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Commission
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Billiton's
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Report
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Inc.'s
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Tinto s
Annual
Report
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Alcan
Inc. s
Annual

Report
on
Form
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SEC's
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(<http://www.sec.gov>).
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Listing
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and
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Slide 3
Disclaimer
(continued)
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 (Prospectus), as well as other relevant materials. No such mate
for any Registration Statement or Prospectus that BHP Billiton may file with the SEC.

U.S.
INVESTORS
AND
U.S.
HOLDERS
OF
RIO
TINTO
PLC
SECURITIES
AND
ALL
HOLDERS
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RIO
TINTO
PLC
ADSs
ARE
URGED
TO
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ANY
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STATEMENT,
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AND
ANY
OTHER
DOCUMENTS
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Investors
and
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holders
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a
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copy
of
the
Registration
Statement
and
the
Prospectus
as
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as
other
relevant
documents
filed
with
the

SEC

at

the

SEC's

website

(<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

Ltd

Shares

BHP Billiton Ltd is not required to, and does not plan to, prepare and file with the SEC a registration statement in respect of the Offer. Investors should carefully consider the following:

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

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States.

Financial

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Relating

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US
Offer
for
Rio
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plc
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the
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
Offer
for
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Tinto
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may
have
arising
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the
U.S.
federal
securities
laws,
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the
issuers
are
located
in

a
foreign
country,
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or
all
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securities
laws.

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be
difficult
to
compel
a
foreign
company
and
its
affiliates
to
subject
themselves
to
a
U.S.
court's
judgement.

You
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aware
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BHP
Billiton
may
purchase
securities
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either
Rio
Tinto
plc
or
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
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the
exchange
offer,
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as
in
open
market
or
privately
negotiated purchases.

References
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States
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otherwise
specified.

Slide 4
Today's discussion

Introduction

BHP Billiton
yesterday, today and tomorrow

Summary of the offer for Rio Tinto

Slide 5
Introduction

Joined the board November 1996,Chairman April 1999.

Chairman of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since
formation

Market capitalisation grown from ~US31bn in 2001 to ~US167bn in 2008

Four CEO s
in that period

Paul Anderson

Brian Gilbertson

Chip Goodyear

Marius Kloppers

Board sound and strong with right skills and experience

Positioned for the next stage of growth and sophistication

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BHP Billiton's track record in production growth and value growth speaks for itself

Notes:

a)

Source: Rio Tinto production numbers sourced from 2006 Annual and 2007 Half-Year Reports. Note: Production shown for the equivalent

units
using
BHP
Billiton
FY2007
average
realised
prices
and
BHP
Billiton
estimates.
Excludes
production
from
sold/ceased
operations.
Production
growth
does
not
include
production
for
the
six
month
period
ending
31-Dec-2007.

b)
Source:
Datastream
and
financial
reports
and
company
filings
of
BHP
Billiton
and
Rio
Tinto.
Market
capitalisation
based
on
shares

outstanding
and
share
price
as
at
the
the
dates
shown.

In
addition,
over
the
period
from
29-Jun-2001
to
31-Oct-2007,

BHP
Billiton
undertook
share
buybacks
of
US\$11.4bn
and
Rio
Tinto
undertook
share
buybacks
of
US\$4.8bn
and
paid
a
special
dividend
of
US\$1.5bn
in
2006.

Production growth

(a)
(Index: FY2001 production = 100)

100
110
120
130
140

150
160
170
FY01
FY02
FY03
FY04
FY05
FY06
FY07
BHP Billiton
8% CAGR
Rio Tinto
4% CAGR
Market capitalisation
(b)
(US\$bn)
0
30
60
90
120
150
180
210
240
BHP Billiton
CAGR: 37%
Rio Tinto
CAGR: 29%
US\$230bn
US\$31bn
US\$122bn
US\$24bn

Slide 8

A record of growth driven from a unique diversified portfolio, balanced across high margin commodities

Underlying EBITDA

(12 months, US\$bn)

Underlying EBITDA Margin

(a)

(CY2007, 12 months)

Note: Historical financial information has been restated for comparative purposes per note 1 of BHP Billiton's half-year financial

a)

EBITDA margin excludes third party sales.

