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Information Relating to the US Offer for Rio Tinto plc

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Information for US Holders of Rio Tinto Limited Shares

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Information Relating to the US Offer for Rio Tinto plc and the Rio Tinto Limited Offer for Rio Tinto shareholders located in the US

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BHP Billiton

Strength, Stability and Growth

Today

we are 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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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 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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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

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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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  
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governments,  
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and  
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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 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

a)

EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

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6,000

12,000

18,000

24,000

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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%

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Iron Ore

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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

Note:

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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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with Petroleum as a key business

Petroleum EBIT contribution to BHP Billiton

Source :

BHP Billiton 2008.

Notes:

Results are presented in accordance with AGAAP prior to June 2000, UK GAAP from June 2000 until June 2004, and then IFRS from June 2004. BHPB Billiton changed year ends from May to June in 2000, therefore the results for June 2000 represent a 13 month period.

All numbers are presented in US millions. Where translations have been made, the year end Exchange Rate (AUD/USD) referred to is as follows (US\$ '000)

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- 1,000
- 1,500
- 2,000
- 2,500
- 3,000
- 3,500
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- 1987
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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.

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 preliminary results on 22 August 2007. At that time the expected cost was 211%  
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  
Schedule  
Under  
Budget  
Ahead of  
Schedule  
Budget

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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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FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

Full year dividend

Interim dividend

29% CAGR

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Creating considerable wealth for our 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  
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%

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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  
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15,000  
18,000  
1997  
2007  
Copper consumption (kt)  
Nickel consumption (kt)  
Seaborne iron ore (mt)  
Energy consumption (mtoe)  
China  
USA  
Other  
Notes:  
Seaborne  
iron  
ore  
demand  
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statistics  
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available.

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

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



China's tiered city structure:

2005

2010

2020

84 tier 1-3 cities

(a)

106 tier 1-3 cities

(b)

143 tier 1-3 cities

(c)

Tier 1

Tier 2

Tier 3

Source: Global

Insight;

National

Bureau

of

Statistics

of

China

China

Statistical

Yearbook;

McKinsey

&

Company,

2006.

a)

Tier

1

city

defined

as

registered

population

>4.6

m

and

nominal

GDP/capita

>US\$3,200,

tier

2

city

defined

as

either

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population  
>4.6  
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GDP/capita  
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US\$1,600  
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GDP/capita  
>US\$3,200  
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registered  
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or  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
US\$1,600-US\$3,200.

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city  
defined  
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population  
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m  
and  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
>US\$3,600,  
tier  
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city  
defined

as  
either  
registered  
population  
>4.8  
m  
and  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
at  
least  
US\$1,800  
or  
GDP/capita  
>US\$3,600  
and  
registered  
population  
at  
least  
1.6m,  
tier  
3  
city  
defined  
as  
registered  
population  
1.6-4.8  
m  
or  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
US\$1,800-US\$3,600.

c)  
Tier  
1  
city  
defined  
as  
registered  
population  
>5.0  
m  
and  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
>US\$4,800,  
tier  
2

city  
defined  
as  
either  
registered  
population  
>5.0  
m  
and  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
at  
least  
US\$2,400  
or  
GDP/capita  
>US\$4,800  
and  
registered  
population  
at  
least  
1.7m,  
tier  
3  
city  
defined  
as  
registered  
population  
1.7-5.0  
m  
or  
nominal  
GDP/capita  
US\$2,400-US\$4,800

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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  
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1,000

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India

China

Gross domestic product (US\$bn)

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Gross domestic product (US\$ bn)

1996

2006

200

400

600

800

1,000

China

India

Source: International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Focus Economics, BHP Billiton.





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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  
Klipspruit

GEMCO  
Zamzama  
Phase 2  
2013  
Feasibility  
Guinea  
Alumina  
Worsley  
E&G  
Perseverance  
Deeps  
Maruwai  
Stage 1  
Douglas-  
Middelburg  
Mt Arthur  
Coal UG  
Future Options  
Cliffs  
Newcastle  
Third Port  
NWS  
Angel  
Nimba  
Ekati  
Canadian  
Potash  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 1  
CW Africa  
Exploration  
Angola  
& DRC  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 5  
WA Iron Ore  
Quantum 2  
Macedon  
Turrum  
CMSA Heap  
Leach 1  
NWS  
CWLH  
Peak Downs  
Exp  
DRC  
Smelter  
Mad Dog  
West  
KNS

Exp  
Hallmark  
Corridor  
Sands 1  
Puma  
Cerrejon  
Opt Exp  
Angostura  
Gas  
NWS  
T5  
Our deep diversified inventory of growth options, many of  
which are brown field expansions  
Navajo  
Sth  
Bakhuis  
Maruwai  
Stage 2  
NWS Nth  
Rankin B  
WA Iron Ore  
RGP 4  
Kipper  
Antamina  
Exp  
Goonyella  
Expansions  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 3  
Corridor  
Sands 2  
Knotty  
Head  
Maya  
Nickel  
Gabon  
Daunia  
RBM  
Olympic Dam  
Expansion 2  
Browse  
LNG  
Resolution  
Saraji  
Thebe  
CMSA  
Pyro  
Expansion  
Cannington  
Life Ext

