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BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the quarter ended 30 September 2006. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share.

- Record quarterly production of aluminium from continuing operations.
- Iron ore production in line with the record production in the June 2006 quarter (excluding the Goldsworthy (Australia) suspension).
- Record quarterly production of manganese ore in response to stronger customer demand.
- Record quarterly production was achieved at Mozal (Mozambique), GEMCO (Australia), Zamzama (Pakistan), Paranam (Suriname) and Bayside (South Africa).
- Copper production negatively impacted by an industrial stoppage at Escondida (Chile).

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
PETROLEUM	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Crude Oil & Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid ('000 bbl)	15,216	-2%	4%
Natural Gas (bcf)	91.83	-6%	-7%
Total Petroleum Products (million boe)	30.52	-4%	-2%

Total Petroleum Production

- Production was in line with both comparative periods.

Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquid

- Production from continuing operations was higher than the previous quarter. Successful infill drilling at North West Shelf (Australia) and Bass Strait (Australia) and reduced downtime at North West Shelf increased production during the quarter. This was partly offset by planned maintenance at Liverpool Bay (UK) and cessation of production from Typhoon / Boris (USA) in September 2005.

Natural Gas

- Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance in the UK and lower customer demand in Australia contributed to reduced production for the period. Record quarterly production was achieved at Zamzama in response to strong demand. Typhoon / Boris and the Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (Australia) operations have been sold and consequently production will be impacted in future periods.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
ALUMINIUM	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Alumina ('000 tonnes)	1,078	5%	1%
Aluminium ('000 tonnes)	337	1%	-2%

Alumina -

Production for the quarter ended September 2006 was higher than the September 2005 quarter. Ramp up of the Worsley Development Capital Project (Australia) and record production at Paranam contributed to the increased result. Stockpiled hydrate from the calciner outages at Alumar (Brazil) and Worsley decreased the current quarter's production.

Aluminium

- Quarterly production from continuing operations (excluding Valesul (Brazil)) was an all time record. Mozal, Bayside and Hillside (South Africa) continued to deliver strong production. Mozal and Bayside achieved quarterly production records and Hillside production equalled the previous record results in the December 2005 and June 2006 quarters.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
BASE METALS	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Copper ('000 tonnes)	249.9	-19%	-20%
Silver ('000 ounces)	7,349	-35%	-23%
Lead (tonnes)	48,977	-25%	-12%
Zinc (tonnes)	24,011	-18%	-13%

Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes)	793	-27%	-8%
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Copper

- Production during the quarter was positively impacted by the successful commencement of the Sulphide Leach Project at Escondida (Chile) and strong production at Cerro Colorado (Chile). Production for the quarter was impacted by scheduled maintenance at Olympic Dam (Australia), strike action at Escondida and the sale of Tintaya (Peru) in June 2006.

Silver / Lead

- Production was in line with expectations, as we continue to progress the rehabilitation of ground support at Cannington (Australia).

Zinc

- In addition to the temporary partial closure at Cannington, production for the quarter was impacted by lower head grades at Cannington and Antamina (Peru).

Uranium

- Planned maintenance at the Olympic Dam smelter also impacted uranium production for the quarter.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Iron ore ('000 tonnes)	25,003	5%	-4%
Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes)	9,247	3%	0%
Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes)	1,509	9%	9%
Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes)	153	10%	-13%

Iron Ore

- September 2006 quarterly production was in line with the record June 2006 quarter (excluding Goldsworthy). The ramp up of the Rapid Growth Project 2 (Australia), completed in June 2006, contributed to this strong result. Tie-in activity for Rapid Growth Project 3 (Australia), including the Goldsworthy suspension, contributed to lower overall production. Tie-in activity is expected to continue for the remainder of the year.

Metallurgical Coal

- Metallurgical coal production was in line with previous periods reflecting increased product differentiation in the market.

Manganese Ore

- Record quarterly production was achieved at GEMCO in response to stronger customer demand.