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%)

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

Slide 9

which generates strong cash flow -
delivering value
growth through reinvestment and return to shareholders
0
2,000

4,000
6,000
8,000
10,000
12,000
14,000
16,000
18,000
FY2002
FY2003
FY2004
FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008
H1
H2
0
1500
3000
4500
6000
7500
9000
FY2002
FY2003
FY2004
FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008
Available Cash Flow
(US\$m)
Organic Growth
(a)
(US\$m)
Return to Shareholders
(b)
(US\$m)
Note: FY2005,
FY2006,
FY2007
and
H1
FY2008
have
been
calculated
on
the

basis
of
the
IFRS.
Prior
periods
have
been
calculated
on
the
basis
of
UKGAAP.

(a)
Capital and Exploration FY expenditures (exclude acquisitions).

(b)
Dividends paid and share buy-backs.

0
1500
3000
4500
6000
7500
9000
FY2002
FY2003
FY2004
FY2005
FY2006
FY2007
FY2008

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Boffa/Santou
Refinery
BHP Billiton's future is assured
2010
As at 29 February 2008
Proposed

capital expenditure
<\$500m
\$501m-\$2bn
\$2bn+
SSM
Petroleum
D&SP
Energy Coal
Aluminium
Iron Ore
Base Metals
Met Coal
Manganese
CSG
2008
Execution
Pyrenees
Samarco
Neptune
Shenzi
WA Iron Ore
RGP 4
NWS
T5
Alumar
Atlantis
North
Yabulu
Klipspruit
Kipper
GEMCO
Zamzama
Phase 2
2013
Feasibility
Guinea
Alumina
Worsley
E&G
Perseverance
Deeps
Navajo
Sth
Maruwai
Stage 1
Douglas-
Middelburg
NWS Nth
Rankin B
Bakhuis

Maruwai
Stage 2
Mt Arthur
Coal UG
Future Options
Cliffs
Newcastle
Third Port
NWS
Angel
Scarborough
Samarco
4
Nimba
Ekati
Canadian
Potash
Thebe
Browse
LNG
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 2
CW Africa
Exploration
GEMCO
Exp
CMSA
Pyro
Expansion
Olympic Dam
Expansion 1
CMSA Heap
Leach 2
Olympic Dam
Expansion 2
Olympic Dam
Expansion 3
Angola
& DRC
Caroona
WA Iron Ore
RGP 5
SA Mn
Ore Exp
Corridor
Sands I
WA Iron Ore
Quantum 1
MKO
Talc

Gabon
Macedon
Turrum
Neptune
Nth
CMSA Heap
Leach 1
Knotty
Head
NWS CP
Wards
Well
RBM
Daunia
Peak Downs
Exp
Shenzi
Nth
Maya
Nickel
DRC
Smelter
Mad Dog
SWR
KNS
Exp
Cannington
Life Ext
Hallmark
Blackwater
UG
NWS
WFG
Kennedy
Escondida
3rd Conc
Goonyella
Expansions
Kipper
Ph 2
Resolution
Corridor
Sands II
Saraji
Puma
Cerrejon
Opt Exp
Angostura
Gas
Eastern

Indonesian
Facility
Red Hill
UG

Slide 11
BHP Billiton is the largest diversified global mining company
Sources:
Bloomberg,
Datastream
as
at

20-Mar-2008.

Note:

(a)

Rio

Tinto

undisturbed

market

cap

as

at

31-Oct-2007

Top 15 metals and mining companies

(Market capitalisation as at 20-Mar-2008, US\$bn)

(a)

0

50

100

150

200

250

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and has created considerable wealth for global investors so far

BHP Billiton Plc

(a)

(GBP)

Source:

Bloomberg,
Datastream

as
at
20-Mar-2008

a)
Dividends/distributions

assumes
that
the
dividends
are
received
in
cash
and
reinvested

in
BHP
Billiton.

Includes
the
value
of
bonus
shares
distributed

to
BHP
Billiton
PLC
shareholders

post
the
Bluescope
Steel
spin-off.

