

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
April 26, 2007

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

April

24, 2007

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F Form 40-F

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): []

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7): []

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: [] Yes [x] No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

24 April 2007

Number 12/07

BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2007

BHP Billiton today released its production report for the nine months ended 31 March 2007. Throughout this report, unless otherwise stated, production volumes refer to BHP Billiton share and exclude suspended and sold operations.

- Record year to date production of natural gas, alumina, aluminium, copper, nickel, iron ore and manganese ore underpinned by strong customer demand.
- Record year to date production achieved at Mad Dog (USA), Zamzama (Pakistan), Paranam (Suriname), Alumar (Brazil), Hillside, Bayside and Samancor (all South Africa), Mozal (Mozambique), Worsley, Western Australia Iron Ore, BMA, Hunter Valley Coal and GEMCO (all Australia), and Cerrejon Coal (Colombia).
- Record year to date production of natural gas from North West Shelf (Australia) in response to strong demand.
- Strong ramp up of the Spence project (Chile) contributed to quarterly production records for copper.
- Quarterly production records for the Zamzama and Escondida (Chile) operations.
- Petroleum and iron ore operations located in Western Australia were disrupted by cyclone activity.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|--|--------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| PETROLEUM | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids ('000 bbl) (a) | 42,128 | 13,239 | 0% | -1% | -3% |
| Natural Gas (bcf) (a) | 260.47 | 86.67 | 2% | 14% | 4% |
| Total Petroleum Products (million boe) (a) | 85.53 | 27.68 | 1% | 6% | 1% |

Total Petroleum Production -

Total production year to date was in line with the nine months to March 2006. Natural field decline has been completely offset by operational improvements and no new operations commencing production during the period.

Production was higher than the March 2006 quarter mainly due to improved facility uptime, reduced weather impacts, and increased gas sales.

Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas Liquids -

Production for the nine months and quarter ended March 2007 was in line with all previous periods. Higher operational uptime and development drilling partly offset natural field decline.

Cyclone activity impacted Western Australian operations during this quarter.

Natural Gas

- March 2007 quarterly production was higher than all comparative periods. Record production for the nine months was primarily driven by improved facility uptime that benefited from stronger customer demand in Australia and Pakistan.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| ALUMINIUM | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Alumina ('000 tonnes) | 3,316 | 1,085 | 6% | 1% | -6% |
| Aluminium ('000 tonnes) (b) | 1,006 | 331 | 2% | 1% | -2% |

Alumina -

Production and sales for the nine months ended March 2007 were all time records. Over the nine months period, the Worsley Development Capital Project continued its' ramp up. Paranam had full utilisation of its' expanded capacity and Alumar continued to perform strongly.

Production was lower than the December quarter due to stockpiling of hydrate from the planned calciner outages at Worsley. This will be calcined and shipped in the next quarter.

Aluminium

- Production and sales from continuing operations were all time records for the nine months ended March 2007. All operations performed at record or near record levels due to successful implementation of a series of business improvement initiatives.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|--|------|------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| BASE METALS | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
|--|---------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
| Copper ('000 tonnes) (c) | 908.0 | 357.6 | 4% | 22% | 19% |
| Silver ('000 ounces) (c) | 24,940 | 11,025 | -32% | -4% | 68% |
| Lead (tonnes) | 148,405 | 62,974 | -30% | -8% | 73% |
| Zinc (tonnes) | 79,547 | 35,760 | -2% | 26% | 81% |
| Uranium Oxide Concentrate (Uranium) (tonnes) | 2,498 | 883 | -19% | -3% | 7% |

Copper -

Record year to date and quarterly production reflecting the successful ramp up of the Escondida Sulphide Leach Project and Spence (both Chile). During the quarter Spence produced 33,500 tonnes, which is equivalent to 67% of nameplate capacity on an annualised basis.

Silver / Lead -

March 2007 quarterly production was significantly higher than the December 2006 quarter as production ramped up following the completion of the Cannington rehabilitation project together with strong silver production from Escondida.

Zinc

- The current quarter's production was higher than the December and March 2006 quarters. Higher grade and an increased proportion of zinc contained ore was processed at Antamina (Peru).

Uranium -

Year to date underperformance against the nine months ended March 2006 due to the variability of ore sources and grade, and maintenance activities at Olympic Dam (Australia).

Production in the March 2007 quarter increased versus the December 2006 quarter due to improved grade and recovery, and the impact of unscheduled maintenance in the prior period.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| DIAMONDS & SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Diamonds ('000 carats) | 2,313 | 889 | 17% | 74% | -5% |

Diamonds -

As Ekati (Canada) increases the diversity of its ore sources, the mix of ore processed will change from time to time and impact the carats recovered. Production was higher than the nine months and quarter ended March 2006 due to processing of higher grade ore containing lower value diamonds.

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Nickel ('000 tonnes) | 138.6 | 45.8 | 4% | 14% | -5% |

Nickel

- Production for the nine months ended March 2007 was an all time record, reflecting strong operational performances from all operations.

In comparison to the December 2006 quarter, production was lower due to scheduled statutory maintenance at the Kwinana Nickel Refinery (Australia). This has been completed successfully and production ramp up commenced during the quarter.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| IRON ORE | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Iron ore ('000 tonnes) (d) | 72,451 | 22,884 | 9% | 8% | -10% |

Iron Ore

- Record production and sales were achieved for the nine months ended March 2007. This reflects increased production from the recently expanded Western Australia Iron Ore operations in response to continuing strong customer demand.

Cyclone activity and tie-in activity for Rapid Growth Project 3 (Australia) impacted the Western Australia Iron Ore operations during the current quarter.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| MANGANESE | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Manganese Ore ('000 tonnes) | 4,490 | 1,452 | 15% | 18% | -5% |
| Manganese Alloy ('000 tonnes) | 542 | 197 | 14% | 14% | 3% |

Manganese Ore

- Production was higher than the nine months and quarter ended March 2006 driven by stronger customer demand.

