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**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

October 20, 2010

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**BHP BILLITON PLC**

(REG. NO. 3196209)

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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 Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: October 20, 2010

By: /s/ JANE McALOON  
Name: **Jane McAloon**  
Title: **Group Company Secretary**

## NEWS RELEASE

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**BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010**

A strong start to the financial year with an increase in production for 11 commodities and most assets operating at capacity.

Record quarterly Petroleum production despite the suspension of drilling activities in the Gulf of Mexico (USA). This was driven by strong crude performance at Pyrenees (Australia) and strong liquefied natural gas production at North West Shelf (Australia).

Other quarterly production records were achieved at Samarco and the Alumar refinery (both Brazil), and for manganese ore, including records at both GEMCO (Australia) and Hotazel (South Africa).

Olympic Dam (Australia) achieved record quarterly ore hoisting rates following the successful repair of the Clark Shaft. Despite ongoing uncertainty in the developed world, BHP Billiton remains positive on the prospects for many of its core commodities and the underlying performance of its business due to strength in the emerging economies and the ongoing delay in the supply side response.

**Petroleum**

|  | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>Vs<br>SEPT<br>Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>Vs<br>JUNE Q10 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ( 000 bbl) | 25,450              | 0%                            | -1%                        |
| Natural Gas (bcf)  | 105.83              | 8%                            | 16%                        |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe)                   | 43.09               | 3%                            | 6%                         |

**Total Petroleum Production** Petroleum delivered a quarterly production record driven by strong crude oil production from Pyrenees and strong LNG performance at North West Shelf. Eastern Australia experienced high gas demand due to colder weather. Strong performance from the Australian assets was partially offset by natural field decline and the suspension of drilling activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Crude Oil, Condensate, and Natural Gas Liquids** Crude oil and condensate production was in line with comparative periods. Natural field decline that followed the suspension of drilling activities in the Gulf of Mexico was offset by the successful start-up and continued strong performance at Pyrenees, despite planned maintenance. There was no weather related downtime in the Gulf of Mexico assets during the quarter.

**Natural Gas** Record natural gas volumes were achieved due to strong LNG production from North West Shelf and increased seasonal demand in Eastern Australia. This was partially offset by planned maintenance at North West Shelf LNG Train 4 and severe flooding in Pakistan.

The drilling moratorium has impacted our operations in the Gulf of Mexico. Our current expectation is that production volumes for the 2011 financial year will be in line with the 2010 financial year.

**Aluminium**

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|                           | <b>SEPT<br/>2010<br/>QTR</b> | <b>SEPT Q10<br/>vs<br/>SEPT<br/>Q09</b> | <b>SEPT Q10<br/>vs<br/>JUNE<br/>Q10</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Alumina ( 000 tonnes) (a) | 1,000                        | 19%                                     | 4%                                      |
| Aluminium ( 000 tonnes)   | 314                          | 0%                                      | 2%                                      |

**Alumina** Production was higher than comparative periods due to the ongoing ramp up of the Alumar refinery, which is scheduled to produce at its expanded capacity around mid calendar year 2011. An unplanned calciner outage at Worsley (Australia) impacted production in the September 2009 quarter.

**Aluminium** Production across all operations was in line with comparative periods.

**Base Metals**

|  | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT<br>Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE<br>Q10 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Copper ( 000 tonnes)                         | 291.2               | 3%                            | 0%                            |
| Lead (tonnes)                                | 69,141              | 13%                           | 10%                           |
| Zinc (tonnes)                                | 40,197              | -13%                          | -12%                          |
| Silver ( 000 ounces)                         | 12,152              | 13%                           | 6%                            |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 1,010               | -11%                          | 42%                           |

**Copper** Production was in line with the June 2010 quarter with strong operating performance at Olympic Dam following the successful repair of the Clark Shaft. During the September 2010 quarter, Olympic Dam achieved record ore hoisting rates. This was offset by lower ore grades at Antamina (Peru) and Escondida (Chile). Production in the September 2009 quarter was impacted by the repair of the Laguna Seca SAG mill at Escondida and a planned smelter outage at Olympic Dam.

As announced previously, Escondida production is expected to decline by five to 10 per cent in the 2011 financial year, mainly due to lower ore grades.

**Lead/Silver** Cannington (Australia) production was higher than comparative periods due to increased grades and plant utilisation.

**Zinc** Production during the September 2010 quarter was impacted by lower grades at Antamina.

**Uranium** Olympic Dam achieved record ore hoisting rates following the successful repair of the Clark Shaft. Production was lower than the September 2009 quarter mainly due to lower grades.

**Diamonds & Specialty Products**

|                        | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT<br>Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE<br>Q10 |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Diamonds ( 000 carats) | 703                 | -10%                          | -5%                           |

**Diamonds** Production was lower than both comparative periods primarily due to lower ore processed and lower average grade. During the quarter a higher proportion of ore was sourced from the Fox pit at Ekati (Canada) as mining of the higher grade Panda underground ceased in the June 2010 quarter.

**Stainless Steel Materials**

|  | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT<br>Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE<br>Q10 |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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|                          |      |    |      |
|--------------------------|------|----|------|
| Nickel ( 000 tonnes) (b) | 38.5 | 9% | -16% |
|--------------------------|------|----|------|

**Nickel** Production was higher than the September 2009 quarter which was impacted by a planned outage at the Nickel West Kalgoorlie (Australia) smelter. Production was lower than the June 2010 quarter which benefited from the drawdown of accumulated concentrate stocks.

As announced previously, Cerro Matoso (Colombia) production will be impacted for nine months due to the planned replacement of one of its two furnaces, commencing in the second half of the 2011 financial year.

**Iron Ore**

|                        | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE Q10 |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Iron Ore ( 000 tonnes) | 31,983              | 6%                         | 2%                         |

**Iron Ore** Western Australia Iron Ore production was higher than both comparative periods due to the continued ramp up of Rapid Growth Project (RGP) 4 and improved supply chain performance, partially offset by RGP 5 tie-in activities.

Samarco achieved a production record during the quarter with increased capacity utilisation across all three pellet plants following preventative maintenance in the June 2010 quarter.

**Manganese**

|                               | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE Q10 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Manganese Ore ( 000 tonnes)   | 2,122               | 84%                        | 23%                        |
| Manganese Alloy ( 000 tonnes) | 199                 | 216%                       | -9%                        |

**Manganese Ore** GEMCO and Hotazel achieved production records during the quarter. Production continued to recover strongly following proactive supply chain management in response to weak market demand in the September 2009 quarter, and weather related disruptions in the June 2010 quarter.

Sales were impacted during the September 2010 quarter by port maintenance at GEMCO and rail constraint in South Africa.

**Manganese Alloy** Production was lower than the June 2010 quarter, which benefited from the recovery of recycled material.

Sales in the September 2010 quarter reflect the typical inventory cycle.