SA Mn  
Ore Exp  
Wards  
Well  
Eastern  
Indonesian  
Facility  
NWS  
WFGH  
Blackwater  
UG  
Olympic Dam  
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CMSA Heap  
Leach 2  
Escondida  
3rd Conc  
Red Hill  
UG  
GEMCO  
Exp  
Samarco 4  
Shenzi  
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Neptune  
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MKO  
Talc  
Scarborough  
Caroona  
Kennedy

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The offer for Rio Tinto

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Combined entity will have a unique portfolio of tier 1 assets

Highly complementary large-scale, low-cost, long-life assets

Strengthened asset portfolio and superior future growth options

Unparalleled

exposure

to

overlapping

mineral

basin

positions

and

infrastructure

Optimisation

of production efficiencies

Delivery of more volume, faster, to customers

Enhanced earnings through quantified synergies and benefits of combination

Broader stakeholders will benefit (customers, communities, employees)

A natural fit

common strategies, heritage, culture and values

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Unlocking value: Why a combination with 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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BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

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Ekati and Diavik

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Ekati

Diavik

Resolution, Pinto Valley  
and Kennecott

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Pinto Valley

Resolution

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Kennecott

Mineral Sands

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Corridor Sands

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QMM

WA

Iron Ore

Port Hedland

Dampier

Cape Lambert

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Mt Goldsworthy

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Mining Area C

Yandi

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Hamersley IO  
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Robe River  
Mt Newman  
Hunter  
Valley  
Coal  
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Mt Thorley  
Warkworth  
Hunter Valley Ops  
Mt Arthur Coal  
Bengalla  
Mt Pleasant  
Joint  
Broadmeadow  
Queensland  
Coal  
Gladstone  
Hay Point  
Goonyella  
Riverside  
Dalrymple  
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Blackwater  
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Gregory  
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Kestrel  
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Norwich  
Park  
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Saraji  
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Peak Downs  
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Blair Athol  
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Hail Creek  
South  
Water Creek  
Poitrel  
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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

(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 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 on 1-Nov-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 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-200  
BHP Billiton's proposa  
06-Feb-200  
BHP Billiton's offer for Rio Tint  
(b)  
45%  
premium  
(c)

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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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Indicative timetable  
2007  
2008

Offer  
Event  
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(a)  
Day 60  
BHP Billiton announcement of  
proposal to Rio Tinto  
12-  
Nov  
BHP Billiton announcement of offers for all of  
the outstanding shares of Rio Tinto  
6-  
Feb  
Satisfaction of regulatory approval  
pre-conditions  
Posting of offer documents for Rio Tinto plc  
offer and Rio Tinto Ltd offer to shareholders  
Last date for fulfilment of greater than 50%  
minimum acceptance condition in Rio Tinto plc  
offer  
Offer continues ..  
Note:  
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Date  
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Day  
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fall  
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2008  
or  
2009.  
Timetable  
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only.  
Second half of 2008  
(within 28 days  
after the  
preconditions are  
satisfied)

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Conclusion

Strength, stability and growth

A strong resources sector is fundamental to Australia's economic prosperity

The global resources industry is undergoing extraordinary change

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  
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is  
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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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Assuming a satisfactory regulatory outcome, Rio Tinto shareholders will be faced with 2 choices:

Accept BHP Billiton's offer, which is priced at a 45% premium to the pre-approach trading valuations of the two companies; or

Reject BHP Billiton's offer

Rio Tinto shareholders will have 2 legitimate questions to ask of their Board

On what grounds can you justify rejecting the 45% premium value uplift implied by BHP Billiton's offer?

How does the Rio Tinto Board propose to deliver to its shareholders the value of the implied premium and the pro-rata share of the combination benefits that shareholders may forego by the Rio Tinto Board refusing to engage with BHP Billiton?

Remember this is about relative value not absolute value.

Legitimate questions for all shareholders

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Appendix: Don Argus Profile

Don Argus

Chairman

Term of office:

Chairman of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2001

Chairman of BHP Limited since April 1999

Director of BHP Limited since November 1996

Other directorships and offices

(current and recent):

Director of Australian Foundation Investment Company Ltd

Board Member International Monetary Conference

Member of Advisory Committee to Australian Securities Commission

Member of Financial Sector Advisory Council

Member of the International Advisory Board of Allianz AG

Member

of

International

Advisory

Committee

to

the

New

York

Stock

Exchange

Board

of

Directors

Former

Chairman

of

Brambles

Ltd

(1999

-

2008)

and

Former

Director

(1999

-  
2008)

Former  
Director  
of  
Southcorp  
Limited  
(1999

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2003)

Former  
Director  
Melbourne  
2006  
Commonwealth  
Games  
Pty  
Ltd  
(2000

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2001)

Former  
Managing  
Director  
and  
CEO  
of  
the  
National  
Australia  
Bank  
Group  
(1991

-  
1999)

Former Chairman Australian Bankers Association and Australian Institute of Bankers  
Distinctions and Awards

Officer of the Order of Australia (1998) in recognition of his services to banking and  
finance, and his contributions to community and sporting organisations

Awarded the Centenary Medal (2003) for service to Australian society through business

Honorary  
Degrees:

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Monash  
University  
(Doctor  
of  
Laws)  
-  
Griffiths  
University  
(Doctor  
of  
the  
University)

Harvard University Advanced Management Program Alumni  
Other:

Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia

Fellow of Certified Practising Accountants

Co-Patron of Vision Australia

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Appendix: Marius Kloppers Profile

Marius Kloppers

Chief Executive Officer

Age:

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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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