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Tinto's
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Overview
Year ended June 2008

HSEC

Outstanding operating and financial results

Annual production records set in 7 commodities

Underlying EBITDA up 22% to US\$28.0 billion

Underlying EBIT up 21% to US\$24.3 billion

Attributable profit of US\$15.4 billion, up 12%

Earnings per share of 275 US cents, up 18%

Underlying EBIT margin and ROCE

of

48%

and

38%

respectively

Growth projects proceeding well
with significant volume growth achieved
in FY2008 and expected in FY2009

Final

dividend

rebased

to

41

US

cents

per

share

an

increase

of

52%,

consistent with outlook and higher earnings and cash flow

,

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Outstanding results driven by strategy and execution

Notes:

a)
FY2002 to FY2005 calculated on the basis of UKGAAP. Subsequent periods calculated under IFRS.

Underlying EBIT

(a)

(US\$bn)

H2

H1

9.6

14.7

3.1

3.5

5.5

9.9

15.3

20.1

24.3

0

5

10

15

20

25

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

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0
50
100
150

200

A track record of project delivery

Copper
equivalent
production
growth

(a)

(Indexed, 100=FY2001)

Projects successfully delivered:

44 since the DLC merger

10 completed in FY2008

10% growth estimated in FY2009

Completed projects ramping up in FY2009

Atlantis South, Genghis Khan,
Samarco, Ravensthorpe/Yabulu
Exp.,
Cliffs, Koala Underground, Spence,
Escondida Sulphide Leach and
Pinto Valley

First production expected in FY2009

GEMCO, Neptune, Shenzi, NWS
Train 5, NWS Angel and Alumar

Notes:

a) Production

from
continuing
operations
converted
to
copper
equivalent
units
using
FY2008
average
realised
prices.

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Diversity = Stability and Strength
%
EBIT Margin
(1)

FY2002
FY2003
FY2004
FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008

0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
H1
H2
H1
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Petroleum
Aluminium
Base Metals
D&SP
SSM
Iron Ore
Manganese
Met Coal
Energy Coal
BHP Billiton

(1)
FY2002
to
FY2005
are
calculated
under
UKGAAP.
Subsequent
periods

are
calculated
under IFRS.
All periods exclude third party trading activities.

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Short-term global challenges exist

Global economic activity is moderating

Financial market instability, housing
market decline and inflationary
pressures

Emerging economies not immune

Inflationary pressures

Some decline in fixed asset
investment growth (isolated to
a small number of industries)

Exchange rate appreciation
reducing export competitiveness

0%

2%

4%

6%

Jun-06

Sep-06

Dec-06

Mar-07

Jun-07

Sep-07

Dec-07

Mar-08

Jun-08

United States

annual

GDP

growth

(a)

(Annual growth, %)

China annual

GDP

growth

(b)

(Annual growth, %)

8%

10%

12%

14%

Jun-06

Sep-06

Dec-06

Mar-07

Jun-07

Sep-07

Dec-07

Mar-08

Jun-08

Notes:

a)

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

b)

Source: CEIC

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However, long-term fundamentals of emerging/developing
economies remain intact

2.8%

2.3%

1.3%

2.9%

3.5%

6.4%

6.7%

7.0%

9.8%

10.1%

9.4%

10.1%

0%

2%

4%

6%

8%

10%

12%

Average historical growth

CY1990-CY2000

Average historical growth

CY2001-CY2007

Average forecast growth

CY2008-CY2009

Average forecast growth

CY2010-CY2013

Developed Economies

Emerging & Developing Economies

China

Source: World economic outlook database, April 2008.

IMF world GDP growth

(%)

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Supply-side constraints are limiting the industry's response

Equipment stress

Industrial action and wage disputes

Labour shortages

Equipment shortages

Significant cost pressures, including
fuel

Energy and power constraints

Declines in ore-grade levels

Rising tariffs

Infrastructure bottlenecks

Developments are increasingly
tending to be:

Smaller

Lower grade

Higher risk geographies

Equipment
shortages

longer
lead
times and project delivery dates

Rising capital costs

Resources nationalism

Existing Supply

Future Supply Growth

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0
2,000
4,000
6,000

8,000

10,000

12,000

14,000

CY2007

CY2008

CY2009F

CY2010F

CY2011F

CY2012F

Accelerating growth from a diversified portfolio of projects

% of growth CY2007-2012

(Estimated & unrisked)

Note: Growth in production volumes on a copper equivalent units basis between CY2007 and CY2012 calculated using BHP Billiton estimates for BHP Billiton production. Production volumes exclude BHP Billiton's Specialty Products operation and all bauxite production.

All energy coal business are included.

Alumina volumes reflect only tonnes available for external sale.

Conversion of production forecasts to copper equivalent units completed using long term consensus price forecasts, plus BHP Billiton assumptions for diamonds, domestic coal and manganese.

Prices as at July 2008. Production in copper equivalent

tonnes

(Copper equivalent tonnes '000s)

45%

37%

18%

Steelmaking

Materials

Energy

Non-Ferrous

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Ordinary dividends per share
(US cents per share)
0
10

20
30
40
50
60
70

FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008

H1
H2

0
50
100
150
200
250
300

FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008

Earnings per share
(US cents per share)

Note:

BHP Billiton's EPS represents reported underlying EPS for the financial year ending 30 June.

Delivering superior returns to shareholders

CAGR 36%

CAGR 37%

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Summary

Excellent operating and financial results

Long-term demand outlook remains strong despite some short-term economic uncertainty

Supply-side constraints are limiting the ability for the industry to respond to demand growth

BHP Billiton's portfolio of assets focused in stable geographies provides a competitive advantage

Future growth being delivered from lower risk projects
Liverpool Bay

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Indicative Timetable for the Offer
Feb
Mar
Nov

Dec
Jan
Oct
Sep
Aug
Jul
Jun
May
Apr
Mar
Feb
Jan
2009
2008
6-Feb-2008

BHP Billiton
announced pre-
conditional offers for
all of the outstanding
shares of Rio Tinto
Offer Announcement
Satisfaction of Regulatory Approval Pre-conditions

30-May-2008:
Form
CO
filed
with
the
European
Commission

3-Jul-2008:
US merger review completed

4-Jul-2008:
Entered into Phase 2 investigation with the
European Commission

European
Commission
decision
due
by
December
2008

All regulatory processes expected to be completed or
waived by the **end of 2008**

Offer Period
Early 2009

UK Offer Timetable

50% minimum
acceptance condition
must be satisfied in
both the Rio Tinto plc
and Rio Tinto Ltd
offers by **Day 60**