Manganese Alloy

- Production for the quarter was impacted by scheduled maintenance.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Diamonds ('000 carats)	487	-43%	-16%
Fertiliser ('000 tonnes)	84.3	-66%	-40%

Diamonds

- The volume of ore processed at Ekati (Canada) was four percent higher than the September 2005 quarter. As Ekati transitions from open pit mining to predominantly underground mining the mix of ore processed will change from time to time. This has led to a reduced number of higher value carats recovered during the quarter.

Fertiliser -

The fertiliser business was sold effective 1 August 2006.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
ENERGY COAL	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Energy Coal ('000 tonnes)	21,782	-9%	0%

Energy Coal

- Production for the September 2006 quarter was in line with the June 2006 quarter. Production at Ingwe (South Africa) was two percent higher than the previous quarter despite unfavourable geological conditions and higher strip ratios. The Australian operations had their highest quarterly production since the record quarter in June 2005. Scheduled maintenance and challenging geological conditions at New Mexico Coal (USA) had a negative impact on production.

	SEPT	SEPT Q06	SEPT Q06
	2006	vs	vs
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS	QTR	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	44.5	1%	7%

Nickel

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- Production for the September 2006 quarter was higher than the June 2006 quarter. The previous quarter was impacted by tie-in activity related to the expansion at Yabulu (Australia).

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BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY		QUARTER ENDED			QUARTER ENDED		% CHANGE	
		SEPT	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT	vs	vs
		2005	2006	2006	2006	2005	SEPT Q05	JUNE Q06
PETROLEUM								
Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	12,234	11,551	12,091	12,091	12,234	-1%	5%
Natural gas	(bcf)	97.65	98.59	91.83	91.83	97.65	-6%	-7%
Natural gas liquid	('000 bbl)	3,245	3,063	3,125	3,125	3,245	-4%	2%
Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	31.75	31.04	30.52	30.52	31.75	-4%	-2%
ALUMINIUM								
Alumina	('000 tonnes)	1,028	1,072	1,078	1,078	1,028	5%	1%
Aluminium	('000 tonnes)	334	344	337	337	334	1%	-2%
BASE METALS								

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Copper	('000 tonnes)	308.9	311.7	249.9		249.9	308.9		-19%	-20%
Lead	(tonnes)	64,873	55,507	48,977		48,977	64,873		-25%	-12%
Zinc	(tonnes)	29,147	27,564	24,011		24,011	29,147		-18%	-13%
Gold	(ounces)	53,666	56,161	41,160		41,160	53,666		-23%	-27%
Silver	('000 ounces)	11,362	9,593	7,349		7,349	11,362		-35%	-23%
Uranium oxide concentrate	(tonnes)	1,088	865	793		793	1,088		-27%	-8%
Molybdenum	(tonnes)	573	538	719		719	573		25%	34%
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
Iron ore	('000 tonnes)	23,848	26,115	25,003		25,003	23,848		5%	-4%
Metallurgical coal	('000 tonnes)	8,986	9,224	9,247		9,247	8,986		3%	0%
Manganese ore	('000 tonnes)	1,387	1,389	1,509		1,509	1,387		9%	9%
Manganese alloy	('000 tonnes)	139	175	153		153	139		10%	-13%
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
Diamonds	('000 carats)	852	583	487		487	852		-43%	-16%
Fertiliser	('000 tonnes)	244.9	141.3	84.3		84.3	244.9		-66%	-40%
ENERGY COAL										
Energy coal	('000 tonnes)	24,010	21,787	21,782		21,782	24,010		-9%	0%
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS										
Nickel	('000 tonnes)	44.1	41.6	44.5		44.5	44.1		1%	7%
Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.										

BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION										
									QUARTER ENDED	
			BHP Billiton	SEPT	DEC	MARCH	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT
			Interest	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
PETROLEUM										

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Production									
	Crude oil & condensate	('000 bbl)	12,234	11,202	10,886	11,551	12,091	12,091	12,234
	Natural gas	(bcf)	97.65	86.35	77.85	98.59	91.83	91.83	97.65
	NGL (a)	('000 bbl)	3,245	2,672	2,448	3,063	3,125	3,125	3,245
	Total Petroleum Products	(million boe)	31.75	28.26	26.31	31.04	30.52	30.52	31.75
ALUMINIUM									
ALUMINA									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Worsley	86%	689	663	717	694	704	704	689
	Suriname	45%	227	219	228	247	253	253	227
	Alumar	36%	112	130	130	131	121	121	112
	Total		1,028	1,012	1,075	1,072	1,078	1,078	1,028
ALUMINIUM									
Production ('000 tonnes)									
	Hillside	100%	172	177	174	177	177	177	172
	Bayside	100%	41	46	46	46	49	49	41
	Alumar	46.3%	45	45	44	44	44	44	45
	Valesul (b)	45.5%	11	10	11	11	-	-	11
	Mozal	47%	65	66	65	66	67	67	65
	Total		334	344	340	344	337	337	334
BASE METALS (c)									
COPPER									
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)									
	Escondida	57.5%	168.6	169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7	129.7	168.6
	Antamina	33.8%	27.9	34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	29.0	27.9
	Tintaya (d)	100%	17.3	18.1	16.2	12.9	-	-	17.3
	Total		213.8	221.4	217.3	207.2	158.7	158.7	213.8
Cathode ('000 tonnes)									
	Escondida	57.5%	19.6	20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5	17.5	19.6
	Cerro Colorado	100%	14.5	21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	30.0	14.5
	Tintaya (d)	100%	9.7	9.9	9.1	6.1	-	-	9.7
	Pinto Valley	100%	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
	Olympic Dam	100%	49.1	53.5	47.1	54.6	41.6	41.6	49.1
	Total		95.1	107.0	101.8	104.5	91.2	91.2	95.1

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LEAD										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	64,873	77,187	68,754	55,507	48,977		48,977	64,873
	Total		64,873	77,187	68,754	55,507	48,977		48,977	64,873
ZINC										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Cannington	100%	14,188	18,780	20,885	14,926	10,426		10,426	14,188
	Antamina	33.8%	14,959	5,148	7,534	12,638	13,585		13,585	14,959
	Total		29,147	23,928	28,419	27,564	24,011		24,011	29,147
	Refer footnotes on page 4.									
BASE METALS (continued)										
GOLD										
Payable metal in concentrate (ounces)										
	Escondida	57.5%	19,194	19,200	17,877	23,567	17,049		17,049	19,194
	Tintaya (d)	100%	8,048	8,200	8,032	4,958	-		-	8,048
	Olympic Dam (refined gold)	100%	26,424	27,300	26,186	27,636	24,111		24,111	26,424
	Total		53,666	54,700	52,095	56,161	41,160		41,160	53,666
SILVER										
Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)										
	Escondida	57.5%	795	945	714	925	724		724	795
	Antamina	33.8%	642	859	865	808	713		713	642
	Tintaya (d)	100%	167	168	138	119	-		-	167
	Cannington	100%	9,579	11,672	9,693	7,503	5,714		5,714	9,579
	Olympic Dam (refined silver)	100%	179	222	245	238	198		198	179
	Total		11,362	13,866	11,655	9,593	7,349		7,349	11,362
URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Olympic Dam	100%	1,088	1,070	913	865	793		793	1,088