**Metallurgical Coal**

|                                  | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE Q10 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Metallurgical Coal ( 000 tonnes) | 10,299              | 10%                        | -6%                        |

**Metallurgical Coal** Production was higher than the September 2009 quarter due to improved operational and supply chain performance, supported by strong demand. Production during the September 2010 quarter was impacted by planned maintenance at Queensland Coal and Illawarra (both Australia). Heavy rainfall in Queensland during September 2010 restricted overburden removal, which is expected to adversely impact coal mining activities in the December 2010 quarter.

**Energy Coal**

|                           | SEPT<br>2010<br>QTR | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>SEPT Q09 | SEPT Q10<br>vs<br>JUNE Q10 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Energy Coal ( 000 tonnes) | 17,106              | -5%                        | 5%                         |

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**Energy Coal** Production during the quarter benefited from the continued ramp up of the Klipspruit (South Africa) expansion and improved operating performance at Khutala (South Africa). This was offset by plant tie-in activities related to the MAC20 project at Hunter Valley Energy Coal (Australia), weather related disruptions at Cerrejon Coal (Colombia) and constrained customer demand at New Mexico Coal (USA).

(a) Excluding Suriname which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) Excluding Yabulu which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton 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 in the financial position of the Group in the quarter ended 30 September 2010.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com).

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## BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS

|  |               | QUARTER ENDED |        | QUARTER ENDED |               |        | SEPT | SEPT |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|------|------|
|  |               | SEPT          | JUNE   | SEPT          | SEPT          | SEPT   | SEPT | SEPT |
|  |               | 2009          | 2010   | 2010          | 2010          | 2009   | Q10  | Q10  |
|  |               |               |        |               |               |        | vs   | vs   |
|  |               |               |        |               |               |        | SEPT | JUNE |
|  |               |               |        |               |               |        | Q09  | Q10  |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                       |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Crude oil & condensate                 | ( 000 bbl)    | 21,648        | 22,497 | <b>22,087</b> | <b>22,087</b> | 21,648 | 2%   | -2%  |
| Natural gas                            | (bcf)         | 98.17         | 90.98  | <b>105.83</b> | <b>105.83</b> | 98.17  | 8%   | 16%  |
| Natural gas liquid                     | ( 000 bbl)    | 3,685         | 3,182  | <b>3,363</b>  | <b>3,363</b>  | 3,685  | -9%  | 6%   |
| Total Petroleum Products               | (million boe) | 41.70         | 40.84  | <b>43.09</b>  | <b>43.09</b>  | 41.70  | 3%   | 6%   |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                       |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Alumina (a)                            | ( 000 tonnes) | 841           | 962    | <b>1,000</b>  | <b>1,000</b>  | 841    | 19%  | 4%   |
| Aluminium                              | ( 000 tonnes) | 313           | 309    | <b>314</b>    | <b>314</b>    | 313    | 0%   | 2%   |
| <b>BASE METALS</b>                     |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Copper                                 | ( 000 tonnes) | 283.9         | 291.1  | <b>291.2</b>  | <b>291.2</b>  | 283.9  | 3%   | 0%   |
| Lead                                   | (tonnes)      | 61,370        | 62,916 | <b>69,141</b> | <b>69,141</b> | 61,370 | 13%  | 10%  |
| Zinc                                   | (tonnes)      | 46,425        | 45,422 | <b>40,197</b> | <b>40,197</b> | 46,425 | -13% | -12% |
| Gold                                   | (ounces)      | 39,911        | 35,305 | <b>49,361</b> | <b>49,361</b> | 39,911 | 24%  | 40%  |
| Silver                                 | ( 000 ounces) | 10,769        | 11,413 | <b>12,152</b> | <b>12,152</b> | 10,769 | 13%  | 6%   |
| Uranium oxide concentrate              | (tonnes)      | 1,130         | 712    | <b>1,010</b>  | <b>1,010</b>  | 1,130  | -11% | 42%  |
| Molybdenum                             | (tonnes)      | 241           | 269    | <b>208</b>    | <b>208</b>    | 241    | -14% | -23% |
| <b>DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS</b> |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Diamonds                               | ( 000 carats) | 780           | 740    | <b>703</b>    | <b>703</b>    | 780    | -10% | -5%  |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>       |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Nickel (b)                             | ( 000 tonnes) | 35.4          | 45.7   | <b>38.5</b>   | <b>38.5</b>   | 35.4   | 9%   | -16% |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>                        |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Iron ore                               | ( 000 tonnes) | 30,106        | 31,243 | <b>31,983</b> | <b>31,983</b> | 30,106 | 6%   | 2%   |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>                       |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Manganese ore                          | ( 000 tonnes) | 1,156         | 1,721  | <b>2,122</b>  | <b>2,122</b>  | 1,156  | 84%  | 23%  |
| Manganese alloy                        | ( 000 tonnes) | 63            | 218    | <b>199</b>    | <b>199</b>    | 63     | 216% | -9%  |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>              |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Metallurgical coal                     | ( 000 tonnes) | 9,404         | 10,927 | <b>10,299</b> | <b>10,299</b> | 9,404  | 10%  | -6%  |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>                     |               |               |        |               |               |        |      |      |
| Energy coal                            | ( 000 tonnes) | 18,059        | 16,270 | <b>17,106</b> | <b>17,106</b> | 18,059 | -5%  | 5%   |

(a) Excluding Suriname which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

(b) Excluding Yabulu which was sold effective 31 July 2009.