Manganese Alloy

- Higher production was due to optimisation of the product mix, improved equipment availability and utilisation.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|----------------------------------|--------|-------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Metallurgical Coal ('000 tonnes) | 27,297 | 9,084 | 3% | 7% | 1% |

Metallurgical Coal

- Production was higher for the nine months and quarter ending March 2007 due to the start up of Poitrel (Australia) and the impact of planned maintenance in prior periods.

| | MAR | MAR | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|------------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2007 | vs | vs | vs |
| ENERGY COAL | YTD | QTR | MAR YTD 06 | MAR Q06 | DEC Q06 |
| Energy Coal ('000 tonnes) | 64,742 | 20,930 | 1% | 12% | -5% |

Energy Coal -

Production was in line with the nine months to March 2006. Production for the March 2007 quarter was slightly below the December 2006 quarter mainly due to a planned 45 day longwall move at San Juan (USA).

Operational improvement initiatives at Hunter Valley Coal, a shorter longwall move at San Juan and reduced weather impacts in South Africa led to higher production versus the March 2006 quarter.

Long vessel queues off the Newcastle Port (Australia) delayed export sales from Hunter Valley Coal in the quarter.

(a) Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields (sold effective from 16 January 2006), Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (sold September 2006 quarter) and Typhoon / Boris (sold December 2006 quarter).

(b) Excluding Valesul which was sold effective from 1 July 2006.

(c) Excluding Tintaya which was sold effective from 1 June 2006.

(d) Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: www.bhpbilliton.com

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

Australia

Samantha Evans, Media Relations
Tel: +61 3 9609 2898 Mobile: +61 400 693 915
email: Samantha.Evans@bhpbilliton.com

Jane Belcher, Investor Relations

Tel: +61 3 9609 3952 Mobile: +61 417 031 653
email: Jane.H.Belcher@bhpbilliton.com

United States

Tracey Whitehead, Investor & Media Relations
Tel: US +1 713 599 6100 or UK +44 20 7802 4031
Mobile: +44 7917 648 093
email: Tracey.Whitehead@bhpbilliton.com

United Kingdom

Mark Lidiard, Investor & Media Relations
Tel: +44 20 7802 4156 Mobile: +44 7769 934 942
email: Mark.Lidiard@bhpbilliton.com

Illtud Harri, Media Relations

Tel: +44 20 7802 4195 Mobile: +44 7920 237 246
email: Illtud.Harri@bhpbilliton.com

South Africa

Alison Gilbert, Investor Relations
Tel: SA +27 11 376 2121 or UK +44 20 7802 4183
email: Alison.Gilbert@bhpbilliton.com

| BHP BILLITON PRODUCTION SUMMARY - CONTINUING OPERATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------|
| | | QUARTER ENDED | | | YEAR TO DATE | | % CHANGE | | | |
| | | MAR 2006 | DEC 2006 | MAR 2007 | MAR 2007 | MAR 2006 | MAR YTD 07 | MAR Q07 | MAR Q07 | |
| | | | | | | | vs MAR YTD 06 | vs MAR Q06 | vs DEC Q06 | |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crude oil & condensate (a) | ('000 bbl) | 10,886 | 10,963 | 10,671 | | 33,725 | 33,839 | 0% | -2% | -3% |
| Natural gas (b) | (bcf) | 76.10 | 83.09 | 86.67 | | 260.47 | 256.11 | 2% | 14% | 4% |
| Natural gas liquid | ('000 bbl) | 2,448 | 2,710 | 2,568 | | 8,403 | 8,365 | 0% | 5% | -5% |
| Total Petroleum Products (b) | (million boe) | 26.02 | 27.52 | 27.68 | | 85.53 | 84.89 | 1% | 6% | 1% |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | ('000 tonnes) | 1,075 | 1,153 | 1,085 | | 3,316 | 3,115 | 6% | 1% | -6% |
| Aluminium (c) | ('000 tonnes) | 329 | 338 | 331 | | 1,006 | 986 | 2% | 1% | -2% |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Copper (d) | ('000 tonnes) | 293.8 | 300.7 | 357.6 | | 908.2 | 876.1 | 4% | 22% | 19% |
| Lead | (tonnes) | 68,754 | 36,454 | 62,974 | | 148,405 | 210,814 | -30% | -8% | 73% |
| Zinc | (tonnes) | 28,419 | 19,776 | 35,760 | | 79,547 | 81,494 | -2% | 26% | 81% |
| Gold (d) | (ounces) | 44,063 | 38,564 | 43,904 | | 123,628 | 136,181 | -9% | 0% | 14% |
| Silver (d) | ('000 ounces) | 11,517 | 6,566 | 11,025 | | 24,940 | 36,410 | -32% | -4% | 68% |
| Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 913 | 822 | 883 | | 2,498 | 3,071 | -19% | -3% | 7% |
| Molybdenum | (tonnes) | 632 | 768 | 288 | | 1,775 | 1,977 | -10% | -54% | -63% |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diamonds | ('000 carats) | 512 | 937 | 843 | | 2,267 | 1,978 | 15% | 65% | -10% |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nickel | ('000 tonnes) | 40.2 | 48.3 | 45.8 | | 138.6 | 133.3 | 4% | 14% | -5% |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron ore (e) | ('000 tonnes) | 21,128 | 25,370 | 22,884 | | 72,451 | 66,524 | 9% | 8% | -10% |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manganese ore | ('000 tonnes) | 1,226 | 1,529 | 1,452 | | 4,490 | 3,891 | 15% | 18% | -5% |
| Manganese alloy | ('000 tonnes) | 173 | 192 | 197 | | 542 | 477 | 14% | 14% | 3% |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Metallurgical coal | ('000 tonnes) | 8,460 | 8,966 | 9,084 | | 27,297 | 26,419 | 3% | 7% | 1% |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy coal | ('000 tonnes) | 18,672 | 22,030 | 20,930 | | 64,742 | 63,969 | 1% | 12% | -5% |

