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Slide 3
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to
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their
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foreign
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States.
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countries.
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company
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a
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the
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securities
laws.
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company
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affiliates
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market
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Slide 4
Disclaimer (continued)
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be
viewed
at
www.bhpbilliton.com.
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Resources
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Reserves
being
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Code
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Mineral
Resources
and
Ore
Reserves,
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Report.

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Institute
of
Mining
&
Metallurgy
(AusIMM)
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Australian
Institute
of
Geoscientists
(AIG)
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Professional
Organisation
(ROPO).
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who
is
a
member
of
the
AusIMM,
is
a
full
time
employee
of
BMA.

Slide 5

Today s agenda

Introduction & Markets

Marcus Randolph, Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal

Iron Ore

Ian Ashby, President Iron Ore

Metallurgical Coal

Dave Murray, President Coal

Manganese

Peter Beaven, President Manganese

Concluding Remarks

Marius Kloppers, Chief Executive Officer

Marcus Randolph
Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal
Introduction and Markets
24 June 2008

Slide 7
Introduction
Steelmaking materials demand
Market pricing
Introduction & Markets

Slide 8

Iron ore, metallurgical coal and manganese are integral components in blast furnace production

Notes:

a)

Iron
ore

2008
forecast
price
calculated
based
on
65-71%
increase
above
Newman
IO
fines
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in
2007
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for
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fines.
Assuming
63.5%
iron
content
and
5%
moisture.
b)
Metallurgical
coal
2008
forecast
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on
206-240%
increase
above
Peak
Downs
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price
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BHP

Billiton
announcement
9-Apr-2008.

c)
Manganese
2008
forecast
price
assumes
100%
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76%
Mn
content
in
HC
FeMn.
Based
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USA
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HC
FeMn
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for
Jan

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2008
and
BHP
Billiton
forecasts.
Basic Oxygen Furnace
COKE OVEN
COKE OVEN
CONVERTER (BOF)
CONVERTER (BOF)
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REFINING STAND
CONTINUOUS CASTING
CONTINUOUS CASTING
REHEAT FURNACE
REHEAT FURNACE
SINTERING
SINTERING
Iron ore

Coal
Coke
Slag
Molten pig iron
Sintered ore
Graded
Liquid Steel
Slab
Hot
Rolled
Coils
ROLLING MILL
ROLLING MILL
Electrical Arc Furnace
Graded
Liquid
Steel
Scrap
Raw liquid
steel
Hot Rolled
Coils
ROLLING MILL
ROLLING MILL
TUNNEL FURNACE
TUNNEL FURNACE
THIN SLAB CASTING
THIN SLAB CASTING
REFINING STAND
REFINING STAND
BLAST FURNACE
BLAST FURNACE
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE
Input per tonne
of
steel (kg)
Cost per tonne
HRC
(US\$ 2008)
Iron
Ore
(a)
1,600
133
Metallurgical
Coal
(b)
600
180

Manganese

(c)

7

25

Blast Furnace Production Inputs

Slide 9

Blast furnace steel production is continuing to increase

66% of global crude steel is currently
generated via blast furnaces

Blast furnace production and

share is
continuing to rise

Trend is to larger, higher productivity
furnaces

China's steel policy is supportive of this
move and the shift towards blast furnace

Shift in size and efficiency demands will
require high-quality raw materials

Global
blast
furnace/BOF
steel
production

(a)
50%
55%
60%
65%
70%

0
500
1,000
1,500

World BF/BOF production (RHS)
BOF share of crude steel production (LHS)

Market share
(%)

Steel production
(mt)

Notes:
(a)

Source: IISI, CRU (pre-1990).

CAGR: 1.0%

CAGR:

8.4%

Slide 10

BHP Billiton's businesses are leaders in their own right

BHP Billiton is the only mining company with a top three marketing position in all three steel raw material groups

Australian based operations have a significant location advantage with close proximity to Asian growth market

Expected mineralisation base will support metallurgical coal and iron ore production lives of >50 years

We are aggressively expanding production capacity

296

103

145

21

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BHP Billiton

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Iron Ore

Source:

Annual reports,

BHP

Billiton

analysis.

a)

Calculation

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9-Apr-2008.
Manganese
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Report
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12-Feb-2008.

