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Rachel Agnew
Company Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 20-F

- REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR
 ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

OR

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
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For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number: 001-09526

BHP BILLITON LIMITED
(ABN 49 004 028 077)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)
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Commission file number: 001-31714

BHP BILLITON PLC
(REG. NO. 3196209)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)
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UNITED KINGDOM
(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered	Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
American Depositary Shares*	New York Stock Exchange	American Depositary Shares*	New York Stock Exchange
Ordinary Shares**	New York Stock Exchange	Ordinary Shares, nominal value US\$0.50 each**	New York Stock Exchange

* Evidenced by American Depositary Receipts. Each American Depositary Receipt represents two ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc, as the case may be.

** Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of the applicable American Depositary Shares.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

	<u>BHP Billiton Limited</u>	<u>BHP Billiton Plc</u>
Fully Paid Ordinary Shares	3,211,691,105	2,112,071,796

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes No

Note – Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of “accelerated filer and large accelerated filer” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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U.S. GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

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If this is an annual report, indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Our Charter

**We are BHP Billiton,
a leading global resources
company.**

Our purpose is to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition, development and marketing of natural resources.
Our strategy is to own and operate large, long-life, low-cost, expandable, upstream assets diversified by commodity, geography and market.

Our Values

Sustainability

Putting health and safety first, being environmentally responsible and supporting our communities.

Integrity

Doing what is right and doing what we say we will do.

Respect

Embracing openness, trust, teamwork, diversity and relationships that are mutually beneficial.

Performance

Achieving superior business results by stretching our capabilities.

Simplicity

Focusing our efforts on the things that matter most.

Accountability

Defining and accepting responsibility and delivering on our commitments.

We are successful when:

Our people start each day with a sense of purpose and end the day with a sense of accomplishment.

Our teams are inclusive and diverse.

Our communities, customers and suppliers value their relationships with us.

Our asset portfolio is world-class and sustainably developed.

Our operational discipline and financial strength enables our future growth.

Our shareholders receive a superior return on their investment.

Andrew Mackenzie

Chief Executive Officer

BHP Billiton Limited. ABN 49 004 028 077. Registered in Australia. Registered office: 171 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia. BHP Billiton Plc. Registration number 3196209. Registered in England and Wales. Registered office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1LH, United Kingdom. Each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc is a member of the BHP Billiton Group, which is headquartered in Australia. BHP Billiton is a Dual Listed Company structure comprising BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc. The two entities continue to exist as separate companies but operate as a combined Group known as BHP Billiton.

The headquarters of BHP Billiton Limited and the global headquarters of the combined BHP Billiton Group are located in Melbourne, Australia. The headquarters of BHP Billiton Plc is located in London, United Kingdom. Both companies have identical Boards of Directors and are run by a unified management team. Throughout this publication, the Boards are referred to collectively as the Board. Shareholders in each company have equivalent economic and voting rights in the BHP Billiton Group as a whole.

Throughout this Annual Report, the terms BHP Billiton, the Company and the Group refer to the combined group, including both BHP Billiton Limited and subsidiary companies and BHP Billiton Plc and subsidiary companies. Cross references refer to sections of the Annual Report, unless stated otherwise.

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Forward looking statements

This Annual Report contains forward looking statements, including statements regarding trends in commodity prices and currency exchange rates; demand for commodities; production forecasts; plans, strategies and objectives of management; closure or divestment of certain operations or facilities (including associated costs); anticipated production or construction commencement dates; capital costs and scheduling; operating costs; anticipated productive lives of projects, mines and facilities; provisions and contingent liabilities; and tax and regulatory developments.

Forward looking statements can be identified by the use of terminology such as ‘intend’, ‘aim’, ‘project’, ‘anticipate’, ‘estimate’, ‘plan’, ‘believe’, ‘expect’, ‘may’, ‘should’, ‘will’, ‘continue’ or similar words. These statements discuss future expectations concerning the results of operations or financial conditions, or provide other forward looking information.

These forward looking statements are not guarantees or predictions of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control and which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements contained in this Annual Report. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward looking statements.

For example, our future revenues from our operations, projects or mines described in this Annual Report will be based, in part, on the market price of the minerals, metals or petroleum products produced, which may vary significantly from current levels. These variations, if materially adverse, may affect the timing or the feasibility of the development of a particular project, the expansion of certain facilities or mines, or the continuation of existing operations.

Other factors that may affect the actual construction or production commencement dates, costs or production output and anticipated lives of operations, mines or facilities include our ability to profitably produce and transport the minerals, petroleum and/or metals extracted to applicable markets; the impact of foreign currency exchange rates on the market prices of the minerals, petroleum or metals we produce; activities of government authorities in the countries where we are exploring or developing projects, facilities or mines, including increases in taxes, changes in environmental and other regulations and political uncertainty; labour unrest; and other factors identified in the risk factors set out in section 1.9.2.

Except as required by applicable regulations or by law, the Company does not undertake to publicly update or review any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events.

Past performance cannot be relied on as a guide to future performance.

Form 20-F Cross Reference Table

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C	Interests of experts and counsel	Not applicable
8.	Financial information	
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11.	Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk	Note 21 to the Financial Statements
12.	Description of securities other than equity securities	
A	Debt Securities	Not applicable
B	Warrants and Rights	Not applicable
C	Other Securities	Not applicable
D	American Depositary Shares	7.9
13.	Defaults, dividend arrearages and delinquencies	There have been no defaults, dividend arrearages or delinquencies
14.	Material modifications to the rights of security holders and use of proceeds	There have been no material modifications to the rights of security holders and use of proceeds since our last Annual Report
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17.	Financial statements	Not applicable as Item 18 complied with
18.	Financial statements	The pages beginning on page F-1 in this Annual Report and Exhibit 15.1
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1 Strategic Report

About this Strategic Report

This Strategic Report provides insight into BHP Billiton's strategy, operating and business model, and objectives. It describes the principal risks the Company faces and how these risks might affect our future prospects. It also gives our perspective on our recent operational and financial performance.

This disclosure is intended to assist shareholders and other stakeholders to understand and interpret the Consolidated Financial Statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) included in this Annual Report. The basis of preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements is set out in section 5.1 'Basis of preparation' to the Financial Statements. To obtain full details of the financial and operational performance of BHP Billiton, this Strategic Report should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes.

This Strategic Report meets the requirements of the UK Companies Act 2006 and the Operating and Financial Review required by the Australian Corporations Act 2001.

Section 1 of this Annual Report 2016 constitutes our Strategic Report 2016. References to sections beyond section 1 are references to sections in this Annual Report 2016. Shareholders may obtain a hard copy of the Annual Report free of charge by contacting our Share Registrars, whose details are set out in our Corporate Directory at the end of this Annual Report.

All references to websites in this Annual Report are intended to be inactive textual references for information only and any information contained in, or accessible through, any such website does not form a part of this Annual Report.

1.1 Chairman's Review

Dear Shareholder,

Without doubt, this year has been a difficult one for BHP Billiton.

We are deeply sorry to all those who have been affected by the tragic events at the Samarco iron ore operations in Brazil in November last year. At the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BHP Billiton Limited, we made a commitment to support Samarco with the response effort and to find out what went wrong.

As our stakeholders would expect, the Board has spent a significant amount of time discussing Samarco and considering our response. Soon after the tragedy occurred, we set up a sub-committee of the Board with specific authorities delegated to it in relation to Samarco. Alongside the Samarco sub-committee, the Risk and Audit Committee and the Sustainability Committee have considered matters relating to Samarco as part of those committees' ongoing duties.

In November 2015, BHP Billiton Brasil, Samarco and Vale jointly commissioned an external investigation into the technical cause of the breach of the Fundão tailings dam at Samarco's iron ore operations. A panel of four geotechnical specialists from Brazil, Canada and the United States was engaged to advise on the technical aspects of the failure. On 29 August 2016, the panel published its findings into the immediate causes of the dam failure.

We have shared the findings widely so that the sector can learn from the dam failure and develop and implement further standards to prevent a similar event happening elsewhere. In addition, we have conducted an in-depth review of significant dams in our portfolio. We have also reviewed the non-operated minerals joint ventures in our portfolio. We have identified a number of actions that we will take in the management of our tailings dams and joint venture arrangements. More information can be found in section 1.4. We will provide an update in our FY2017 Annual Report on progress with implementation of the actions we have identified.

Against the backdrop of a volatile and uncertain global environment, a strong balance sheet remains a key enabler of our strategy. In 2016, we therefore announced a new dividend policy that further protects our balance sheet and ensures financial flexibility. While a difficult decision to make, this was the right decision for your Company. The dividend policy provides for a minimum 50 per cent payout of Underlying attributable profit at every reporting period. For FY2016, the Board determined a final dividend of 14 US cents per share, which is covered by free cash flow. This dividend comprises the minimum payout per share plus an additional amount of six US cents per share.

At every reporting period, the Board will assess the Company's capacity to pay amounts additional to the minimum payment, in accordance with the capital allocation framework. We will be accountable for every dollar we spend and strictly adhere to our capital allocation framework, which takes into account the changing conditions in which we operate.

Responding to climate change remains a priority governance and strategic issue for BHP Billiton in the context of the transformational changes now underway in the global energy market, driven by climate policy and technology advances. Active engagement with our stakeholders, including investors, policy makers, peers and non-governmental organisations, on our approach to climate change is also a priority. We encourage governments to develop long-term and effective policy frameworks that align with their strategic priorities and include a portfolio of complementary measures.

We understand the importance of reducing the Company's greenhouse gas emissions and ensuring the resilience of our business. Following on our well-received Climate Change: Portfolio Analysis which was published in September 2015, we will, prior to the 2016 AGMs, issue an update on the activities we have undertaken during the year to progress our response to climate change risk. We look forward to discussing this with a wide range of stakeholders.

I would like to thank John Schubert for his outstanding service to the Board and the Company over many years. John will retire after the 2016 BHP Billiton Limited AGM. In line with our planned approach to Board succession, we appointed Ken MacKenzie to the Board as a Non-executive Director with effect from 22 September 2016. Ken has a proven track record, having led a successful company in a challenging sector for a decade. His extensive global and executive experience will enable him to make a significant contribution to the Board.

Your Board is confident in the outlook for BHP Billiton and we thank you for your continued support of the Company.

Jac Nasser AO

Chairman

1.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Dear Shareholder,

This year was difficult for both BHP Billiton and the resources industry generally.

I again want to convey our deep sorrow for all who have been impacted by the tragic events in Brazil after the Fundão dam failure at Samarco on 5 November 2015 – especially to the families and friends of the 19 people who died, as well as those who have lost their homes or livelihoods and face an uncertain future.

BHP Billiton is committed to doing the right thing to help those affected recover and to work closely with our joint venture partner, Vale, and the operator, Samarco, to achieve this.

I visited the region again in June 2016 and was impressed by the progress in the restoration and recovery efforts to date. We are acutely aware that this will be a long process to provide full redress and we are working tirelessly to remediate the community and environmental impacts.

I encourage you to read more about our response in section 1.4 or in our 2016 Sustainability Report.

While it is hard to be positive about our safety performance in the shadow of Samarco, this past year we achieved some strong improvements at our BHP Billiton operated sites, such as no fatalities and a 20 per cent decrease in high-potential injury events.

Our safety measure of total recordable injury frequency (TRIF) slightly increased to 4.3 per million hours worked. While this is low by historic and industry standards, we are determined to improve it. We put safety first in all that we do – nothing is more important.

FY2016 saw significantly weaker commodity prices and three exceptional charges that contributed to a statutory loss of US\$6.4 billion. While we are disappointed by this result, our underlying performance is strong. Our Underlying EBITDA margin is healthy at 41 per cent. Costs were down 16 per cent and we delivered productivity gains of more than US\$400 million (on top of the US\$10 billion secured since FY2012). These gains contributed to free cash flow of US\$3.4 billion and the continued strength of our balance sheet.

Despite the challenges confronted this year, we have stayed true to *Our BHP Billiton Charter* values and not wavered from our plans. We have made the necessary changes to our Company and completed the structural work (including a new streamlined Operating Model) to simplify our portfolio and increase our agility.

We now have everything in place to create significant future value – through more productivity gains, attractive growth projects, our ambitious exploration program and new technology.

When we deliver this value – for our shareholders, our employees and the communities in which we work – BHP Billiton also contributes to society more broadly.

I'm really proud of the contribution that BHP Billiton makes. In FY2016, our total economic contribution was US\$26.7 billion, through employment, purchased goods and services, and taxes and royalties. This also includes the US\$178.7 million we voluntarily invested in communities.

None of this would have been possible without the 65,000 dedicated BHP Billiton team members who walk through our gates and doors each day with a sense of purpose and a determination to make a difference. The team's contributions are valued and their commitment to step up and deliver even in the face of challenge inspires me.

Thank you also to our broader BHP Billiton family of customers, suppliers and host communities who work together with us to make our results and our future possible. Finally, thank you to our shareholders for your continued commitment to our great Company.

We have the right assets in the right commodities with the capability and culture to build even more momentum and prosper in 2017 and beyond.

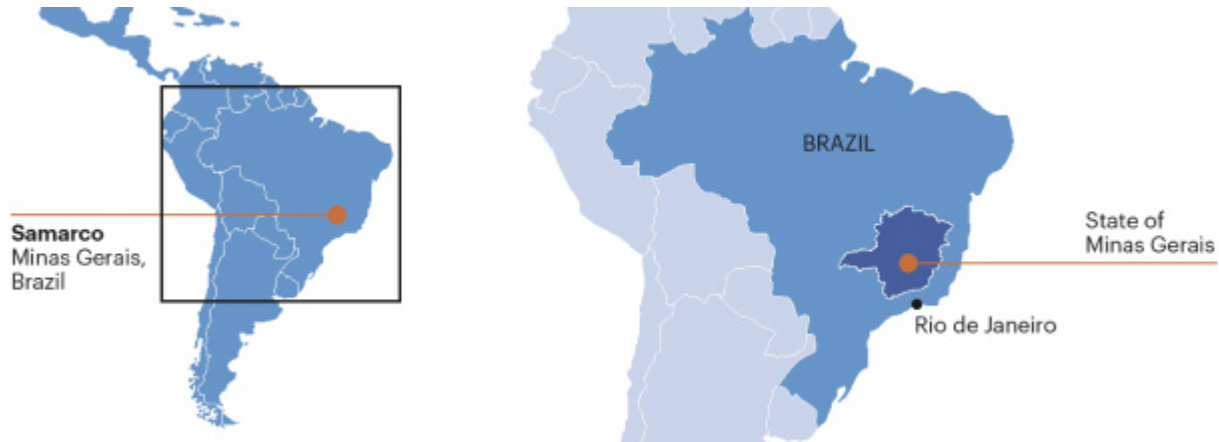
Andrew Mackenzie

Chief Executive Officer

1.3 Performance summary

Not required for US reporting. Refer to section 1.13.

