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BHP Billiton plans to register the offer and sale of securities it would issue to Rio Tinto plc US shareholders and Rio Tinto plc

Registration Statement), which will contain a prospectus (the Prospectus), as well as other relevant materials. No such n
any Registration Statement or Prospectus that BHP Billiton may file with the SEC.

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FILED WITH THE SEC REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION, AS WELL
AS ANY

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Investors and security holders will be able to obtain a free copy of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as well as oth
(<http://www.sec.gov>), once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of such documents may also be obtained from BHI

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Information
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Demand growth expected to continue

Finished steel consumption

(kg/capita)

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

GDP/Capita (Jan. 2008 Constant US Dollars)

0

200
400
600
800
1,000
1,200
0
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
30,000
35,000
40,000
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China
India
Japan
Korea, Rep.
United States
Taiwan

Slide 6

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 1997
 2007
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 2006
 China's resource demand is not limited to steel
 0
 150
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 2007
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 1997
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 Copper consumption (kt)
 Nickel consumption (kt)
 Imported Iron ore (mt)
 Energy consumption (mtoe)
 China
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 Other
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of
coal,
gas,
oil
and
nuclear,
expressed
as
millions tonnes of oil equivalent, 2007 data not yet available.

Source: CRU, Brook Hunt, BP Statistical Review of World Energy (2007), IISI.

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Industry challenges
Demand
outstripping
supply
Shortage
of skilled

labour
Infrastructure
constraints
Rising
costs
Longer lead times
for delivery of
large scale projects

Slide 8

Less regulation gives more expansion more quickly

1.0

1.5

2.0

2.5

3.0

3.5
4.0
4.5
5.0
5.5
6.0
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
140
160
180
200
220
240
Time required for investment
Years
Scale of expansion
Percent of existing capacity
DBCT
8
NCIG*
30
Abbott Point
30
Hay Point
5
Gladstone
28
Size of bubble =
expansion in mtpa
Unregulated
Regulated
*
Newcastle
Coal
Infrastructure
Group
is
a
greenfield
expansion
Source: O'Donnell; BHP Billiton

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Infrastructure constraints in practice
Photo: The Australian

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Maintaining our commitment to our core strategy

Focus on Tier 1 assets that are large,
low-cost, expandable and consistently
profitable

Upstream focus and export-oriented commodities

A deep inventory of growth options

Portfolio diversified by commodity, geography and customer

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environment and community engagement

Employer of choice and a preferred partner

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Corporate Centre
Business Units

Corporate centre focuses on the things that matter

Ensures delivery of key directives including Zero

Harm, reputation & ethics

Monitors and measures business performance

Responsible for managing operations and delivering efficiency

Delivers key directives

Plans and delivers down to EBIT level

A simple, effective organisation with global talent

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A globally diversified workforce

Office location

GMC

located in offices
across the world

Our leadership team
is diversified across
a wide range of
nationalities
Business
Presidents

Slide 14

100

110

120

130

140

150

160

A strong track record of growth and delivery

Production Growth

2001-2007

(a)

(Index:

FY2001

production

=

100)

BHP Billiton Ltd

(b)

(Index:

Jun-2001 = 100)

FY05

FY04

FY03

FY07

FY02

FY06

BHP Billiton

CAGR 8%

Source: BHP Billiton production, interim and annual reports

a)

Production shown for the comparable 12 months ending 30-June for BHP Billiton. Converted to copper equivalent units using

b)

Source: IRESS. As at 31-Oct-2007. Total Shareholder Return (TSR) calculated as the increase in share value including dividends received by BHP Billiton Ltd shareholders in July 2002 were immediately sold with proceeds reinvested in BHP Billiton Ltd. I

c) 31-Oct-07 is the last undisturbed trading date for Rio Tinto prior to the BHP Billiton proposal

4.2

31-Dec-02

23.0

31-Dec-03

28.3

31-Dec-04

51.0

31-Dec-05

13.3

31-Dec-06

85.2

31-Oct-07

(c)

%

Period

Ended

Total BHP Shareholder

Return

(b)

BHP Billiton

CAGR 30%

0
100
200
300
400
500
600
Jun-01
Jul-02
Jul-03
Aug-04
Aug-05
Sep-06
Oct-07

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Our portfolio is 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 report. FY2002 EBITDA numbers are presented in accordance with UK GAAP where applicable.

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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Boffa/Santou
Refinery
2010
As at 2 May 2008
Proposed capital expenditure
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
Our Tier 1 project growth pipeline is attractive
Navajo
Sth
Bakhuis
Maruwai
Stage 2
NWS Nth
Rankin B
WA Iron Ore
RGP 4
Kipper
Antamina
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Goonyella
Expansions
Olympic Dam
Expansion 3
Corridor
Sands 2
Knotty
Head
Maya
Nickel
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
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WFGH
Blackwater
UG
Olympic Dam
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Neptune
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Scarborough
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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

Source: BHP Billiton analysis.

Similar methodology as per Rio Tinto 13 February 2008 presentation on an unrisks basis.

CAGR 6.9%

Estimate

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

Strong pricing fundamentals due to increased demand and lagging supply

BHP Billiton's strategy is unchanged -

a diversified upstream portfolio of Tier 1, large, low-cost, expandable assets

BHP Billiton is well positioned to continue to create strong value for shareholders with a large project pipeline, focussed on high margin investments, which will deliver strong growth

The Rio Tinto acquisition can generate additional value for both sets of shareholders and is strongly aligned with BHP Billiton's strategy and management philosophy of simplicity, accountability and global talent

The combined organisation would deliver:

More production, faster and lower cost, an enhanced set of future growth options and quantifiable synergies - \$3.7bn in incremental EBITDA by year 7

A compelling 45% premium for Rio Tinto shareholders and participation in the world's largest mining company

