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Information Relating to the US Offer for Rio Tinto plc

BHP Billiton plans to register the offer and sale of securities it would issue to Rio Tinto plc US shareholders and Rio Tinto plc

Registration Statement (the Registration Statement), which will contain a prospectus (the Prospectus), as well as other re

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Information for US Holders of Rio Tinto Limited Shares

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BHP Billiton Petroleum

Reserve misconceptions corrected

These assets can be very long life

BHP Billiton Petroleum targets +20 year life assets

Proved Reserves 1,353 mmboe PLUS probable Reserves plus 2C Contingent Resources 2,241 mmboe =
Total Resources 3,594 mmboe

With capital and expertise any competent E&P company can replace
reserves for <\$20/bbl,

BHP Billiton Petroleum 3 year average <US\$15/bbl

Greater than 100% reserve replacement expected in FY08

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Source: BHP Billiton.

Notes: Historical information. Future production is mid point estimate based on an array of future scenarios.

BHP Billiton attributable production

(Annual production, mmboe)

History

Projected

Bass Strait

NWS

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BHP Billiton Petroleum

Operating performance is strong

Significant improvements in safety performance

3 LTIs YTD (9 mos) vs. 20 in FY06

Significant improvement in uptime performance

3QFY08: 93.5% vs. 1QFY07: 89.0%

Well into new projects coming on line

Average daily production for Apr-08 was 378 kboed
vs. ~318 kboed FY06/FY07

Industry leading deepwater drilling performance

GOM 7 year average 3.29 days/1000 feet, 45%
better than peer average

Unit operating costs holding steady ~US\$5.00/boe

Rising to ~US\$6.00/boe over next 4 years

Unit DD&A at ~US\$6.00/boe worldwide

Expected to rise as major projects come on-line

1H 08 Underlying EBIT US\$1,972m

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Cash operating costs

(US\$/boe)

DD&A

(US\$/boe)

Peers

Peers

a) Peer group includes: Anadarko, Apache, Devon, Hess, Murphy, Noble, Talisman, and Woodside.

Source: BHP Billiton, John S. Herold, Inc. and annual reports.

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FY10E

FY11E

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BHP Billiton Petroleum

Financial outlook is underpinned by growth and price

BHP Billiton net production forecast

(mmboe/yr)

Gas and LNG contracts pricing structure

(Contract breakdown)

Forecast volume growth of ~10% CAGR to FY11, underpinned by projects in execution

Oil
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LNG market major shift in demand-supply fundamentals and crude price linkages

LNG
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New, large volume LNG contracts capture current crude price terms

a)
Includes
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Liquid

Gas

0%

20%

40%

60%

80%

100%

FY08E

FY09E

FY10E

FY11E

FY12E

Contracts with NO Reopener

Contracts with reopener (a)

Contracts to expire within 4yrs

Short term sales (0-4yrs)

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BHP Billiton Petroleum
Ahead: Inventory of future projects under design and evaluation
Petroleum HQ
Algeria
UK

Pakistan
Gulf of Mexico
Mad Dog West (23.9%)
Subsea tie-back
Puma (29.8%)
Subsea tie-back
Shenzi
N (44%)
Subsea tie-back
Neptune N (35%)
Subsea tie-back
Knotty Head (25%)
Deepwater development
Macedon (71.43%)
Subsea wells and gas plant
Thebe (100%)
LNG development
Scarborough (50%)
LNG development
Browse LNG (10.5%)
LNG development
Trinidad
Angostura Gas (45%)
Gas field development
W Australia
OIL
GAS
LNG
Bass Strait
Turrum
(50%)
Gas field development
NWS CWLH (16.67%)
Replacement
of
FPSO
and
associated
subsea
facilities
North West Shelf
NWS WFGH (16.67%)
Gas field development

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BHP Billiton Petroleum
An E&P player with the power and reach of a super-major
Market capitalisation
(US\$ bn
April 2007)

Credibility and stature that Petroleum could not secure in its own right

A unique offer to major resource holder governments, NOCs and other potential partners

The corporate stature and financial strength of an oil super-major

A strong track record in building and operating major resource projects

Our domicile is of lower political sensitivity

Petroleum is a credible partner with recognised expertise in key areas

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Murphy Oil Corp

Nexen

Talisman

Canadian Oil

OMV AG

Petro-Canada

Chesapeake

Hess

PTT

Anadarko

EOG Resources

XTO Energy

Marathon

Husky Energy

Woodside

Canada Natural

Apache

Repsol YPF

Suncor Energy

Devon Energy

Imperial Oil

Encana

Occidental

BG Group

Statoilhydro

Conocophillips

ENI

Chevron

Total

BP

BHP Billiton

Royal Dutch

Exxon Mobil

Integrated

E&P

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Source: Bloomberg.