1.4 Samarco



Introduction

Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) is a non-operated joint venture owned by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (BHP Billiton Brasil) and Vale S.A. (Vale), each having a 50 per cent shareholding. The Samarco operations comprise an iron ore mine, and processing and concentration facilities located in Bento Rodrigues in the Mariana region of the state of Minas Gerais, and four pellet plants and a port located in the state of Espírito Santo.

The failure of Samarco's Fundão dam

On 5 November 2015, the Fundão dam failed. The dam is one of Samarco's two primary tailings dams at the mine site. This failure led to a significant volume of mine tailings (water and mud-like mine waste) being released (Samarco dam failure). As a result, the communities of Bento Rodrigues, Gesteira and Paracatu were flooded and a number of other communities further downstream were also affected.

Tragically, 19 people died - five community members and 14 people who were working on the dam facility at the time of the failure.

The tailings spill caused extensive damage to the natural environment, communities and associated infrastructure along the Rio Doce. Approximately 700 people were rendered homeless after the Samarco dam failure. Seven bridges were destroyed, access roads were damaged and 100 kilometres of fencing was impacted.

Over 2,000 hectares of riverside vegetation and agricultural land were impacted, with millions of tonnes of tailings material deposited along the banks of the river system.

BHP Billiton is deeply sorry to all who have been impacted by this tragedy, in particular to the families and friends of those who died, as well as those who have lost their homes or livelihoods and face an uncertain future in the near term.

Our immediate response

Following the Samarco dam failure, BHP Billiton extended its immediate support and assistance to Samarco in the response effort. Our immediate concern was for the welfare of the Samarco workforce and the affected communities.

Samarco assisted in providing temporary accommodation, water and food aid for affected communities. BHP Billiton and Vale also dispatched geotechnical, disaster relief and humanitarian response experts, along with senior health and safety executives, environmental scientists and a number of other support staff, to support the response efforts.

BHP Billiton CEO Andrew Mackenzie travelled to Bento Rodrigues immediately following the Samarco dam failure to meet with Vale, Samarco, the local authorities and members of the community, and to gain a first-hand understanding of the human, environmental and operational impacts of the disaster and the scale of the assistance required. In addition, members of the BHP Billiton Forum on Corporate Responsibility (FCR), which is made up of nine highly respected civil society leaders, visited the Mariana region in January 2016 to understand the impacts of the Samarco dam failure and Samarco's response.

Our ongoing support

BHP Billiton has now established a permanent presence in Belo Horizonte to continue to support Samarco's remediation and response work over the longer term. We have a team of around 35 technical experts and senior management now engaged full-time in the ongoing response effort.

Chief Commercial Officer, Dean Dalla Valle, assumed day-to-day responsibility at an Executive Leadership Team level for BHP Billiton's response to the dam failure, and has been based in Brazil since February 2016.

Socio-economic programs and environment programs were commenced shortly after the Samarco dam failure.

The Framework Agreement and Fundação Renova

In December 2015, the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and certain other public authorities (Brazilian Authorities) filed a R\$20 billion claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil for clean-up costs and damages.

In March 2016, an agreement was entered into by Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil and the Brazilian Authorities for the restoration of the environment and communities affected by the dam failure (Framework Agreement). The Framework Agreement provides a long-term, participatory framework for responding to the Samarco tragedy.

The Framework Agreement outlines a set of actions, measures and programs, including 17 environmental and 22 socio-economic programs, to restore and compensate the communities and environment affected by the Samarco dam failure.

In accordance with the Framework Agreement, Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil have established a private foundation (Fundação Renova) to develop and execute the environmental and socio-economic programs. Samarco is responsible for funding the Fundação Renova and will make annual contributions. However, to the extent that Samarco does not meet its funding obligations, each of Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil has agreed to provide funding to the Fundação Renova in proportion to its 50 per cent shareholding in Samarco.

The Fundação Renova will be overseen by an Inter-Federative Committee comprising representatives of the Ministry for the Environment, the Federal Government, the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, the municipalities of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, the Public Defenders Union and the Rio Doce Hydrographic Basin Committee.

The Framework Agreement mandates community involvement in the development of the remediation and compensation programs through a formal advisory committee and social dialogue program. It includes a local level grievance mechanism and the establishment of an Ombudsman-like process, which is currently being designed with input from international experts and communities.

The Framework Agreement was ratified by the Federal Court of Appeal in Brasilia on 5 May 2016, suspending the R\$20 billion public civil claim commenced by the Brazilian Authorities against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil. However, on 30 June 2016, the Superior Court of Justice issued a preliminary order suspending the decision of the Federal Court of Appeal to ratify the Framework Agreement. Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil have appealed the decision of the Superior Court of Justice.

The effect of the preliminary order of the Superior Court of Justice is to reinstate the R\$20 billion public civil claim. Notwithstanding this preliminary order, Samarco will continue to remediate and compensate for the effects of the Samarco dam failure.

The Framework Agreement remains a binding agreement between the parties and Samarco will continue to undertake the economic and socio-economic programs under the Framework Agreement.

Ongoing socio-economic and environmental programs

Compensation for those affected, the reconstruction of public infrastructure and the relocation of the impacted communities of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu and Gesteira are key programs under the Framework Agreement. Ninety per cent of the 41 programs prescribed by the Framework Agreement have been initiated and have been transitioned to the Fundação Renova.

Following a participatory process, the Bento Rodrigues community voted on the location of Lavoura as the place to rebuild their community. The site is located approximately nine kilometres from the location of the former town.

Following a similar consultation process, 95 per cent of community members from Gesteira, in the district of Barra Longa, voted in favour of reconstructing homes and public facilities in the area of Macacos.

Residents of Paracatu have visited options for their resettlement site and are in the process of deciding on their preferred location. The next step in the process is to engage the communities in architectural and urban design, as well as the construction standards of the residences.

Over 7,000 families whose livelihoods have been impacted by the dam failure are receiving financial assistance from Samarco. The majority of these are either from the communities closest to the mine site in Mariana and Barra Longa or from the communities along the Rio Doce and near the coast in Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo where fishing-based livelihoods were common.

An extensive negotiated compensation program has been developed to ensure affected people receive fair and reasonable compensation. The program commenced in August 2016 and will take six months to implement in 20 locations. Payments are expected to be completed by mid-2017. Preliminary compensation has already been paid to those most severely impacted.

Works are underway to reinforce and improve the dam structures at Samarco so as to contain the remaining tailings materials. A large portion of the works are scheduled to be completed before the next wet season commences. Among the measures being taken, Samarco is building a series of sediment dams to reduce the potential for tailings to be transported further downstream. Works also include re-contouring tailings deposits, establishing a temporary vegetation cover and rock armouring sections of the main river channel and tributaries to reduce erosion.

Water testing is being conducted at 94 different points along the Rio Doce and marine areas near the mouth of the river. Extensive geochemical analyses of the tailings and existing sediments and toxicity test work have also been undertaken. Results indicate that the water quality of the river, in terms of metals of environmental concern, is similar to that determined by studies conducted in 2010 by the Brazilian Geological Service and National Water Agency, and support the earlier determination that the tailings released into the river system are not toxic.

Understanding the cause

In November 2015, BHP Billiton Brasil, Samarco and Vale jointly engaged New York-based law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (Cleary Gottlieb) to coordinate an external investigation into the immediate cause of the breach of the Fundão tailings dam.

Cleary Gottlieb retained a panel of four geotechnical specialists to support the investigation. BHP Billiton committed to publicly share the findings in order to provide a detailed technical understanding of the cause of this tragedy and help to prevent a similar event from occurring again.

The panel's findings can be viewed at www.fundaoinvestigation.com.

In addition to this external investigation, BHP Billiton initiated a comprehensive internal review of other significant dams and non-operated minerals joint ventures in the portfolio. A primary purpose of the dams review was to assure the integrity of significant dam structures.

BHP Billiton has identified a number of actions that we will take in our management of tailings dams and joint venture arrangements, including:

- creating a centralised dam management function that will bring additional specialist expertise in-house at BHP Billiton;
- assessing technology options to enhance dam management across the portfolio;
- applying at all of our operated minerals assets the process for dam safety reviews developed by the Canadian Dam Association, which is considered to be the most rigorous in the industry;
- centralising management of our interest in all major non-operated minerals joint ventures in the Minerals Americas operating group;
- establishing a new BHP Billiton global standard for non-operated minerals joint ventures.

Other legal matters

On 3 May 2016, the Federal Public Prosecution Service filed a public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil – as well as 18 other public entities – seeking R\$155 billion (approximately US\$48 billion) for reparation, compensation and collective moral damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure. The claim also includes a number of preliminary injunction requests. BHP Billiton Brasil has applied to have the injunctions dismissed.

BHP Billiton Brasil is among the companies named as defendants in proceedings initiated by individuals, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), corporations and governmental entities in Brazilian federal and state courts following the Samarco dam failure. The other defendants include Vale and Samarco.

For more information on these legal proceedings, refer to section 6.5.

Restart

Samarco's mining and processing operations remain suspended. Samarco is progressing plans to restart operations; however, there is uncertainty around the timing and nature of future ongoing operations. Samarco has confirmed it is unlikely to have in place the necessary approvals to restart its operations in the 2016 calendar year. Samarco makes an important contribution to the national economy and the livelihoods of thousands of people, but Samarco's operations will restart only when it is safe to do so, and when all necessary regulatory approvals have been obtained.

1.5 Business model

Our corporate purpose is to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition, development and marketing of natural resources.

1.5.1 About us

BHP Billiton is among the world's top producers of major commodities including iron ore, metallurgical coal, copper and uranium. We also have substantial interests in oil, gas and energy coal.

We extract and process minerals, oil and gas from our production operations located primarily in Australia and the Americas.

Our products are sold worldwide, with sales and marketing led through Singapore and Houston, United States. Our global headquarters are in Melbourne, Australia.

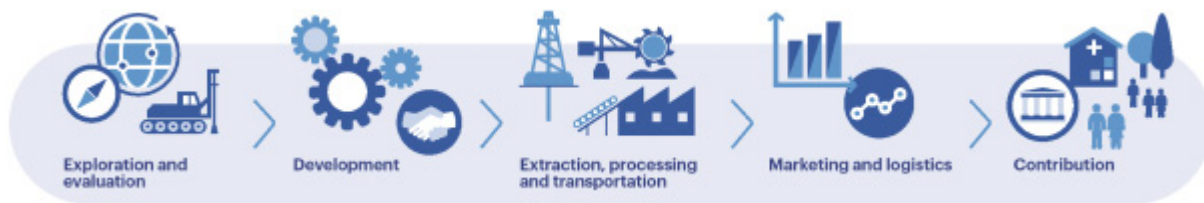
We operate under a Dual Listed Company structure with two parent companies (BHP Billiton Ltd and BHP Billiton Plc) operated as a single economic entity. We are run by a unified Board and management.

With a team of more than 65,000 employees and contractors as of 30 June 2016, we prioritise our people's health and safety and strive to create an environment free from fatalities, injuries and occupational illnesses.

Our size and scope allow us to make meaningful contributions to communities and the long-term nature of our operations means we are able to build collaborative community relationships.

We aim to maximise the social and economic benefits of our operations, contribute to economic development and minimise our environmental footprint through innovation, productivity and technology.

1.5.2 What we do



Exploration and evaluation

We discover resources through brownfield and greenfield exploration. To enhance our portfolio, we also consider acquisition and divestment opportunities.

Development

To develop our options, we evaluate, plan and then invest in infrastructure, studies or trials and make decisions using a robust, rigorous process. Projects progress only if they have internal and external approvals, including Board approval for major projects.

Extraction, processing and transportation

Our goal is to safely operate our assets through mining, extracting, processing and transporting commodities. Asset teams are focused on safety, productivity and sustainability, including rehabilitation when an operation closes.

Marketing and logistics

We manage product distribution through our global logistics chain, including freight and pipeline transportation. We sell our products through direct supply agreements with our customers and on global commodity exchanges. Customer insights, economic analysis and our deep knowledge of commodity markets enable us to develop a view of markets and future pricing.

Contribution

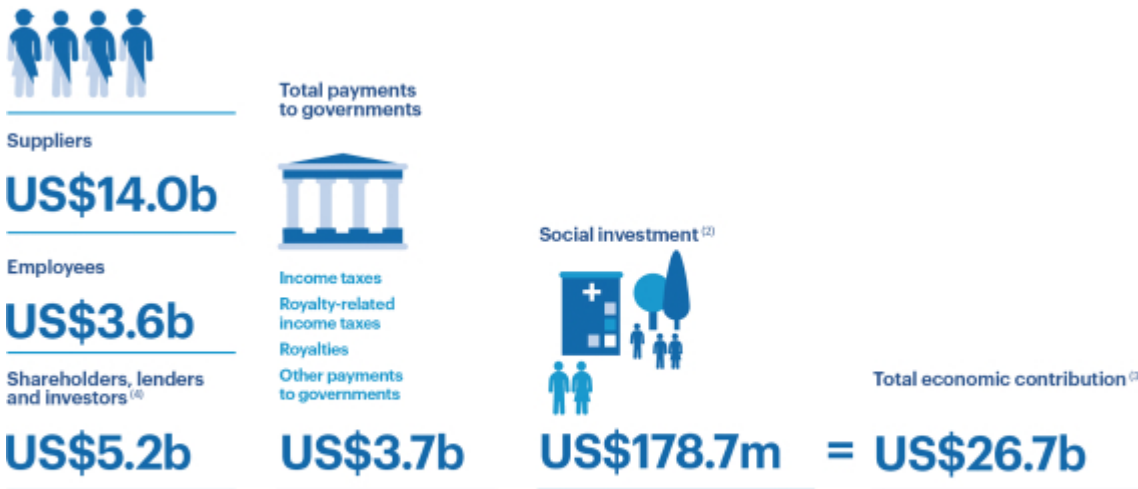
We make a broader contribution to the communities, regions and nations in which we operate. At each step of our business model we create value – through creating jobs, purchasing goods and services and paying taxes and royalties. This generates the economic activity that supports the contribution we make to our host communities and nations.