| | |
|-----|---|
| (a) | Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields and Typhoon / Boris. Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields was disposed with effect from 16 January 2006. The sale of Typhoon / Boris was completed in the December 2006 quarter. |
| (b) | Excluding Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields, Moranbah Coal Bed Methane and Typhoon/ Boris. The sale of Moranbah Coal Bed Methane was completed in the September 2006 quarter. |
| (c) | Excluding Valesul which was disposed with effect from 1 July 2006. |
| (d) | Excluding Tintaya which was disposed with effect from 1 June 2006. |
| (e) | Excluding Goldsworthy operations which were suspended mid calendar year 2006. |

Throughout this report figures in italics indicate that this figure has been adjusted since it was previously reported.

| BHP BILLITON ATTRIBUTABLE PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | BHP Billiton | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | MAR | MAR |
| | | | Interest | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 | 2006 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Crude oil & condensate | ('000 bbl) | | 10,886 | 11,551 | 12,091 | 10,963 | 10,671 | 33,725 | 34,322 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Natural gas | (bcf) | 77.85 | 98.59 | 91.83 | 83.09 | 86.67 | 261.59 | 261.85 |
| | NGL (a) | ('000 bbl) | 2,448 | 3,063 | 3,125 | 2,710 | 2,568 | 8,403 | 8,365 |
| | Total Petroleum Products | (million boe) | 26.31 | 31.04 | 30.52 | 27.52 | 27.68 | 85.72 | 86.32 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley | 86% | 717 | 694 | 704 | 776 | 708 | 2,188 | 2,069 |
| | Suriname | 45% | 228 | 247 | 253 | 241 | 241 | 735 | 674 |
| | Alumar | 36% | 130 | 131 | 121 | 136 | 136 | 393 | 372 |
| | Total | | 1,075 | 1,072 | 1,078 | 1,153 | 1,085 | 3,316 | 3,115 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside | 100% | 174 | 177 | 177 | 176 | 174 | 527 | 523 |
| | Bayside | 100% | 46 | 46 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 147 | 133 |
| | Alumar | 46.3% | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 | 44 | 133 | 134 |
| | Valesul (b) | 45.5% | 11 | 11 | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| | Mozal | 47% | 65 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 65 | 199 | 196 |
| | Total | | 340 | 344 | 337 | 338 | 331 | 1,006 | 1,018 |
| BASE METALS (c) | | | | | | | | | |
| COPPER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 168.2 | 165.2 | 129.7 | 160.6 | 178.1 | 468.4 | 505.8 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 32.9 | 29.1 | 29.0 | 34.1 | 24.2 | 87.3 | 95.1 |
| | Tintaya (d) | 100% | 16.2 | 12.9 | - | - | - | - | 51.6 |
| | Total | | 217.3 | 207.2 | 158.7 | 194.7 | 202.3 | 555.7 | 652.5 |
| Cathode ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 15.4 | 11.7 | 17.5 | 32.7 | 38.2 | 88.4 | 55.0 |
| | Cerro Colorado | 100% | 28.1 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 27.4 | 28.1 | 85.5 | 64.1 |
| | Spence (e) | 100% | - | - | - | 4 | 33.5 | 37.8 | - |
| | Tintaya (d) | 100% | 9.1 | 6.1 | - | - | - | - | 28.7 |
| | Pinto Valley | 100% | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| | Olympic Dam | 100% | 47.1 | 54.6 | 41.6 | 39.7 | 53.6 | 134.9 | 149.7 |
| | Total | | 101.8 | 104.5 | 91.2 | 106.0 | 155.3 | 352.5 | 303.9 |
| LEAD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Cannington | 100% | 68,754 | 55,507 | 48,977 | 36,454 | 62,974 | 148,405 | 210,814 |
| | Total | | 68,754 | 55,507 | 48,977 | 36,454 | 62,974 | 148,405 | 210,814 |
| ZINC | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cannington | 100% | 20,885 | 14,926 | 10,426 | 8,806 | 15,095 | 34,327 | 53,853 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 7,534 | 12,638 | 13,585 | 10,970 | 20,665 | 45,220 | 27,641 |
| | Total | | 28,419 | 27,564 | 24,011 | 19,776 | 35,760 | 79,547 | 81,494 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| BASE METALS (continued) | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLD | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 17,877 | 23,567 | 17,049 | 22,365 | 21,243 | 60,657 | 56,271 |
| | Tintaya (d) | 100% | 8,032 | 4,958 | - | - | - | - | 24,280 |
| | Olympic Dam (refined gold) | 100% | 26,186 | 27,636 | 24,111 | 16,199 | 22,661 | 62,971 | 79,910 |
| | Total | | 52,095 | 56,161 | 41,160 | 38,564 | 43,904 | 123,628 | 160,461 |
| SILVER | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Escondida | 57.5% | 714 | 925 | 724 | 880 | 920 | 2,524 | 2,454 |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 865 | 808 | 713 | 736 | 749 | 2,198 | 2,366 |
| | Tintaya (d) | 100% | 138 | 119 | - | - | - | - | 473 |
| | Cannington | 100% | 9,693 | 7,503 | 5,714 | 4,805 | 9,160 | 19,679 | 30,944 |
| | Olympic Dam (refined silver) | 100% | 245 | 238 | 198 | 145 | 196 | 539 | 646 |
| | Total | | 11,655 | 9,593 | 7,349 | 6,566 | 11,025 | 24,940 | 36,883 |
| URANIUM OXIDE CONCENTRATE | | | | | | | | | |
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Olympic Dam | 100% | 913 | 865 | 793 | 822 | 883 | 2,498 | 3,071 |
| | Total | | 913 | 865 | 793 | 822 | 883 | 2,498 | 3,071 |
| MOLYBDENUM | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Antamina | 33.8% | 632 | 538 | 719 | 768 | 288 | 1,775 | 1,977 |
| | Total | | 632 | 538 | 719 | 768 | 288 | 1,775 | 1,977 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 carats) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ekati™ | 80% | 512 | 583 | 487 | 937 | 843 | 2,267 | 1,978 |
| FERTILISER | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations (f) | 100% | 222.5 | 141.3 | 84.3 | - | - | 84.3 | 720.0 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | CMSA | 99.8% | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 38.3 | 38.7 |
| | Yabulu | 100% | 7.0 | 4.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 22.8 | 19.0 |
| | Nickel West | 100% | 20.3 | 24.5 | 24.5 | 28.0 | 25.0 | 77.5 | 75.6 |
| | Total | | 40.2 | 41.6 | 44.5 | 48.3 | 45.8 | 138.6 | 133.3 |
| | Refer footnotes on page 4. | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (g) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | 85% | 5,884 | 6,490 | 7,394 | 7,536 | 6,711 | 21,641 | 18,284 |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | 85% | 1,371 | 1,808 | 806 | 84 | 142 | 1,032 | 4,433 |
