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Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (as amended) (the "Order") or (ii) have professional experience in matters

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and, without limitation, other statements typically containing words such as "intends", "expects", "anticipates", "targets", "plans"

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risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from any expected future

by such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding BHP Billiton

in which BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto will operate in the future and such assumptions may or may not prove to be correct.

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from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in BHP Billiton's filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission on Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2007, and Rio Tinto's filings with the SEC, including Rio Tinto's Annual Report on Form 20-F for 2007, which are available at the SEC's

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BHP Billiton

Strength, Stability and Growth

Today: The world's leading diversified mining company

Our past: A proven track record

Our future: The outlook is exciting

The offer for Rio Tinto

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Today: The world's leading diversified mining company

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A

diversified

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portfolio

Aluminium

Base Metals

Diamonds & Specialty Products

Energy Coal

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Petroleum

Stainless Steel Materials

Offices

Note: Location of dots indicative only

Stainless Steel Materials

#3 global nickel producer

Iron Ore

#3 global supplier

of seaborne iron ore

Manganese

#1 global supplier of

seaborne manganese ore

Metallurgical Coal

#1 global supplier of seaborne

traded metallurgical coal

Base Metals

#3 global producer of copper, silver and lead

Aluminium

#4 global producer of bauxite and #4 aluminium

company based on net third party sales

Energy Coal

#4 global supplier of seaborne

export thermal coal

Petroleum

A significant oil and gas exploration

and production business

Diamonds & Specialty Products

EKATI Diamond Mine is one of the world's  
largest gem quality diamond producers.

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The world's largest diversified natural resources company

Sources: Bloomberg, Datastream.

a)

Rio Tinto undisturbed market cap as at 31-Oct-2007.

Top 10 metals and mining companies

(Market capitalisation as at 18-Apr-2008, US\$bn)

Vale

Rio Tinto (a)

China

Shenhua

Anglo

American

Xstrata

Norilsk

Nickel

Freeport

McMoRan

Anglo

Platinum

Barrick

Gold

BHP Billiton

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Australian head office

Non-Australian head office

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Led by an experienced management team

Notes:

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Andrew Mackenzie's appointment to BHP Billiton was announced on 20-Nov-2007, he has not yet commenced his new role as

Diamonds and Industrial Minerals.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Group Management Committee

Don Argus

Chairman

Chairman of BHP Billiton

Group since June 2001

Chairman of BHP Limited

since April 1999

Marius Kloppers

Chief Executive Officer

15 years resources

experience

15 years at BHP Billiton

Marcus Randolph

Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal

31 years resources experience

9 years at BHP Billiton

Previously worked at Rio Tinto

Alex Vanselow

Chief Financial Officer

19 years resources experience

19 years at BHP Billiton

Karen Wood

Chief People Officer

7 years resources experience

7 years at BHP Billiton

Michael Yeager

Chief Executive Petroleum

27 years resources experience

2 years at BHP Billiton

Alberto Calderon  
Chief Commercial Officer

9 years resources experience

2 years at BHP Billiton  
Andrew Mackenzie

(a)  
Chief Executive Non Ferrous

30 years resources experience

Yet to start at BHP Billiton

Previously worked at Rio Tinto

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Maintaining our commitment to our core strategy

Large, low-cost, expandable assets

Focus on the extraction of upstream natural resources

Portfolio diversified by commodity, customer and geography  
reducing the volatility of cash flows

Maintenance of a deep diversified inventory of growth options

Focus on export orientated products

Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environmental  
practice and community engagement

Employer of choice, and a preferred partner for countries and  
customers

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A unique diversified portfolio balanced across high margin commodities

Underlying EBITDA

(CY2007, 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 statement ending 31-Dec-2007.

a)

EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

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6,000

12,000

18,000

24,000

FY2002

CY2007

4,677

23,623

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Aluminium

Base Metals

Stainless Steel

Materials

Diamond & Specialty Products

Non

Ferrous

(56%)

Energy

(21%)

Carbon

Steel

Materials

(22%)

52%

40%

36%

70%

52%

43%

75%

23%

34%



Iron Ore  
Manganese  
Metallurgical Coal  
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Overriding commitment to ethics, safety, environmental practice and community engagement

Sustainable development is fundamental to our success

Our licence to operate depends on responsibly operating our business:

A track record of being valued by our communities will contribute to us being considered a company of choice by governments, business partners and communities

Improves the ability to attract and retain a skilled and motivated workforce

Our reputation as an ethical, responsible business will assist in our ability to attract capital

2007 sustainability report available on our website [www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment.jsp](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/bb/sustainableDevelopment.jsp)  
We aim to be a business that creates a positive legacy

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Our past: A proven track record

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BHP Billiton invested in growth early to meet demand

Completed projects

(US\$bn)

Source: BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto annual and half-yearly reports.