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

**BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION**

|   | BHP Billiton<br>Interest | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |               |        |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
|   |                          | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010  |        |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>                                  |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>Production</b>                                 |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Crude oil & condensate ( 000 bbl)                 |                          | 21,648        | 20,506      | 19,736      | 22,497       | <b>22,087</b> | <b>22,087</b> | 21,648 |
| Natural gas (bcf)                                 |                          | 98.17         | 91.15       | 88.27       | 90.98        | <b>105.83</b> | <b>105.83</b> | 98.17  |
| NGL ( 000 bbl) (a)                                |                          | 3,685         | 3,113       | 2,769       | 3,182        | <b>3,363</b>  | <b>3,363</b>  | 3,685  |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe)            |                          | 41.70         | 38.81       | 37.21       | 40.84        | <b>43.09</b>  | <b>43.09</b>  | 41.70  |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                                  |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>                                    |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>Production ( 000 tonnes)</b>                   |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Worsley   | 86%                      | 709           | 755         | 811         | 779          | <b>756</b>    | <b>756</b>    | 709    |
| Suriname (b)                                      | 45%                      | 78            |             |             |              |               |               | 78     |
| Alumar  | 36%                      | 132           | 184         | 210         | 183          | <b>244</b>    | <b>244</b>    | 132    |
| Total   |                          | 919           | 939         | 1,021       | 962          | <b>1,000</b>  | <b>1,000</b>  | 919    |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>                                  |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>Production ( 000 tonnes)</b>                   |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Hillside  | 100%                     | 179           | 180         | 174         | 177          | <b>180</b>    | <b>180</b>    | 179    |
| Bayside   | 100%                     | 25            | 25          | 24          | 24           | <b>24</b>     | <b>24</b>     | 25     |
| Alumar  | 40%                      | 44            | 43          | 44          | 43           | <b>44</b>     | <b>44</b>     | 44     |
| Mozal   | 47%                      | 65            | 65          | 64          | 65           | <b>66</b>     | <b>66</b>     | 65     |
| Total   |                          | 313           | 313         | 306         | 309          | <b>314</b>    | <b>314</b>    | 313    |
| <b>BASE METALS (c)</b>                            |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>COPPER</b>                                     |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate ( 000 tonnes)</b> |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Escondida   | 57.5%                    | 102.8         | 130.6       | 101.5       | 113.2        | <b>110.7</b>  | <b>110.7</b>  | 102.8  |
| Antamina  | 33.8%                    | 24.3          | 26.6        | 22.4        | 25.3         | <b>23.2</b>   | <b>23.2</b>   | 24.3   |
| Total   |                          | 127.1         | 157.2       | 123.9       | 138.5        | <b>133.9</b>  | <b>133.9</b>  | 127.1  |
| <b>Cathode ( 000 tonnes)</b>                      |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Escondida   | 57.5%                    | 47.9          | 45.9        | 36.2        | 44.2         | <b>45.0</b>   | <b>45.0</b>   | 47.9   |
| Pampa Norte (d)                                   | 100%                     | 69.6          | 40.4        | 65.2        | 69.6         | <b>66.4</b>   | <b>66.4</b>   | 69.6   |
| Pinto Valley                                      | 100%                     | 1.6           | 1.5         | 1.6         | 1.5          | <b>1.4</b>    | <b>1.4</b>    | 1.6    |
| Olympic Dam                                       | 100%                     | 37.7          | 26.1        | 2.2         | 37.3         | <b>44.5</b>   | <b>44.5</b>   | 37.7   |
| Total   |                          | 156.8         | 113.9       | 105.2       | 152.6        | <b>157.3</b>  | <b>157.3</b>  | 156.8  |
| <b>LEAD</b>                                       |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| <b>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</b>      |                          |               |             |             |              |               |               |        |
| Cannington  | 100%                     | 60,879        | 61,701      | 60,577      | 62,288       | <b>68,529</b> | <b>68,529</b> | 60,879 |
| Antamina  | 33.8%                    | 491           | 1,372       | 550         | 628          | <b>612</b>    | <b>612</b>    | 491    |
| Total   |                          | 61,370        | 63,073      | 61,127      | 62,916       | <b>69,141</b> | <b>69,141</b> | 61,370 |

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

|              |       |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|--------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cannington   | 100%  | 15,190        | 18,324        | 15,257        | 13,935        | <b>15,260</b> | <b>15,260</b> | 15,190        |
| Antamina     | 33.8% | 31,235        | 41,511        | 31,340        | 31,487        | <b>24,937</b> | <b>24,937</b> | 31,235        |
| <b>Total</b> |       | <b>46,425</b> | <b>59,835</b> | <b>46,597</b> | <b>45,422</b> | <b>40,197</b> | <b>40,197</b> | <b>46,425</b> |

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**BASE METALS (continued)****GOLD****Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)**

|                            |       |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|----------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Escondida                  | 57.5% | 13,905        | 20,924        | 20,010        | 21,586        | <b>24,807</b> | <b>24,807</b> | 13,905        |
| Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100%  | 26,006        | 24,117        | 1,652         | 13,719        | <b>24,554</b> | <b>24,554</b> | 26,006        |
| <b>Total</b>               |       | <b>39,911</b> | <b>45,041</b> | <b>21,662</b> | <b>35,305</b> | <b>49,361</b> | <b>49,361</b> | <b>39,911</b> |

**SILVER****Payable metal in concentrate ( 000 ounces)**

|                              |       |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Escondida                    | 57.5% | 512           | 825           | 794           | 743           | <b>803</b>    | <b>803</b>    | 512           |
| Antamina                     | 33.8% | 1,039         | 1,360         | 1,079         | 1,234         | <b>989</b>    | <b>989</b>    | 1,039         |
| Cannington                   | 100%  | 9,013         | 9,334         | 9,605         | 9,324         | <b>10,159</b> | <b>10,159</b> | 9,013         |
| Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100%  | 205           | 170           | 13            | 112           | <b>201</b>    | <b>201</b>    | 205           |
| <b>Total</b>                 |       | <b>10,769</b> | <b>11,689</b> | <b>11,491</b> | <b>11,413</b> | <b>12,152</b> | <b>12,152</b> | <b>10,769</b> |

**URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE****Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)**

|              |      |              |            |           |            |              |              |              |
|--------------|------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Olympic Dam  | 100% | 1,130        | 348        | 89        | 712        | <b>1,010</b> | <b>1,010</b> | 1,130        |
| <b>Total</b> |      | <b>1,130</b> | <b>348</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>712</b> | <b>1,010</b> | <b>1,010</b> | <b>1,130</b> |

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

|              |       |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Antamina     | 33.8% | 241        | 113        | 190        | 269        | <b>208</b> | <b>208</b> | 241        |
| <b>Total</b> |       | <b>241</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>241</b> |

**DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS****DIAMONDS****Production ( 000 carats)**

|       |     |     |     |     |     |            |            |     |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Ekati | 80% | 780 | 760 | 770 | 740 | <b>703</b> | <b>703</b> | 780 |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

**STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS****NICKEL****Production ( 000 tonnes)**

|              |       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|--------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| CMSA         | 99.9% | 12.0        | 13.0        | 11.6        | 13.0        | <b>12.4</b> | <b>12.4</b> | 12.0        |
| Yabulu (e)   | 100%  | 2.8         |             |             |             |             |             | 2.8         |
| Nickel West  | 100%  | 23.4        | 36.0        | 31.7        | 32.7        | <b>26.1</b> | <b>26.1</b> | 23.4        |
| <b>Total</b> |       | <b>38.2</b> | <b>49.0</b> | <b>43.3</b> | <b>45.7</b> | <b>38.5</b> | <b>38.5</b> | <b>38.2</b> |

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**IRON ORE****Production ( 000 tonnes) (f)**

|                           |     |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Newman (g)                | 85% | 7,549         | 8,174         | 7,896         | 8,478         | <b>9,640</b>  | <b>9,640</b>  | 7,549         |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 428           | 417           | 421           | 422           | <b>384</b>    | <b>384</b>    | 428           |
| Area C Joint Venture      | 85% | 9,189         | 10,207        | 9,524         | 9,767         | <b>10,086</b> | <b>10,086</b> | 9,189         |
| Yandi Joint Venture       | 85% | 10,194        | 10,885        | 10,549        | 9,768         | <b>8,787</b>  | <b>8,787</b>  | 10,194        |
| Samarco                   | 50% | 2,746         | 2,766         | 2,774         | 2,808         | <b>3,086</b>  | <b>3,086</b>  | 2,746         |
| <b>Total</b>              |     | <b>30,106</b> | <b>32,449</b> | <b>31,164</b> | <b>31,243</b> | <b>31,983</b> | <b>31,983</b> | <b>30,106</b> |

