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BHP BILLITON ISSUES ALUMINIUM CUSTOMER SECTOR GROUP SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BHP Billiton today posted amended supplementary information relating to its full year results for the year ended 30 June 2002 to its website at BHPBilliton.com.

The amended information relates to the Aluminium Customer Sector Group ('CSG') and is recorded on page 2 of the supplementary information. A copy is attached to this press release for reference. The amendments cover the breakdown of turnover, EBITDA and EBIT in the 2002 year between the components of the Aluminium CSG together with an amendment to the split between sustaining and growth capital expenditure. The Aluminium CSG totals for turnover, EBITDA, EBIT and capital expenditure, and all other figures previously reported for depreciation & amortisation, net operating assets and exploration are unchanged.

As a result of these amendments, the table titled 'Trading activities included above: Turnover' in note 3 to the Preliminary Profits Announcement of 7 August titled, 'Segmental analysis by business', will also change. A copy is attached to this press release for reference. The amendment relates to the turnover of the Aluminium CSG in this table that in turn will affect the total figure for this table.

The change between growth and sustaining capital expenditure for the Aluminium CSG will result in a change to the group total numbers from US\$ 1,962 million growth and US\$ 859 million sustaining to US\$ 1930 million growth and US\$ 891 million sustaining. Total capital expenditure for the group of US\$ 2,821 million remains unchanged.

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Customer Sector Group Results - Full Year Comparison

| ALUMINIUM | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-----|---------------------|------|-----|----------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| Year ended 30 June 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US\$ Million | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Turnover | EBITDA | (1) | Depn & amortisation | EBIT | (2) | Net Operating assets | (3) | Capex | (4) | Exploration gross | Explorati to pro |
| | | | | | | | | | | (5) | | |
| Alumina | 661 | 278 | | 106 | 172 | | 2 210 | | 37 | | | |
| Aluminium | 1 396 | 435 | | 128 | 307 | | 2 517 | | 254 | | | |
| Intra-divisional adjustment | (206) | - | | - | - | | - | | - | | | |
| Third party products | 1 006 | 13 | | - | 13 | | - | | - | | | |
| Total | 2 857 | 726 | | 234 | 492 | | 4 727 | | 291 | | - | |
| Year ended 30 June 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| US\$ Million | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Turnover | EBITDA | (1) | Depn & amortisation | EBIT | (2) | Net Operating assets | (3) | Capex | (5) | Exploration gross | Explorati to pro |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alumina | 520 | 260 | | 72 | 188 | | 2 190 | | 1 525 | | | |
| Aluminium | 1 566 | 447 | | 126 | 321 | | 2 540 | | 110 | | | |
| Intra-divisional adjustment | (129) | - | | - | - | | - | | - | | | |
| Third party products | 1 014 | 14 | | - | 14 | | - | | - | | | |

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|-----|---|-------|-----|--|-------|-------|--|----------|--|-------|--|---|
| | Total | 2 971 | 721 | | 198 | 523 | | 4 730 | | 1 635 | | 1 |
| (1) | EBITDA is earnings before net interest, taxation, and depreciation and amortisation. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) | EBIT is earnings before net interest and taxation (excluding exceptional items). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | Net operating assets comprises all assets and liabilities with the exception of balances related to net debt, taxation and dividends. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) | Capex in aggregate comprises US\$230 million growth and US\$61 million sustaining. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) | Capex includes capital and investment expenditure and excludes capitalised interest and capitalised exploration. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Production ('000 tonnes) | | | | 2002 | 2001 | | Change % | | | | |
| | Alumina | | | | 3 942 | 2 938 | | 34.2 | | | | |
| | Aluminium | | | | 992 | 984 | | 0.8 | | | | |
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

| 3. Segmental analysis by business (Extract) | Year ended | Year ended |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 30 June 2002 | 30 June 2001 |
| | US\$M | US\$M |
| Trading activities included above | | |
| Turnover | | |
| Aluminium | 1 006 | 1 014 |
| Base metals | 24 | 13 |
| Carbon steel materials | 22 | 40 |
| Stainless steel materials | 9 | 6 |
| Energy coal | 108 | 100 |
| Diamonds and specialty products | 823 | 797 |
| Petroleum | - | - |
| Steel | - | - |

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| Group and unallocated items | - | - |
| | | |
| | 1 992 | 1 970 |

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