Note: Total represents capital expenditure on completed projects.

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FY2002  
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FY2007  
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Historical completed projects  
WMC acquisition  
Completed projects in financial year  
Rio Tinto cumulative completed projects  
FY2002  
Antamina  
Typhoon  
Tintaya Oxide  
FY2003  
Escondida Phase IV  
San Juan UG  
Bream Gas Pipeline  
Mozal 2  
Zamzama  
FY2004  
WAIO - Area C  
Mt Arthur North  
Hillside 3  
Ohanet  
Cerrejon Zona Norte  
WAIO - Prod & Cap Exp  
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FY2005  
NWS Train 4  
ROD  
GOM  
WAIO RGP1  
Mad Dog  
Minerva  
Angostura  
Panda UG  
Dendrobium  
BMA Phase 1  
FY2006  
Escondida Norte  
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Stybarrow  
Koala UG  
WAIO RGP3  
Ravensthorpe  
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Most developments have been executed to expectations,  
wherever on the globe they are located

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Excludes

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Performance

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of  
the  
initial announced US\$ budget and 136% of the initial target schedule.

Major minerals development projects  
commissioned since July 2001

(a) (b)

0%  
20%  
40%  
60%  
80%  
100%  
120%

Mozal

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WAIO

RGP1

WAIO

RGP2

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Delivering superior EPS growth for shareholders

Earnings per share

(US\$ per share)

Note:

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US\$ 0.31

US\$ 0.31

US\$ 0.56

US\$ 1.06

US\$ 2.34

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

50% CAGR

US\$ 1.68

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and dividend growth, with 12 consecutive ordinary dividend increases

Ordinary dividends per share

(US cents per share)

Note: Two interim dividends were paid in FY2004

45%

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dividend

13.0

14.5

26.0

28.0

36.0

47.0

6.5

7.0

16.5

13.5

17.5

20.0

29.0

0

5

10

15

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

Full year dividend

Interim dividend

29% CAGR



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Creating considerable wealth for shareholders

BHP Billiton Ltd

(a)

(A\$)

Source: Bloomberg, Iress.

a)

Dividends/distributions

assumes

that

the

dividends

are

reinvested

in

BHP

Billiton

Ltd.

Includes

the

value

of

shares

distributed

in

Bluescope

Steel

to

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

shareholders.

A holder of 1,000 BHP Billiton Ltd shares on 28 June 2001 would have seen the value of their total holding increase by 372%

0

10,000

20,000

30,000

40,000

50,000

60,000

Jun-01

Dec-01

Jun-02

Dec-02

Jun-03

Dec-03

Jun-04

Dec-04

Jun-05

Dec-05

Jun-06

Dec-06

Jun-07

Dec-07

Dividends/Distributions Reinvested(a)

Value of BHP Billiton Ltd Shares

Value at

28 June 2001

A\$10,372

Value at

30 June 2003

A\$9,098

Value at

30 June 2005

A\$19,848

Value at

30 June 2007

A\$39,727

Value at

30 June 2002

A\$10,561

Value at

30 June 2004

A\$13,445

Value at

30 June 2006

A\$32,318

Value a

18 April 200

A\$48,92

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Our future: The outlook is exciting

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Chinese growth is driving global materials demand

China

USA

Other

Notes:

Seaborne

iron

ore

demand

based

on

import

statistics

-

CRU

data

for

2007,

IISI

data

for

1997.

Energy

consumption

is

all

uses

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.

a)

Consumption growth calculated based on the change in annual consumption between years ended 1997 and 2007, except for E

Change in global consumption

(%,

1997-2007

(a)

)

7 %

(2)%

(4)%

(14)%

57 %

7 %

16 %

50 %

36 %

96 %

88 %

64 %

Copper

Nickel

Seaborne Iron Ore

Energy



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...and industrialisation and urbanisation in China appears to have a long way to go

Finished steel consumption

(kg/capita)

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

45,000

50,000

GDP/Capita (Jan 2008 Constant US Dollars)

China

Germany

India

Japan

Korea, Rep.