Iron
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(a)
(mt, CY2007 based on JFY2008 prices)

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Three large, low cost, high quality and expandable businesses

Production is expected to triple between 2007 and 2015

benefits of
operational scale and simplicity

High quality resources, and low costs of production

Large resource base in close proximity to key growth markets

Iron Ore

Metallurgical

Coal

Manganese

Bowen Basin produces ~64% of the global seaborne metallurgical coal

Large, low cost operations, supplying extremely high quality products to customers

Resource base and infrastructure provides growth optionality

Unique high grade ore position

High value in use is being reflected in price

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One co-ordinated business unit

Marcus Randolph

Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal

31 years resources experience

9 years at BHP Billiton

Previously held roles:

Chief Organisation
Development Officer

President Diamonds & Specialty Products

Chief Development Officer Minerals
Iron Ore
Metallurgical Coal
Manganese
Marketing

Previously held roles:

President and Chief Operating
Officer, WA Iron Ore

Chief Operating Officer Base
Metals
Ian Ashby
President, Iron Ore

28 years resources
experience

21 years at BHP Billiton
Dave Murray
President, Coal

29 years resources
experience

29 years at BHP Billiton
Peter Beaven
President, Manganese

8 years resources
experience

8 years at BHP Billiton
Nelson Silva
Marketing Director Carbon
Steel Materials

Previously held roles:

President, Metallurgical Coal

Chief Executive Officer, BMA

Chief Executive Billiton Coal

Previously held roles:

Chief Development Officer,
Carbon Steel Materials

Practice Leader, Corporate
Finance

Executive Director, UBS Warburg

Previously held roles:

President, Aluminium

Marketing and Sales Director,
CVRD Iron Ore Division

Commercial Director, Embraer

Chief Executive Officer, ALL
Logistica

19 years resources
experience

1 year at BHP Billiton

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Marketing reflects customer requirements

Purpose is to delight our customers and to receive market prices

Superior product offerings with full range of steel

making materials

Security of long term contract volumes, capturing floating prices

Freight optimisation
prefer CIF to FOB

Measure and reward performances against market prices for product and freight and customer satisfaction

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Safety performance demonstrates operational control
0
5
10
15
20

25

30

35

Jul-04

Dec-04

May-05

Oct-05

Mar-06

Aug-06

Jan-07

Jun-07

Nov-07

Apr-08

Iron ore

Metallurgical coal

Manganese

Total recordable incident frequency rate (TRIFR)

(Per million hours, 12 month rolling average)

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Steel is an essential input as nations industrialise
and urbanise

Finished steel consumption
(kg/capita)

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

0

250

500

750

1,000

1,250

0

5,000

10,000

15,000

20,000

25,000

30,000

GDP/Capita (Jan-2008 Constant US Dollars)

China

India

Japan

Korea, Rep.

Taiwan

Germany

United States

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China's urban population is on track to reach one billion

China population by city size

(Millions of people)

143

157

149

232
160
315
86
102
34
120
572
926
2005
2025

Big town

(<0.5m)

Small

(0.5m - 1.5m)

Midsized

(1.5m - 5m)

Big (5m - 10m)

Mega (10m+)

Source: McKinsey Global Institute, March 2008, [Preparing for China's Urban Billion](#) .

the number of times which GDP will have
multiplied by 2025

5

of these buildings could be skyscrapers

the

equivalent to constructing up to ten New York

cities

50,000

square metres

of floor space will be built

in

five million buildings

40

billion

mass-transit systems could be built

170

square metres

of road will be paved

5

billion

Chinese cities will have over one million people

living in them

Europe has 35 today

221

China's expected urbanisation in 2025

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China is the world's largest steel producer

Source: IISI and BHP Billiton estimates.

Note crude steel production growth calculated based on the change in annual production between years ended 1996 and 2007.

0

250

500

750
1,000
1,250
1,500
1996
2007

Crude steel production

(mt)

China

USA

Japan

Europe

Other

India

66%

20%

5%

4%

5%

0%

Crude steel production growth (1996-2007)

(mt)

China

USA

Japan

Europe

Other

100% = 590

India

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India metallurgical coal demand
the next wave
9.7
9.3
11.2
9.7

8.8

7.2

6.6

Indian domestic metallurgical coal consumption

(mt)

Data source: CRU The Annual Outlook for Coking Coal 2007 , BHP Billiton.