**MANGANESE****MANGANESE ORES****Saleable production ( 000 tonnes)**

|                  |     |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|------------------|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| South Africa (h) | 60% | 428          | 664          | 781          | 845          | <b>938</b>   | <b>938</b>   | 428          |
| Australia (h)    | 60% | 728          | 873          | 929          | 876          | <b>1,184</b> | <b>1,184</b> | 728          |
| <b>Total</b>     |     | <b>1,156</b> | <b>1,537</b> | <b>1,710</b> | <b>1,721</b> | <b>2,122</b> | <b>2,122</b> | <b>1,156</b> |

**MANGANESE ALLOYS****Saleable production ( 000 tonnes)**

|                      |     |    |    |     |     |            |            |    |
|----------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-----|------------|------------|----|
| South Africa (h) (i) | 60% | 30 | 76 | 106 | 152 | <b>132</b> | <b>132</b> | 30 |
| Australia (h)        | 60% | 33 | 55 | 65  | 66  | <b>67</b>  | <b>67</b>  | 33 |

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|                                     |      |       |       |       |        |               |               |       |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Total                               |      | 63    | 131   | 171   | 218    | <b>199</b>    | <b>199</b>    | 63    |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>           |      |       |       |       |        |               |               |       |
| <b>Production ( 000 tonnes) (j)</b> |      |       |       |       |        |               |               |       |
| BMA                                 | 50%  | 5,822 | 5,609 | 5,871 | 7,101  | <b>6,538</b>  | <b>6,538</b>  | 5,822 |
| BHP Mitsui Coal (k)                 | 80%  | 1,597 | 1,829 | 1,251 | 1,766  | <b>1,913</b>  | <b>1,913</b>  | 1,597 |
| Illawarra                           | 100% | 1,985 | 1,455 | 1,035 | 2,060  | <b>1,848</b>  | <b>1,848</b>  | 1,985 |
| Total                               |      | 9,404 | 8,893 | 8,157 | 10,927 | <b>10,299</b> | <b>10,299</b> | 9,404 |

**ENERGY COAL****Production ( 000 tonnes)**

|              |      |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|--------------|------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| South Africa | 100% | 8,099         | 7,382         | 7,741         | 7,237         | <b>8,997</b>  | <b>8,997</b>  | 8,099         |
| USA          | 100% | 4,162         | 2,978         | 2,925         | 3,413         | <b>3,177</b>  | <b>3,177</b>  | 4,162         |
| Australia    | 100% | 3,173         | 2,887         | 3,177         | 2,802         | <b>2,506</b>  | <b>2,506</b>  | 3,173         |
| Colombia     | 33%  | 2,625         | 2,213         | 2,499         | 2,818         | <b>2,426</b>  | <b>2,426</b>  | 2,625         |
| <b>Total</b> |      | <b>18,059</b> | <b>15,460</b> | <b>16,342</b> | <b>16,270</b> | <b>17,106</b> | <b>17,106</b> | <b>18,059</b> |

- (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) Suriname was sold effective 31 July 2009.
- (c) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (d) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.
- (e) Yabulu was sold effective 31 July 2009.
- (f) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (g) Newman includes Mt Newman Joint Venture and Jimblebar.
- (h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.
- (i) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.
- (j) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (k) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.

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|   | QUARTER ENDED |               |               |               | QUARTER ENDED |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009   | MAR<br>2010   | JUNE<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2009  |
| <b>PETROLEUM</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| <b>CRUDE OIL &amp; CONDENSATE ( 000 barrels)</b>              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| Bass Strait   | 3,501         | 3,031         | 2,779         | 2,886         | <b>2,711</b>  | <b>2,711</b>  | 3,501         |
| North West Shelf  | 2,305         | 2,362         | 2,328         | 1,977         | <b>2,237</b>  | <b>2,237</b>  | 2,305         |
| Stybarrow   | 1,328         | 979           | 433           | 784           | <b>551</b>    | <b>551</b>    | 1,328         |
| Pyrenees (a)  |               |               | 1,530         | 5,071         | <b>5,516</b>  | <b>5,516</b>  |               |
| Other Australia (b)   | 172           | 46            | 15            | 13            | <b>15</b>     | <b>15</b>     | 172           |
| Atlantis (c)  | 4,630         | 4,301         | 3,792         | 3,221         | <b>3,038</b>  | <b>3,038</b>  | 4,630         |
| Mad Dog (c)   | 1,268         | 906           | 1,219         | 1,120         | <b>1,075</b>  | <b>1,075</b>  | 1,268         |
| Shenzi (c) (d)  | 5,001         | 5,528         | 4,421         | 4,416         | <b>3,916</b>  | <b>3,916</b>  | 5,001         |
| Trinidad /Tobago  | 445           | 398           | 407           | 349           | <b>285</b>    | <b>285</b>    | 445           |
| Other Americas (c) (e)  | 473           | 453           | 403           | 370           | <b>359</b>    | <b>359</b>    | 473           |
| UK  | 629           | 677           | 767           | 615           | <b>611</b>    | <b>611</b>    | 629           |
| Algeria   | 1,793         | 1,717         | 1,543         | 1,587         | <b>1,686</b>  | <b>1,686</b>  | 1,793         |
| Pakistan  | 103           | 108           | 99            | 88            | <b>87</b>     | <b>87</b>     | 103           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>21,648</b> | <b>20,506</b> | <b>19,736</b> | <b>22,497</b> | <b>22,087</b> | <b>22,087</b> | <b>21,648</b> |

**NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)**

|                        |       |       |       |       |              |              |       |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Bass Strait            | 31.31 | 24.20 | 18.81 | 30.02 | <b>38.81</b> | <b>38.81</b> | 31.31 |
| North West Shelf       | 32.86 | 33.98 | 35.34 | 31.24 | <b>36.49</b> | <b>36.49</b> | 32.86 |
| Other Australia (b)    | 5.83  | 5.47  | 5.60  | 4.99  | <b>6.00</b>  | <b>6.00</b>  | 5.83  |
| Atlantis (c)           | 2.29  | 1.55  | 1.70  | 0.47  | <b>1.33</b>  | <b>1.33</b>  | 2.29  |
| Mad Dog (c)            | 0.30  | 0.14  | 0.29  | 0.12  | <b>0.25</b>  | <b>0.25</b>  | 0.30  |
| Shenzi (c) (d)         | 1.42  | 1.21  | 1.07  | 1.27  | <b>0.75</b>  | <b>0.75</b>  | 1.42  |
| Other Americas (c) (e) | 1.62  | 1.46  | 1.32  | 1.45  | <b>1.40</b>  | <b>1.40</b>  | 1.62  |
| UK                     | 5.20  | 5.08  | 7.36  | 6.03  | <b>6.31</b>  | <b>6.31</b>  | 5.20  |
| Pakistan               | 17.34 | 18.06 | 16.78 | 15.39 | <b>14.49</b> | <b>14.49</b> | 17.34 |