Note: Exxon Mobil US\$452bn.

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Merrill Lynch Conference
Diversified and balanced across high margin commodities
Underlying EBITDA
(12 months, US\$bn)
Underlying EBITDA margin
(a)

(CY07, 12 months)

Note: Historical financial information has been restated for comparative purposes per note 1 of BHP Billiton's half-year financial statements. FY2002 EBITDA numbers are presented in accordance with UK GAAP whereas CY07 is based on IFRS (so underlying EBITDA numbers are not directly comparable).

a) EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

Iron ore

75%

Manganese

Energy coal

Metallurgical coal

52%

52%

Diamond 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

FY02

CY07

4,677

23,623

Iron Ore

Manganese

Met. Coal

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Aluminium

Base Metals

Stainless

Steel

Diamond & Specialty

Products

Non

ferrous

(56%)

Energy

(21%)

Carbon

Steel
Materials
(22%)

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Significant price increases across all product groups
552%
512%
337%
Met. Coal

Manganese

Iron Ore

421%

228%

90%

Copper

Nickel

Aluminium

491%

346%

163%

Uranium

Oil

Energy Coal

a) Hard

coking

coal

based

on

Peak

Downs/Goonyella/Hay

Point

FOB.

JFY2008

forecast

prices

calculated

based

on

206-240%

increase

above

JFY2007

benchmark

per

BHP

Billiton

announcement

9-Apr-2008.

b) Manganese based on GEMCO lump ore contract FOB. JFY2008 prices based on recent manganese spot price settlement rep

c) Iron ore

based

on

benchmark

FOB

prices.

JFY2008

forecast

prices

calculated
based
on
65-71%
increase
above
JFY2007
benchmark

per
Vale
settlement
for
Itabira
fines.

d) Copper listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME).

e) Nickel listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME).

f) Aluminium

listed on the London Metal Exchange (LME).

g) Uranium NEUXCO spot prices.

h) WTI Crude Oil listed on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX).

i) Energy Coal (Powder River Basin).

Carbon Steel Materials

Non-Ferrous

Energy

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

(h)

(i)

2008
Interim
Financial
Results
Announcement,
Goldman
Sachs
JBR
Research.
a) Iron
equivalent
production
based
on
coking
coal
and
manganese
production
converted
to
iron
ore
equivalent
tons.
Prices
estimated
by
dividing
CY07
revenue
by
CY07 production.
Includes
production
and
EBIT
from
Iron
Ore,
Coking
Coal
and
Manganese.
Production
calculated
on
BHP
Billiton
figures

for
the
last
twelve
months,
calendarised
to
31-Dec-2007.

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Our Carbon Steel Materials assets are Tier 1

Iron Ore

Coking Coal

Manganese

27.4

103.5

62.5

Iron ore equivalent production

(a)

(CY07, mt)

193.3

1.1

0.6

3.0

4.7

Underlying EBIT

(12 months, US\$bn)

Carbon Steel Materials (Iron Ore,
Coking Coal and Manganese)

Resource and mineralisation that
supports production for more than 50
years in both Coking Coal and Iron Ore

Large high grade ore bodies,
concentrated around key infrastructure

Very low cost curve position and close
proximity to Asian growth market

Project development and production
growth record, the equal of its peers

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0

200

400

600

800

1,000

1,200
1,400
1,600
FY91
FY92
FY93
FY94
FY95
FY96
FY97
FY98
FY99
FY00
FY01
FY02
FY03
FY04
FY05
FY06
FY07
FY08

Escondida Norte +
Sulphide Leach
Phase IV + Laguna
Seca Concentrator
Oxide Plant Expansion
Phase 3.5 +
Oxide Plant
Phase III
Phase I + II

Copper production at Escondida
(Tonnes, 000)

Source: BHP Billiton estimates.