10.7

12.9

14.9

15.9

19.6

20.2

22.9

Indian seaborne metallurgical coal consumption

(mt)

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Source: GTIS and CRU

Note: Trade flow figures are in million tonnes per year and domestic supply and demand figures are in million tonnes. All data

South America

Domestic supply / demand

0%

426%
Iron Ore
Met Coal
India
Domestic supply / demand
17%
226%
Iron Ore
Met Coal
China
Domestic supply / demand
47%
99%
Iron Ore
Met Coal
CIS / Other Europe
101%
97%
Iron Ore
Met Coal
Domestic supply / demand
Australia is the natural supplier to Asia
75
21
137
62
14
238
84
18
26

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The price received by Australian producers does not reflect its superior value

0
20
40
60

80
100
120
140
160
180
200
220
Jun-03
Nov-03
May-04
Nov-04
May-05
Oct-05
Apr-06
Oct-06
Apr-07
Sep-07
Mar-08
China Market Price (66% Fe Equiv)
Newman Fines
Carajas Fines
Source:
Press
releases,
TEX
report,
Baltic
Exchange
and
BHP
Billiton
estimates.
Newman
fines
and
Carajas
fines
price
are
based
on
the
benchmark
price
multiple
by
its
natural
grade

from
TEX
report.
The
freight
rates
are
based
on
spot
rate
for
Western
Australia
to
China
and
Brazil
to
China. JFY2008
Newman
fines
price
based
on
a
71%
increase
above
JFY2007
benchmark

per
Vale
settlement
for
Ilabira
fines.
a)
Source:
China
market
price
(66%
Fe
Equiv)
is
the
average
price

of
13
China
regions
in
11
provinces
including
Anhui
Anqing,
Fujian
Longyan,
Guangdong
Huaiji,
Guangxi
Liuzhou,
Hebei
Tangshan,
Hebei
Hanxing, Hubei,
Inner
Mongolia
Wuhai,
Liaoning
Benxi,
Liaoning
Chaoyang,
Shandong
Zibo,
Shanxi
Daixian
and
Sichuan
Liangshan.
(a)
Iron ore landed prices
(US\$/dmt)

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Transparent pricing for bulk commodities will maximise
supply from the most efficient producers

Financial swaps

enable price risk

to

be managed

separately from
supply risk
Counter-parties
trade directly with
each other
Prices set by
negotiation
Time
Source: FSA
OTC Forward
Delivery
Benchmark
pricing
OTC Financial
Swap

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382%
599%
486%
Iron ore
Metallurgical
coal

Manganese

ore

Raw material prices have risen, but still low as a % of steel price

Commodity price movement

(% change 2001-2008)

Note:

Historical

nominal

prices

based

on

Japanese

financial

year

benchmarks

beginning

April

of

relevant

year.

a)

Iron

ore

based

on

benchmark

FOB

prices.

JFY2008

forecast

prices

calculated

based

on

65-71%

increase

above

JFY2007

benchmark

per

Vale

settlement

for

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fines.

b)

Metallurgical

coal

based

on
Peak
Downs
Hay
Point
FOB.
JFY2008
forecast
prices
calculated
based
on
206-240%
increase
above
JFY2007
benchmark

per
BHP
Billiton
announcement
9-Apr-2008.

c)
Manganese
based

on
GEMCO

lump
ore
contract

FOB.
JFY2008

prices
based

on
recent
manganese

spot
price
settlement

reported
in

the
Tex
Report

on
12-Feb-2008.

d)
Based

on
benchmark
contract
prices.
Iron
ore,
metallurgical
coal
and
manganese
announced
2008
settlements
(71%
for
iron
ore
and
206%
for
coking
coal)
are
reflected
in
Q2
CY2008
costs
for
2008
YTD
estimate.

e)
For
US
delivery.

Source:
CRU.