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|       |       |       |       |       |               |               |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Total | 98.17 | 91.15 | 88.27 | 90.98 | <b>105.83</b> | <b>105.83</b> | 98.17 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|

| <b>NGL ( 000 barrels)</b>       |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bass Strait                     | 2,080        | 1,572        | 1,376        | 1,817        | <b>2,030</b> | <b>2,030</b> | 2,080        |
| North West Shelf                | 438          | 464          | 478          | 425          | <b>471</b>   | <b>471</b>   | 438          |
| Atlantis (c)                    | 273          | 290          | 227          | 212          | <b>188</b>   | <b>188</b>   | 273          |
| Mad Dog (c)                     | 49           | 40           | 45           | 47           | <b>42</b>    | <b>42</b>    | 49           |
| Shenzi (c) (d)                  | 289          | 351          | 275          | 265          | <b>196</b>   | <b>196</b>   | 289          |
| Other Americas (c) (e)          | 54           | 45           | 43           | 41           | <b>42</b>    | <b>42</b>    | 54           |
| UK                              | 51           |              | 49           | 90           | <b>60</b>    | <b>60</b>    | 51           |
| Algeria                         | 451          | 351          | 276          | 285          | <b>334</b>   | <b>334</b>   | 451          |
| Total                           | 3,685        | 3,113        | 2,769        | 3,182        | <b>3,363</b> | <b>3,363</b> | 3,685        |
| <b>TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS</b> | <b>41.70</b> | <b>38.81</b> | <b>37.21</b> | <b>40.84</b> | <b>43.09</b> | <b>43.09</b> | <b>41.70</b> |

(million barrels of oil equivalent) (f)

- (a) Pyrenees achieved first production on 1 March 2010.  
(b) Other Australia includes Griffin and Minerva. Griffin ceased production on 23 October 2009.  
(c) Gulf of Mexico volumes are net of royalties.  
(d) The Genghis Khan operation is reported in Shenzi.  
(e) Other Americas includes Neptune, West Cameron 76, Mustang, 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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|  | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>( 000 tonnes) |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>ALUMINA</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| Worsley, Australia   | 709           | 755         | 811         | 779          | <b>756</b>    | <b>756</b>   | 709          |
| Paranam, Suriname (a)  | 78            |             |             |              |               |              | 78           |
| Alumar, Brazil   | 132           | 184         | 210         | 183          | <b>244</b>    | <b>244</b>   | 132          |
| Total  | 919           | 939         | 1,021       | 962          | <b>1,000</b>  | <b>1,000</b> | 919          |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| Worsley, Australia   | 716           | 773         | 735         | 822          | <b>767</b>    | <b>767</b>   | 716          |
| Paranam, Suriname (a)  | 74            |             |             |              |               |              | 74           |
| Alumar, Brazil   | 154           | 180         | 218         | 175          | <b>239</b>    | <b>239</b>   | 154          |
| Total (b)  | 944           | 953         | 953         | 997          | <b>1,006</b>  | <b>1,006</b> | 944          |
| <b>ALUMINIUM</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| Hillside, South Africa   | 179           | 180         | 174         | 177          | <b>180</b>    | <b>180</b>   | 179          |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 25            | 25          | 24          | 24           | <b>24</b>     | <b>24</b>    | 25           |
| Alumar, Brazil   | 44            | 43          | 44          | 43           | <b>44</b>     | <b>44</b>    | 44           |
| Mozal, Mozambique  | 65            | 65          | 64          | 65           | <b>66</b>     | <b>66</b>    | 65           |
| Total  | 313           | 313         | 306         | 309          | <b>314</b>    | <b>314</b>   | 313          |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |

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|                        |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Hillside, South Africa | 147        | 203        | 172        | 169        | <b>148</b> | <b>148</b> | 147        |
| Bayside, South Africa  | 26         | 27         | 25         | 32         | <b>29</b>  | <b>29</b>  | 26         |
| Alumar, Brazil         | 44         | 45         | 43         | 48         | <b>44</b>  | <b>44</b>  | 44         |
| Mozal, Mozambique      | 67         | 56         | 58         | 78         | <b>55</b>  | <b>55</b>  | 67         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>284</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>298</b> | <b>327</b> | <b>276</b> | <b>276</b> | <b>284</b> |
| Tolling Agreement (b)  | 15         |            |            |            |            |            | 15         |
|                        | 299        | 331        | 298        | 327        | <b>276</b> | <b>276</b> | 299        |

- (a) Suriname was sold effective 31 July 2009.  
 (b) Equity Alumina from Suriname was converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages were allocated to equity sales. This Aluminium is now treated as third party product following the sale of Suriname.

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|   |               | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED  |                |         |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
|   |               | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010   | SEPT<br>2010   |         |
| <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) | 102,352       | 101,976     | 103,216     | 109,098      | <b>103,841</b> | <b>103,841</b> | 102,352 |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%)  | ( 000 tonnes) | 16,224        | 20,246      | 17,697      | 17,711       | <b>19,697</b>  | <b>19,697</b>  | 16,224  |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.40%         | 1.38%       | 1.29%       | 1.40%        | <b>1.24%</b>   | <b>1.24%</b>   | 1.40%   |
| Production ex Mill (100%)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 188.4         | 233.0       | 189.6       | 205.3        | <b>197.7</b>   | <b>197.7</b>   | 188.4   |
| <b>Production</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Payable copper  | ( 000 tonnes) | 102.8         | 130.6       | 101.5       | 113.2        | <b>110.7</b>   | <b>110.7</b>   | 102.8   |
| Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | 13,905        | 20,924      | 20,010      | 21,586       | <b>24,807</b>  | <b>24,807</b>  | 13,905  |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 47.9          | 45.9        | 36.2        | 44.2         | <b>45.0</b>    | <b>45.0</b>    | 47.9    |
| Payable silver concentrate  | ( 000 ounces) | 512           | 825         | 794         | 743          | <b>803</b>     | <b>803</b>     | 512     |
| <b>Sales</b>  |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Payable copper  | ( 000 tonnes) | 88.9          | 144.3       | 100.4       | 106.4        | <b>114.8</b>   | <b>114.8</b>   | 88.9    |
| Payable gold concentrate  | (fine ounces) | 11,991        | 23,031      | 20,390      | 20,604       | <b>25,661</b>  | <b>25,661</b>  | 11,991  |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 40.7          | 51.1        | 40.3        | 45.0         | <b>40.0</b>    | <b>40.0</b>    | 40.7    |
| Payable silver concentrate  | ( 000 ounces) | 441           | 910         | 786         | 714          | <b>831</b>     | <b>831</b>     | 441     |
| <b>Pampa Norte, Chile</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| <b>Cerro Colorado</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Material mined  | ( 000 tonnes) | 17,019        | 16,586      | 14,513      | 15,828       | <b>15,644</b>  | <b>15,644</b>  | 17,019  |
| Ore milled  | ( 000 tonnes) | 3,758         | 4,314       | 4,367       | 4,707        | <b>4,584</b>   | <b>4,584</b>   | 3,758   |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 0.79%         | 0.77%       | 0.72%       | 0.67%        | <b>0.73%</b>   | <b>0.73%</b>   | 0.79%   |
| <b>Production</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 18.6          | 21.6        | 20.2        | 24.8         | <b>21.7</b>    | <b>21.7</b>    | 18.6    |
| <b>Sales</b>  |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 18.3          | 21.2        | 20.7        | 22.4         | <b>21.4</b>    | <b>21.4</b>    | 18.3    |
| <b>Spence</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Material mined  | ( 000 tonnes) | 19,111        | 3,800       | 18,739      | 19,191       | <b>17,148</b>  | <b>17,148</b>  | 19,111  |
| Ore milled  | ( 000 tonnes) | 4,670         | 1,190       | 4,917       | 4,389        | <b>4,427</b>   | <b>4,427</b>   | 4,670   |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.55%         | 1.22%       | 1.34%       | 1.29%        | <b>1.22%</b>   | <b>1.22%</b>   | 1.55%   |
| <b>Production</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 51.0          | 18.8        | 45.0        | 44.8         | <b>44.7</b>    | <b>44.7</b>    | 51.0    |
| <b>Sales</b>  |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Copper cathode (EW)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 42.2          | 32.7        | 40.3        | 49.5         | <b>37.0</b>    | <b>37.0</b>    | 42.2    |
| <b>Antamina, Peru</b>   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| Material mined (100%)   | ( 000 tonnes) | 27,571        | 29,485      | 26,705      | 30,014       | <b>30,599</b>  | <b>30,599</b>  | 27,571  |
| Sulphide ore milled (100%)  | ( 000 tonnes) | 8,321         | 8,962       | 8,791       | 9,328        | <b>9,041</b>   | <b>9,041</b>   | 8,321   |
| Average head grades   |               |               |             |             |              |                |                |         |
| - Copper  | (%)           | 1.10%         | 1.15%       | 1.02%       | 0.99%        | <b>0.93%</b>   | <b>0.93%</b>   | 1.10%   |