United States

Taiwan

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

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0

500

1,000

1,500

2,000

2,500

3,000

3,500

4,000

4,500

5,000

5,500

FY02

H1 03

H2 03

H1 04

H2 04

H1 05

H2 05

H1 06

H2 06

H1 07

H2 07

H1 08

Base Metals

Iron Ore

SSM

Other

Sales to China currently represent 20% of

BHP Billiton's revenue

BHP Billiton revenue from China

(US\$m)

431

785

1,075

1,357

371

1,588

Europe

Japan

Other Asia

North America

China

ROW

Australia

2,407

2,946

3,611

3,999

5,293

5,013

BHP Billiton sales revenue geographical split

(H1 08, US\$bn)

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India

the journey has begun

GDP

(US\$ billion)

BHP Billiton copper equivalent sales volume units

(a)

(100=FY2002 sales to China)

1996

2006

FY 2002

FY 2007

0

50

100

150

200

250

300

350

400

450

500

China

India

0

200

400

600

800

1,000

China

India

100%

Basis

Source: World Bank, Focus Economics, BHP Billiton.

a)

Note:

Converted

to

copper

equivalent

units

using

BHP

Billiton

FY2007

average

realised

prices  
and  
BHP  
Billiton  
estimates.  
Equity  
Basis







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NWS Nth

Rankin B

Boffa/Santou

Refinery

2010

As at 29 February 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

WA Iron Ore

RGP 4

Alumar

Atlantis

North

Yabulu

Klipspruit

Kipper

GEMCO

Zamzama

Phase 2

2013

Feasibility

Guinea

Alumina

Worsley

E&G

Perseverance

Deeps

Navajo

Sth

Maruwai

Stage 1

Douglas-

Middelburg

Bakhuis

Maruwai

Stage 2

Mt Arthur

Coal UG

Future Options

Cliffs

Newcastle

Third Port

NWS

Angel

Scarborough

Samarco 4

Nimba

Ekati

Canadian

Potash

Thebe

Browse

LNG  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 2  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
GEMCO  
Exp  
CMSA  
Pyro Expansion  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 1  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 2  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 3  
Angola  
& DRC  
Caroona  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
SA Mn  
Ore Exp  
Corridor  
Sands I  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
MKO  
Talc  
Gabon  
Macedon  
Turrum  
Neptune  
Nth  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 1  
Knotty  
Head  
NWS CP  
Wards  
Well  
RBM  
Daunia  
Peak Downs  
Exp  
Shenzi  
Nth  
Maya  
Nickel  
DRC  
Smelter

Mad Dog  
SWR  
KNS  
Exp  
Cannington  
Life Ext  
Hallmark  
Blackwater  
UG  
NWS  
WFG  
Kennedy  
Escondida  
3rd Conc  
Goonyella  
Expansions  
Kipper  
Ph 2  
Resolution  
Corridor  
Sands II  
Saraji  
Puma  
Cerrejon  
Opt Exp  
Angostura  
Gas  
Eastern  
Indonesian  
Facility  
Red Hill  
UG  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 2  
NWS  
T5

A deep diversified inventory of growth options, many of which are brown field expansions

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BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale

0

2,000

4,000

6,000

8,000

10,000

12,000

14,000

CY07

CY08

CY09

CY10

CY11

CY12

(Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000s)

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

Rio

Tinto's

iron

ore,

copper,

alumina

and

aluminium

production

per

Rio

Tinto



presentation  
13  
May  
2008,  
with  
Aluminium  
forecast  
adjusted  
to  
exclude  
Coega  
project  
(BHPB  
estimate).  
BHPB  
estimates  
used  
for  
Rio  
Tinto's  
production  
in  
other  
commodities.  
Production  
volumes  
exclude  
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  
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  
BHPB  
assumptions  
for  
diamonds,  
domestic  
coal  
and  
manganese.  
Rio  
Tinto's  
CY07  
production  
volumes  
include  
pro-forma  
full  
year  
Alcan  
alumina  
and  
aluminium  
as

per  
12  
March  
2008  
announcement.  
Estimated &  
unrisked  
BHB Billiton  
Rio Tinto

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0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500

600

700

JFY2003

JFY2004

JFY2005

JFY2006

JFY2007

JFY2008

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Example: Carbon steel materials

Diversified exposure to steel demand growth

BHP Billiton has leading global positions in the three core raw materials for steel production

#1 global supplier of seaborne traded metallurgical coal

#3 global supplier of seaborne iron ore

#1 global supplier of seaborne manganese ore

With significant future production growth expected

Note:

Historical

nominal

prices

based

on

Japanese

financial

year

benchmarks

beginning

April

of

relevant

year.