Creating value

We create value for both our shareholders and the broader community through the activities performed at each step of our business model.

The commodities we produce underpin nearly every facet of modern life – the essential infrastructure, telecommunications, transportation and energy supplies that contribute to higher living standards for many people globally.

Our broader contribution ⁽¹⁾



(1) For more information on our broader contribution, refer to our Economic contribution and payments to government Report, which is available at www.bhpbilliton.com.

(2) Community contribution includes cash and administrative costs (US\$123.7 million) and funds transferred to BHP Billiton Foundation (US\$55 million). Includes payments made by equity accounted investments.

(3) The total economic contribution made during FY2016 of US\$26.7 billion is determined by combining total payments to governments of US\$3.7 billion (determined on a cash paid basis), payments to suppliers of US\$14.0 billion, employee expenses of US\$3.6 billion, distributions to shareholders and investors of US\$5.2 billion (determined on an accruals basis) and community contribution of US\$178.7 million.

(4) Shareholders and investors includes US\$4.2 billion of dividends attributable to members of the BHP Billiton Group and US\$1.0 billion of interest expense.

1.5.3 Our Operating Model

Our Operating Model describes how we are organised and work together.

The demerger of South32 in May 2015 significantly simplified our portfolio and created further opportunity for productivity improvements across our operations. Our new Operating Model, announced in February 2016, makes BHP Billiton a more agile company ready to respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by a changing global market place. The new Operating Model is designed for our simpler portfolio of 12 core operated assets. It aims to remove duplication, realise economies of scale and facilitate greater coordination in order to enhance safety, productivity and the sharing of best practice.

Under the new Operating Model, BHP Billiton is organised by:

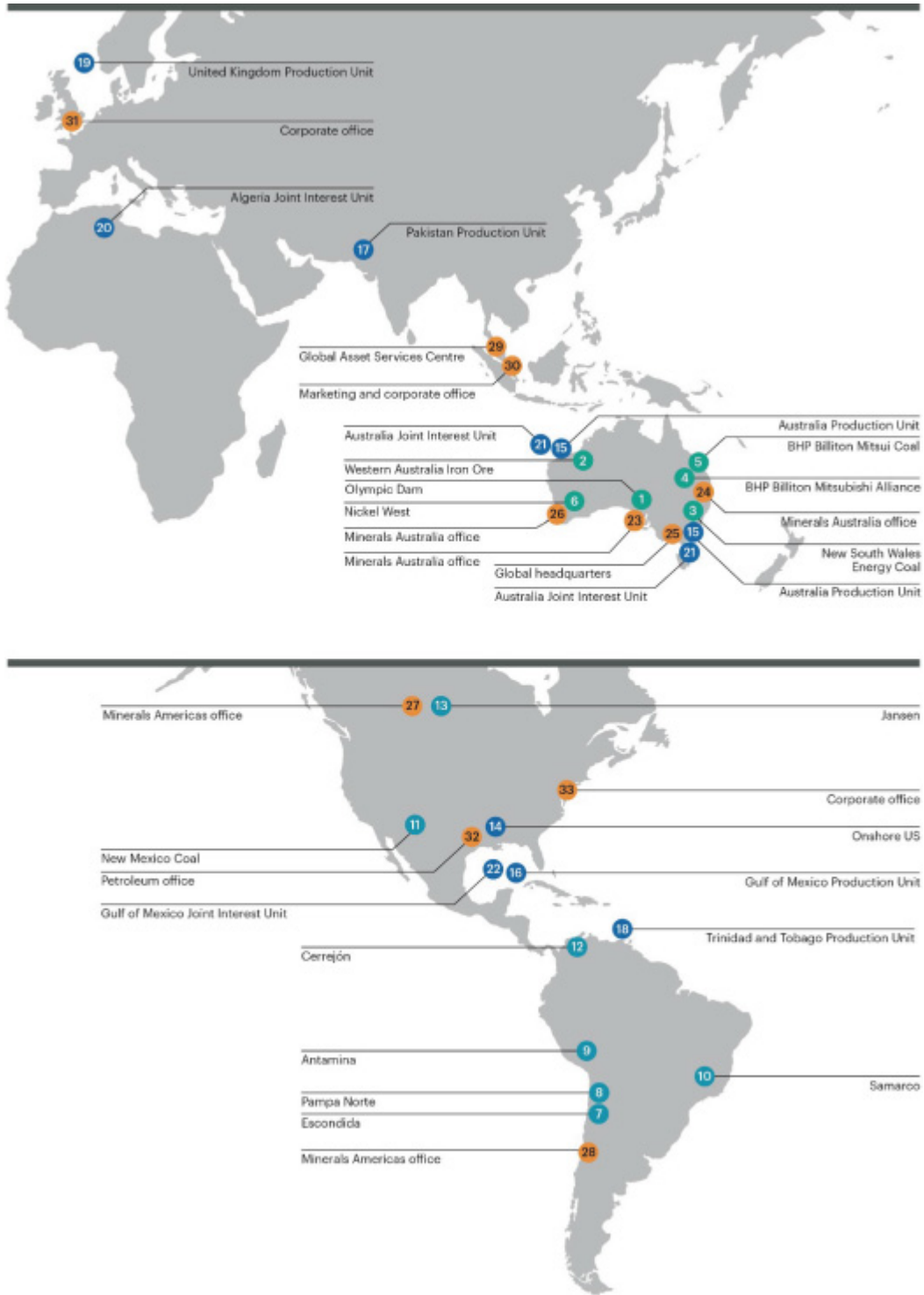
- **Assets:** Assets are a set of one or more geographically proximate operations (including open-cut mines, underground mines and onshore and offshore oil and gas production and processing facilities). Our assets develop and convert resources and are focused on safety, volume and cost.

- **Asset groups:** We group our assets in order to drive collaboration, promote new technology adoption and to share best practice within and between groups. Our minerals assets are grouped under Minerals Australia or Minerals Americas, based on their geographic location. Our oil and gas assets are grouped together as one global Petroleum unit, reflecting the operating environment in that sector.
- **Marketing:** Marketing secures product sales, manages the supply chain from resources to markets, supports strategic decision-making through market insights and optimises working capital.
- **Functions:** Functions operate along global reporting lines to provide support to all areas of the organisation. Functions have specific accountabilities and deep expertise in areas such as finance, legal, governance, technology, corporate affairs, health, safety and community.
- **Leadership:** Our Executive Leadership Team (ELT) is responsible for day-to-day management of the Company and for leading the delivery of our strategic objectives. The Operations Management Committee (OMC) has responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, including key Company strategic, investment and operational decisions, and recommendations to the Board.

BHP Billiton will continue to disclose financial performance by reportable commodity segments, as this provides the most meaningful insight into the nature and financial outcomes of our business activities within the economic environment in which we operate. Reporting by commodity also facilitates greater comparability against industry peers.



1.5.4 BHP Billiton locations (includes non-operated)



Minerals Australia

Ref	Country	Asset	Description	Ownership
1	Australia	Olympic Dam	Underground copper mine, also producing uranium, gold and silver	100%
2	Australia	Western Australia Iron Ore	Integrated iron ore mines, rail and port operations in the Pilbara region of Western Australia	51-85%
3	Australia	New South Wales Energy Coal	Open-cut energy coal mine and coal preparation plant in New South Wales	100%
4	Australia	BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance	Open-cut and underground metallurgical coal mines in the Queensland Bowen Basin and Hay Point Coal Terminal	50%
5	Australia	BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal	Two open-cut metallurgical coal mines in the Bowen Basin, Central Queensland	80%
6	Australia	Nickel West	Integrated sulphide mining, concentrating, smelting and refining operation in Western Australia	100%

Minerals Americas

Ref	Country	Asset	Description	Ownership
7	Chile	Escondida	Copper producing mine, located in northern Chile	57.5%
8	Chile	Pampa Norte	Consists of the Cerro Colorado and Spence open-cut mines, producing copper cathode in northern Chile	100%
9	Peru	Antamina ⁽¹⁾	Open-cut copper and zinc mine in northern Peru	33.8%
10	Brazil	Samarco ⁽²⁾	Open-cut iron ore mines, concentrators, pipelines, pelletising facilities and dedicated port	50%
11	US	New Mexico Coal ⁽²⁾	One energy coal mine in New Mexico	100%
12	Colombia	Cerrejón ⁽¹⁾	Open-cut energy coal mine with integrated rail and port operations	33.3%
13	Canada	Jansen	Our interest in potash is via development projects in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan, where the Jansen Project is our most advanced	100%

Petroleum

Ref	Country	Asset	Description	Ownership
14	US	Onshore US	Onshore shale liquids and gas fields in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas	<1-100%
15	Australia	Australia Production Unit	Offshore oil fields and gas processing facilities in Western Australia and Victoria	39.99-90%
16	US	Gulf of Mexico Production Unit	Offshore oil and gas fields in the Gulf of Mexico	35-44%
17	Pakistan	Pakistan Production Unit ⁽³⁾	Onshore oil and gas fields	38.5%
18	Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago Production Unit	Offshore oil and gas fields	45%
19	UK	UK Production Unit ⁽¹⁾	Offshore oil and gas fields	16-31.83%
20	Algeria	Algeria Joint Interest Unit ⁽¹⁾	Onshore oil and gas unit	38%
21	Australia	Australia Joint Interest Unit ⁽¹⁾	Offshore oil and gas fields in Bass Strait and North West Shelf	8.33-50%
22	US	Gulf of Mexico Joint Interest Unit ⁽¹⁾	Offshore oil and gas fields in the Gulf of Mexico	4.95-44%

BHP Billiton principal office locations

Ref	Country	Location	Office
23	Australia	Adelaide	Minerals Australia office
24	Australia	Brisbane	Minerals Australia office
25	Australia	Melbourne	Global headquarters
26	Australia	Perth	Minerals Australia office
27	Canada	Saskatoon	Minerals Americas office
28	Chile	Santiago	Minerals Americas office
29	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Global Asset Services Centre
30	Singapore	Singapore	Marketing and corporate office
31	UK	London	Corporate office
32	US	Houston	Petroleum office
33	US	New York	Corporate office

(1) Non-operated joint venture.

(2) Sale of Navajo Mine completed, however BHP Billiton will continue to manage and operate the mine until the Mine Management Agreement ends on 31 December 2016.

(3) Pakistan Production Unit was divested in FY2016.

1.6 Company strategy

1.6.1 Our strategy

Strategy

Our strategy is to own and operate large, long-life, low-cost, expandable, upstream assets diversified by commodity, geography and market.

We believe our position in the resources industry is unique, largely due to our proven and consistent strategy. The simplicity of our portfolio, the scale and quality of our assets and our standardised systems and processes are all distinctive attributes – further strengthened by our people and operational excellence.

We operate in a dynamic, globally competitive environment. Our strategy has delivered strong performance over time, which has created sustainable value for our shareholders, customers, employees and the communities in which we operate.

Values

In everything we do, we are guided by *Our BHP Billiton Charter* values of Sustainability, Integrity, Respect, Performance, Simplicity and Accountability.

Our overriding commitment is to work to ensure the safety of our people and respect our environment and the communities in which we work. This commitment informs everything we do and influences every aspect of our work.

Success factors

We are successful when our:

- people start each day with a sense of purpose and end the day with a sense of accomplishment;
- teams are inclusive and diverse;
- communities, customers and suppliers value their relationships with us;
- asset portfolio is world-class and sustainably developed;
- operational discipline and financial strength enables our future growth;
- shareholders receive a superior return on their investment.

1.6.2 Planning

We have a robust corporate planning framework that allows us to identify risks and opportunities, inform our strategic priorities and optimise returns to shareholders.

Core principles

- **Ownership** – senior executives develop our strategy and strategic priorities for the input, consideration and ultimately, approval by the Board.
- **Engagement** – the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), assets, Marketing and functions regularly collaborate and discuss plans.
- **Systematic**
 - The plans of assets, Marketing and functions are aggregated to form an overall integrated corporate plan.

- Long-term directional plans are first developed for each asset. Short-term plans are developed from the long-term plans to deliver strategic priorities.
- Plans are reviewed, assessed and endorsed at appraisals of the assets and functions.
- **Evaluation** – our portfolio and plans are regularly tested for resilience under scenarios and signals tracking.

Corporate planning framework

Our corporate planning framework is rigorous yet flexible, providing the capability to respond and adapt to a dynamic external environment. It ensures strategic insights from across BHP Billiton are captured and considered as part of our investment decisions and capital allocation.

The main components of our corporate planning framework include:

- **Board Strategy Forum** – the Board and the ELT regularly discuss and debate the Company’s strategy.
- **Strategic Reviews** – assets prepare long-term plans, discuss them with the ELT and seek their endorsement.
- **Appraisals** – assets and functions prepare short-term plans and budgets, and review them during annual appraisals with ELT members.

A BHP Billiton 20-year corporate plan is prepared based on input from the assets’ long-term and short-term plans which include various alternatives for capital investments. The planning framework seeks to allocate capital to maximise shareholder value. Our capital allocation process looks at possible combinations of investment options and selects the most valuable combination that also satisfies our capital constraints. The most valuable combination of growth options is prioritised and sequenced over the 20-year plan.

The capital allocation process includes analysis using a range of metrics¹ to inform decision-making. All available growth options are assessed and prioritised to generate a high-value and capital-efficient portfolio.

For more information on our capital allocation framework, refer to section 1.6.3.

¹ Net Present Value (NPV), internal rates of return (IRR), return on capital (ROC) and margin are the main metrics used in analysis during the capital allocation process.