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Escondida demonstrates the true value of Tier 1 assets

Original plan: 320kt of copper a year

Tier 1 Assets

Tier 1 assets are large, long-life,
low-cost and expandable resources
that generate exportable
commodities

This means that they can deliver
more value for longer. They are
robust in the down-cycle

But the real value of Tier 1 is
revealed during times of high prices
when they can be expanded as

needed to meet increased demand

Sometimes several times

Staged development maximises
return

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Staged development of Olympic Dam appears the key

a) Does not include silvers approximate \$1 per tonne.

Source: Resources, metal grades and recover rates obtained from the BHP Billiton FY2007 Annual Report. Prices as at 30 Apr

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Olympic Dam

Escondida

71

106

6

33

20

180

150

190

190

730

4.0 +

0.5

4.5

5

5

=19

100 +

20

280

200

200

=800

Copper

kt

p.a.

Uranium

kt

p.a.

Gold

koz

p.a.

Gross average revenue yield by
per tonne of resource

(a)

(US\$)

Staged development concept

-

forecast production at each stage

Expansion stages

1.2&1.3

1.1

2.0

3.0

Today

Full

produc-

tion

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Resourcing
the future
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Update On Growth
Copper equivalent: care required for future projections
Approach

Converting all production to a common basis allows volumes of different commodities to be aggregated and compound annual growth rates per annum (CAGR) to be calculated

Copper equivalent conversion achieves this in a simplistic way
Price used to convert

Long term consensus prices used to convert key commodities to the common basis
Which projects, what years?

Volumes include attributable production from existing operations, plus new production through
expansions of existing operations and development of new greenfield projects

Time frame of CY07 to CY12 used

Use of CY07 as base year anchors growth rates on most recent, actual results*

Five year forecast used as better able to gauge likelihood of projects. Projects beyond the
five year time frame typically have much greater risks and uncertainty

Index vs absolute?

Indexed does not show scale and scale matters

Unrisked or risked?

Unrisked removes subjectivity, whilst nearer term focus on deliverable volumes reduces
likelihood
of
aspirational
projects
Value Considerations

Absolute copper equivalent units show scale, which is a significant driver of project economics

Copper equivalent units do not consider profitability

Note

*:

Rio

Tinto

adjusted

for

Alcan

acquisition

(full

year

PF

included

for

CY07) .

capital expenditure
SSM
Energy Coal
D&SP
Iron Ore
Base Metals
Petroleum
Met Coal
CSG
Manganese
Aluminium
2008
Execution
Neptune
Atlantis
North
Klipspruit
GEMCO
Zamzama
Phase 2
2013
Feasibility
Maruwai
Stage 1
Mt Arthur
Coal UG
Future Options
Newcastle
Third Port
Mad Dog
West
Cerrejon
Opt Exp
Angostura
Gas
Update On Growth
BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale
Navajo
Sth
Bakhuis
Maruwai
Stage 2
Antamina
Exp
Maya
Nickel
SA Mn
Ore Exp
Blackwater
UG

Red Hill
UG
GEMCO
Exp
Shenzi
Nth
Kennedy
<\$500m
\$501m-\$2bn
\$2bn+
Hallmark
CW Africa
Exploration
Knotty
Head
NWS
WFGH
Puma
Olympic Dam
Expansion 2
Wards
Well
MKO
Talc
Corridor
Sands 2
CMSA
Pyro
Expansion
RBM
Thebe
DRC
Smelter
Cannington
Life Ext
CMSA Heap
Leach 2
Nimba
Goonyella
Expansions
Scarborough
Olympic Dam
Expansion 3
Olympic Dam
Expansion 1
Angola
& DRC
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 1
Caroona

Corridor
Sands 1
Saraji
Browse
LNG
Eastern
Indonesian
Facility
Resolution
Samarco
4
Peak Downs
Exp
KNS
Exp
Macedon
CMSA Heap
Leach 1
Ekati
Neptune
Nth
Daunia
Canadian
Potash
Escondida
3rd Conc
Turrum
WA Iron Ore
RGP 5
NWS Nth
Rankin B
WA Iron Ore
RGP 4
NWS
Angel
Kipper
NWS
T5
Shenzi
Worsley
E&G
Samarco
Cliffs
Douglas-
Middelburg
Pyrenees
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 2
Perseverance
Deepes

