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14 May 2008

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SACHS  
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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%

1% improved uptime = ~1.5 mmboe

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

Can cost US\$750,000 per day

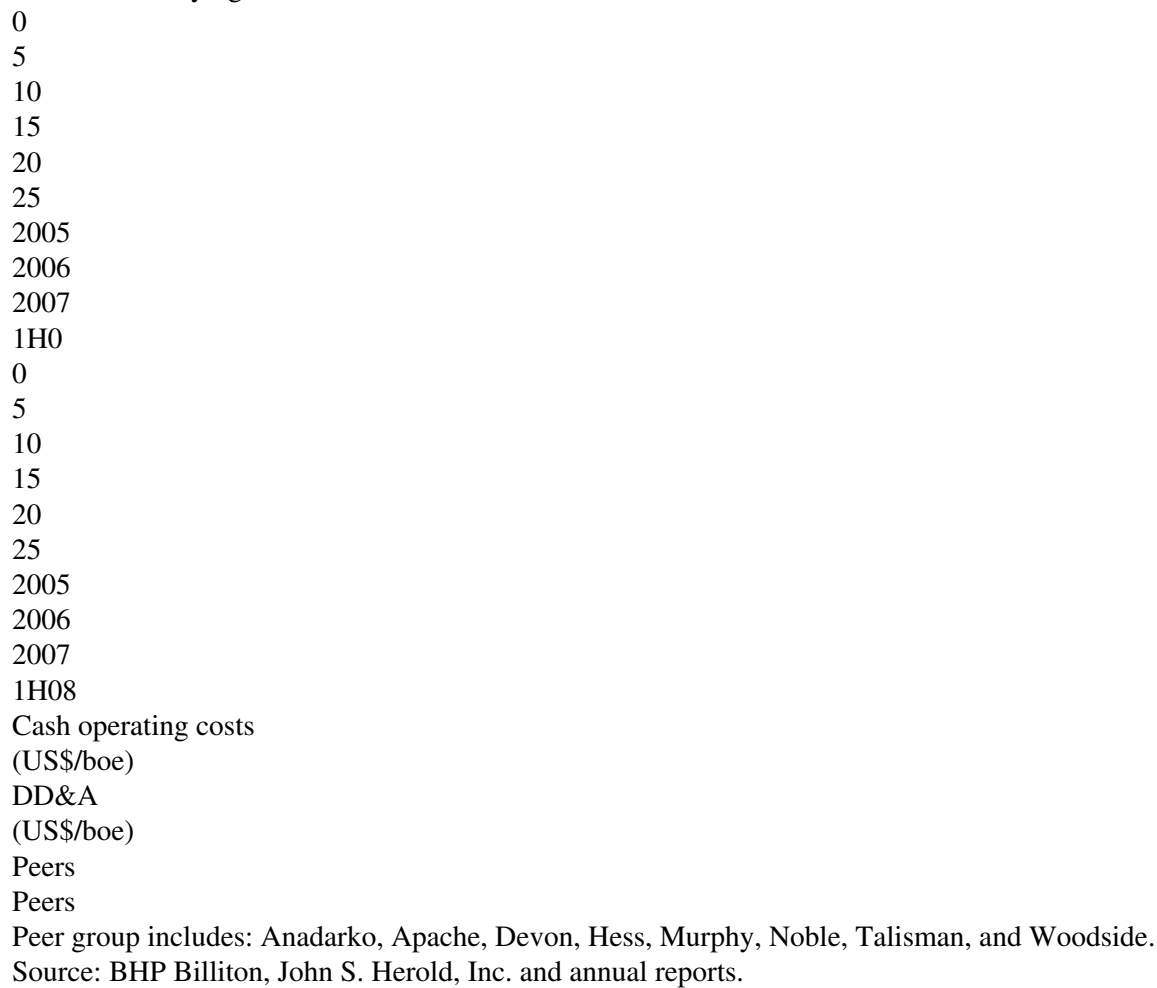
Unit operating costs holding steady ~US\$5.00/boe

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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Financial outlook is underpinned by growth and price

BHP Billiton net production forecast

(mmboe/yr)

0

50  
100  
150  
200  
FY07  
FY08E  
FY09E  
FY10E  
FY11E  
Gas  
Liquids  
Gas and LNG contracts pricing structure

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

Oil  
price  
environment  
expected  
to  
remain  
robust,  
excellent  
fiscal  
regimes

captures  
full  
upside

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

LNG contract reopeners are leading to large price increases -  
tied to crude

New, large volume LNG contracts capture current crude price terms

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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

Pushing scale and structure

Increased equity ownership from ~41% to ~55%

Increased percentage of portfolio that is Operated to ~66%

0  
50  
100  
150  
200  
250  
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

(1)

Source:

Bloomberg,

Note:

Exxon Mobil US\$452bn

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

(CY2007, 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 CY2007 is based on IFRS (so underlying EBITDA margin excludes third party sales).