Scenarios and signals tracking

Our corporate planning process involves many tools, including scenarios and signals tracking to help us interpret trends in the external environment. Scenarios provide a way to factor uncertainty in to the strategy process, to identify new opportunities and alternatives and to test the robustness of our decisions.

Our set of scenarios is designed to be divergent and contrasting, as well as to consider plausible and intuitively logical, future worlds. Our scenarios do not represent preferred or most likely outcomes for BHP Billiton.

Signals, including signposts (trends) and triggers (events), are regularly tracked to provide timely insights in to the potential impacts on our portfolio. This provides us with a tool to inform decision-making and enables us to act early.

1.6.3 Focus areas

We maintain a strong focus on the following strategic priorities to execute our strategy. A number of these are monitored using the key performance indicators as presented in section 1.7.

Operating sustainably

Sustainability is at the core of *Our Charter* values. It means putting health and safety first, being environmentally responsible and supporting communities.

We integrate health, safety, environmental, social and economic factors into our decision-making. Our sustainability framework, including risk management and sustainable development, guides our investments in our host countries and local communities, as well as directly at our own operations. The priority for our sustainability framework is identifying and managing material risks – a core part of creating value.

We play an important role in economic development and improving standards of living. As part of making a valuable contribution as community partners, we seek meaningful, long-term relationships that respect local cultures and create lasting benefits.

For more information on sustainability, refer to section 1.11 and our Sustainability Report 2016, which is available at www.bhpbilliton.com.

A more productive organisation

To date, our productivity improvements have delivered significant value, including gains of over US\$10 billion secured since 2012. In FY2016, we achieved US\$437 million in productivity gains and we expect this strong momentum to continue, with US\$2.2 billion of gains targeted over the two years to the end of FY2017.

Future productivity gains over the short to medium term will be achieved through further cost reductions, taking advantage of latent capacity in our assets and investing in capital efficient projects.

Our productivity initiatives are expected to result in production growth of five per cent in copper, four per cent in iron ore and three per cent in metallurgical coal in FY2017.

In addition, our new Operating Model provides a further productivity opportunity across the Company. We now have a simplified, global structure and streamlined ways of working that will enable us to realise economies of scale, remove duplication, facilitate greater coordination and replicate best practice faster.

The new model incorporates an integrated technology function to provide operational and information technology services, as well as lead technology innovation across the organisation and support productivity initiatives.

For more information on our new Operating Model, refer to section 1.5.3.

Disciplined capital management

Our strong balance sheet remains a fundamental enabler of our strategy. It provides access to sufficient, low-cost funding at all points in the cycle, which offers optionality and helps to insulate our operations from rising volatility. Our balance sheet strength is demonstrated by our solid cash flow to net debt metrics (reflected in our credit ratings), liquidity, moderate gearing and long-dated debt maturity profile.

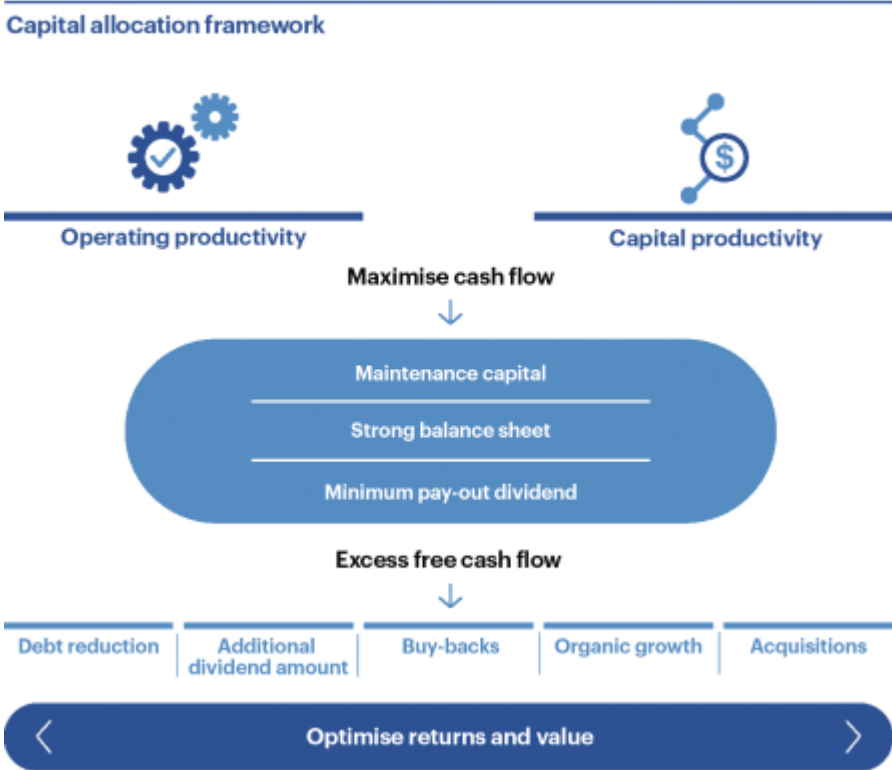
We continue to implement measures to both preserve this balance sheet strength and align our capital allocation framework with our industry's cyclical nature.

Our capital allocation framework sets clear parameters. Capital is allocated under the following hierarchy:

- maintain capital to support safe and stable operations;
- maintain balance sheet strength to provide protection through the cycle;
- pay shareholders a minimum of 50 per cent of Underlying attributable profit as dividends;
- direct remaining cash to the value-optimising outcome, with debt reduction, paying additional amounts by way of dividend, buying back shares, investing in growth projects and acquiring assets all competing for capital.

This capital allocation framework is simple and by strict adherence to the framework, we can balance value creation, cash returns to shareholders and balance sheet strength in a transparent and consistent manner through the cycle.

Our approach to capital allocation is illustrated in the diagram below.



For more information on our dividend policy, refer to section 7.7.

1.7 Key performance indicators

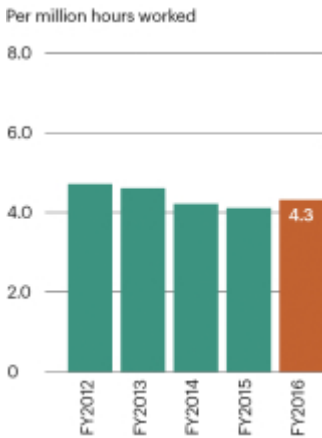
Our key performance indicators (KPIs) enable us to measure our sustainable development and financial performance.

These KPIs are used as direct and indirect measures in the short-term or long-term incentive remuneration arrangements for senior executives. Certain KPIs (Total recordable injury frequency, Greenhouse gas emissions, Underlying attributable profit, Underlying EBITDA and Total shareholder return) are used directly to calculate incentive outcomes (subject to certain adjustments as described further in section 3) and the remainder (Social investment, Net operating cash flows and Long-term credit rating) are considered more broadly in determining final overall results.

Our Remuneration Report is contained in section 3 and provides information on our overall approach to executive remuneration, including remuneration policies and the remuneration outcomes.

1.7.1 Sustainability KPIs

Total recordable injury frequency (TRIF) ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾



Definition

Total recordable injury frequency (TRIF) is an indicator in highlighting broad personal injury trends and is calculated based on the number of recordable injuries per million hours worked. This data covers the assets that have been wholly owned and operated by BHP Billiton or that have been operated by BHP Billiton in a joint venture operation.

Link to strategy

Our overriding commitment is to ensure the safety and health of our people and this is supported by *Our Charter* value of Sustainability.

FY2016 performance

While we had no fatalities at any BHP Billiton operated assets, tragically 19 people died as a result of the dam failure in November 2015 at the non-operated joint venture, Samarco.

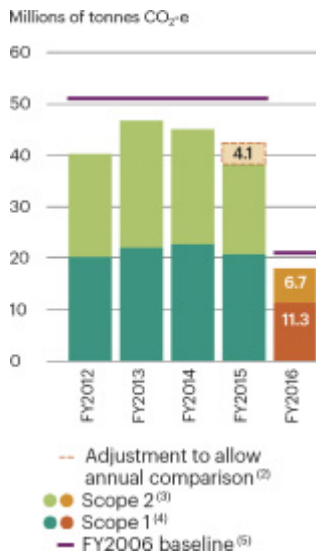
Our TRIF performance in FY2016 was 4.3 per million hours worked, a slight increase on FY2015. While we did not meet our target of year-on-year TRIF improvement, this is a reduction of nine per cent over the past five years.

For information on our approach to health and safety and our performance, refer to section 1.11.

(1) Includes data for continuing and discontinued operations for the financial years being reported.

(2) Includes work-related events occurring outside of our operation locations for FY2015 and FY2016 only. In FY2015 we expanded our definition of work-related activities to align with the reporting boundaries of the International Council on Mining and Metals, which includes the recording of events that occur outside of our operated locations where we have established the work to be performed and can set and verify the health and safety standards.

GHG emissions ⁽¹⁾ ⁽⁶⁾



Definition

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are measured according to the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol. This data covers the assets that have been wholly owned and operated by BHP Billiton or that have been operated by BHP Billiton in a joint venture operation (including, until 8 May 2015, assets that now form part of South32).

Link to strategy

The global challenge of climate change remains a priority for our organisation and is core to our strategic decision-making. Our GHG emissions are monitored and our performance is tracked against our target.

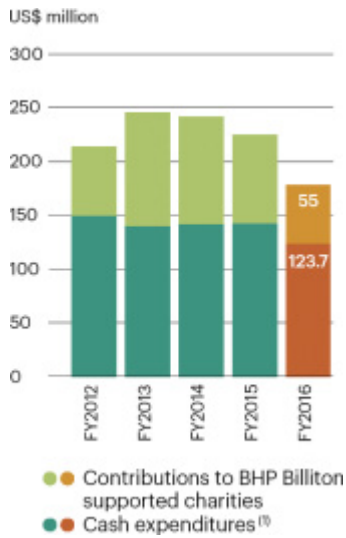
FY2016 performance

In FY2016, the Company's total GHG emissions of 18.0 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e) was 13 per cent lower than our adjusted FY2006 baseline. We remain on track to keep our absolute FY2017 GHG emissions below our adjusted FY2006 baseline.

For more information on our GHG emissions, refer to section 1.11.2.

- (1) Measured according to the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol.
- (2) In order to compare the total GHG emissions in FY2015 to prior financial years, GHG emissions (estimated) from South32 assets between the date of demerger and 30 June 2015 have been added to FY2015 GHG emissions as shown above.
- (3) Scope 2 refers to indirect GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity and steam that is consumed by operated assets (calculated using the market-based method).
- (4) Scope 1 refers to direct GHG emissions from operated assets.
- (5) Our FY2006 baseline is adjusted as necessary for material acquisitions and divestments based on asset GHG emissions at the time of the applicable transaction.
- (6) Our Company GHG target is to keep our absolute FY2017 GHG emissions below our adjusted FY2006 baseline.

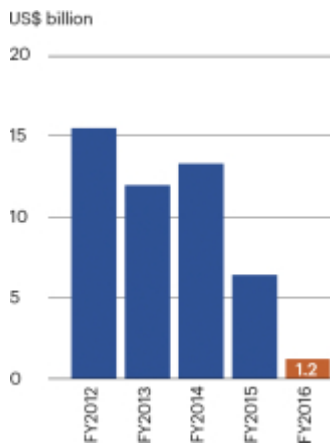
Social investment ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Includes BHP Billiton's equity share for both operated and non-operated joint venture operations. Data prior to FY2016 includes payments made by operations demerged with South32.

1.7.2 Financial KPIs

Underlying attributable profit ⁽¹⁾



⁽¹⁾ Comparative data excludes Discontinued operations.

Definition

Our voluntary social investment (including BHP Billiton's equity share for both operated and non-operated joint venture operations) comprises cash, administrative costs and contributions to our BHP Billiton supported charities, BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities (up to FY2012) and the BHP Billiton Foundation.

Link to strategy

We believe that, in addition to operating a responsible and ethical company, we can make a broader contribution to the communities in which we operate and support *Our Charter* value of Sustainability.

FY2016 performance

Our voluntary social investment totalled US\$178.7 million, comprising US\$123.7 million in cash (for community development programs) and administrative costs and a US\$55.0 million contribution to the BHP Billiton Foundation.

For more information on our social investment, refer to section 1.11.

Definition

Underlying attributable profit represents (Loss)/profit after taxation attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group excluding Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Underlying attributable profit is the key performance indicator against which short-term incentive outcomes for our senior executives are measured and, in our view, is a relevant measure to assess the financial performance of the Company for this purpose. In past periods, we have reported attributable (loss)/profit as a key performance indicator.

Link to strategy

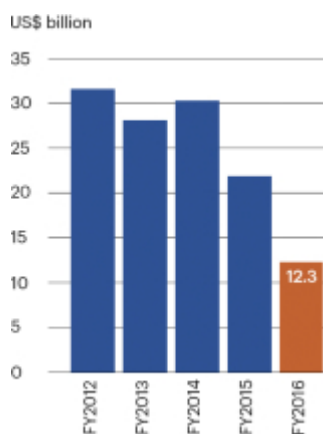
This is a key financial measure that provides insight on the amount of profit available to distribute to shareholders, which aligns to our purpose as presented in *Our Charter*.

FY2016 performance

Underlying attributable profit decreased to US\$1.2 billion, due to a significant decline in commodity prices.

For a reconciliation of Underlying attributable profit to Attributable (loss)/profit, refer to section 1.13.2. For our Financial Statements, refer to section 5.

Underlying EBITDA ⁽¹⁾



Definition

Underlying EBITDA is earnings before net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments, taxation expense, Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Management believes focusing on Underlying EBITDA more closely reflects the operating cash generative capacity and hence the underlying performance of our business. In past periods, we have reported Underlying EBIT as a key non-IFRS measure of operating results.

Link to strategy

This is a key financial measure used across the Group. It provides insight to cost management, production growth and performance efficiency. Underlying EBITDA is the key measure that management uses internally to assess the performance of our segments and make decisions on the allocation of resources, and is more relevant to capital intensive industries with long-life assets.