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	Total		1,088	1,070	913	865	793		793	1,088
MOLYBDENUM										
Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)										
	Antamina	33.8%	573	772	632	538	719		719	573
	Total		573	772	632	538	719		719	573
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
IRON ORE (e)										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	Mt Newman Joint Venture	85%	6,234	6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394		7,394	6,234
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture	85%	1,393	1,669	1,371	1,808	806		806	1,393
	Area C Joint Venture	85%	4,286	4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821		4,821	4,286
	Yandi Joint Venture	85%	8,409	8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504		8,504	8,409
	Jimblebar (f)	85%	1,645	1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490		1,490	1,645
	Samarco	50%	1,881	1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988		1,988	1,881
	Total		23,848	24,610	22,499	26,115	25,003		25,003	23,848
METALLURGICAL COAL (g)										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	BMA	50%	6,693	6,441	5,972	6,474	6,657		6,657	6,693
	BHP Mitsui Coal (h)	80%	726	710	763	850	873		873	726
	Illawarra	100%	1,567	1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717		1,717	1,567
	Total		8,986	8,973	8,460	9,224	9,247		9,247	8,986
MANGANESE ORES										
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)										
	South Africa (i)	60%	566	529	532	673	644		644	566
	Australia (i)	60%	821	749	694	716	865		865	821
	Total		1,387	1,278	1,226	1,389	1,509		1,509	1,387
	Refer footnotes on page 4.									
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS (cont'd)										
MANGANESE ALLOYS										
Saleable production ('000 tonnes)										

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	South Africa (i)	60%	79	105	119	131	93		93	79
	Australia (i)	60%	60	60	54	44	60		60	60
	Total		139	165	173	175	153		153	139
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
DIAMONDS										
Production ('000 carats)										
	Ekati™	80%	852	614	512	583	487		487	852
FERTILISER										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (j)	100%	244.9	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3		84.3	244.9
ENERGY COAL										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	South Africa	100%	14,549	12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151		13,151	14,549
	USA	100%	4,561	4,065	2,829	3,891	3,467		3,467	4,561
	Australia	100%	2,568	2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766		2,766	2,568
	Colombia	33%	2,332	2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398		2,398	2,332
	Total		24,010	21,287	18,672	21,787	21,782		21,782	24,010
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS										
NICKEL										
Production ('000 tonnes)										
	CMSA	99.8%	12.8	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7		12.7	12.8
	Yabulu	100%	6.1	5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3		7.3	6.1
	Nickel West	100%	25.2	30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5		24.5	25.2
	Total		44.1	49.0	40.2	41.6	44.5		44.5	44.1
	(a) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquids (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). Comparative period information has been restated.									
	(b) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.									
	(c) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.									
	(d) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.									
	(e) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.									
	(f) From October 1, 2005 Jimblebar production is disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis, prior production is disclosed at 100%.									
	(g) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.									
	(h) Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%.									

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	(i)	Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
	(j)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT											
											QUARTER ENDED
				SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT		SEPT	SEPT
				2005	2005	2006	2006	2006		2006	2005
PETROLEUM											
BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated.											
CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels)											
	Bass Strait			3,720	3,584	3,414	3,964	3,847		3,847	3,720
	Minerva			34	26	18	20	23		23	34
	North West Shelf - condensate			1,370	1,405	1,263	1,091	1,350		1,350	1,370
	North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack			1,149	979	751	1,111	1,634		1,634	1,149
	Griffin			436	344	204	296	323		323	436
	Pakistan			49	54	59	60	61		61	49
	Typhoon/Boris (a)			306	23	-	-	-		-	306
	Mad Dog			440	604	549	698	528		528	440
	Other Americas (b)			123	161	68	68	78		78	123
	Angostura			998	1,018	1,080	1,191	1,174		1,174	998
	Liverpool Bay			1,160	1,161	1,278	1,199	931		931	1,160
	Bruce/Keith			254	256	209	182	178		178	254
	Ohanet			483	353	389	426	357		357	483
	ROD			1,712	1,234	1,604	1,245	1,607		1,607	1,712
	Total			12,234	11,202	10,886	11,551	12,091		12,091	12,234
NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet)											
	Bass Strait			35.93	21.12	18.26	34.43	33.54		33.54	35.93
	Minerva			10.30	8.14	5.78	6.36	7.73		7.73	10.30
	North West Shelf - Domestic			3.97	3.81	3.55	4.63	3.54		3.54	3.97
	North West Shelf - LNG			21.19	23.16	21.15	22.70	21.68		21.68	21.19
	Griffin			0.56	0.41	0.12	0.19	0.49		0.49	0.56
	Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (c)			1.65	1.73	1.75	1.86	1.12		1.12	1.65
	Illawarra Coal Bed Methane			1.12	1.60	1.50	1.35	1.50		1.50	1.12
	Pakistan			7.32	8.40	8.52	9.02	9.14		9.14	7.32
	Typhoon/Boris (a)			0.46	0.01	-	-	-		-	0.46
	Mad Dog			0.08	0.12	0.11	0.25	0.17		0.17	0.08
	Other Americas (b)			1.89	1.00	1.78	2.34	2.55		2.55	1.89
	Bruce/Keith			5.81	6.28	6.52	5.40	4.21		4.21	5.81