|                    |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| - Zinc             | (%)           | 1.65%  | 2.04%  | 1.59%  | 1.53%  | <b>1.35%</b>  | <b>1.35%</b>  | 1.65%  |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| Payable copper     | ( 000 tonnes) | 24.3   | 26.6   | 22.4   | 25.3   | <b>23.2</b>   | <b>23.2</b>   | 24.3   |
| Payable zinc       | (tonnes)      | 31,235 | 41,511 | 31,340 | 31,487 | <b>24,937</b> | <b>24,937</b> | 31,235 |
| Payable silver     | ( 000 ounces) | 1,039  | 1,360  | 1,079  | 1,234  | <b>989</b>    | <b>989</b>    | 1,039  |
| Payable lead       | (tonnes)      | 491    | 1,372  | 550    | 628    | <b>612</b>    | <b>612</b>    | 491    |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes)      | 241    | 113    | 190    | 269    | <b>208</b>    | <b>208</b>    | 241    |
| <b>Sales</b>       |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
| Payable copper     | ( 000 tonnes) | 25.6   | 26.6   | 20.3   | 24.3   | <b>27.7</b>   | <b>27.7</b>   | 25.6   |
| Payable zinc       | (tonnes)      | 30,633 | 40,280 | 33,030 | 34,643 | <b>23,937</b> | <b>23,937</b> | 30,633 |
| Payable silver     | ( 000 ounces) | 1,079  | 1,135  | 965    | 893    | <b>1,242</b>  | <b>1,242</b>  | 1,079  |
| Payable lead       | (tonnes)      | 1,707  | 703    | 830    | 431    | <b>748</b>    | <b>748</b>    | 1,707  |
| Payable molybdenum | (tonnes)      | 264    | 107    | 148    | 203    | <b>438</b>    | <b>438</b>    | 264    |

#### **Cannington, Australia**

|                            |               |      |      |       |      |             |             |      |
|----------------------------|---------------|------|------|-------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Material mined             | ( 000 tonnes) | 840  | 839  | 714   | 837  | <b>742</b>  | <b>742</b>  | 840  |
| Ore milled                 | ( 000 tonnes) | 798  | 859  | 708   | 776  | <b>831</b>  | <b>831</b>  | 798  |
| <b>Average head grades</b> |               |      |      |       |      |             |             |      |
| - Silver                   | (g/t)         | 418  | 405  | 494   | 441  | <b>447</b>  | <b>447</b>  | 418  |
| - Lead                     | (%)           | 9.0% | 8.5% | 10.0% | 9.4% | <b>9.6%</b> | <b>9.6%</b> | 9.0% |
| - Zinc                     | (%)           | 3.1% | 3.4% | 3.5%  | 3.1% | <b>3.0%</b> | <b>3.0%</b> | 3.1% |

#### **Production**

|                |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable silver | ( 000 ounces) | 9,013  | 9,334  | 9,605  | 9,324  | <b>10,159</b> | <b>10,159</b> | 9,013  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 60,879 | 61,701 | 60,577 | 62,288 | <b>68,529</b> | <b>68,529</b> | 60,879 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 15,190 | 18,324 | 15,257 | 13,935 | <b>15,260</b> | <b>15,260</b> | 15,190 |

#### **Sales**

|                |               |        |        |        |        |               |               |        |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Payable silver | ( 000 ounces) | 7,978  | 9,652  | 8,268  | 11,280 | <b>9,219</b>  | <b>9,219</b>  | 7,978  |
| Payable lead   | (tonnes)      | 53,778 | 66,088 | 51,745 | 74,341 | <b>63,091</b> | <b>63,091</b> | 53,778 |
| Payable zinc   | (tonnes)      | 10,697 | 19,766 | 18,243 | 16,029 | <b>12,477</b> | <b>12,477</b> | 10,697 |

#### **Olympic Dam, Australia**

|                       |               |       |       |       |       |              |              |       |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Material mined (a)    | ( 000 tonnes) | 2,479 | 734   | 689   | 1,363 | <b>2,710</b> | <b>2,710</b> | 2,479 |
| Ore milled            | ( 000 tonnes) | 2,453 | 717   | 234   | 1,685 | <b>2,505</b> | <b>2,505</b> | 2,453 |
| Average copper grade  | (%)           | 1.70% | 1.99% | 2.33% | 1.94% | <b>1.91%</b> | <b>1.91%</b> | 1.70% |
| Average uranium grade | kg/t          | 0.58  | 0.58  | 0.57  | 0.58  | <b>0.54</b>  | <b>0.54</b>  | 0.58  |

#### **Production**

|                           |               |        |        |       |        |               |               |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ( 000 tonnes) | 34.5   | 25.0   | 1.9   | 34.9   | <b>41.6</b>   | <b>41.6</b>   | 34.5   |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ( 000 tonnes) | 3.2    | 1.1    | 0.3   | 2.4    | <b>2.9</b>    | <b>2.9</b>    | 3.2    |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 1,130  | 348    | 89    | 712    | <b>1,010</b>  | <b>1,010</b>  | 1,130  |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 26,006 | 24,117 | 1,652 | 13,719 | <b>24,554</b> | <b>24,554</b> | 26,006 |
| Refined silver            | ( 000 ounces) | 205    | 170    | 13    | 112    | <b>201</b>    | <b>201</b>    | 205    |