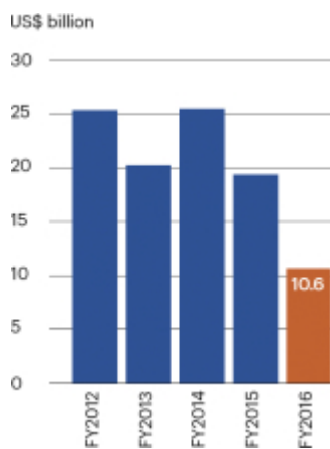
FY2016 performance

Underlying EBITDA declined by 44 per cent to US\$12.3 billion, as the reduction in controllable cash costs was more than offset by lower average realised prices net of price-linked costs.

For a reconciliation of Underlying EBITDA to (Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations, refer to section 1.13.2. For our Financial Statements, refer to section 5.

⁽¹⁾ Comparative data excludes Discontinued operations.

Net operating cash flows ⁽¹⁾



Definition

Net operating cash flows represent the cash generated by the Group's consolidated operations, after dividends received, interest, taxation and royalty-related taxation. This figure excludes cash flows relating to investing and financing activities and includes net operating cash flows from Discontinued operations.

Link to strategy

Net operating cash flows provides insight into how we are managing costs and increasing efficiency and productivity across the Company.

FY2016 performance

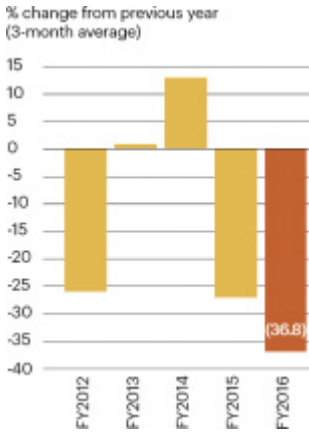
Net operating cash flows decreased by 45 per cent to US\$10.6 billion during FY2016. The major contributor was the US\$8.9 billion decrease in cash generated from operations (after changes in working capital balances), which was partially offset by a decrease of US\$2.4 billion in net taxes paid.

For our Financial Statements, refer to section 5.

⁽¹⁾ Comparative data includes Continuing and Discontinued operations.

1.7.3 Capital management KPIs

Total Shareholder Return (TSR)



Definition

Total shareholder return (TSR) shows the total return to the shareholder during the year. It combines both movements in share prices and dividends paid (which are assumed to be reinvested).

Link to strategy

TSR measures performance of the organisation in terms of shareholder wealth generation, which aligns to our purpose as presented in *Our Charter* and enables the comparison of our performance with that of our peer companies.

FY2016 performance

TSR was negative 36.8 per cent during FY2016 as a result of decreases in both the BHP Billiton share price and the dividends paid. From 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016, BHP Billiton underperformed the weighted median TSR of its peer companies by 5.0 per cent and underperformed the Index TSR by 102.3 per cent.

For more information on our long-term incentive performance outcomes to June 2016, refer to section 3.4.7.

Long-term credit rating

Year	Rating
2016	A, A3
2015	A+, A1
2014	A+, A1
2013	A+, A1
2012	A+, A1

Definition

Credit ratings are forward looking opinions about credit risk. Standard & Poor's and Moody's credit ratings express the opinion of each agency about the ability and willingness of BHP Billiton to meet its financial obligations in full and on time.

Link to strategy

One of BHP Billiton's objectives is to maintain a strong balance sheet through the cycle. This is consistent with seeking to achieve and maintain a solid 'A' credit rating.

FY2016 performance

On 1 February 2016, Standard & Poor's lowered BHP Billiton's credit rating from A+ to A credit watch negative. On 29 February 2016, Standard & Poor's affirmed the A rating, removed the negative credit watch and changed the rating outlook to negative. On 3 March 2016, Moody's lowered BHP Billiton's credit rating from A1 to A3 negative outlook. BHP Billiton remains committed to maintaining its strong balance sheet through the cycle.

For more information on our liquidity and capital resources, refer to section 1.13.3.

1.8 Our operating environment

Economic, social, technological and environmental forces are creating transformational change across the globe, creating opportunities for development and innovation at an unprecedented rate.

As one of the world's leading global resources companies, with a strong portfolio of high-quality growth opportunities, BHP Billiton is well placed to support changes across the globe through the provision of the mineral and energy commodities essential to modern life and sustainable global growth and development.

Through our diversified portfolio, we are able to meet the changing needs of our customers and the resources demand of emerging economies at every stage of their growth. We think and plan in decades and generations.

The products in our portfolio are the raw materials that are used to fuel change and support an improvement in living standards for people in many parts of the world.

Today, short-term demand for commodities has slowed. Global markets are experiencing economic uncertainty, extreme volatility and geopolitical instability on top of already well supplied markets. The speed, quantum and synchronised nature of those declines have been greater than anticipated. However, we did foresee some of these trends and took a series of early actions that have prepared us well for the current low price commodity environment.

We expect the longer-term outlook for the resources we produce to improve in many parts of the world. Global energy needs are expected to increase by around 30 per cent in the next 20 years. Around two-thirds of new demand is expected to originate from Asia, with the majority from China and India. Sub-Saharan Africa is expected to see the fastest growth, albeit from a lower base.

Responding to climate change is a priority for our Company. We accept the scientific assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). BHP Billiton believes that sustainable development requires both the continued growth of emerging economies and a significant reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions.

We believe the world must pursue the twin objectives of limiting climate change to the lower end of the IPCC emission scenarios in line with current international agreements, and providing access to reliable and affordable energy to support economic development and improved living standards.

Fossil fuels are likely to continue to be a significant part of the energy mix for decades, but technology and innovation have the potential to significantly reduce global emissions and enable long-term climate goals to be met. Renewables are anticipated to become more competitive with traditional fuels in power generation, leading to a considerable increase in their share of newly installed electricity capacity, including in China and India.

Our strategic approach to climate change is underpinned by engagement with policy makers and other stakeholders, including investors, companies and non-governmental organisations. For more information on climate change, refer to section 1.11.2.

A number of external factors and trends may continue to have a material impact on our financial and operational results. These factors include commodity prices, exchange rates and operating costs, as described in sections 1.8.1, 1.9.2 and 1.13.

1.8.1 Market factors and trends

Economic outlook

In FY2016, the global economy grew at a modest rate of 3.1 per cent. This was consistent with our forecast and the range of recent history. In the United States, growth was a relative bright spot, while Eurozone growth improved only modestly. In Asia, the Japanese economy was soft and China decelerated modestly, while the Indian growth remained healthy. Non-Asian emerging markets continue to struggle. Global trade has returned to growth after contracting in FY2015, but the lift has been small. The UK referendum result (Brexit) adds considerable uncertainty into the short- and medium-term outlook.

China

Growth slowed modestly while the process of rebalancing continued. The services sector and consumer demand provided the largest contribution to growth. At the same time, production in bulk commodity-intensive sectors, including steel, was soft. Chinese steel production decreased by 2.1 per cent during FY2016, despite higher steel exports.

The deceleration in growth was moderated by policies that targeted infrastructure and real estate spending. We expect both the monetary and fiscal policy stance to remain accommodative. We forecast the authorities' growth target of 6.5–7 per cent for CY2016 will be achieved, as policy makers continue to seek a balance between reforms and employment objectives.

Over the medium term, the economy is likely to grow more slowly. The government's reform program will focus on promoting more efficient use of resources and boost productivity to partly offset the impact of declines in the workforce and the maturation of the underlying economic structure.

In the longer run, we expect reform will continue to occur in a cautious but sustained manner. China's authorities will continue to seek to improve the efficiency of capital allocation in the economy, while boosting the role of consumer demand through raising the household share of income and lowering precautionary savings. With Chinese steel stock per capita still below that of developed nations, we expect moderate but sustainable growth in Chinese steel production over the next decade.

Eurozone

The Eurozone economy continues to see modest broad-based economic growth. Consumer demand has been the primary driver, supported by improved labour market conditions. However, despite more positive conditions in the real economy, the European Central Bank remains concerned about very low inflation expectations. Consequently, we expect monetary policy will remain strongly expansionary. The uncertainty and market volatility associated with the Brexit decision is expected to impact on business and household sector confidence in both the United Kingdom and continental Europe.

Japan

Despite significant additional monetary stimulus during the year, economic growth has remained soft. A sharp appreciation of the exchange rate did not support the Japanese industry. Domestically, consumer demand remains soft, reflecting flat wages and the ageing population. Reform remains critical to long-term growth prospects.

United States

The fundamentals remain positive in the United States, particularly for consumer demand. Importantly, the labour market remains strong, and there are signs of improving disposable incomes. These factors, alongside low interest rates and higher household wealth (reflecting improved housing prices), should continue to support consumer spending. However, business investment remains relatively soft as a result of weak export demand and a stronger US dollar. This mixed picture suggests the Federal Reserve will be cautious in its monetary policy deliberations.

Global long-term outlook

We expect ongoing increases in global living standards over the longer term, with urbanisation, industrialisation and pro-trade liberalisation to underpin commodity demand. The development trajectory of emerging economies in Asia should provide particular support for industrial metals, energy and fertilisers.

Commodity performance and outlook

Global economic growth in FY2016 was little changed from FY2015. However, average year prices for all our commodities were lower compared to FY2015, reflecting ample supply and widespread cost compression. The low point for price was reached for most commodities in the March 2016 quarter.

The following table shows the prices for our most significant commodities for the years ended 30 June 2016, 2015 and 2014. These prices represent selected quoted prices from the relevant sources as indicated and will differ from the realised prices due to differences in quotation periods, quality of products, delivery terms and the range of quoted prices that are used for contracting sales in different markets.

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014	2016	2015	2014	2016
	Closing	Closing	Closing	Average	Average	Average	vs 2015
Natural gas Henry Hub ⁽¹⁾ (US\$/MMBtu)	2.93	2.81	4.39	2.23	3.32	4.25	(33%)
Natural gas Asian Spot LNG ⁽²⁾ (US\$/MMBtu)	5.23	7.30	11.28	6.09	9.74	16.38	(37%)
Crude oil (Brent) ⁽³⁾ (US\$/bbl)	48.44	61.05	111.02	43.19	73.91	109.36	(42%)
Ethane ⁽⁴⁾ (US\$/bbl)	9.74	8.40	12.02	7.65	8.56	11.92	(11%)
Propane ⁽⁵⁾ (US\$/bbl)	21.71	16.25	44.47	17.87	29.34	48.05	(39%)
Butane ⁽⁶⁾ (US\$/bbl)	28.88	23.89	54.39	24.18	36.89	56.70	(34%)
Copper (LME cash) (US\$/lb)	2.19	2.60	3.15	2.22	2.89	3.18	(23%)
Iron ore ⁽⁷⁾ (US\$/dmt)	55.0	59.5	93.25	51.37	71.61	122.70	(28%)
Metallurgical coal ⁽⁸⁾ (US\$/t)	91.5	88.0	110.50	81.6	102.9	128.4	(21%)
Energy coal ⁽⁹⁾ (US\$/t)	56.49	61.66	70.89	53.42	64.37	78.38	(17%)
Nickel (LME cash) (US\$/lb)	4.27	5.30	8.49	4.24	7.02	6.88	(40%)

(1) Platts Gas based on Henry Hub – typically applies to gas sales in the US gas market.

(2) Platts Liquefied Natural Gas Delivery Ex-Ship (DES) Japan/Korea Marker – typically applies to Asian LNG spot sales.

(3) Platts Dated Brent is a benchmark price assessment of the spot market value of physical cargoes of North Sea light sweet crude oil.

(4) OPIS Mont Belvieu non-Tet Ethane – typically applies to ethane sales in the US Gulf Coast market.

(5) OPIS Mont Belvieu non-Tet Propane – typically applies to propane sales in the US Gulf Coast market.

(6) OPIS Mont Belvieu non-Tet Normal Butane – typically applies to butane sales in the US Gulf Coast market.

(7) Platts 62 per cent Fe Cost and Freight (CFR) China – used for fines.

(8) Platts Low-Vol hard coking coal Index FOB Australia – representative of high-quality hard coking coals.

(9) GlobalCoal FOB Newcastle 6,000kcal/kg NCV – typically applies to coal sales in the Asia Pacific market.

The prices we obtain for our products are a key driver of value for our business. Fluctuations in these commodity prices affect our results, including cash flows and asset values. The estimated impact of changes in commodity prices on FY2016 Underlying EBITDA are set out below.

	<u>US\$M</u>
US\$1/bbl on oil price	88
US¢10/MMBtu on US gas price	37
US¢1/lb on copper price	32
US\$1/t on iron ore price	201
US\$1/t on metallurgical coal price	34
US\$1/t on energy coal price	16
US¢1/lb on nickel price	1

Henry Hub gas

Despite continued demand growth for gas, inventories increased to record levels on strong production and reduced heating demand due to the mild 2015/2016 winter weather across North America. Natural gas inventories at the end of FY2016 were 3,140 billion cubic feet (Bcf) (week ending 24 June), which was 25 per cent (or 637 Bcf) above the five-year average and 23 per cent (or 582 Bcf) higher year-on-year. In the near term, high inventory levels will continue to weigh on the market. In the longer term, due to inherent environmental, operational and economic advantages of gas for power generation, heating and industrial applications, we continue to expect robust natural gas demand growth. While continued investment in new supply sources will be required to replace natural field decline, abundant lower-cost supply will moderate price inflation.

Liquefied natural gas

Demand was subdued due to mild winter weather in northern Asia, while supply grew strongly as new liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects in Australia and the United States were commissioned. The year-end price was 14 per cent below the average for the year. We believe new supply will continue to weigh on the market in the near term. Longer-term, as overall demand for energy rises and indigenous supplies deplete, a positive outlook for LNG is supported by growing demand from Asia and Europe.

Crude oil

Global crude supply outpaced demand during FY2016. During January 2016, prices dropped to their lowest level since CY2003 due to OPEC supply growth, resilient US production, record high inventories and a strong US dollar. However, during the June 2016 quarter, the oil market began to recover on signs of rebalancing. Declining US production, unplanned supply outages and strong non-OECD demand growth contributed to a shift in market sentiment despite persistent volatility. Although the market has begun to rebalance, we expect prices in the short term to be within an established range, due to record inventory levels. We believe the long-term outlook remains healthy, with new supply required to meet growing demand in developing countries and offset natural field decline.