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	Liverpool Bay		7.37	10.57	8.81	10.06	6.16		6.16	7.37
	Total		97.65	86.35	77.85	98.59	91.83		91.83	97.65
NGL ('000 barrels) (d)										
	Bass Strait		2,193	1,719	1,574	2,254	2,224		2,224	2,193
	North West Shelf		460	465	410	349	444		444	460
	Bruce/Keith		159	176	94	59	138		138	159
	Ohanet		433	312	370	401	319		319	433
	Total		3,245	2,672	2,448	3,063	3,125		3,125	3,245
TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS										
			31.75	28.26	26.31	31.04	30.52		30.52	31.75
(million barrels of oil equivalent) (e)										
(a) Typhoon/ Boris production was suspended in September 2005 following severe hurricane damage sustained to the Typhoon platform. The sale of Typhoon/ Boris, including the Littleburn field, is pending US Minerals Management Service approval.										
(b) BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from January 16, 2006.										
(c) BHP Billiton completed the sale of its interest in Moranbah Coal Bed Methane in September 2006 quarter.										
(d) LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquids (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). Comparative period information has been restated.										
(e) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000 cf of natural gas equals 1 boe.										
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
										QUARTER ENDED
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT			SEPT
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006			2006
ALUMINIUM										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
ALUMINA										
Production										
	Worsley, Australia		689	663	717	694	704		704	689
	Paranam, Suriname		227	219	228	247	253		253	227
	Alumar, Brazil		112	130	130	131	121		121	112
	Total		1,028	1,012	1,075	1,072	1,078		1,078	1,028
Sales										
	Worsley, Australia		584	710	709	672	666		666	584
	Paranam, Suriname		203	249	213	244	236		236	203
	Alumar, Brazil		107	121	130	147	108		108	107

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	Total (a)		894	1,080	1,052	1,063	1,010		1,010	894
ALUMINIUM										
Production										
	Hillside, South Africa		172	177	174	177	177		177	172
	Bayside, South Africa		41	46	46	46	49		49	41
	Alumar, Brazil		45	45	44	44	44		44	45
	Valesul, Brazil (b)		11	10	11	11	-		-	11
	Mozal, Mozambique		65	66	65	66	67		67	65
	Total		334	344	340	344	337		337	334
Sales										
	Hillside, South Africa		168	175	162	186	170		170	168
	Bayside, South Africa		34	43	40	48	44		44	34
	Alumar, Brazil		42	44	48	44	44		44	42
	Valesul, Brazil (b)		11	12	10	11	-		-	11
	Mozal, Mozambique		54	79	58	68	60		60	54
	Total		309	353	318	357	318		318	309
	Tolling Agreement (a)		23	22	22	38	24		24	23
			332	375	340	395	342		342	332
(a)	Equity Alumina is converted into Aluminium under a third party tolling agreement. These tonnages are allocated to equity sales.									
(b)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Valesul on 1 July 2006.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
QUARTER ENDED										
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT		
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006		
BASE METALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated.										
Escondida, Chile										
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	90,919	92,155	90,781	94,429	59,601		59,601	90,919
	Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	22,255	22,161	21,843	21,473	18,257		18,257	22,255
	Average copper grade	(%)	1.60%	1.58%	1.62%	1.63%	1.55%		1.55%	1.60%
	Production ex Mill (100%)	('000 tonnes)	304.4	304.0	302.8	295.9	234.0		234.0	304.4
Production										