| | Area C Joint Venture | 85% | 3,332 | 5,401 | 4,821 | 5,334 | 4,853 | 15,008 | 12,587 |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | 85% | 8,561 | 8,854 | 8,504 | 9,106 | 8,277 | 25,887 | 25,342 |
| | Jimblebar | 85% | 1,549 | 1,607 | 1,490 | 1,449 | 1,177 | 4,116 | 4,763 |
| | Samarco | 50% | 1,802 | 1,955 | 1,988 | 1,945 | 1,866 | 5,799 | 5,548 |
| | Total | | 22,499 | 26,115 | 25,003 | 25,454 | 23,026 | 73,483 | 70,957 |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | |
| MANGANESE ORES | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 532 | 673 | 644 | 663 | 632 | 1,939 | 1,627 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 694 | 716 | 865 | 866 | 820 | 2,551 | 2,264 |
| | Total | | 1,226 | 1,389 | 1,509 | 1,529 | 1,452 | 4,490 | 3,891 |
| MANGANESE ALLOYS | | | | | | | | | |
| Saleable production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa (h) | 60% | 119 | 131 | 93 | 126 | 133 | 352 | 303 |
| | Australia (h) | 60% | 54 | 44 | 60 | 66 | 64 | 190 | 174 |
| | Total | | 173 | 175 | 153 | 192 | 197 | 542 | 477 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| METALLURGICAL COAL (i) | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | BMA | 50% | 5,972 | 6,474 | 6,657 | 6,106 | 6,478 | 19,241 | 19,106 |
| | BHP Mitsui Coal (j) | 80% | 763 | 850 | 873 | 873 | 1,067 | 2,813 | 2,199 |
| | Illawarra | 100% | 1,725 | 1,900 | 1,717 | 1,987 | 1,539 | 5,243 | 5,114 |
| | Total | | 8,460 | 9,224 | 9,247 | 8,966 | 9,084 | 27,297 | 26,419 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | |
| Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Africa | 100% | 11,605 | 12,854 | 13,151 | 13,032 | 12,863 | 39,046 | 39,094 |
| | USA | 100% | 2,829 | 3,891 | 3,467 | 3,871 | 3,106 | 10,444 | 11,455 |
| | Australia | 100% | 1,897 | 2,636 | 2,766 | 2,790 | 2,731 | 8,287 | 6,510 |
| | Colombia | 33% | 2,341 | 2,406 | 2,398 | 2,337 | 2,230 | 6,965 | 6,910 |
| | Total | | 18,672 | 21,787 | 21,782 | 22,030 | 20,930 | 64,742 | 63,969 |
| (a) | LPG and Ethane are now reported as Natural Gas Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). | | | | | | | | |
| (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 1 June 2006. | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | BHP Billiton completed the sale of Southern Cross Fertiliser operations on 1 August 2006. | | | | | | | | |
| (g) | Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | |
| (h) | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |
| (i) | Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal. | | | | | | | | |
| (j) | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80%. | | | | | | | | |
| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | MAR | MAR |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 | 2006 |
| PETROLEUM | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | |
| CRUDE OIL & CONDENSATE ('000 barrels) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 3,414 | 3,964 | 3,847 | 3,311 | 3,144 | 10,302 | 10,718 |
| | Minerva | | 18 | 20 | 23 | 21 | 24 | 68 | 78 |
| | North West Shelf - condensate | | 1,263 | 1,091 | 1,350 | 1,410 | 1,365 | 4,125 | 4,038 |
| | North West Shelf - Wanaea/Cossack | | 751 | 1,111 | 1,634 | 1,325 | 1,167 | 4,126 | 2,879 |
| | Griffin | | 204 | 296 | 323 | 312 | 174 | 809 | 984 |
| | Pakistan | | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 65 | 188 | 162 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 329 |
| | Mad Dog | | 549 | 698 | 528 | 549 | 613 | 1,690 | 1,593 |
| | Other Americas (b) | | 68 | 68 | 78 | 81 | 62 | 221 | 352 |
| | Angostura | | 1,080 | 1,191 | 1,174 | 618 | 899 | 2,691 | 3,096 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 1,278 | 1,199 | 931 | 1,280 | 874 | 3,085 | 3,599 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 209 | 182 | 178 | 202 | 179 | 559 | 719 |
| | Ohanet | | 389 | 426 | 357 | 472 | 425 | 1,254 | 1,225 |
| | ROD | | 1,604 | 1,245 | 1,607 | 1,320 | 1,680 | 4,607 | 4,550 |
| | Total | | 10,886 | 11,551 | 12,091 | 10,963 | 10,671 | 33,725 | 34,322 |
| NATURAL GAS (billion cubic feet) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Bass Strait | | 18.26 | 34.43 | 33.54 | 20.53 | 22.73 | 76.80 | 75.31 |
| | Minerva | | 5.78 | 6.36 | 7.73 | 6.90 | 8.06 | 22.69 | 24.22 |
| | North West Shelf - Domestic | | 3.55 | 4.63 | 3.54 | 3.89 | 4.86 | 12.29 | 11.33 |
| | North West Shelf - LNG | | 21.15 | 22.70 | 21.68 | 23.59 | 22.24 | 67.51 | 65.50 |
| | Griffin | | 0.12 | 0.19 | 0.49 | 0.45 | 0.19 | 1.13 | 1.09 |
| | Moranbah Coal Bed Methane (c) | | 1.75 | 1.86 | 1.12 | - | - | 1.12 | 5.13 |
| | Illawarra Coal Bed Methane | | 1.50 | 1.35 | 1.50 | 0.95 | 1.58 | 4.03 | 4.22 |
| | Pakistan | | 8.52 | 9.02 | 9.14 | 9.34 | 10.11 | 28.59 | 24.24 |
| | Typhoon/Boris (a) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.47 |
| | Mad Dog | | 0.11 | 0.25 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.14 | 0.47 | 0.31 |
| | Other Americas (b) | | 1.78 | 2.34 | 2.55 | 2.27 | 1.58 | 6.40 | 4.67 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 6.52 | 5.40 | 4.21 | 5.42 | 5.05 | 14.68 | 18.61 |
| | Liverpool Bay | | 8.81 | 10.06 | 6.16 | 9.59 | 10.13 | 25.88 | 26.75 |
| | Total | | 77.85 | 98.59 | 91.83 | 83.09 | 86.67 | 261.59 | 261.85 |
| NGL ('000 barrels) (d) | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Bass Strait | | 1,574 | 2,254 | 2,224 | 1,726 | 1,643 | 5,593 | 5,486 |
| | North West Shelf | | 410 | 349 | 444 | 441 | 435 | 1,320 | 1,335 |
| | Bruce/Keith | | 94 | 59 | 138 | 107 | 93 | 338 | 429 |
| | Ohanet | | 370 | 401 | 319 | 436 | 397 | 1,152 | 1,115 |
| | Total | | 2,448 | 3,063 | 3,125 | 2,710 | 2,568 | 8,403 | 8,365 |
| TOTAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS | | | 26.31 | 31.04 | 30.52 | 27.52 | 27.68 | 85.72 | 86.32 |
| (million barrels of oil equivalent) (e) | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) | BHP Billiton sold its interests in Typhoon / Boris, including the Little Burn field with effect from 1 July 2006. The sale was completed on 6 October 2006. | | | | | | | | |
| (b) | BHP Billiton sold its interests in the Green Canyon 18 and 60 fields with effect from 16 January 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 Liquid (NGL), consistent with petroleum industry practice. Product-specific conversions will be made and NGL will be reported in barrels of oil equivalent (boe). | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversions are based on 6000scf of natural gas equals 1 boe. | | | | | | | | |