Copper

The copper price trended lower during the first six months of FY2016 before reaching a six-year low in mid-January. Over the first half of FY2016, the price was impacted by weaker than expected copper consumption, industry cost compression, US dollar strength and negative sentiment on the outlook of the Chinese economy. The price subsequently increased during February to April as sentiment on China improved and the US dollar weakened, but it eventually closed the year lower as supply growth outpaced consumption. In the near term, new supply under development is expected to continue to keep steady demand growth well covered. In the medium to

long term, the trend remains positive: China's future demand will be fuelled by an increasingly consumption-based economy and will be supported by continued growth in other emerging markets. A deficit is expected to emerge as grade declines, a rise in costs and a scarcity of high-quality future development opportunities are likely to constrain the industry's ability to cheaply meet this demand growth.

Iron ore

The iron ore price decrease was driven by lower pig iron production in China and an increase in low-cost seaborne supply. Domestic Chinese iron ore production at private mines recovered to 35 per cent of capacity late in the financial year from February lows of 28 per cent, due to higher prices and seasonality. This is still below its CY2015 average of 38 per cent of capacity. Additional price pressure came from productivity gains and input price deflation, which lowered the industry's cost structure. The short-term outlook appears stable, with most of the incremental seaborne supply forecast to enter the market in the second half of this calendar year and in CY2017, although demand growth is expected to remain modest. In the medium and longer term, seaborne supply is expected to gain momentum as new projects ramp-up, and production increases from productivity and de-bottlenecking translate into a further flattening of the cost curve.

Metallurgical coal

Uneconomic high-cost supply continued to be slowly withdrawn from the seaborne market. However, prices remained subdued as industry-wide cost reductions and weaker producer currencies against the US dollar supported continued production from marginal suppliers. Prices are expected to moderate in the short term as committed growth projects ramp-up production and demand growth remains modest. The key uncertainty for the seaborne market is how China's domestic supply will respond to government capacity controls, which have the potential to impact seaborne demand. The long-term outlook remains robust, as the supply of premium hard coking coal becomes scarce and demand is driven by steel production growth in emerging markets, particularly India.

Energy coal

The Global Coal Newcastle price decrease was driven by weak Chinese seaborne demand growth, offsetting healthy growth from Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and South East Asia. Sustained supply from Australia and Indonesia was supported by depreciating currencies, which prolonged the weak pricing environment. In the short term, weaker Chinese imports are likely to continue and this limits prospects for near-term price recovery. In the long term, global demand for energy coal is expected to grow modestly, with Indian and South East Asian demand offsetting declining demand from OECD countries.

Nickel

The fall in nickel price was due to weak demand growth, driven by a slowdown in global stainless steel production and ample nickel inventories as a result of high levels of supply. A significant fraction of nickel production had operating costs above current price levels, with some supply being withdrawn from the market and hereby providing support to the price. Demand growth is expected to improve. In the medium term, excess nickel stocks will decline closer to historic levels, which should lead to a recovery in price.

Exchange rates

We are exposed to exchange rate transaction risk on foreign currency sales and purchases. Operating costs and costs of locally sourced equipment are influenced by fluctuations in local currencies, primarily the Australian dollar and Chilean peso. The majority of our sales are denominated in US dollars and we borrow and hold surplus cash predominately in US dollars. Those transactions and balances provide no foreign exchange exposure relative to the US dollar functional currency of the Company.

The US dollar strengthened against our main local currencies during FY2016.

We are also exposed to exchange rate translation risk in relation to net monetary liabilities, being our foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities, including certain debt and other long-term liabilities. Details of our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations are contained within note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements.

Interest rates

We are exposed to interest rate risk on our outstanding borrowings and investments. Our policy on interest rate exposure is to pay on a US dollar floating interest rate basis.

Our earnings are sensitive to changes in interest rates on the floating component of the Company's borrowings. Our main exposure is to the three-month US LIBOR benchmark, which increased by 0.243 per cent in FY2016 to an average of 0.495 per cent.

For more information, refer to note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements.

1.8.2 Other factors and trends

Exploration of resources

Minerals exploration

We have secured growth opportunities via brownfield exploration around our portfolio of existing assets, principally aimed at delineating and categorising mineral deposits in resource basins near our existing operations, while advancing projects through the development pipeline, primarily in copper.

For a description of our major projects, refer to section 6.4.

This has enabled us to reduce brownfield exploration expenditure and to rationalise our greenfield exploration program.

Greenfield exploration is now focused on advancing copper targets within Chile, Peru, southwestern United States and Canada. Our activities include opportunity identification, mineral title applications and acquisitions, early reconnaissance operations and multi-million dollar delineation drilling programs.

Our brownfield minerals exploration expenditure declined by 40 per cent in FY2016 to US\$116 million, while our greenfield expenditures increased slightly to US\$59 million. Expenditure on minerals exploration over the last three financial years is set out below.

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Greenfield exploration	59	55	46
Brownfield exploration	116	194	340
Total minerals exploration	175	249	386

Petroleum exploration

Petroleum exploration is focused on high-impact liquids opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico, Western Australia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Petroleum exploration	590	567	600

Exploration expense

Exploration expense represents that portion of exploration expenditure that is not capitalised in accordance with our accounting policies, as set out in note 10 'Property, plant and equipment' to the Financial Statements.

Exploration expense for each segment over the last three financial years is set out below.

Year ended 30 June	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M Restated	2014 US\$M Restated
Exploration expense ⁽¹⁾			
Petroleum ⁽²⁾	288	529	497
Copper	64	90	111
Iron Ore	74	38	56
Coal	18	20	29
Group and unallocated items ⁽²⁾	1	21	77
BHP Billiton Group	445	698	770

(1) Includes US\$15 million (FY2015: US\$28 million; FY2014: US\$72 million) exploration expense previously capitalised, written off as impaired.

(2) Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations, including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidation adjustments. Comparative information for FY2015 and FY2014 have been restated for the effects of the change in the reporting related to Potash.

Health, safety, environment and community

Many of our activities are highly regulated by laws and regulations relating to health, safety, environment and community impacts. We are committed to complying with the laws and regulations of the countries in which we operate and, where applicable, to exceeding legal and other requirements that are less stringent than our own. However, our governance and compliance processes may not guarantee compliance with legal or regulatory requirements and regulatory standards and community expectations are constantly developing. As a result, we may be exposed to increased regulatory review, litigation, compliance costs and unforeseen environmental rehabilitation expenses and loss of reputation, despite our best efforts to work with governments, community groups, scientists and other interest groups to keep pace with regulations, law and public expectations.

For more information on our approach to climate change, refer to sections 1.9.3 and 1.11.2.

For more information about our compliance with health, safety, environment and community (HSEC) regulations, refer to section 1.11.

Insurance

BHP Billiton maintains an insurance program covering property damage, business interruption, sabotage and terrorism, marine and aviation, construction, employee benefits, directors' and officers' liability and public and certain other liabilities. The program includes a combination of self-insurance via subsidiary captive insurance companies, industry mutuals and external market insurance and reinsurance. Required standards are established and applied for risk retention levels, policy cover and, where applicable, insurance and reinsurance counterparty security.

In line with our risk financing (insurance) approach to minimise or not to purchase external insurance, we are largely self-insured for losses arising from various risks including property damage and business interruption, sabotage and terrorism, marine cargo, construction, primary public liability and employee benefits. We internally

insure our operations for these risks (for wholly owned assets and, where possible, by local insurance regulation and appropriate commercial market terms, our share of joint venture assets) via our captive insurance companies. Any such losses incurred will consequently impact the Financial Statements as they arise.

As part of our portfolio risk management approach, we regularly conduct an assessment of maximum foreseeable loss potential, cash flow at risk, loss experience, claims received and insurance premiums paid. We make adjustments to the balance of self-insurance, external insurance and reinsurance, as required.

1.9 Management of risk

1.9.1 Approach to risk management

Identifying and managing risk is central to achieving our corporate purpose of creating long-term shareholder value.

If realised, risks have the potential to impact our health, safety, environment, community, regulatory, market and financial performance, as well as our reputation, and thereby the achievement of our corporate purpose. Successful risk management can be a source of competitive advantage.

We provide greater certainty and confidence for our stakeholders by understanding and managing risk.

BHP Billiton's risks are viewed and managed on a Company-wide basis. Our diversified portfolio of commodities, geographies, currencies, assets and liabilities is a key part of our risk management approach.

We embed risk management in our critical business activities, functions, processes and systems. Materiality and risk tolerance are key considerations in our decision-making.

We seek to identify, analyse and assess risk issues. We implement the following performance requirements for material risks that could threaten our corporate purpose or strategy:

- Risk assessments – we identify, analyse (including likelihood and impact assessment), evaluate, treat and monitor risks.
- Risk controls – we design, implement, operate and assess controls to determine control effectiveness. We establish performance standards for critical controls over material risks with supporting verification processes.
- Risk materiality and tolerability evaluation – we assess the materiality of the risk based on the degree of financial and non-financial impacts, including health, safety, environment, community, reputation and legal impacts. Tolerability assessment is based on a combination of residual risk and control effectiveness.

We apply established processes when entering or commencing new activities in high-risk countries. These include risk assessments and supporting risk management plans to ensure potential reputation, legal, business conduct and corruption-related exposures are managed and legislative compliance is maintained, including relevant anti-corruption legislation and the application of any relevant sanctions or trade embargoes.

For information on our risk management governance approach, refer to sections 2.13.1 and 2.14.

Robust risk assessment and viability statement

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Board confirms that it has carried out a robust assessment of the Company's principal risks, including those that would threaten the business model, future performance, solvency or liquidity.

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code (longer-term viability), the Directors have assessed the prospects of the Company over the next three years, taking account of the Company's current position and principal risks.

The Directors believe a three-year viability assessment period is appropriate for the following reasons. BHP Billiton has a two-year budget, a five-year outlook and a 20-year strategic planning horizon. The extent and synchronised nature of the decline in commodity prices experienced in FY2016 were stronger than anticipated, and the Company has publicly stated our view that the outlook for the sector remains challenging and volatile in the short to medium term. A significant proportion of the variability in plans and budgets for the Company is influenced by exchange rate volatility and price volatility. A three-year period was therefore seen as striking an appropriate balance.

The Directors' assessment took into account, among other things, the Company's commodity price protocols including low-case prices; the latest funding and liquidity update; the long-dated maturity profile of the Company's debt and the maximum debt maturing in any one year; the Company-level risk profile and the mitigating actions available should particular risks materialise; the annual Board strategy forum, which provides a strategic review of the Company's markets and plans under divergent scenarios and considers available strategic options; the flexibility in the Company's capital and exploration expenditure programs under the enhanced capital allocation framework; and the reserve life of the Company's minerals assets and the reserves-to-production life of its oil and gas assets.

The Directors' assessment also took account of additional stress-testing of the balance sheet against two significant risk events: a shipping blockage of the Port Hedland Channel that could disrupt export of iron ore and a short-term extreme hypothetical event that catches the global resource industry off-guard, causing an abrupt and significant disruption to global capital markets.

The Directors were also mindful of the scenario analysis incorporated into the Company's corporate planning process. While the scenarios use a 20-year time horizon, scenario planning is important in helping identify the key uncertainties facing the global economy and natural resources sector.

Taking account of these matters, and the Company's current position and principal risks, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that BHP Billiton will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the next three years.

1.9.2 Risk factors

There are a number of factors that may have an adverse effect on our results and operations.

The principal risks discussed below, separately or in combination, could have a material effect on BHP Billiton's strategic and operational plans and its reputation. In addition, we have also set out the risks relating to the failure of the Fundão tailings dam at Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco dam failure), which could, separately or in combination with the principal risks, have a material effect on our business, competitive position, cash flows, prospects, liquidity and shareholder returns.

Samarco dam failure

Our potential liabilities from litigation and other actions resulting from the Samarco dam failure are subject to significant uncertainty and cannot be reliably estimated at this time but they could have a material adverse effect on our business

On 5 November 2015, the Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) iron ore operations experienced a tailings dam failure that resulted in a release of mine tailings, flooding the communities of Bento Rodrigues, Gesteira and Paracatu and impacting other communities downstream and the Rio Doce. Samarco is a joint venture owned equally by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (BHP Billiton Brasil) and Vale S.A. (Vale). For information on the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4.

The Samarco dam failure and subsequent suspension of Samarco's mining and processing operations have had a significant impact on our financial results for the year ended 30 June 2016, as described in section 1.4 and in note 3 'Significant events – Samarco dam failure' to the Financial Statements.

Mining and processing operations remain suspended following the dam failure. Samarco is currently progressing plans to resume operations; however, significant uncertainties surrounding the nature and timing of any resumption of operations remain, including as a result of Samarco's significant debt obligations. For further details of financial information relating to Samarco, refer to note 28 'Investments accounted for using the equity method' to the Financial Statements.

BHP Billiton Brasil is among the defendants named in a number of legal proceedings initiated by individuals, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), corporations and governmental entities in Brazilian federal and state courts following the Samarco dam failure. The other defendants include Vale and Samarco. The lawsuits seek various remedies, including rehabilitation costs, compensation to injured individuals and families of the deceased, recovery of personal and property losses, moral damages and injunctive relief. These legal proceedings include civil public actions filed by state prosecutors in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$7.5 billion (US\$2.3 billion)), public defenders in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$10 billion (US\$3.1 billion)) and state prosecutors in Espírito Santo (claiming damages of approximately R\$2 billion (US\$620 million)). Given the preliminary status of all these proceedings, and the duplicative nature of the damages sought in these proceedings and the R\$20 billion (US\$6.2 billion) and R\$155 billion (US\$48 billion) claims noted below, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil.

Among the claims brought against BHP Billiton Brasil is a public civil claim commenced by the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais, and other public authorities (Brazilian Authorities) on 30 November 2015, seeking the establishment of a fund of up to R\$20 billion (US\$6.2 billion) in aggregate for clean-up costs and damages.

On 2 March 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil together with Samarco and Vale entered into a Framework Agreement (Framework Agreement) with the Brazilian Authorities to establish the Fundação Renova that will develop and execute environmental and socio-economic programs to remediate and provide compensation for damage caused by the Samarco dam failure. In light of the significant uncertainties surrounding the nature and timing of ongoing future operations at Samarco and based on currently available information, at 30 June 2016, BHP Billiton recognised a provision of US\$1.2 billion, before tax and after discounting, in respect of BHP Billiton Brasil's potential obligations under the Framework Agreement.

