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Strength, Stability and Growth

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transaction, as well as additional factors such as changes in global, political, economic, business, competitive, market or regulatory conditions, exchange
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Information Relating to the US Offer for Rio Tinto plc

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 materials

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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 BHP

Information for US Holders of Rio Tinto Limited Shares

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shareholders should carefully consider the following:

The Rio Tinto Limited Offer will be an exchange offer made for the securities of a foreign company. Such offer is subject to d

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Relating
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Tinto
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securities
laws.

It
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be
difficult
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foreign
company
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affiliates
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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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With a global portfolio diversified by geography and commodity

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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Creating 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 30-May-2008, US\$bn)

Vale

Rio Tinto (a)

Anglo

American

Xstrata

Norilsk

Nickel

Freeport

McMoRan

Anglo

Platinum

Barrick

Gold

China

Shenhua

BHP Billiton

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60

120

180

240

Australian head office

Non-Australian head office

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To deliver our strategy at scale we need a simple,
accountable organisation

Corporate centre focuses on the strategic direction of
the company and minimising corporate risks

Ensures delivery of key directives including Zero
Harm, reputation & ethics

Monitors and measures business performance
Corporate Centre
(Board and GMC)

Responsible for managing operations and delivering
efficiency

Delivers key directives

Plans and delivers down to EBIT level
Business Units
(Customer Sector Groups)

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led by an experienced management team

Notes:

a)

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

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

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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With an 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

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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Our business today 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 statements ending 31-Dec-2007. FY2002 EBITDA number are presented in accordance with UK GAAP whereas CY2007 is based on IFRS

a)

EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

52%

40%

36%

70%

52%

43%

75%

23%

34%

Iron Ore

Manganese

Metallurgical Coal

Base Metals

Stainless Steel

Materials

Aluminium

Petroleum

Energy Coal

Diamond &

Specialty Products

0

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%)

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A track record of investing 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.

1.0
2.1
3.9
13.1
14.6
16.0
22.7
7.2
FY2002
FY2003
FY2004
FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008YTD
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
WAIO Acc Exp
FY2005
NWS Train 4
ROD
GOM
WAIO RGP1
Mad Dog
Minerva
Angostura
Panda UG
Dendrobium
BMA Phase 1
FY2006
Escondida Norte

Paranam
Worsley DCP
Escondida Sulphide
WAIO RGP2
FY2007
Spence
BMA Phase 2
Blackwater Coal
FY2008
Genghis Khan
Atlantis South
Pinto Valley
Stybarrow
Koala UG
WAIO RGP3
Ravensthorpe
Yabulu

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Most developments have been executed to expectations,
wherever on the globe they are located

Notes:

a)

Selected

projects

>US\$100m

and

managed

by

BHP

Billiton.

Excludes

petroleum

projects.

Performance

relative

to

initial

announced

US\$

budget.

b)

BHP Billiton provided the latest update for the status of the Ravensthorpe project at the announcement of its full year 2007 pre
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 2

Hillside 3

Escondida

Phase IV

Escondida

Norte
Escondida
Sulphide
Spence
Mount Arthur
North
MAC
& PACE
WAIO
RGP1
WAIO
RGP2
WAIO
RGP3
Ravensthorpe
Time
Over Budget
Behind
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Delivering superior EPS growth for shareholders

Earnings per share

(US\$ per share)

Note:

BHP Billiton's EPS represents reported underlying EPS for the financial year ending 30-June. EPS in FY2002 excludes the re

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%

increase in
interim
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

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5

10

15

20

25

30

35

40

45

50

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

Full year dividend

Interim dividend

29% CAGR

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

30 May 200

A\$50,17

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Creating considerable wealth for our shareholders

BHP Billiton Ltd

(a)

(A\$)

Source:

Bloomberg,

Iress

as

at

30-May-2008.

a)

Dividends/distributions assumes that the dividends are reinvested in BHP Billiton Ltd. Includes the value of shares distributed

A holder of 1,000 BHP Billiton Ltd shares on 28 June 2001 would have seen the value of

their total holding increase by 384%

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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

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demand

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statistics

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CRU

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2007,

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Energy

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coal,

gas,

oil

and

nuclear,

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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, expect for E

Change in global consumption

(%, 1997-2007

(a)

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7 %

(2)%

(4)%

(14)%

57 %

7 %

16 %

50 %

36 %

96 %

88 %

64 %

Copper

Nickel

Seaborne Iron Ore

Energy

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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

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...and industrialisation and urbanisation in China appears to

have a long way to go

Finished steel consumption

(kg/capita)

Note: the shape of the arrow shows the general trend among countries for finished steel consumption as GDP per capita increases

Source: World Bank; Government Statistics for Taiwan; IISI

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H2 06
H1 07
H2 07
H1 08

Base Metals
Iron Ore
SSM
Other

Sales to China currently represents 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

Equity

Basis

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.