Lines

shown

in

graph

represent

the

low

of  
the  
percentage  
increase  
over  
JFY2007  
prices.  
a)  
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.  
b)  
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.

c)  
Iron  
ore  
based  
on  
benchmark  
FOB  
prices.  
JFY2008  
forecast  
prices  
calculated  
based  
on  
65-71%  
increase  
above  
JFY2007  
benchmark

per  
Vale  
settlement  
for  
Itabira  
fines.

Indexed historical commodity price movement  
(100 = JFY2003)  
JFY2008: +206-240%

Manganese

(b)

Iron

Ore

(c)

Metallurgical

Coal

(a)

JFY2008: +408%

JFY2008: +65-71%

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Example: 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

Balance sheet strength supports investment in large scale development projects

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  
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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The offer for Rio Tinto

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Overlapping mineral basin positions. US\$3.7bn of synergies

Selected existing BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto assets, projects and concessions.

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Summary of the offer for Rio Tinto

BHP Billiton has made a pre-conditional offer for Rio Tinto, it will be capable of acceptance by shareholders following regulatory approvals

The offer is being made direct to the shareholders of Rio Tinto

Rio Tinto shareholders are being offered 3.4 BHP Billiton shares for every Rio Tinto share held

The 3.4:1 offer represents a material 45%

(a)  
premium

The offer is conditional on more than 50% acceptances of the publicly held shares in Rio Tinto plc and Rio Tinto Ltd

BHP Billiton has conducted global roadshows speaking to the major shareholders of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto which has confirmed that shareholders have a clear understanding of the compelling industrial logic of the deal

BHP Billiton believes this offer is compelling for Rio Tinto shareholders, and value enhancing for BHP Billiton shareholders and it makes even more sense if you own both

Notes:

a)

Based on the volume weighted average market capitalisation of Rio Tinto and BHP Billiton for the month prior to BHP Billiton



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BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto's share prices have been strongly correlated, with BHP Billiton outperforming

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

and

Rio

Tinto

Ltd

TSR

(a)

(Index: Jun-2001 = 100)

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

vs

Rio

Tinto

Ltd

relative

performance

(b)

(Price performance relative to Jun-2001 = 100)

Source: IRESS.

a)

For

the

period

29-Jun-2001

to

31-Oct-2007.

Total

Shareholder

Return

(TSR)

calculated

as

the

increase

in

share

value

including

dividends

reinvested

at

the

date

of  
receipt.

Assumes  
Bluescope  
Steel  
shares

received by BHP Billiton Ltd shareholders in July 2002 were immediately sold with proceeds reinvested in BHP Billiton Ltd.

b)  
For the period 29-Jun-2001 to 31-Oct-2007.

0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
600  
Jun-01  
May-02  
Apr-03  
Mar-04  
Jan-05  
Dec-05  
Nov-06  
Oct-07  
Rio Tinto  
CAGR 24%  
BHP Billiton  
CAGR 30%

0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500  
0  
100  
200  
300  
400  
500

Rio Tinto Indexed Share Price Performance

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3.4:1 represents a 45% premium

Source: Datastream

(as of 18-Apr-08).

a)

Exchange

ratio

assumes

100%

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

shares

for

each

Rio

Tinto

Ltd

share

and

BHP

Billiton

shares

for

each

Rio

Tinto

plc

share

consisting

of

80%

BHP

Billiton

Plc

shares

and

20%

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

shares.

b)

Pre-approach

share

exchange

ratio

represents

the

period  
between  
Rio  
Tinto  
offer  
for  
Alcan  
(12-Jul-2007)  
and  
BHP  
Billiton s  
approach  
to  
the  
Rio  
Tinto  
Board  
(01-Nov-2007).  
Shares  
outstanding  
as  
of  
31-Oct-2007.  
c)  
Based  
on  
the  
volume  
weighted  
average  
market  
capitalisation  
of  
Rio  
Tinto  
and  
BHP  
Billiton  
for  
the  
month  
prior  
to  
BHP  
Billiton s  
approach  
to  
the  
Rio  
Tinto

Board

on

1-Nov-2007.