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

FY2002

CY2007

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  
reported  
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the  
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Report  
on  
12-Feb-2008.

c)  
Iron  
ore  
based  
on  
benchmark  
FOB  
prices.  
JFY2008  
forecast  
prices  
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Copper  
listed  
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the  
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Mercantile  
Exchange

(LME)

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Nickel

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the

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Mercantile

Exchange

(LME)

f)

Aluminium

listed

on

the

London

Mercantile

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)

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- (g)
- (h)
- (i)

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Source:  
BHP  
Billiton  
2007  
Annual

Report,  
2008  
Interim  
Financial  
Results  
Announcement, Goldman  
Sachs  
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Note:  
(a)Iron  
equivalent  
production  
based  
on  
coking  
coal  
and  
manganese  
production  
converted  
to  
iron  
ore  
equivalent  
tons.  
Prices  
estimated  
by  
dividing  
CY  
2007  
revenue  
by  
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2007production.  
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 assets

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

Iron Ore  
Coking Coal  
Manganese

27.4

103.5

62.5

Iron ore equivalent(a)  
production

(mt) (CY 2007)

193.3

1.1

0.6

3.0

4.7

Underlying EBIT

(12 months, US\$bn)

Page 14  
Escondida  
Norte  
+  
Sulphide Leach  
Phase IV +  
Laguna Seca

Concentrator  
Oxide Plant  
Expansion  
Phase 3.5 +  
Oxide Plant  
Phase III  
Phase I + II  
Original plan: 320kt of copper a year  
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Copper production at Escondida  
(Tonnes, 000)  
Source: BHP Billiton estimates  
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Escondida  
demonstrates the true value of Tier 1 assets  
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 April

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180

150  
190  
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730  
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4.5  
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Copper  
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p.a.  
Gross average revenue yield by per  
tonne of resource  
(a)  
(US\$)  
29  
Olympic Dam  
Escondida  
71  
106  
6  
33  
Uranium  
kt  
p.a.  
Gold  
koz  
p.a.  
Staged development concept -  
forecast production at each stage  
Expansion stages  
1.2&1.3  
1.1  
2.0  
3.0  
Today  
Full  
produc-  
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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)







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Olympic Dam  
Expansion 3  
Boffa/Santou  
Refinery  
2010  
As at 2 May 2008  
Proposed  
capital expenditure  
<\$500m  
\$501m-\$2bn  
\$2bn+  
SSM  
Energy Coal  
D&SP  
Iron Ore  
Base Metals  
Petroleum  
Met Coal  
CSG  
Manganese  
Aluminium  
2008  
Execution  
Pyrenees  
Samarco  
Neptune  
Shenzi  
Alumar  
Atlantis

North  
Klipspruit  
GEMCO  
Zamzama  
Phase 2  
2013  
Feasibility  
Guinea  
Alumina  
Worsley  
E&G  
Perseverance  
Deeps  
Maruwai  
Stage 1  
Douglas-  
Middelburg  
Mt Arthur  
Coal UG  
Future Options  
Cliffs  
Newcastle  
Third Port  
NWS  
Angel  
Nimba  
Ekati  
Canadian  
Potash  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
Angola  
& DRC  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 2  
Macedon  
Turrum  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 1  
NWS  
CWLH  
Peak Downs  
Exp  
DRC  
Smelter  
Mad Dog

West  
KNS  
Exp  
Hallmark  
Corridor  
Sands 1  
Puma  
Cerrejon  
Opt Exp  
Angostura  
Gas  
NWS  
T5  
BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale  
Navajo  
Sth  
Bakhuis  
Maruwai  
Stage 2  
NWS Nth  
Rankin B  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 4  
Kipper  
Antamina  
Exp  
Goonyella  
Expansions  
Corridor  
Sands 2  
Gabon  
Daunia  
RBM  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 2  
Browse  
LNG  
Resolution  
Saraji  
Thebe  
CMSA  
Pyro  
Expansion  
Cannington  
Life Ext  
SA Mn  
Ore Exp  
Wards  
Well  
Eastern

Indonesian  
Facility  
NWS  
WFGH  
Blackwater  
UG  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 1  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 2  
Escondida  
3rd Conc  
Red Hill  
UG  
GEMCO  
Exp  
Samarco  
4  
Shenzi  
Nth  
Neptune  
Nth  
MKO  
Talc  
Scarborough  
Caroona  
Kennedy  
Maya  
Nickel  
Knotty  
Head

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Simple Copper Equivalent

Focused on deliverable  
growth over the next five  
years.

Commence from CY '07, 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

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2,000  
4,000  
6,000  
8,000  
10,000  
12,000  
14,000  
CY 07  
CY 08  
CY 09  
CY 10  
CY 11  
CY 12

BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale

Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000  
Production in copper equivalent tonnes

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Note:

Copper  
equivalent  
units  
calculated

using

BHP

Billiton

(BHPB)

estimates

for

BHPB

production;

Rio

Tinto

forecasts

for

RioTinto's

iron

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copper,  
alumina  
and  
aluminium  
production  
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Rio  
Tinto  
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Aluminium  
forecast  
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exclude  
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project  
(BHPB  
estimate).  
BHPB  
estimates  
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Rio  
Tinto's  
production  
in  
other  
commodities.  
Production  
volumes  
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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  
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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



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pro-  
forma  
full  
year  
Alcan  
alumina  
and  
aluminium  
as  
per  
12  
March  
2008  
announcement.  
Estimated &  
unrisked

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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 CY 07 EBIT margins

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64%

61%

47%

47%

37%

Copper

Petroleum

Nickel

Iron Ore

Aluminium

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

Note: BHP Billiton margins are actual CY07 margins. Rio Tinto margins are actual where reported, otherwise BHP Billiton (other base metals).

(a) Excluding mean synergies, and excludes Rio Tinto Alcan Engineering and Packaging. Source: BHP Billiton analysis

Top 5 Divisional CY07 EBIT Margin by Commodity

BHP Billiton CY07

Rio Tinto CY07

(a)

Ranked by

order of

contribution to

EBIT CY 07

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Capital cost and risk matter  
Growth in Copper Equivalent Tonnes (CY 07-12)  
Production growth from brownfield  
expansions vs  
greenfield  
development

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)