The Framework Agreement was ratified by the Federal Court of Appeal in Brasilia on 5 May 2016, suspending the R\$20 billion public civil claim. However, on 30 June 2016, the Superior Court of Justice issued a preliminary order (Interim Order) suspending the ratification of the Framework Agreement and reinstating the R\$20 billion public civil claim. Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil and the Federal Government have appealed the Interim Order before the Superior Court of Justice. It is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil in relation to the R\$20 billion public civil claim.

BHP Billiton Brasil is also among the defendants named in a claim brought by the Federal Public Prosecution Service on 3 May 2016, seeking R\$155 billion (approximately US\$43 billion) for reparation, compensation and moral damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure. Given the preliminary status of these proceedings, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil.

In addition, government inquiries and investigations relating to the Samarco dam failure have been commenced by numerous agencies of the Brazilian Government, and other lawsuits and investigations are at the early stages

of proceedings, including a shareholder action filed in the United States against BHP Billiton and certain current or former Directors and officers. For more information on the shareholder action and other lawsuits relating to the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 6.5. Additional lawsuits and government investigations relating to the Samarco dam failure may be brought against BHP Billiton Brasil and possibly other BHP Billiton entities in Brazil or other jurisdictions.

Works are underway to reinforce and improve the dam structures at Samarco so as to contain the remaining tailings materials. A large portion of the works are scheduled to be completed before the next wet season commences. The potential nonetheless remains for further release or downstream movement of tailings material during this season, which may result in additional claims, fines and proceedings (or impact existing proceedings) and may also have additional consequences on the environment and the feasibility, timing and scope of any restart of Samarco operations.

Our potential costs and liabilities in relation to the Samarco dam failure are subject to a high degree of uncertainty and cannot be reliably estimated at this time. The total amounts that we may be required to pay will be dependent on many factors, including the timing and nature of a potential restart of operations at Samarco, the number of claims that become payable, the quantum of any fines levied, the outcome of litigation and the amount and timing of payments under any judgements or settlements. Nevertheless, such potential costs and liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, competitive position, cash flows, prospects, liquidity and shareholder returns.

For more information on the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4.

External risks

Fluctuations in commodity prices (including sustained price shifts) and impacts of ongoing global economic volatility may negatively affect our results, including cash flows and asset values

The prices we obtain for our oil, gas and minerals are determined by, or linked to, prices in world markets, which have historically been subject to significant volatility. Our usual policy is to sell our products at the prevailing market prices. The diversity provided by our relatively broad portfolio of commodities does not necessarily insulate the Company from the effects of price changes. Fluctuations in commodity prices can occur due to price shifts reflecting underlying global economic and geopolitical factors, industry demand, increased supply due to the development of new productive resources or increased production from existing resources, technological change, product substitution and national tariffs. We are particularly exposed to price movements in iron ore, coal, copper, oil and gas. For example, a US\$1 per tonne decline in the average iron ore price and US\$1 per barrel decline in the average oil price would have an estimated impact on FY2016 profit after taxation of US\$141 million and US\$58 million, respectively. For more information in relation to commodity price impacts, refer to section 1.8.1. Volatility in global economic growth, particularly in developing economies, has the potential to adversely affect future demand and prices for commodities. The impact of sustained price shifts and short-term price volatility, including the effects of unwinding the sustained monetary stimulus in the United States, and uncertainty surrounding the details of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union following the June 2016 referendum, creates the risk that our financial and operating results, including cash flows and asset values, will be materially and adversely affected by short or long-term declines in the prevailing prices of our products.

Our financial results may be negatively affected by exchange rate fluctuations

The geographic diversity of the countries in which we operate means that our assets, earnings and cash flows are influenced by a wide variety of currencies. Fluctuations in the exchange rates of those currencies may have a significant impact on our financial results. The US dollar is the currency in which the majority of our sales is denominated and the currency in which we present our financial performance. Operating costs are influenced by the currencies of those countries where our assets and facilities are located and also by those currencies in which the costs of imported equipment and services are determined. The Australian dollar, Chilean peso and US dollar

are some of the currencies influencing our operating costs. We do not generally believe active currency hedging provides long-term benefits to our shareholders. From time to time, we consider currency protection measures appropriate in specific commercial circumstances, subject to strict limits established by the Board.

Reduction in Chinese demand may negatively impact our results

The Chinese market has been driving global materials demand and pricing over the past decade. Sales into China generated US\$13.2 billion (FY2015: US\$16.3 billion) or 42.6 per cent (FY2015: 36.6 per cent) of our revenue in FY2016. FY2016 sales into China by commodity included 61 per cent Iron Ore, 28 per cent Copper, 10 per cent Coal and one per cent Nickel (reported in Group and Unallocated). A continued slowing in China's economic growth and demand could result in lower prices for our products and negatively impact our results, including cash flows.

Actions by governments, additional regulation or political events in the countries in which we operate could have a negative impact on our business

There are varying degrees of political, judicial and commercial stability in the locations in which we have operated and non-operated assets around the globe. At the same time, our exposure to emerging markets may involve additional risks that could have an adverse effect on the profitability of an operation. These risks could include terrorism, civil unrest, judicial activism, regulatory investigation, nationalisation, protectionism, renegotiation or nullification of existing contracts, leases, permits or other agreements, imposts, controls or prohibitions on the production or use of certain products, restrictions on repatriation of earnings or capital and changes in laws and policy, as well as other unforeseeable risks. Risks relating to bribery and corruption, including possible delays or disruption resulting from a refusal to make so-called facilitation payments, may be prevalent in some of the countries in which we operate. If any of our major operations are affected by one or more of these risks, it could have a negative effect on our operations in those countries, as well as the Company's overall operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Our operated and non-operated assets are based on material long-term investments that are dependent on long-term fiscal stability and could be adversely affected by changes in fiscal legislation, changes in interpretation of fiscal legislation, periodic challenges and disagreements with tax authorities and legal proceedings relating to fiscal matters. The natural resources industry continues to be regarded as a source of tax revenue and can also be adversely affected by broader fiscal measures applying to businesses generally. The Group is currently involved in a number of uncertain tax and royalty matters – refer to note 5 'Income tax expense' to the Financial Statements for further detail.

Our business could be adversely affected by new or evolving government regulations and international standards, such as controls on imports, exports, prices and greenhouse gas emissions. The nature of the industries in which we operate means many of our activities are highly regulated by laws relating to health, safety, environment and community impacts. Increasing requirements relating to regulatory, environmental, social or community approvals can potentially result in significant delays or interruptions and may adversely affect the economics of new mining and oil and gas projects, the expansion of existing operations and the performance of our operations. As regulatory standards and expectations are constantly developing, we may be exposed to increased regulatory review, compliance costs to meet new operating and reporting standards and unforeseen closure and site rehabilitation expenses.

Infrastructure, such as rail, ports, power and water, is critical to our business operations. We have operations or potential development projects in countries where government-provided infrastructure or regulatory regimes for access to infrastructure, including our own privately operated infrastructure, may be inadequate, uncertain or subject to legislative change. The impact of climate change may increase competition for, and the regulation of, limited resources, such as power and water. These factors may adversely affect the expansion of our business and ability of our assets to operate efficiently.

We operate in countries where land tenure can be uncertain and where disputes may arise in relation to ownership and use. For example, in Australia, the Native Title Act 1993 provides for the establishment and recognition of native title under certain circumstances.

New or evolving regulations and international standards are complex, difficult to predict and outside our control. Potential compliance costs, litigation expenses, regulatory delays, rehabilitation expenses and operational costs arising from government action, regulatory change and evolving standards could negatively affect our Company, future results, prospects and our financial condition.

Business risks

Failure to discover or acquire new resources, maintain reserves or develop new operations could negatively affect our future results and financial condition

The demand for our products and production from our operations results in existing reserves being depleted over time. As our revenues and profits are derived from our oil, gas and minerals operations, our future results and financial condition are directly related to the success of our exploration and acquisition efforts, and our ability to generate reserves to meet our future production requirements at a competitive cost. Exploration activity occurs adjacent to established operations and in new regions, in developed and less-developed countries. These activities may increase land tenure, infrastructure and related political risks. A failure in our ability to discover or acquire new resources, maintain reserves or develop new operations in sufficient quantities to maintain or grow the current level of our reserves could negatively affect our results, financial condition and prospects. Deterioration in commodities pricing may make some existing reserves uneconomic. Our actual exploration drilling activities and future drilling budget will depend on our inventory size and quality, drilling results, commodity prices, drilling and production costs, availability of drilling services and equipment, lease expirations, land access, transportation pipelines, railroads and other infrastructure constraints, regulatory approvals and other factors.

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral and oil and gas reserves. Geological assumptions about our mineralisation that are valid at the time of estimation may change significantly when new information becomes available. Estimates of reserves that will be recovered, or the cost at which we anticipate reserves will be recovered, are based on uncertain assumptions. The uncertain global financial outlook may affect economic assumptions related to reserve recovery and may require reserve restatements. Reserve restatements could negatively affect our results and prospects.

Potential changes to our portfolio of assets through acquisitions and divestments may have a material adverse effect on our future results and financial condition

We regularly review the composition of our asset portfolio and from time to time may add assets to, or divest assets from, the portfolio. There are a number of risks associated with acquisitions or divestments. These include:

- adverse market reaction to such changes or the timing or terms on which changes are made;
- the imposition of adverse regulatory conditions and obligations;
- commercial objectives not being achieved as expected;
- unforeseen liabilities arising from changes to the portfolio;
- sales revenues and operational performance not meeting our expectations;
- anticipated synergies or cost savings being delayed or not being achieved;
- inability to retain key staff and transaction-related costs being more than anticipated.

These factors could negatively affect our reputation, future results and financial condition.

Increased costs and schedule delays may adversely affect our development projects

Although we devote significant time and resources to our project planning, approval and review processes, many of our development projects are highly complex and rely on factors that are outside our control, which may cause us to underestimate the cost or time required to complete a project. For instance, incidents or unexpected conditions encountered during development projects may cause setbacks or cost overruns, required licences, permits or authorisations to build a project may be unobtainable at anticipated costs, or may be obtained only after significant delay and market conditions may change, thereby making a project less profitable than initially projected.

In addition, we may fail to develop and manage projects as effectively as we anticipate and unforeseen challenges may emerge.

Any of these may result in increased capital costs and schedule delays at our development projects and adversely affect anticipated financial returns.

Financial risks

If our liquidity and cash flow deteriorate significantly it could adversely affect our ability to fund our major capital programs

We seek to maintain a strong balance sheet. However, fluctuations in commodity prices and the ongoing global economic volatility may adversely affect our future cash flows and ability to access capital from financial markets at acceptable pricing. If our key financial ratios and credit rating are not maintained, our liquidity and cash reserves, interest rate costs on borrowed debt, future access to financial capital markets and the ability to fund current and future major capital programs could be adversely affected.

We may not fully recover our investments in mining, oil and gas assets, which may require financial write-downs

One or more of our assets may be adversely affected by changed market or industry structures, commodity prices, technical operating difficulties, inability to recover our mineral, oil or gas reserves and increased operating cost levels. These may cause us to fail to recover all or a portion of our investment in mining, oil and gas assets and may require financial write-downs, including goodwill, adversely affecting our financial results.

The commercial counterparties we transact with may not meet their obligations, which may negatively affect our results

We contract with many commercial and financial counterparties, including end-customers, suppliers and financial institutions. Global economic volatility continues to strain global financial markets, with tighter liquidity in China and uncertain business conditions generally. We maintain a 'one book' approach with commercial counterparties to ensure all credit exposures are quantified. However, our existing counterparty credit controls may not prevent a material loss due to credit exposure to a major customer segment or financial counterparty. In addition, customers, suppliers, contractors or joint venture partners may fail to perform against existing contracts and obligations. Non-supply of key inputs, such as tyres, mining and mobile equipment, diesel and other key consumables, may unfavourably impact costs and production at our operations. These factors could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Operational risks

Unexpected natural and operational catastrophes may adversely impact our operations

We operate onshore and offshore extractive, processing and logistical operations in many geographic locations. Our key port facilities are located at Coloso and Antofagasta in Chile and Port Hedland and Hay Point in

Australia. We have four underground mines, including one underground coal mine. Our operational processes may be subject to operational accidents, such as port and shipping incidents, underground mine and processing plant fire and explosion, open-cut pit wall or tailings/waste storage facility failures, loss of power supply, railroad incidents, loss of well control, environmental pollution, and mechanical critical equipment failures and cyber security attacks on Company infrastructure. Our operations may also be subject to unexpected natural catastrophes such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tsunamis. Our northwest Western Australia iron ore, Queensland coal and Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations are located in areas subject to cyclones or hurricanes. Our Chilean copper and Peruvian base metals operations are located in a known earthquake and tsunami zone. Based on our risk management and concerns about the value of external insurance in the natural resource sector, our risk financing (insurance) approach is to minimise or not to purchase external insurance for certain risks, including property damage and business interruption, sabotage and terrorism, marine cargo, construction, primary public liability and employee benefits. Existing business continuity plans may not provide protection for all the costs that arise from such events, including clean-up costs, litigation and other claims. The impact of these events could lead to disruptions in production, increased costs and loss of facilities. Where external insurance is purchased, third party claims arising from these events may exceed the limit of liability of the insurance policies we have in place. Additionally, any uninsured or underinsured losses could have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Cost pressures and reduced productivity could negatively impact our operating margins and expansion plans

Cost pressures may continue to occur across the resources industry. As the prices for our products are determined by the global commodity markets in which we operate, we do not generally have the ability to offset these cost pressures through corresponding price increases, which can adversely affect our operating margins. Although our efforts to reduce costs and a number of key cost inputs are commodity price-linked, the inability to reduce costs and a timing lag may adversely impact our operating margins for an extended period.