NWS
CWLH
Gabon
Boffa/Santou
Refinery
Guinea
Alumina
Alumar

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0
2,000
4,000
6,000
8,000
10,000

12,000
14,000
CY07
CY08
CY09
CY10
CY11
CY12

Update On Growth

BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale

Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000

Production in copper equivalent tonnes

Simple Copper Equivalent

Focused on deliverable
growth over the next five
years

Commence from CY07, a
year of known production

BHP Billiton 6.9% CAGR,
and growing from 8.2 million
tonnes of Cu equivalent to
11.4 million tonnes of Cu
equivalent

Rio Tinto on the same basis
shows a growth rate of 6.0%
CAGR but of lesser scale

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Note:

Copper
equivalent
units
calculated

using

BHP

Billiton

(BHPB)

estimates

for

BHPB

production;

Rio

Tinto

forecasts

for

Rio

Tinto s
iron
ore,
copper,
alumina
and
aluminium
production
per
Rio
Tinto
presentation
13
May
2008,
with
Aluminium
forecast
adjusted
to
exclude
Coega
project
(BHPB
estimate).
BHPB
estimates
used
for
Rio
Tinto s
production
in
other
commodities.
Production
volumes
exclude
Rio
Tinto
Alcan s
Engineered
and
Packaging
operations,
Industrial
Minerals,
Lead
and
Zinc

businesses;
BHPB s
Specialty
Products
operation;
all
bauxite
production.
All
energy
coal
businesses
are
included.
Alumina
volumes
reflect
only
tonnes
available
for
external
sale.
Conversion
of
production
forecasts
to
copper
equivalent
units
completed
using
long
term
consensus
price
forecasts,
plus
BHPB
assumptions
for
diamonds,
domestic
coal
and
manganese.
Rio
Tinto s
CY07

production

volumes

include

pro-forma

full

year Alcan alumina and aluminium as per 12 March 2008 announcement.

Estimated &

unrisked

BHB Billiton

Rio Tinto

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Update On Growth

BHP Billiton's growth capital expenditure is focused on high margin commodities

Source: BHP Billiton analysis. EBIT margin excludes third party trading.

Note: BHP Billiton margins are actual CY07 margins.

Carbon Steel Materials

Non-Ferrous
Energy
Margins matter

Cu equivalent production is
based on implied revenue

\$1 million of revenue from
energy coal
calculates to the
same tonnage
of copper
equivalent as \$1 million of
revenue from **petroleum**

One tonne of petroleum
derived copper is worth more
than 4 times as much as one
tonne of energy coal derived
copper
Using BHP Billiton CY07
EBIT margins

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64%

61%

47%

47%

37%

Copper

Petroleum

Nickel

Iron Ore

Aluminium

Update On Growth

BHP Billiton's growth capital expenditure is focused on high margin commodities

EBIT Margin %

EBIT Margin %

20%

46%

63%

41%

14%

Aluminium

Iron Ore

Copper

Uranium

Energy Coal

Source: BHP Billiton analysis.

Note: BHP Billiton margins are actual CY07 margins excluding third party trading. Rio Tinto margins are actual where reported set at BHPB level.

a) Excluding mean synergies, and excludes Rio Tinto Alcan Engineering and Packaging.

Top 5 Divisional CY07 EBIT Margin by Commodity

BHP Billiton CY07

Rio Tinto CY07

(a)

Ranked by

order of

contribution to

EBIT CY07

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Update On Growth
Capital cost and risk matter
Growth in Copper Equivalent Tonnes (CY07-12)
Production growth from brownfield expansions vs
greenfield development
0

500
1,000
1,500
2,000
2,500
3,000

BHB Billiton

Rio Tinto

Brownfield

Greenfield

82%

78%

22%

18%

Source: BHP Billiton analysis. Rio Tinto excludes Coega greenfield project development.

Brownfield

Expansions or additional
developments of, or around
existing operations

Lower cost and lower risk

BHP Billiton 82% of growth in
copper equivalent units (CY07-12)

Greenfield

Development of a new operation
where no operations exist to
ameliorate risk or cost

BHP Billiton 18% of growth in
copper equivalent units (CY07-12)