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT

| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | MAR | MAR |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | 2007 | 2006 |

ALUMINIUM

BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | |
| ALUMINA | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 717 | 694 | 704 | 776 | 708 | 2,188 | 2,069 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 228 | 247 | 253 | 241 | 241 | 735 | 674 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 130 | 131 | 121 | 136 | 136 | 393 | 372 |
| | Total | | 1,075 | 1,072 | 1,078 | 1,153 | 1,085 | 3,316 | 3,115 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Worsley, Australia | | 709 | 672 | 666 | 820 | 659 | 2,145 | 2,003 |
| | Paranam, Suriname | | 213 | 244 | 236 | 243 | 225 | 704 | 665 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 130 | 147 | 108 | 137 | 120 | 365 | 358 |
| | Total (a) | | 1,052 | 1,063 | 1,010 | 1,200 | 1,004 | 3,214 | 3,026 |
| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 174 | 177 | 177 | 176 | 174 | 527 | 523 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 46 | 46 | 49 | 50 | 48 | 147 | 133 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 44 | 44 | 44 | 45 | 44 | 133 | 134 |
| | Valesul, Brazil (b) | | 11 | 11 | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 65 | 66 | 67 | 67 | 65 | 199 | 196 |
| | Total | | 340 | 344 | 337 | 338 | 331 | 1,006 | 1,018 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Hillside, South Africa | | 162 | 186 | 170 | 173 | 162 | 505 | 505 |
| | Bayside, South Africa | | 40 | 48 | 44 | 47 | 46 | 137 | 117 |
| | Alumar, Brazil | | 48 | 44 | 44 | 42 | 38 | 124 | 134 |
| | Valesul, Brazil (b) | | 10 | 11 | - | - | - | - | 33 |
| | Mozal, Mozambique | | 58 | 68 | 60 | 66 | 64 | 190 | 191 |
| | Total | | 318 | 357 | 318 | 328 | 310 | 956 | 980 |
| | Tolling Agreement (a) | | 22 | 38 | 24 | 20 | 33 | 77 | 67 |
| | | | 340 | 395 | 342 | 348 | 343 | 1,033 | 1,047 |
| (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 with effect 1 July 2006. | | | | | | | | |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2007 |
| | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| BASE METALS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. Metals production is payable metal unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Escondida, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 90,781 | 94,429 | 59,601 | 93,770 | 85,654 | 239,025 | 273,855 | |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 21,843 | 21,473 | 18,257 | 22,585 | 23,450 | 64,292 | 66,259 | |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.62% | 1.63% | 1.55% | 1.55% | 1.62% | 1.58% | 1.60% | |
| | Production ex Mill (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 302.8 | 295.9 | 234.0 | 289.4 | 319.1 | 842.5 | 911.2 | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 168.2 | 165.2 | 129.7 | 160.6 | 178.1 | 468.4 | 505.8 | |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 17,877 | 23,567 | 17,049 | 22,365 | 21,243 | 60,657 | 56,271 | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | | 15.4 | 11.7 | 17.5 | 32.7 | 38.2 | 88.4 | 55.0 | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 714 | 925 | 724 | 880 | 920 | 2,524 | 2,454 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 184.4 | 158.6 | 133.8 | 167.9 | 149.4 | 451.1 | 514.5 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 20,159 | 22,627 | 17,778 | 23,089 | 17,966 | 58,833 | 57,598 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 16.7 | 11.5 | 14.2 | 27.3 | 36.0 | 77.5 | 55.4 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 802 | 891 | 752 | 909 | 785 | 2,446 | 2,497 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Tintaya, Peru (a)</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 15,960 | 11,539 | - | - | - | - | 50,295 |
| | Sulphide Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 1,523 | 1,123 | - | - | - | - | 4,803 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 1.26% | 1.33% | - | - | - | - | 1.28% |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 16.2 | 12.9 | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 8,032 | 4,958 | - | - | - | - | 24,280 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 9.1 | 6.1 | - | - | - | - | 29 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 138 | 119 | - | - | - | - | 473 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 15.1 | 12.0 | - | - | - | - | 52 |
| | Payable gold concentrate | (fine ounces) | 8,016 | 5,079 | - | - | - | - | 23,175 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 8.3 | 7.1 | - | - | - | - | 28 |
| | Payable silver concentrate | ('000 ounces) | 127 | 109 | - | - | - | - | 495 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | BHP Billiton sold Tintaya with effect from 1 June 2006. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Cerro Colorado, Chile</u> | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 17,926 | 18,258 | 16,334 | 18,858 | 15,429 | 50,621 | 51,729 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 4,266 | 4,490 | 4,508 | 4,578 | 4,398 | 13,484 | 11,958 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | Average copper grade | (%) | 0.94% | 0.83% | 0.80% | 0.81% | 0.90% | 0.83% | 0.88% |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 28.1 | 30.0 | 30.0 | 27.4 | 28.1 | 85.5 | 64.1 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 24.4 | 34.5 | 27.9 | 28.3 | 27.9 | 84.1 | 59.1 |
| <u>Spence, Chile (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 20,329 | 19,684 | 40,013 | - |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 3,510 | 4,282 | 7,792 | - |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | - | - | - | 1.76% | 2.00% | 1.89% | - |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 4.3 | 33.5 | 37.8 | - |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | - | - | - | 1.3 | 28.0 | 29.3 | - |
| | (a) | Spence operations were commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | |
| <u>Antamina, Peru</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 28,982 | 29,740 | 29,917 | 28,317 | 24,428 | 82,662 | 94,419 |
| | Sulphide ore milled (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 7,549 | 7,196 | 7,581 | 7,930 | 7,841 | 23,352 | 23,265 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| | - Copper | (%) | 1.48% | 1.45% | 1.22% | 1.41% | 1.10% | 1.24% | 1.38% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 0.62% | 0.88% | 0.87% | 0.65% | 1.25% | 0.92% | 0.71% |
| | Production | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 32.9 | 29.1 | 29.0 | 34.1 | 24.2 | 87.3 | 95.1 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 7,534 | 12,638 | 13,585 | 10,970 | 20,665 | 45,220 | 27,641 |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 865 | 808 | 713 | 736 | 749 | 2,198 | 2,366 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 632 | 538 | 719 | 768 | 288 | 1,775 | 1,977 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable copper | ('000 tonnes) | 30.5 | 25.6 | 33.9 | 35.3 | 25.0 | 94.2 | 96.7 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 9,634 | 7,638 | 14,224 | 13,853 | 15,479 | 43,556 | 30,731 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 750 | 505 | 713 | 623 | 707 | 2,043 | 2,232 |
| | Payable molybdenum | (tonnes) | 697 | 627 | 719 | 808 | 591 | 2,118 | 1,986 |
| Cannington, Australia | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined | ('000 tonnes) | 799 | 496 | 428 | 506 | 732 | 1,666 | 2,596 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 809 | 589 | 478 | 478 | 704 | 1,660 | 2,431 |
| | Average head grades | | | | | | | | |
| | - Silver | (g/t) | 431 | 462 | 423 | 360 | 477 | 428 | 460 |
| | - Lead | (%) | 9.8% | 10.9% | 11.6% | 8.8% | 10.5% | 10.3% | 10.2% |
| | - Zinc | (%) | 4.0% | 4.1% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 3.6% | 3.5% | 3.6% |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,693 | 7,503 | 5,714 | 4,805 | 9,160 | 19,679 | 30,944 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 68,754 | 55,507 | 48,977 | 36,454 | 62,974 | 148,405 | 210,814 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 20,885 | 14,926 | 10,426 | 8,806 | 15,095 | 34,327 | 53,853 |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Payable silver | ('000 ounces) | 9,061 | 8,516 | 5,010 | 6,637 | 8,331 | 19,978 | 30,111 |
| | Payable lead | (tonnes) | 63,112 | 62,787 | 39,694 | 51,521 | 56,726 | 147,941 | 202,528 |
| | Payable zinc | (tonnes) | 17,508 | 20,121 | 6,346 | 12,315 | 11,585 | 30,246 | 44,998 |
| Olympic Dam, Australia | | | | | | | | | |
| | Material mined (a) | ('000 tonnes) | 2,065 | 2,002 | 2,178 | 2,030 | 2,103 | 6,311 | 6,217 |
| | Ore milled | ('000 tonnes) | 2,343 | 2,517 | 2,043 | 2,182 | 2,117 | 6,342 | 7,118 |
| | Average copper grade | (%) | 2.10% | 2.10% | 2.10% | 2.21% | 1.96% | 2.11% | 2.23% |
| | Average uranium grade | kg/t | 0.59 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.58 | 0.59 | 0.58 | 0.63 |
| Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 43.1 | 50.5 | 38.4 | 35.4 | 50.2 | 124.0 | 135.9 |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 4.0 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 10.9 | 13.8 |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 913 | 865 | 793 | 822 | 883 | 2,498 | 3,071 |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 26,186 | 27,636 | 24,111 | 16,199 | 22,661 | 62,971 | 79,910 |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 245 | 238 | 198 | 145 | 196 | 539 | 646 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (ER) | ('000 tonnes) | 44.1 | 49.0 | 41.6 | 33.7 | 51.6 | 126.9 | 136.5 | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 4.2 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 10.8 | 15.2 | |
| | Uranium oxide concentrate | (tonnes) | 992 | 1,183 | 620 | 1,009 | 1,043 | 2,672 | 3,158 | |
| | Refined gold | (fine ounces) | 27,300 | 27,375 | 23,233 | 18,404 | 22,983 | 64,620 | 74,861 | |
| | Refined silver | ('000 ounces) | 178 | 320 | 188 | 157 | 183 | 528 | 576 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | Material mined refers to run of mine ore mined and hoisted. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Pinto Valley, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 6.4 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Copper cathode (EW) | ('000 tonnes) | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 6.4 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE |
| | | | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | | 2007 | 2006 |
| DIAMONDS AND SPECIALTY PRODUCTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIAMONDS | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ekati™, Canada</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ore Processed (100%) | ('000 tonnes) | 995 | 1,181 | 1,199 | 1,100 | 1,046 | | 3,345 | 3,115 |
| | Production | ('000 carats) | 512 | 583 | 487 | 937 | 843 | | 2,267 | 1,978 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| FERTILISER | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Southern Cross Fertiliser Operations, Australia (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production (b) | ('000 tonnes) | 222.5 | 141.3 | 84.3 | - | - | | 84.3 | 720.0 |
| | Sales (b) | | 200.4 | 304.4 | 41.6 | - | - | | 41.6 | 597.1 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|--|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | |
| (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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--------------|------|
| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICKEL | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CMSA, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 12.9 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 12.8 | | | 38.3 | 38.7 |
| | Sales | | 12.4 | 13.6 | 11.7 | 14.4 | 12.4 | | | 38.5 | 37.7 |