A holder of 1,000 BHP Billiton Plc shares on 28 June 2001 would have seen the value of their total holding increase by 378%

-
5,000
10,000
15,000
20,000
25,000
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

Value at 20 March 2008: £16,618

Value at 28 June 2001: £3,480

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Our message to BHP Billiton shareholders

BHP Billiton is a strong company today and will be with or without Rio Tinto

A superior track record of delivering shareholder value

A deep and diversified portfolio of resources assets

Excellent management of those assets

Genuinely global operating capability

Our strategy is clear and has been stable since 2001

The offer is structured to deliver to BHP Billiton shareholders a fair value uplift

Unlocks unique value for both groups of shareholders because of the quantified synergies and other benefits

These benefits are not available to Rio Tinto shareholders or BHP Billiton shareholders on a standalone basis

The offer is compelling

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yesterday, today and tomorrow

Summary of 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

Unlocking value: Why a combination with Rio Tinto?

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- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

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BHP Billiton's 45% premium is a substantial value uplift,
prior to the pro rata share of synergies

Source: Datastream

as at 20-Mar-2008

a)

Exchange

ratio
assumes
100%
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
shares
for
each
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
share
and
BHP
Billiton
shares
for
each
Rio
Tinto
plc
share
consisting
of
80%
BHP
Billiton
Plc
shares
and
20%
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
shares.
2.4
fair
value
exchange
ratio
represents
average
for
period
between
Rio
Tinto
offer
for

Alcan
(12-Jul-2007)

and
BHP
Billiton
approach

to
Rio

Tinto

Board

(1-Nov-2007).

BHP Billiton / Rio Tinto Exchange Ratio

(a)

2.2 for 1

2.4 for 1

2.6 for 1

2.8 for 1

3.0 for 1

3.2 for 1

3.4 for 1

3.6 for 1

3.8 for 1

12-Jul-2007

09-Aug-2007

06-Sep-2007

04-Oct-2007

01-Nov-2007

29-Nov-2007

27-Dec-2007

24-Jan-2008

21-Feb-2008

20-Mar-2008

Pre approach fair value exchange ratio

12-Nov-2007 BHP Billiton Proposal

06-Feb-2008 BHP

Billiton Offer

26-Nov:

Rio Tinto Investor

Presentation

12-Dec:

BHP Billiton Investor

Presentation

15-Jan:

Day one of Rio Tinto

Pilbara media visit

1-Feb:

Chinalco purchase of 12%

of Rio Tinto Plc

6-Feb:

BHP Billiton HY Results and

Rule 2.5 Announcement

08-Nov:

BHP Billiton confirms
approach to Rio Tinto

12-Jul:

Rio Tinto announces
Alcan Offer

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Source: Datastream

as at 20-Mar-2008

a)

Implied offer value between 08-Nov-2007 and 05-Feb-2008 assumes an exchange ratio of 3.0 BHP Billiton Ltd shares for each
each

Rio

Tinto
PLC
share
in
the
form
of
80%
BHP
Billiton
PLC
shares
and
20%
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
shares.
Implied
offer
value
between
06-Feb-2008
and
20-Mar-2008
assumes
an
exchange
ratio
of
3.4
BHP
Billiton
Ltd
shares
for
each
Rio
Tinto
Ltd
share
and
3.4
BHP
Billiton
shares
for
each
Rio
Tinto

PLC
share
in
the
form
of
80%
BHP
Billiton
PLC
shares

and 20% BHP Billiton Ltd shares.

...and the market is setting Rio Tinto's price in line with
our offer terms

Rio Tinto's value has been strongly influenced by BHP Billiton's Offer

Aggregate Market

Capitalisation

(US\$bn)

50

100

150

200

250

Jun-07

Jul-07

Aug-07

Sep-07

Oct-07

Nov-07

Dec-07

Jan-08

Feb-08

Mar-08

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Implied Offer Value (a)

BHP Billiton Proposal

at 3.0:1

BHP Billiton Offer

at 3.4:1

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Legitimate questions for Rio Tinto shareholders

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, and require the Rio Tinto board to deliver this value on a standalone basis

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

On what grounds does the board justify rejecting the 45% premium value uplift plus pro rata share of synergies uplift, implied by BHP Billiton's offer

How does the Rio Tinto Board propose to deliver to its shareholders this value that shareholders may forego by the Rio Tinto Board refusing to engage with BHP Billiton?

Remember this is about relative value not absolute value.

Slide 19

Slide 20
Global consolidation
Vale
Norilsk
China mining
companies
BHP Billiton
Rio Tinto
Rusal
BHP
Billiton
Anglo
Rio Tinto
Xstrata