Hot rolled coil price and raw material costs

(US market transactions (US\$/mt) and share of raw materials costs (%))

0
100
200
300
400
500
600
700
800
900

1,000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
2008
YTD
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

Raw materials cost as % of HRC price, % (RHS)

HRC price (LHS) US\$/mt

- (d)
- (e)
- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

Ian Ashby, President
24 June 2008
Iron Ore

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Iron Ore
A world class iron ore business
2008
A record year
Continued rapid growth
Key messages

BHP Billiton Iron Ore
A premier iron ore business
WAIO (85-100%)
Samarco
Operations
Selected Customer Technical
Collaborations
Exploration & Development
CSM Technology Centre
Quadrilatero
Ferrifero
Nimba / W Africa
CW Africa
Bluescope
NSC
JFE Steel
Baosteel
CSC
WISCO
Masteel
India
Iron Ore Marketing
Nelson Point
Yandi
Newman JV
Mining Area C
BHP Billiton s Tenements
Jimblebar
Jinayri
Nimingarra
Yarrie
Finucane Island

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Central Pilbara

12bt of high quality Resource and 21 to 35bt of mineralisation concentrated in two production regions

Source: Resource base: BHP Billiton News Release, 24-Jun-2008;

Equity basis: The Mineral Resource of 11.7bt in 100% terms translates to an attributable Mineral Resource of 10.3bt. The Potentially attributable Potential Mineralisation Range of 19 to 32bt.

The
Potential
Mineralisation
(Exploration
Target)
is
based
on
probabilistic
assessment
of
are
as
across
the
Pilbara
using
surface
mapping,
geophysics,
known
regional
geology
and
some
limited
drill
results
acquired
over
the
last
40
years
of
exploration.
The
target
range
is
conceptual
in
nature,
there
has
not
been
sufficient
exploration
to

define
a
Mineral
Resource
and
it
is
uncertain
if
further
exploration
will
result
in
the
determination
of
a
Mineral
Resource
This
BHP
Billiton
Mineral
Resource
information
should
be
read
together
with
and
subject
to
the
notes
set
out
in
the
BHP
Billiton
Resource
and
Reserve
News
Release,
dated
24
June

2008.

This document can be viewed at: <http://bhpbilliton.com>.

12bt of high quality Mineral Resource
(100% basis)

Potential Mineralisation range has
increased by 17% (21
35bt, 100%
basis)

Large tonnages of Marra
Mamba and
Brockman ores, available for blending, at
both Central and East Pilbara hubs

Benefits of concentrated resources

-

Infrastructure scale efficiencies

-

More resource unlocked by local
blending

-

Smaller environmental footprint

East Pilbara

<0.5bt

Nelson Point

Finucane

Island

BHP Billiton

Tenements

BHP Billiton Mines

Ore Reserve

Mineral Resource

Potential

Mineralisation

>2bt

1

2bt

0.5

1bt

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Source: CRU, BHP Billiton analysis

Iron Ore cost delivered to Asia

(\$/dmt)

Cumulative production (Mt)

WA Iron Ore weighted

average cost delivered to Asia

0
100
200
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
1000
0
140
130
120
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10

2008 Delivered

2007 Delivered

Low cost supply to customers

Proximity to market drives a delivered cost advantage

Freight costs have become a much larger component of delivered cost

Supply side pressures has seen increased supply of low cost Chinese domestic ore in 2008

Tier 1 direct ship ore producers are best placed to deliver sustainable low cost product in an environment of rising input costs

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Iron Ore
A world class iron ore business
2008
A record year
Continued rapid growth
Key messages

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2.3

2.4

3.0

7.0

8.0

11.7

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

+15%

increase

+46%

increase

Pilbara Resources and Reserves

(Bt, 100% basis)

46% increase in the Pilbara Resource base

Ore Reserve

Mineral Resource

Ore Reserve increased by 0.6 bt

to

3 bt

total (23% increase on FY07)

Mineral Resource increased by 3.7 bt

to 12 bt

Added 2.3 bt

Resource in Central

Pilbara hubs:

-

1.4 bt

Resources at Jinayri

-

0.9 bt

Resources at Marillana

Added 1.4 bt

Mineral Resource at

existing hubs (Yandi, Area C, Newman)

Source:

BHP

Billiton

News

Release,

[24-Jun-2008]

Equity

basis:

The

Mineral

Resource

of

11.7bt

and

Ore

Reserve

of
3bt
in
100%
terms
translates
to
an
attributable
Mineral
Resource
and
Ore
Reserve
of
10.3bt
and
2.6bt
respectively.
Additional
detail
on
attributable Reserves
and
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BHP
Billiton
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<http://bhpbilliton.com>.