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	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	168.6	169.0	168.2	165.2	129.7		129.7	168.6
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,194	19,200	17,877	23,567	17,049		17,049	19,194
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	19.6	20.0	15.4	11.7	17.5		17.5	19.6
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	795	945	714	925	724		724	795
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	169.4	160.7	184.4	158.6	133.8		133.8	169.4
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	19,294	18,145	20,159	22,627	17,778		17,778	19,294
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	19.3	19.4	16.7	11.5	14.2		14.2	19.3
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	803	892	802	891	752		752	803
	Tintaya, Peru (a)									
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	17,228	17,107	15,960	11,539	-		-	17,228
	Sulphide Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	1,546	1,734	1,523	1,123	-		-	1,546
	Average copper grade	(%)	1.33%	1.26%	1.26%	1.33%	-		-	1.33%
	Production									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	17.3	18.1	16.2	12.9	-		-	17.3
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	8,048	8,200	8,032	4,958	-		-	8,048
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	9.7	9.9	9.1	6.1	-		-	9.7
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	167	168	138	119	-		-	167
	Sales									
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	17.0	19.4	15.1	12.0	-		-	17.0
	Payable gold concentrate	(fine ounces)	6,783	8,376	8,016	5,079	-		-	6,783
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	10.3	9.8	8.3	7.1	-		-	10.3
	Payable silver concentrate	('000 ounces)	161	207	127	109	-		-	161
	(a) BHP Billiton sold Tintaya effective from June 1, 2006.									
	Cerro Colorado, Chile									

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	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	16,696	17,107	17,926	18,258	16,334	16,334	16,696
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	3,344	4,348	4,266	4,490	4,508	4,508	3,344
	Average copper grade	(%)	0.79%	0.90%	0.94%	0.83%	0.80%	0.80%	0.79%
	Production								
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	14.5	21.5	28.1	30.0	30.0	30.0	14.5
	Sales								
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	15.0	19.7	24.4	34.5	27.9	27.9	15.0
	Antamina, Peru								
	Material mined (100%)	('000 tonnes)	32,839	32,598	28,982	29,740	29,917	29,917	32,839
	Sulphide ore milled (100%)	('000 tonnes)	7,367	8,349	7,549	7,196	7,581	7,581	7,367
	Average head grades								
	- Copper	(%)	1.30%	1.36%	1.48%	1.45%	1.22%	1.22%	1.30%
	- Zinc	(%)	1.04%	0.51%	0.62%	0.88%	0.87%	0.87%	1.04%
	Production								
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	27.9	34.3	32.9	29.1	29.0	29.0	27.9
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	14,959	5,148	7,534	12,638	13,585	13,585	14,959
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	642	859	865	808	713	713	642
	Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	573	772	632	538	719	719	573
	Sales								
	Payable copper	('000 tonnes)	30.7	35.5	30.5	25.6	33.9	33.9	30.7
	Payable zinc	(tonnes)	13,203	7,894	9,634	7,638	14,224	14,224	13,203
	Payable silver	('000 ounces)	669	813	750	505	713	713	669
	Payable molybdenum	(tonnes)	538	751	697	627	719	719	538
	Cannington, Australia								
	Material mined	('000 tonnes)	910	887	799	496	428	428	910
	Ore milled	('000 tonnes)	772	850	809	589	478	478	772
	Average head grades								
	- Silver	(g/t)	453	493	431	469	385	385	453
	- Lead	(%)	9.9%	10.8%	9.8%	10.9%	10.7%	10.7%	9.9%