Rio Tinto vs

BHP Billiton historical share exchange ratio

(a)

2.2 : 1

2.4 : 1

2.6 : 1

2.8 : 1

3.0 : 1

3.2 : 1

3.4 : 1

3.6 : 1

Jul-2007

Aug-2007

Sep-2007

Oct-2007

Nov-2007

Dec-2007

Jan-2008

Feb-2008

Mar-2008

Apr-2008

Pre approach fair value exchange ratio

12-Nov-2007

BHP Billiton's proposal

06-Feb-2008

BHP Billiton's offer for Rio Tinto

(b)

45%

premium

(c)





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3.4:1 offer represents a 45% premium

Rio Tinto vs

BHP Billiton historical share exchange ratio

(a)

Source: Datastream

(as of 18-Apr-08), IRESS (as of 2-May-08).

a)

Exchange

ratio

assumes

100%

BHP

Billiton

Ltd

shares

for

each

Rio

Tinto

Limited

share

and

BHP

Billiton

shares

for

each

Rio

Tinto

plc

share

consisting  
of  
80%  
BHP  
Billiton  
Plc  
shares  
and  
20%  
BHP  
Billiton  
Ltd  
shares.  
b)  
Pre-approach  
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Billiton  
for  
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BHP  
Billiton s  
approach  
to  
the  
Rio  
Tinto  
Board  
on  
1-Nov-2007.

Rio Tinto Limited share price vs  
offer price

(A\$)

110

115

120

125

130

135

140

145

150

155

Feb-2008

Mar-2008

Apr-2008

May-2008

Rio Tinto Limited share price

Offer price

\$138.2

\$147.63

Rio Tinto Limited

discount to offer price: 6.3%

2.2 : 1

2.4 : 1

2.6 : 1

2.8 : 1

3.0 : 1

3.2 : 1

3.4 : 1

3.6 : 1

Jul-2007

Aug-2007

Sep-2007

Oct-2007

Nov-2007

Dec-2007

Jan-2008

Feb-2008

Mar-2008

Apr-2008

Pre approach fair value exchange ratio

12-Nov-2007

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06-Feb-2008

BHP

Billiton's

offer

for

Rio

Tinto

(b)

45%

premium

(c)

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

The core strategy remains unchanged

Focused on producing volumes from low cost assets

BHP Billiton on a standalone basis has a bright future

A combination of BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto can generate substantial additional value for shareholders

we are a natural fit

In addition to the synergies, combining the two would create a company that is:

Unique in character;

Capable of delivering superior returns for its shareholders; and

An Australian champion on the global stage

BHP Billiton believes the terms of the Rio Tinto offer reflect a good deal for both companies shareholders

The process has a long time to run  
an offer document is not expected to be posted to shareholders until late 2008

The support of retail shareholders will be critical for the offer to succeed

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Senior Executive Profiles

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Appendix: Marius Kloppers Profile

Marius Kloppers

Chief Executive Officer

Age:

46

Professional qualifications:

BE (Chem), MBA, PhD (Materials Science)

Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (University of Pretoria (South Africa))

PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (USA)

MBA from Insead (France)

Previous BHP Billiton positions:

Group President, Non-Ferrous Materials

Chief Commercial Officer

Chief Marketing Officer

Prior to the formation of BHP Billiton, other positions held included:

Group Executive of Billiton Plc (coal and manganese)

Chief Executive Samancor Manganese

Chief Operating Officer, Aluminium

General Manager, Hillside Aluminium

Variety of operating and functional roles in the Aluminium business

Other BHP Billiton roles:

Played a central role in the merger of BHP and Billiton

Led the team working on BHP Billiton's acquisition of WMC

Other work experience:

McKinsey & Co

management consultant (The Netherlands)

Sasol

petrochemicals (South Africa)

Mintek

materials research (South Africa)

Residence:

Melbourne, Australia

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Appendix: Alex Vanselow

Profile

Alex Vanselow

Chief Financial Officer

Age:

45

Professional qualifications:

BComm, Wharton AMP

Previous BHP Billiton positions:

Alex Vanselow

joined the Group in 1989 and was appointed President Aluminium in

March

2004

and

appointed

Chief

Financial

Officer

in

March

2006.

He

was

previously

Chief

Financial

Officer

of

Aluminium,

Vice

President

Finance

and

Chief

Financial

Officer

of

Orinoco

Iron

CA

and

Manager

Accounting

and

Control

BHP

Iron

Ore.

He is currently a member of the Group Management Committee and Chairman of the Investment Review Committee and Financial Risk Management Committee.

Other work experience:

Arthur Andersen

Residence:

Melbourne, Australia



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