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Page 4
Resourcing the future
Some implications in a sustained high energy price world
BHP Billiton's future growth outlook
Page 4

There are powerful socio-economic forces driving China / India growth, but what will be the impact of higher energy prices?

Finished steel consumption

(kg/capita)

Source:

World

Bank;

Government

Statistics

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Taiwan;

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800

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25,000

30,000

35,000

40,000

45,000

50,000

China
India
Japan
Korea, Rep.
United States
Taiwan
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High oil prices forecast to impact world GDP growth, but
China impacted less than developed countries
Factors impacting growth

Higher energy prices

Commodities price inflation

US Housing market

Source: IMF: World Economic Outlook 2008

1) Advanced Economies as defined by the IMF World Economic Outlook 2008

Revised 2009 GDP growth

Real GDP Growth %

Advanced Economies¹

Revised April 2008

Initial

World

China

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A period of sustained higher oil prices will reinforce the value
of
bulk commodity Tier 1 assets
Impact of sustained higher oil prices
Oil price impacts operations and
freight
Combination lifts and steepens the

curve

Prices move, set by the higher end

marginal cost of production

Steepening cost curve

With a steeper cost curve the

differential

to the marginal cost

producer widens

2

Tier 1 assets relative

profitability, at constant demand

scenarios, actually benefits from

an energy price induced upward

cost curve shift

2

Tier 1 producer volumes are

relatively protected from

demand contraction

Generic delivered bulk commodity cash cost curve

shift in high oil price environment

(Cash cost \$/t)

Source: BHP Billiton analysis

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In a world of high oil prices, the relative value of Tier 1 bulk commodity

assets that are close to Asian growth markets is enhanced

Source: CRU, BHP Billiton analysis

Transparent pricing

In a transparent pricing market the

value to customer of two identical products is fixed, and the supplier is paid that delivered price
Impacts of higher oil prices

Freight costs become a much larger component of delivered cost

High freight costs with a variety of distance to market steepens the cost curve

Proximity to market delivers sustainable cost advantage

Regardless of demand impact the incentive to expand production is high for assets which are close to markets

Iron Ore cost FOB vs
Delivered to Asia
(\$/dmt)

BHP Billiton Weighted Avg.
Cumulative production

(Mt)
0
100
200
300
400
500
600
700
800
900
1000
0
140
130
120
110
100
90
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70
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10
2007 FOB
2007 Delivered
2008 Delivered
Third quartile
curve shift
Page 8

~\$130
EBIT uplift
Increase in cost
associated with oil
Net EBIT impact
~\$640
~\$770

Net EBIT

(1)

impact of \$10 oil price increase

\$MM on FY08 Forecast production

At FY08 volumes, \$10 increase in the price of oil could

generate a net ~\$640m BHP Billiton EBIT uplift

The BHP Billiton energy hedge

Petroleum business creates a

hedge against petroleum products

cost increase for all BHP Billiton

For example:

An average \$10 increase in the

price of oil implies ~\$770m

EBIT uplift at FY08 volume

A similar 10% increase in the

price of petroleum products will

increase cost base

(2)

by

~\$130m

net gain of ~\$640m

BHP Billiton's portfolio also includes

other energy generating products:

energy coal, met coal and uranium

Source:

BHP

Billiton

Petroleum,

BHP

Billiton

analysis

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Estimate

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FY08

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Page 9

BHP Billiton Petroleum: Production growing to 170mmboe/yr,
high EBIT margin per barrel and strong resource base

EBIT

(1)

margin per barrel at different price levels

(\$/boe)

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50
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150
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FY07
FY08E
FY09E
FY10E
FY11E
Liquids
Gas
Production Growth
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Source:
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Oil Price

(2)
\$90
\$100
\$110
\$120
EBIT
\$42
\$48
\$54
\$59

Attributable Reserves and Resources
(mmboe, as at 30-Jun-2007)

(3)
Proved Reserves
1,353 mmboe
Probable
Reserves + 2C
Contingent
Resources
Total
Resources
3,594
mmboe
2,241 mmboe
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Page 11
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BHP Billiton has an attractive growth profile of significant scale

Copper Equivalent Tonnes '000

Production in copper equivalent tonnes

Simple Copper Equivalent

Focused on deliverable
growth over the next five
years

Commence from CY07, a
year of known production

BHP Billiton 6.9% CAGR,
and growing from 8.2 million
tonnes of Cu equivalent to
11.4 million tonnes of Cu
equivalent

Rio Tinto on the same basis
shows a growth rate of 6.0%
CAGR but of lesser scale

BHP Billiton 82% of growth
from brownfields

BHP Billiton

Rio Tinto

Note: Copper equivalent units calculated using BHP Billiton (BHPB) estimates for BHPB production; Rio Tinto forecasts for Industrial Minerals, Lead and Zinc businesses; BHPB's Specialty Products operation; all bauxite production. All energy coal production forecasts to copper equivalent units completed using long term consensus price forecasts, plus BHPB assumptions for year Alcan alumina and aluminium as per 12 March 2008 announcement.

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BHP Billiton's growth capital expenditure is focused on high margin commodities

Source: BHP Billiton analysis. EBIT margin excludes third party trading.

Note: BHP Billiton margins are actual CY07 margins.

Carbon Steel Materials

Non-Ferrous

Energy
Margins matter

Cu equivalent production is
based on implied revenue

\$1 million of revenue from
energy coal
calculates to the
same tonnage
of copper
equivalent as \$1 million of
revenue from **petroleum**

One tonne of petroleum
derived copper is worth more
than 4 times as much as one
tonne of energy coal derived
copper
Using BHP Billiton CY07
EBIT margins

Page 14
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
Beyond our 5 year growth plans, the future options portfolio is
deep and diversified
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
Expansion 1
CMSA Heap
Leach 2
Escondida
3rd Conc
Red Hill
UG
GEMCO
Exp
Samarco 4
Shenzi
Nth
Neptune
Nth
MKO
Talc
Scarborough
Caroona
Kennedy