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Pinto Valley, USA										
Production										
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Sales										
	Copper cathode (EW)	('000 tonnes)	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
										QUARTER ENDED
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT	SEPT	SEPT	
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2005
CARBON STEEL MATERIALS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										
IRON ORE (a)										
Pilbara, Australia										
Production										
	Mt Newman Joint Venture		6,234	6,166	5,884	6,490	7,394	7,394	7,394	6,234
	Goldsworthy Joint Venture		1,393	1,669	1,371	1,808	806	806	806	1,393
	Area C Joint Venture		4,286	4,969	3,332	5,401	4,821	4,821	4,821	4,286
	Yandi Joint Venture		8,409	8,372	8,561	8,854	8,504	8,504	8,504	8,409
	Jimblebar (b)		1,645	1,569	1,549	1,607	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,645
	Total (BHP Billiton share)		21,967	22,745	20,697	24,160	23,015	23,015	23,015	21,967
	Total production (100%)		25,553	26,760	24,350	28,423	27,076	27,076	27,076	25,553
Sales										
	Lump		5,991	6,483	5,276	6,092	6,429	6,429	6,429	5,991
	Fines		15,837	16,357	15,547	18,481	16,337	16,337	16,337	15,837
	Total (BHP Billiton share)		21,828	22,840	20,823	24,573	22,766	22,766	22,766	21,828
	Total sales (100%)		25,389	26,871	24,498	28,909	26,784	26,784	26,784	25,389
(a)	Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis.									
(b)	From October 1, 2005 Jimblebar production is disclosed on an 85% saleable production basis, prior production is disclosed at 100%.									
Samarco, Brazil										
Production										
			1,881	1,865	1,802	1,955	1,988	1,988	1,988	1,881
Shipments										
			1,900	2,155	1,532	2,022	1,872	1,872	1,872	1,900

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METALLURGICAL COAL (a)									
Queensland, Australia									
Production									
BMA									
Blackwater		1,627	1,409	1,533	1,449	1,536		1,536	1,627
Goonyella		1,609	1,921	1,751	1,986	1,892		1,892	1,609
Peak Downs		1,250	1,186	1,095	858	1,202		1,202	1,250
Saraji		675	602	563	794	682		682	675
Norwich Park		759	678	550	675	631		631	759
Gregory Joint Venture		773	645	480	712	714		714	773
BMA total		6,693	6,441	5,972	6,474	6,657		6,657	6,693
BHP Mitsui Coal (b)									
South Walker Creek		726	710	763	850	873		873	726
BHP Mitsui Coal total		726	710	763	850	873		873	726
Queensland total		7,419	7,151	6,735	7,324	7,530		7,530	7,419
Shipments									
Coking coal		4,869	4,987	5,032	5,798	5,190		5,190	4,869
Weak coking coal		1,207	1,366	1,342	1,444	1,600		1,600	1,207
Thermal coal		579	403	482	581	344		344	579
Total		6,655	6,756	6,856	7,823	7,134		7,134	6,655
(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%.								
Illawarra, Australia									
Production									
		1,567	1,822	1,725	1,900	1,717		1,717	1,567
Shipments									
Coking coal		1,190	1,457	1,508	1,292	1,366		1,366	1,190
Thermal coal		383	103	313	136	188		188	383
Total		1,573	1,560	1,821	1,428	1,554		1,554	1,573
MANGANESE ORE									
South Africa									
Saleable production (a)		566	529	532	673	644		644	566
Australia									
Saleable production (a)		821	749	694	716	865		865	821