#### **Sales**

|                           |               |        |        |       |        |               |               |        |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Copper cathode (ER)       | ( 000 tonnes) | 36.1   | 23.7   | 6.1   | 29.3   | <b>42.2</b>   | <b>42.2</b>   | 36.1   |
| Copper cathode (EW)       | ( 000 tonnes) | 3.2    | 1.5    | 0.7   | 1.5    | <b>2.8</b>    | <b>2.8</b>    | 3.2    |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes)      | 537    | 1,540  | 182   | 122    | <b>751</b>    | <b>751</b>    | 537    |
| Refined gold              | (fine ounces) | 25,053 | 22,666 | 5,980 | 10,811 | <b>18,914</b> | <b>18,914</b> | 25,053 |
| Refined silver            | ( 000 ounces) | 173    | 198    | 46    | 49     | <b>201</b>    | <b>201</b>    | 173    |

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

#### **Pinto Valley, USA**

#### **Production**

|                     |               |     |     |     |     |            |            |     |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ( 000 tonnes) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | <b>1.4</b> | <b>1.4</b> | 1.6 |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|

#### **Sales**

|                     |               |     |     |     |     |            |            |     |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| Copper cathode (EW) | ( 000 tonnes) | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.5 | <b>1.8</b> | <b>1.8</b> | 1.3 |
|---------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|



**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|   |               | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |               | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <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</b>  |               |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| (100%)  | ( 000 tonnes) | 1,223         | 1,216       | 1,256       | 1,235        | <b>1,196</b>  | <b>1,196</b> | 1,223        |
| <b>Production</b>   | ( 000 carats) | 780           | 760         | 770         | 740          | <b>703</b>    | <b>703</b>   | 780          |

**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|   |  | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
|---|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |  | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS</b>  |  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. |  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| ( 000 tonnes)   |  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>NICKEL</b>   |  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>CMSA, Colombia</b>   |  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>   |  | 12.0          | 13.0        | 11.6        | 13.0         | <b>12.4</b>   | <b>12.4</b>  | 12.0         |
| <b>Sales</b>  |  | 11.4          | 11.4        | 13.4        | 12.5         | <b>12.0</b>   | <b>12.0</b>  | 11.4         |

**Yabulu, Australia (a)**

|                   |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |     |
|-------------------|--|-----|--|--|--|--|--|-----|
| <b>Production</b> |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| Nickel metal      |  | 2.8 |  |  |  |  |  | 2.8 |
| Cobalt            |  | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1 |
| <b>Sales</b>      |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |     |
| Nickel metal      |  | 2.2 |  |  |  |  |  | 2.2 |
| Cobalt            |  | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1 |

(a) Yabulu was sold effective 31 July 2009.

**Nickel West, Australia**

|  |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|-------------|-------------|------|
| <b>Production</b>                      |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
| <b>Nickel contained in concentrate</b> |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
| Nickel contained in concentrate        |  | 4.1  | 5.3  | 7.1  | 6.1  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | 4.1  |
| Nickel contained in finished matte     |  | 5.0  | 13.0 | 10.6 | 15.7 | <b>13.6</b> | <b>13.6</b> | 5.0  |
| Nickel metal                           |  | 14.3 | 17.7 | 14.0 | 10.9 | <b>11.6</b> | <b>11.6</b> | 14.3 |
| Nickel production                      |  | 23.4 | 36.0 | 31.7 | 32.7 | <b>26.1</b> | <b>26.1</b> | 23.4 |
| <b>Sales</b>                           |  |      |      |      |      |             |             |      |
| Nickel contained in concentrate        |  | 3.9  | 5.2  | 7.0  | 6.3  | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  | 3.9  |
| Nickel contained in finished matte     |  | 3.7  | 11.8 | 10.8 | 15.2 | <b>14.6</b> | <b>14.6</b> | 3.7  |
| Nickel metal                           |  | 14.1 | 17.5 | 14.9 | 9.2  | <b>12.2</b> | <b>12.2</b> | 14.1 |
| Nickel sales                           |  | 21.7 | 34.5 | 32.7 | 30.7 | <b>28.4</b> | <b>28.4</b> | 21.7 |

**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|  | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |               |              |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>IRON ORE</b>  |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>( 000 tonnes) |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| <b>IRON ORE (a)</b>  |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| <b><u>Pilbara, Australia</u></b>   |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| <b>Production</b>  |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| Newman (b)   | 7,549         | 8,174       | 7,896       | 8,478        | <b>9,640</b>  | <b>9,640</b>  | 7,549        |
| Goldsworthy Joint Venture  | 428           | 417         | 421         | 422          | <b>384</b>    | <b>384</b>    | 428          |
| Area C Joint Venture   | 9,189         | 10,207      | 9,524       | 9,767        | <b>10,086</b> | <b>10,086</b> | 9,189        |
| Yandi Joint Venture  | 10,194        | 10,885      | 10,549      | 9,768        | <b>8,787</b>  | <b>8,787</b>  | 10,194       |
| Total (BHP Billiton share)   | 27,360        | 29,683      | 28,390      | 28,435       | <b>28,897</b> | <b>28,897</b> | 27,360       |
| Total production (100%)  | 32,188        | 34,921      | 33,400      | 33,452       | <b>33,996</b> | <b>33,996</b> | 32,188       |
| <b>Shipments</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |               |              |
| Lump   | 7,839         | 8,141       | 8,071       | 7,135        | <b>7,822</b>  | <b>7,822</b>  | 7,839        |
| Fines  | 19,932        | 20,787      | 19,974      | 21,512       | <b>21,049</b> | <b>21,049</b> | 19,932       |
| Total (BHP Billiton share)   | 27,771        | 28,928      | 28,045      | 28,647       | <b>28,871</b> | <b>28,871</b> | 27,771       |
| Total sales (100%)   | 32,672        | 34,033      | 32,994      | 33,703       | <b>33,966</b> | <b>33,966</b> | 32,672       |

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

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

**Samarco, Brazil**

|                   |       |       |       |       |              |              |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| <b>Production</b> | 2,746 | 2,766 | 2,774 | 2,808 | <b>3,086</b> | <b>3,086</b> | 2,746 |
| <b>Shipments</b>  | 3,076 | 2,933 | 2,594 | 2,591 | <b>2,634</b> | <b>2,634</b> | 3,076 |