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RGP3 completed under budget and on time
a

System Operating at RGP3 design rate of
129 mtpa (100%)

b

-

New stockyard at Finucane
Island

-

C Berth and shiploader
upgrade

-

Area C mine expansion, new processing
plant and stockyard

Samarco expansion completed

-

New concentrator, third pellet plant and
pipeline

-

7.6 mtpa

C

capacity added (+ >50%)

-

Reserves increased by 30%

-

Resources increased by 11%

2008

Growth projects delivered

Notes:

a)

Budget: Capex forecast to completion tracking under budget in operating currency

b)

110 mtpa in attributable terms

c)

3.8 mtpa in attributable terms

Above: New stacker and reclaimer at Area C operating at design rates

Below: Samarco pellet plant 3

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2008

Continuing excellent operating performance

Continued rate of safety improvement

Record production in Q1 CY08

Strong cost performance

Outperforming on volumes:

-

Record ore mined at Area C and Yandi

-

Railing to port

-

High performance from all ship loaders

Samarco rapid ramp-up: new pellet plant already operating at design rates

Above:

Stockyard operations

at

Area

C

Below:

Loading

first

ore

from

shiploader

3

in

October

2007

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0

10

20

30

FY02

FY08

Volumes growing at an average annual rate of 9%
Quarterly production, BHP Billiton Iron Ore
(mt, WAIO and Samarco equity basis)

Strong historical growth

Beating production targets

Record quarterly production in
Q1 CY08

Delivering 100% of contracted
tonnes

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Iron Ore
A world class iron ore business
2008
A record year
Continued rapid growth
Key messages

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Clear plan for growth to 300 mtpa and beyond

26

112

20

45

40

60

50

Western Australia Iron Ore capacity

(mtpa, 100% basis)

2015

Pre-feasibility

Quantum 1

2007

RGP3*

RGP4

RGP5

RGP6

Quantum 2

Status

CY07 Actual

Production

Ramping up

to full capacity

Construction

Feasibility &

early works

Pre-feasibility

Concept

Completion (CY)

2007

2010

2011

2012

300

capacity

in 2015

Completed

Advanced planning

Construction

Notes:

109

mtpa

capacity

pre

RGP3

Attributable

basis:

CY2007

=

95

mtpa;

240

mtpa

=
~
204
mtpa;
300
mtpa
=
~
255
mtpa;
350
mtpa
=
~
298
mtpa
> 350
capacity
240
capacity
in 2012

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Resource evaluation programme to support growth

Focus on identifying new resource
to support new mining hubs

FY08 resource evaluation

programme has delivered a 46%
increase in Mineral Resources

~US\$500m in expenditure planned

Resources have significant
geological upside

The evaluation programme is in
place to continue to deliver results

Drill metres

(000s)

Source: BHP Billiton.

0

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

450

500

FY07

Current

FY09F

FY10F

FY11F

FY12F

FY13F

Resource

drilling

Reserve

drilling

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Rapid Growth Project 4
Capacity 155 mtpa
Notes:

Budget:
Capex

forecast
to
completion
tracking
on
budget
in
operating
currency

155
mtpa
in
100%
terms
translates

to
~132
mtpa
in
attributable
terms

Above:
Construction
of
Jiblebar,
including
new
rail
loadout

,
May
2008
Below:
Construction
of
the
Newman
Hub,
May
2008

155 mtpa capacity by 2010 (100%)

Project ~40% complete

Accelerating delivery

Port works are complete: Car Dumper 2,
Stacker 12, 2nd row East Yard

Major construction fronts at Newman
and Jimblebar underway including:

- Mine expansion
- Rail shuttle and car dumper
- Crushing and screening plant
- Blending yard
- Train loadout

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Rapid Growth Project 5
Capacity 200+ mtpa
Notes:

200+mtpa in 100% terms translates to ~170+ mtpa in attributable terms

US\$1.1B pre-approval funding is 100% terms.

Above: RGP5 Drilling Barge at Port Hedland (Finucane Island in the background)

Below: Yule River bridge, starting dual tracking construction

200+ mtpa capacity by 2011 (100%)