	7,796	8,187	7,452		23,435	20,593
	Jimblebar		1,211	1,476	1,433	1,186	1,371		3,990	3,725
	Total (BHP Billiton share)		14,824	15,242	16,606	16,468	15,284		48,358	47,037
	Total production (100%)		17,226	17,671	19,284	19,165	17,739		56,188	54,679
	Shipments									
	Lump		3,316	4,151	4,335	4,290	4,352		12,977	10,528
	Fines		11,083	10,517	11,842	13,896	12,144		37,882	35,442
	Total (BHP Billiton share)		14,399	14,668	16,177	18,186	16,496		50,859	45,970
	Total shipments (100%)		16,940	17,256	19,033	21,396	19,407		59,836	54,082

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

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

	(a) Shown on 100% basis, BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
HOT BRIQUETTED IRON										
<u>Boodarie™ Iron, Australia (a)</u>										
	Production		277	-	333	414	465		1,212	1,047
	Shipments		391	93	202	464	416		1,082	1,051
	(a) Boodarie Iron recommenced production in July 2002 following the suspension of operations due to a tube failure in a gas									
	re-heating furnace.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
			QUARTER ENDED						9 MONTHS ENDED	
			MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH		MARCH	MARCH
			2002	2002	2002	2002	2003		2003	2002
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
DIAMONDS										
<u>Ekati™, Canada</u>										
	Production	('000 carats)	932	1,023	954	1,071	1,015		3,040	2,627
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
			QUARTER ENDED						9 MONTHS ENDED	
			MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	DEC	MARCH		MARCH	MARCH
			2002	2002	2002	2002	2003		2003	2002
ENERGY COAL										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
<u>Ingwe, South Africa</u>										

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	Production		13,633	13,815	13,838	13,333	13,256		40,427	41,895
	Sales									
	Export		5,605	5,744	5,648	6,609	5,696		17,953	17,977
	Local utility		6,979	7,767	7,836	7,263	7,160		22,259	21,236
	Inland		835	742	471	412	340		1,223	3,038
	Total		13,418	14,253	13,955	14,284	13,196		41,435	42,250
<u>New Mexico, USA</u>										
	Production									
	Navajo Coal		1,801	2,030	1,602	2,154	1,797		5,553	5,177
	San Juan Coal (a)		1,465	1,673	1,198	2,185	1,350		4,733	4,365
	Total		3,266	3,703	2,800	4,339	3,147		10,286	9,542
	Sales - local utility		2,882	3,469	3,546	3,348	3,316		10,210	9,778
	(a) Includes production from longwall operations commenced at San Juan in October 2002.									
<u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u>										
	Production		1,129	1,390	1,244	1,234	1,922		4,400	3,165
	Sales									
	Export		904	1,056	783	881	1,036		2,700	2,079
	Inland		342	337	366	276	704		1,346	1,118
	Total		1,246	1,393	1,149	1,157	1,740		4,046	3,197
<u>Kalimantan, Indonesia</u>										
	Production (a)									
	Senakin (b)		-	-	-	-	-		-	1,962
	Satui (b)		-	-	-	-	-		-	1,845
	Petangis (c)		186	208	216	29	-		245	608
	Total		186	208	216	29	-		245	4,414
	Sales - export		242	243	189	49	56		294	4,238
	(a) Reported on 86.5% basis after allowing for the Indonesian state-owned corporation's 13.5% share of all production.									

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

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

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP BILLITON Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 23 April 2003