| <u>Yabulu, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 7.0 | 4.3 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 | | | 22.8 | 19.0 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | | | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel metal | | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 7.2 | 7.1 | | | 20.3 | 19.8 |
| | Cobalt | | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | | | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| <u>Nickel West, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | 5.2 | 9.6 | 11.1 | 12.4 | 12.9 | | | 36.4 | 28.8 |
| | Nickel metal | | 15.1 | 14.9 | 13.4 | 15.6 | 12.1 | | | 41.1 | 46.8 |
| | Nickel production (a) | | 20.3 | 24.5 | 24.5 | 28.0 | 25.0 | | | 77.5 | 75.6 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nickel contained in finished matte | | 8.8 | 7.9 | 9.3 | 13.5 | 9.9 | | | 32.7 | 30.7 |
| | Nickel metal (b) | | 15.7 | 15.8 | 12.9 | 14.3 | 14.2 | | | 41.4 | 46.5 |
| | Nickel sales (a) | | 24.5 | 23.7 | 22.2 | 27.8 | 24.1 | | | 74.1 | 77.2 |
| (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 sales of nickel in concentrate in the nine months ended March 2007. | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|--------------|------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 | |
| IRON ORE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IRON ORE (a) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Pilbara, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Production | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Mt Newman Joint Venture | | 5,884 | 6,490 | 7,394 | 7,536 | 6,711 | | 21,641 | 18,284 | | |
| | Goldsworthy Joint Venture | | 1,371 | 1,808 | 806 | 84 | 142 | | 1,032 | 4,433 | | |
| | Area C Joint Venture | | 3,332 | 5,401 | 4,821 | 5,334 | 4,853 | | 15,008 | 12,587 | | |
| | Yandi Joint Venture | | 8,561 | 8,854 | 8,504 | 9,106 | 8,277 | | 25,887 | 25,342 | | |
| | Jimblebar | | 1,549 | 1,607 | 1,490 | 1,449 | 1,177 | | 4,116 | 4,763 | | |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 20,697 | 24,160 | 23,015 | 23,509 | 21,160 | | 67,684 | 65,409 | | |
| | Total production (100%) | | 24,350 | 28,423 | 27,076 | 27,658 | 24,896 | | 79,630 | 76,952 | | |
| Sales | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lump | | 5,276 | 6,092 | 6,429 | 5,856 | 5,193 | | 17,478 | 17,750 | | |
| | Fines | | 15,547 | 18,481 | 16,222 | 18,499 | 15,454 | | 50,175 | 47,741 | | |
| | Total (BHP Billiton share) | | 20,823 | 24,573 | 22,651 | 24,355 | 20,647 | | 67,653 | 65,491 | | |
| | Total sales (100%) | | 24,498 | 28,909 | 26,648 | 28,653 | 24,290 | | 79,591 | 76,758 | | |
| | (a) | Iron ore production and shipments are reported on a wet tonnes basis. | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Samarco, Brazil</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,802 | 1,955 | 1,988 | 1,945 | 1,866 | | 5,799 | 5,548 | | |
| | Shipments | | 1,532 | 2,022 | 1,872 | 2,357 | 1,684 | | 5,913 | 5,587 | | |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------------|------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 | |
| MANGANESE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| MANGANESE ORE | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-------|-------|
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 532 | 673 | 644 | 663 | 632 | | 1,939 | 1,627 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 694 | 716 | 865 | 866 | 820 | | 2,551 | 2,264 |
| MANGANESE ALLOY | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 119 | 131 | 93 | 126 | 133 | | 352 | 303 |
| <u>Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Saleable production (a) | | 54 | 44 | 60 | 66 | 64 | | 190 | 174 |
| | (a) | Shown on 100% basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60%. | | | | | | | | |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | | | | | | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2006 | 2006 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2007 | 2007 |
| | | | | | | | | | 2007 | 2006 |
| METALLURGICAL COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>METALLURGICAL COAL (a)</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Queensland, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>BMA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Blackwater | | 1,533 | 1,449 | 1,536 | 1,388 | 1,484 | | 4,408 | 4,569 |
| | Goonyella | | 1,751 | 1,986 | 1,892 | 1,296 | 1,896 | | 5,084 | 5,281 |
| | Peak Downs | | 1,095 | 858 | 1,202 | 1,161 | 1,076 | | 3,439 | 3,531 |
| | Saraji | | 563 | 794 | 682 | 893 | 883 | | 2,458 | 1,840 |
| | Norwich Park | | 550 | 675 | 631 | 677 | 745 | | 2,053 | 1,987 |
| | Gregory Joint Venture | | 480 | 712 | 714 | 691 | 394 | | 1,799 | 1,898 |
| | BMA total | | 5,972 | 6,474 | 6,657 | 6,106 | 6,478 | | 19,241 | 19,106 |
| | <u>BHP Mitsui Coal (b)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | South Walker Creek | | 763 | 850 | 873 | 782 | 785 | | 2,440 | 2,199 |
| | Poitrel (c) | | - | - | - | 91 | 282 | | 373 | - |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------|--------|
| | BHP Mitsui Coal total | | 763 | 850 | 873 | 873 | 1,067 | | 2,813 | 2,199 |
| | <u>Queensland total</u> | | 6,735 | 7,324 | 7,530 | 6,979 | 7,545 | | 22,054 | 21,305 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 5,032 | 5,798 | 5,190 | 5,040 | 5,368 | | 15,598 | 14,888 |
| | Weak coking coal | | 1,342 | 1,444 | 1,600 | 1,749 | 1,710 | | 5,059 | 3,915 |
| | Thermal coal | | 482 | 581 | 344 | 502 | 419 | | 1,265 | 1,464 |
| | Total | | 6,856 | 7,823 | 7,134 | 7,291 | 7,497 | | 21,922 | 20,267 |
| | (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%. | | | | | | | | |
| | (c) | Poitrel was commissioned during the December 2006 quarter. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Illawarra, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,725 | 1,900 | 1,717 | 1,987 | 1,539 | | 5,243 | 5,114 |
| | Shipments | | | | | | | | | |
| | Coking coal | | 1,508 | 1,292 | 1,366 | 1,583 | 1,624 | | 4,573 | 4,155 |
| | Thermal coal | | 313 | 136 | 188 | 280 | 175 | | 643 | 799 |
| | Total | | 1,821 | 1,428 | 1,554 | 1,863 | 1,798 | | 5,216 | 4,954 |

| PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT REPORT | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | | YEAR TO DATE | |
| | | | MAR | JUNE | SEPT | DEC | MAR | | MAR | MAR |
| | | | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2006 | 2007 | | 2007 | 2006 |
| ENERGY COAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton attributable production and sales unless otherwise stated. | | | | | | | | | | |
| ('000 tonnes) | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>South Africa</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 11,605 | 12,854 | 13,151 | 13,032 | 12,863 | | 39,046 | 39,094 |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 5,658 | 4,271 | 5,168 | 5,211 | 5,068 | | 15,447 | 17,367 |
| | Local utility | | 7,328 | 7,365 | 7,552 | 7,413 | 7,874 | | 22,839 | 22,591 |
| | Inland | | 203 | 253 | 255 | 227 | 259 | | 741 | 780 |
| | Total | | 13,189 | 11,889 | 12,975 | 12,851 | 13,201 | | 39,027 | 40,738 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>New Mexico, USA</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | | | | | | | | |
| | Navajo Coal | | 2,305 | 1,471 | 1,778 | 2,104 | 1,971 | | 5,853 | 6,795 |
| | San Juan Coal | | 524 | 2,420 | 1,689 | 1,767 | 1,135 | | 4,591 | 4,660 |

Edgar Filing: BHP BILLITON LTD - Form 6-K

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--------|--------|
| | Total | | 2,829 | 3,891 | 3,467 | 3,871 | 3,106 | | 10,444 | 11,455 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales - local utility | | 3,553 | 3,556 | 3,822 | 3,616 | 3,400 | | 10,838 | 10,950 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hunter Valley, Australia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 1,897 | 2,636 | 2,766 | 2,790 | 2,731 | | 8,287 | 6,510 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales | | | | | | | | | |
| | Export | | 1,267 | 1,048 | 1,245 | 1,858 | 1,479 | | 4,582 | 4,149 |
| | Inland | | 643 | 1,475 | 1,031 | 1,005 | 1,168 | | 3,204 | 2,419 |
| | Total | | 1,910 | 2,523 | 2,276 | 2,863 | 2,647 | | 7,786 | 6,568 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Cerrejon Coal, Colombia</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Production | | 2,341 | 2,406 | 2,398 | 2,337 | 2,230 | | 6,965 | 6,910 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Sales - export | | 2,116 | 2,387 | 2,336 | 2,323 | 2,446 | | 7,105 | 6,373 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne
Victoria 3000

Telephone +61 1300 554 757 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United
Kingdom

Telephone +44 20 7802 4000 Facsimile +44 20 7802 4111

The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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 April 2007

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Group Company Secretary