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BHP Billiton has a deep diversified inventory of growth options,
many of which are brownfield

expansions

Boffa/Santou

Refinery

2010

As at 2 May 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
Alumar
Atlantis
North
GEMCO
Zamzama
Phase 2
2013
Feasibility
Guinea
Alumina
Perseverance
Deeps
Maruwai
Stage 1
Douglas-
Middelburg
Mt Arthur
Coal UG
Future Options
Cliffs
NWS
Angel
Ekati
Canadian
Potash
Angola
& DRC
WA Iron Ore
RGP 5
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 2
Turrum
CMSA Heap
Leach 1
NWS
CWLH
DRC
Smelter
KNS
Exp
Hallmark
Corridor
Sands 1

Puma
Cerrejon
Opt Exp
NWS
T5
Navajo
Sth
Bakhuis
Maruwai
Stage 2
WA Iron Ore
RGP 4
Kipper
Antamina
Exp
Corridor
Sands 2
RBM
Olympic Dam
Expansion 2
Saraji
Thebe
Eastern
Indonesian
Facility
NWS
WFGH
Escondida
3rd Conc
GEMCO
Exp
Samarco 4
Shenzi
Nth
MKO
Talc
Scarborough
Caroona
Newcastle
Third Port
Worsley
E&G
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 1
CW Africa
Exploration
Goonyella
Expansions
Klipspruit
NWS Nth

Rankin B
Macedon
Nimba
Olympic Dam
Expansion 3
Maya
Nickel
Browse
LNG
CMSA
Pyro Expansion
Olympic Dam
Expansion 1
CMSA Heap
Leach 2
Red Hill
UG
Blackwater
UG
Cannington
Life Ext
SA Mn
Ore Exp
Knotty
Head
Angostura
Gas
Daunia
Peak Downs
Exp
Gabon
Resolution
Neptune
Nth
Wards
Well
Mad Dog
West
Kennedy

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0
100

200
300
400
500
600
700
JFY2003
JFY2004
JFY2005
JFY2006
JFY2007
JFY2008
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With full 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

*

a)

Metallurgical coal based on Peak Downs Hay Point FOB. JFY2008 forecast prices calculated based on 206-240% increase above recent prices 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)
*

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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The offer for Rio Tinto

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Overlapping mineral basin positions. US\$3.7bn per annum 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 and posting of offer documents

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 45%

(a)

premium

The offer is conditional on more than 50% acceptances of the publicly held shares in each of 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 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 received by BHP Billiton Ltd shareholders in July 2002 were immediately sold with proceeds reinvested in BHP Billiton Ltd.

b)

For the period of 29-Jun-2001 to 31-Oct-2007 to exclude any takeover premium in Rio Tinto's share price and the increased correlation in share prices following the approach by BHP Billiton to Rio Tinto on 31-Oct-2007 to the current date."]

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

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

May-2008

Pre approach fair value exchange ratio

12-Nov-200

BHP Billiton's proposa

06-Feb-200

BHP Billiton's offer for Rio Tint

(b)

45%

premium

(c

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The offer for Rio Tinto of 3.4:1 represents a 45% premium

Rio Tinto vs BHP Billiton historical share exchange ratio

(a)

Source: Datastream and IRESS (as at 30-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
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

Rio Tinto Limited share price vs offer price

(A\$)

110

120

130

140

150

160

Feb-2008

Mar-2008

Apr-2008

May-2008

Rio Tinto Limited share price

Offer price

\$138.0

\$147.9

Rio Tinto Limited

discount to offer price: (7.2)%

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

BHP Billiton on a standalone basis has a bright future

The core strategy remains unchanged

Focused on producing volumes from low cost assets

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

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Appendix: Alex Vanselow Profile

Alex Vanselow

Group Executive and 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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Appendix: Karen Wood Profile

Karen Wood

Group Executive and Chief People Officer

General Counsel and Company Secretary, Bonlac Foods

Other work experience:

Age:

52

Professional qualifications:

B Law (Hons), Monash University

BEd , Melbourne State College

Previous BHP Billiton positions:

Chief Governance Officer

Group Company Secretary

Special Advisor and Head of Group Company Secretariat

Company Secretary

Residence:

Melbourne, Australia

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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