MANGANESE ALLOY										
South Africa										
	Saleable production (a)		79	105	119	131	93		93	79
Australia										
	Saleable production (a)		60	60	54	44	60		60	60
(a)	Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
										QUARTER ENDED
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT		SEPT	SEPT
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006		2006	2005
DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
DIAMONDS										
Ekati™, Canada										
	Ore Processed (100%)	('000 tonnes)	1,158	962	995	1,181	1,199		1,199	1,158
	Production	('000 carats)	852	614	512	583	487		487	852
FERTILISER										
Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)										
	Production (b)	('000 tonnes)	244.9	252.6	222.5	141.3	84.3		84.3	244.9
	Sales (b)	('000 tonnes)	175.5	221.2	200.4	304.4	41.6		41.6	175.5
(a)	BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006.									
(b)	Includes diammonium phosphate and monoammonium phosphate.									
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT										
										QUARTER ENDED
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT		SEPT	SEPT
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006		2006	2005
ENERGY COAL										
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.										
('000 tonnes)										

Ingwe, South Africa									
	Production		14,549	12,940	11,605	12,854	13,151	13,151	14,549
	Sales								
	Export		5,436	6,273	5,658	4,271	5,168	5,168	5,436
	Local utility		8,013	7,250	7,328	7,365	7,552	7,552	8,013
	Inland		309	268	203	253	255	255	309
	Total		13,758	13,791	13,189	11,889	12,975	12,975	13,758
New Mexico, USA									
	Production								
	Navajo Coal		2,238	2,252	2,305	1,471	1,778	1,778	2,238
	San Juan Coal		2,323	1,813	524	2,420	1,689	1,689	2,323
	Total		4,561	4,065	2,829	3,891	3,467	3,467	4,561
	Sales - local utility		3,769	3,628	3,553	3,556	3,822	3,822	3,769
Hunter Valley, Australia									
	Production		2,568	2,045	1,897	2,636	2,766	2,766	2,568
	Sales								
	Export		1,570	1,312	1,267	1,048	1,245	1,245	1,570
	Inland		983	793	643	1,475	1,031	1,031	983
	Total		2,553	2,105	1,910	2,523	2,276	2,276	2,553
Cerrejon Coal, Colombia									
	Production		2,332	2,237	2,341	2,406	2,398	2,398	2,332
	Sales - export		2,170	2,087	2,116	2,387	2,336	2,336	2,170
PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT									
									QUARTER ENDED
			SEPT	DEC	MAR	JUNE	SEPT		SEPT
			2005	2005	2006	2006	2006		2005
STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS									
BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.									
('000 tonnes)									
NICKEL									
CMSA, Colombia									
	Production		12.8	13.0	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.8
	Sales		11.1	14.2	12.4	13.6	11.7	11.7	11.1

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Yabulu, Australia									
	Production								
	Nickel metal		6.1	5.9	7.0	4.3	7.3	7.3	6.1
	Cobalt		0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Sales								
	Nickel metal		6.3	6.6	6.9	4.9	6.0	6.0	6.3
	Cobalt		0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nickel West, Australia									
	Production								
	Nickel contained in finished matte		9.7	13.9	5.2	9.6	11.1	11.1	9.7
	Nickel metal		15.5	16.2	15.1	14.9	13.4	13.4	15.5
	Nickel production (a)		25.2	30.1	20.3	24.5	24.5	24.5	25.2
	Sales								
	Nickel contained in finished matte		7.6	14.3	8.8	7.9	9.3	9.3	7.6
	Nickel metal (b)		15.9	14.9	15.7	15.8	12.9	12.9	15.9
	Nickel sales (a) (b)		23.5	29.2	24.5	23.7	22.2	22.2	23.5
	(a)	In addition to the production and sales reported above, Nickel West also produced and sold 1.2 kt nickel in concentrate during the							
		quarter ended 30 June 2006. There has been no production or sales of nickel in concentrate in the September 2006 quarter.							
	(b)	Comparative has been restated to exclude third party trading sales							

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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: 24 October 2006

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