**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|  | QUARTER ENDED |             |             |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009 | MAR<br>2010 | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>MANGANESE</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>( 000 tonnes) |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>MANGANESE ORE</b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b><u>South Africa (a)</u></b>   |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Saleable production</b>   | 428           | 664         | 781         | 845          | <b>938</b>    | <b>938</b>   | 428          |
| <b>Sales</b>   | 712           | 751         | 741         | 929          | <b>657</b>    | <b>657</b>   | 712          |
| <b><u>Australia (a)</u></b>  |               |             |             |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Saleable production</b>   | 728           | 873         | 929         | 876          | <b>1,184</b>  | <b>1,184</b> | 728          |
| <b>Sales</b>   | 838           | 985         | 835         | 974          | <b>552</b>    | <b>552</b>   | 838          |

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**MANGANESE ALLOY**

**South Africa (a) (b)**

|                            |     |    |     |     |            |            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|------------|------------|-----|
| <b>Saleable production</b> | 30  | 76 | 106 | 152 | <b>132</b> | <b>132</b> | 30  |
| <b>Sales</b>               | 101 | 66 | 77  | 101 | <b>95</b>  | <b>95</b>  | 101 |

**Australia (a)**

|                            |    |    |    |    |           |           |    |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|-----------|----|
| <b>Saleable production</b> | 33 | 55 | 65 | 66 | <b>67</b> | <b>67</b> | 33 |
| <b>Sales</b>               | 60 | 68 | 54 | 75 | <b>53</b> | <b>53</b> | 60 |

- (a) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.  
 (b) Production includes Medium Carbon Ferro Manganese.

**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|   | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009  | MAR<br>2010  | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>( '000 tonnes)                                     |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>METALLURGICAL COAL (a)</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Queensland, Australia</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>BMA</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Blackwater  | 1,352         | 1,500        | 1,254        | 1,627        | <b>1,458</b>  | <b>1,458</b> | 1,352        |
| Goonyella   | 1,507         | 1,548        | 1,667        | 1,946        | <b>1,863</b>  | <b>1,863</b> | 1,507        |
| Peak Downs  | 1,187         | 817          | 1,030        | 1,298        | <b>1,117</b>  | <b>1,117</b> | 1,187        |
| Saraji  | 779           | 726          | 965          | 932          | <b>872</b>    | <b>872</b>   | 779          |
| Norwich Park  | 392           | 575          | 375          | 528          | <b>468</b>    | <b>468</b>   | 392          |
| Gregory Joint Venture   | 605           | 443          | 580          | 770          | <b>760</b>    | <b>760</b>   | 605          |
| BMA total   | 5,822         | 5,609        | 5,871        | 7,101        | <b>6,538</b>  | <b>6,538</b> | 5,822        |
| <b>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| South Walker Creek  | 821           | 1,063        | 697          | 1,028        | <b>1,056</b>  | <b>1,056</b> | 821          |
| Poitrel   | 776           | 766          | 554          | 738          | <b>857</b>    | <b>857</b>   | 776          |
| BHP Mitsui Coal total   | 1,597         | 1,829        | 1,251        | 1,766        | <b>1,913</b>  | <b>1,913</b> | 1,597        |
| <b>Queensland total</b>   | <b>7,419</b>  | <b>7,438</b> | <b>7,122</b> | <b>8,867</b> | <b>8,451</b>  | <b>8,451</b> | <b>7,419</b> |
| <b>Shipments</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Coking coal   | 5,725         | 5,935        | 4,836        | 7,268        | <b>6,641</b>  | <b>6,641</b> | 5,725        |
| Weak coking coal  | 1,613         | 1,778        | 1,356        | 2,109        | <b>1,653</b>  | <b>1,653</b> | 1,613        |
| Thermal coal  | 453           | 204          | 385          | 339          | <b>368</b>    | <b>368</b>   | 453          |
| Total   | 7,791         | 7,917        | 6,577        | 9,716        | <b>8,662</b>  | <b>8,662</b> | 7,791        |
| (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>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
|   | 1,985         | 1,455        | 1,035        | 2,060        | <b>1,848</b>  | <b>1,848</b> | 1,985        |
| <b>Shipments</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Coking coal   | 2,097         | 1,408        | 980          | 1,652        | <b>1,388</b>  | <b>1,388</b> | 2,097        |
| Thermal coal  | 159           | 250          | 109          | 213          | <b>362</b>    | <b>362</b>   | 159          |
| Total   | 2,256         | 1,658        | 1,089        | 1,865        | <b>1,750</b>  | <b>1,750</b> | 2,256        |

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**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT**

|  | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |              | QUARTER ENDED |              |              |
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|  | SEPT<br>2009  | DEC<br>2009  | MAR<br>2010  | JUNE<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2010  | SEPT<br>2010 | SEPT<br>2009 |
| <b>ENERGY COAL</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.<br>( 000 tonnes) |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>South Africa</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>  | 8,099         | 7,382        | 7,741        | 7,237        | <b>8,997</b>  | <b>8,997</b> | 8,099        |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Export   | 2,377         | 2,849        | 2,856        | 2,449        | <b>3,047</b>  | <b>3,047</b> | 2,377        |
| Local utility  | 5,378         | 4,687        | 4,263        | 4,351        | <b>5,667</b>  | <b>5,667</b> | 5,378        |
| Inland   | 46            | 49           | 56           | 47           | <b>110</b>    | <b>110</b>   | 46           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>7,801</b>  | <b>7,585</b> | <b>7,175</b> | <b>6,847</b> | <b>8,824</b>  | <b>8,824</b> | <b>7,801</b> |
| <b>New Mexico, USA</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Production   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Navajo Coal  | 2,167         | 1,785        | 1,873        | 1,640        | <b>1,754</b>  | <b>1,754</b> | 2,167        |
| San Juan Coal  | 1,995         | 1,193        | 1,052        | 1,773        | <b>1,423</b>  | <b>1,423</b> | 1,995        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>4,162</b>  | <b>2,978</b> | <b>2,925</b> | <b>3,413</b> | <b>3,177</b>  | <b>3,177</b> | <b>4,162</b> |
| <b>Sales - local utility</b>   | <b>3,604</b>  | <b>3,660</b> | <b>2,555</b> | <b>3,005</b> | <b>3,361</b>  | <b>3,361</b> | <b>3,604</b> |
| <b>Hunter Valley, Australia</b>  |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>  | 3,173         | 2,887        | 3,177        | 2,802        | <b>2,506</b>  | <b>2,506</b> | 3,173        |
| <b>Sales</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| Export   | 1,766         | 2,959        | 2,263        | 2,524        | <b>2,626</b>  | <b>2,626</b> | 1,766        |
| Inland   | 619           | 382          | 601          | 474          | <b>404</b>    | <b>404</b>   | 619          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,385</b>  | <b>3,341</b> | <b>2,864</b> | <b>2,998</b> | <b>3,030</b>  | <b>3,030</b> | <b>2,385</b> |
| <b>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</b>   |               |              |              |              |               |              |              |
| <b>Production</b>  | 2,625         | 2,213        | 2,499        | 2,818        | <b>2,426</b>  | <b>2,426</b> | 2,625        |
| <b>Sales - export</b>  | <b>2,335</b>  | <b>2,745</b> | <b>2,419</b> | <b>2,601</b> | <b>2,776</b>  | <b>2,776</b> | <b>2,335</b> |