A number of our operations, such as copper, are energy or water intensive and as a result, the Group's costs and earnings could be adversely affected by rising costs or by supply interruptions. These could include the unavailability of energy, fuel or water due to a variety of reasons, including fluctuations in climate, inadequate infrastructure capacity, interruptions in supply due to equipment failure or other causes and the inability to extend supply contracts on economic terms.

Many of our Australian employees have conditions of employment, including wages, governed by the operation of the Australian Fair Work Act 2009. Conditions of employment are often contained within collective agreements that are required to be renegotiated on expiry (typically every three to four years). In some instances, under the operation of the Fair Work Act it can be expected that unions will pursue increases to conditions of employment, including wages, and/or claims for greater union involvement in business decision-making.

In circumstances where a collective agreement is being renegotiated, industrial action is permitted under the Fair Work Act. Industrial action and any subsequent settlement to mitigate associated commercial damage can adversely affect productivity and customer perceptions as a reliable supplier, and contribute to increases in costs.

The industrial relations environment in Chile remains challenging and it is possible that we will see further disruptions. Changes to labour legislation are being considered by the Chilean Congress, and if passed would result in the right to have a single negotiating body across different operations owned by a single company, which may also result in higher risk of operational stoppages.

More broadly, cost and productivity pressures on our Company and our contractors and sub-contractors may increase the risk of industrial action and employment litigation.

These factors could lead to increased operating costs at existing operations, interruptions or delays and could negatively impact our operating margins and expansion plans.

Our non-operated assets and our commercial counterparties may not comply with our standards

Some of our assets are operated and managed by joint venture partners or by other companies. Management of our non-operated assets may not comply with our management and operating standards, controls and procedures, including our health, safety, environment and community (HSEC) standards. Failure to adopt equivalent standards, controls and procedures at these assets could lead to higher costs and reduced production, litigation and regulatory action, delays or interruptions and adversely impact our results, prospects and reputation.

Commercial counterparties, such as our suppliers, contractors and customers, may not comply with our HSEC standards causing adverse reputational and legal impacts.

Breaches in, or failures of, our information technology may adversely impact our business activities

We maintain and increasingly rely on information technology (IT) systems, consisting of digital infrastructure, applications and networks to support our business activities. These systems may be subject to security breaches (e.g. cyber-crime or activists) or other incidents (e.g. from negligence) that can result in misappropriation of funds, increased health and safety risks to people, disruption to our operations, environmental damage, poor product quality, loss of intellectual property, disclosure of commercially or personally sensitive information, legal or regulatory breaches and liability, other costs and reputational damage.

Evolving convergence of IT and Operational Technology (OT) networks across industries, including ours, present additional cyber-related risk as traditionally IT networks have been focused on availability of service to the enterprise.

Sustainability risks

Safety, health, environmental and community impacts, incidents or accidents may adversely affect our people, operations and reputation or licence to operate

Safety

Potential safety events that may have a material adverse impact on our people, operations, reputation or licence to operate include fire, explosion or rock fall incidents in underground mining operations, personnel conveyance equipment failures in underground operations, aircraft incidents, road incidents involving buses and light vehicles, incidents between light vehicles and mobile mining equipment, ground control failures, uncontrolled tailings containment breaches, well blowouts, explosions or gas leaks and accidents involving inadequate isolation, working from heights or lifting operations.

Health

Health risks faced include fatigue, musculoskeletal illnesses and occupational exposure to substances or agents including noise, silica, coal mine dust, diesel exhaust particulate, nickel and sulphuric acid mist and mental illness. Longer-term health impacts may arise due to unanticipated workplace exposures or historical exposures of our workforce to hazardous substances. These effects may create future financial compensation obligations, adversely impact our people, reputation or licence to operate and affect the way we conduct our operations.

Given we operate globally, we could be affected by a public health emergency such as influenza or other infectious disease outbreaks in any of the regions in which we operate.

Environment

Our operations by their nature have the potential to adversely impact air quality, biodiversity, water resources and related ecosystem services. Changes in scientific understanding of these impacts, regulatory requirements or stakeholder expectations may prevent or delay project approvals and result in increased costs for mitigation, offsets or compensatory actions.

Environmental incidents have the potential to lead to material adverse impacts on our people, operations, reputation or licence to operate. These include uncontrolled tailings containment breaches, subsidence from mining activities, escape of polluting substances and uncontrolled releases of hydrocarbons.

We provide for operational closure and site rehabilitation. Our operating and closed facilities are required to have closure plans. Changes in regulatory or community expectations may result in the relevant plans not being adequate. This may increase financial provisioning and costs at the affected operations.

Climate change may adversely affect the value of our Company, and our operations and markets

The physical and non-physical impacts of climate change may affect our operations, productivity and the markets in which we sell our products. This includes acute and chronic changes in weather, policy and regulatory change, technological development and market and economic responses. Fossil fuel-related emissions are a significant source of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change. We produce fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas for sale to customers, and we use fossil fuels in our mining and processing operations either directly or through the purchase of fossil fuel based electricity.

A number of national governments have already introduced, or are contemplating the introduction of, regulatory responses to greenhouse gas emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels to address the impacts of climate change. This includes countries where we have operations such as Australia, the United States and Chile, as well as customer markets such as China, India and Europe. In addition, the international community completed a new global climate agreement at the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris in December 2015. The absence of regulatory certainty, global policy inconsistencies and the challenges presented by managing our portfolio across a variety of regulatory frameworks has the potential to adversely affect our operations and supply chain. From a medium- to long-term perspective, we are likely to see some adverse changes in the cost position of our greenhouse gas-intensive assets and energy-intensive assets as a result of regulatory impacts in the countries where we operate. These proposed regulatory mechanisms may adversely affect our operations directly or indirectly through our suppliers and customers. Assessments of the potential impact of future climate change regulation are uncertain given the wide scope of potential regulatory change in the many countries in which we operate. For example, the Australian Government repealed a carbon tax in 2014 and carbon pricing is being discussed as part of a broader tax reform package in Chile.

There is a potential gap between the current valuation of fossil fuel reserves on the balance sheets of companies and in global equities markets and the reduced value that could result if a significant proportion of reserves were rendered incapable of extraction in an economically viable fashion due to technology, regulatory or market responses to climate change. In such a scenario, stranded reserve assets held on our balance sheet may need to be impaired or written off and our inability to make productive use of such assets may also negatively impact our financial condition and results.

The growth of alternative energy supply options, such as renewables and nuclear, could also present a change to the energy mix that may reduce the value of fossil fuel assets.

The physical effects of climate change on our operations may include changes in rainfall patterns, water shortages, rising sea levels, increased storm intensities and higher temperatures. These effects may adversely affect the financial performance of our operations.

Community

Local communities may be directly impacted by and become dissatisfied with our operations or oppose our new development projects, including through legal action, potentially affecting schedules, costs and production, and in extreme cases viability and adversely impacting our reputation and licence to operate. Community-related risks may include community protests or civil unrest, complaints to grievance mechanisms and civil society activism and may cause delays or changes to proposed developments and interruptions to existing operations. Our operations or activities also risk the potential for adverse impacts on human rights or breaches of other international laws or conventions.

Hydraulic fracturing

Our Onshore US operations involve hydraulic fracturing, which involves using water, sand and a small amount of chemicals to fracture hydrocarbon-bearing subsurface rock formations, to allow flow of hydrocarbons into the wellbore. We depend on the use of hydraulic fracturing techniques in our onshore US drilling and completion programs.

In the United States, the hydraulic fracturing process is typically regulated by relevant US state regulatory bodies. Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas (the states in which we currently operate) have adopted various laws and regulations, or issued regulatory guidance, concerning hydraulic fracturing. Some states are considering changes to regulations in relation to permitting, public disclosure, and/or well construction requirements on hydraulic fracturing and related operations, including the possibility of outright bans on the process.

Several US federal agencies are also reviewing or advancing regulatory proposals concerning hydraulic fracturing and related operations. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) commenced a study of the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing activities on drinking water resources. The agency issued a non-determinative Progress Report in December 2012 and released a preliminary analysis on 30 March 2015. The EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) engaged a research advisory panel to address criticism over the study's core conclusion and that panel issued a draft report on 7 January 2016. The EPA's Office of Inspector General continues to research the EPA's and states' ability to manage potential threats to water resources from hydraulic fracturing and produced a report on 16 July 2015 identifying two areas for improvement. The US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued a final rule on 20 March 2015 that would impose new requirements on hydraulic fracturing operations conducted on federal lands, including the disclosure of chemicals used, wellbore integrity, water use and disposal of flow back water. The BLM regulation took effect on 24 June 2015. On 30 September 2015, the US District Court for the District of Wyoming granted a motion for a preliminary injunction that prevents enforcement of the regulation by BLM pending litigation. Activity at the federal level, including the ongoing EPA study, BLM rules and other analysis by federal and state agencies to assess the impacts of hydraulic fracturing, could spur additional legislative or regulatory actions.

While we have not experienced a material delay or substantially higher operating costs in our Onshore US operations as a result of current regulatory requirements, we cannot predict whether additional federal, state or local laws or regulations will be enacted and what such actions would require or prohibit. Additional legislation or regulation could subject our operations to delays and increased costs, or prohibit certain activities, which could adversely affect the financial performance of our Onshore US operations.

A breach of our governance processes may lead to regulatory penalties and loss of reputation

We operate in a global environment that encompasses multiple jurisdictions and complex regulatory frameworks. Our governance and compliance processes, which include the review of internal controls over financial reporting and specific internal controls in relation to trade and financial sanctions and offers of anything of value to government officials and representatives of state-owned enterprises, may not prevent future potential breaches of law, or of accounting or governance practice. Our *Code of Business Conduct*, together with our mandatory policies, such as the anti-corruption, trade and financial sanctions and competition policies, may not prevent instances of fraudulent behaviour and dishonesty nor guarantee compliance with legal or regulatory requirements. This may lead to regulatory fines, disgorgement of profits, litigation, allegations or investigations by regulatory authorities, loss of operating licences and/or reputational damage.

1.9.3 Management of principal risks

The scope of our operations and the number of industries in which we operate and engage mean that a range of factors may impact our results. Material risks that could negatively affect our results and performance are described in section 1.9.2. Our approach to managing these risks is outlined below.

Principal risk area

Samarco dam failure

Our potential liabilities from litigation and other actions resulting from the Samarco dam failure are subject to significant uncertainty and cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

External risks

Risks arise from fluctuations in commodity prices and demand in major markets (such as China or Europe) or changes in currency exchange rates and actions by governments, including new regulations and standards, and political events that impact long-term fiscal stability.

Risk management approach

The Board has spent a significant amount of time discussing Samarco and considering our approach to the Samarco dam failure.

Soon after the Samarco dam failure occurred, a sub-committee of the Board was established to further consider and oversee matters relating to the Samarco dam failure, including BHP Billiton's support of the recovery and response efforts, investigation of the cause of the dam failure and our engagement with key stakeholders. The Samarco sub-committee comprises John Schubert (Chairman), Jac Nasser, Lindsay Maxsted and Malcolm Brinded.

Alongside the Samarco sub-committee, the Risk and Audit Committee and the Sustainability Committee have continued to consider matters relating to Samarco as part of the ongoing duties of those committees, including Samarco funding and the review of significant dams in the portfolio.

We believe these efforts provide a robust and comprehensive approach for the Board to best provide its oversight and input, and allows appropriate consideration to be brought to the various aspects of the response.

For further information on BHP Billiton's response to the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4.

The diversification of our portfolio of commodities, geographies and currencies is a key strategy for reducing the effects of volatility. Section 1.8.1 describes external factors and trends affecting our results and note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements outlines the Company's financial risk management strategy, including market, commodity, and currency risk. The Financial Risk Management Committee oversees these risks as described in sections 2.14 and 2.15. We also engage with governments and other key stakeholders to ensure the potential adverse impacts of proposed fiscal, tax, resource investment, infrastructure access, regulatory changes and evolving international standards are understood and where possible mitigated.

Principal risk area

Business risks

Risks include the inherent uncertainty of identifying and proving reserves, adding and divesting assets and managing our capital development projects.

Financial risks

Continued volatility in global financial markets may adversely impact future cash flows, our ability to adequately access and source capital from financial markets and our credit rating. Volatility may impact planned expenditures, as well as the ability to recover investments in mining, oil and gas projects. In addition, the commercial counterparties (customers, suppliers, contractors and financial institutions) we transact with may, due to adverse market conditions, fail to meet their contractual obligations.

Operational risks

Operating cost pressures and reduced productivity could negatively affect operating margins and expansion plans. Non-operated assets may not comply with our standards. Unexpected natural and operational catastrophes may adversely affect our operations. Breaches in IT security processes may adversely affect the conduct of our business activities.

Risk management approach

Our Geoscience Centre of Excellence manages governance and technical leadership for Ore Reserves reporting as described in section 6.3.2. Our governance over reporting of Petroleum reserves is described in section 6.3.1.

We have established investment approval processes that apply to all major capital projects and asset divestment and acquisitions. The Investment Committee oversees these as described in sections 2.14 and 2.15. Our Project Management function additionally seeks to ensure that projects are safe, predictable and competitive.

We seek to maintain a strong balance sheet, supported by our portfolio risk management strategy. As part of this strategy, the diversification of our portfolio reduces overall cash flow volatility. Commodity prices and currency exchange rates are not generally hedged, and wherever possible we take the prevailing market price. A trial hedging program for our shale gas operations is an exception and reflects the inherent differences in shale gas operations in our portfolio. A shale gas operation has a short-term investment cycle and a price responsive supply base and hedging prices and input costs can be used to fix investment returns and manage volatilities. We use Cash Flow at Risk analysis to monitor volatilities and key financial ratios. Credit limits and review processes are required to be established for all customers and financial counterparties. The Financial Risk Management Committee oversees these as described in sections 2.14 and 2.15.

Note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements outlines our financial risk management strategy.

We aim to maintain adequate operating margins through our strategy to own and operate large, long-life, low-cost and expandable upstream assets. The organisation's concentrated effort to reduce operating costs and drive productivity improvements has realised tangible results, with a reduction in controllable costs.

The capability to sustain productivity improvements is being further enhanced through continued

Principal risk area

Sustainability risks

HSEC incidents or accidents may adversely affect our people or neighbouring communities, operations and reputation or licence to operate. The potential physical impacts and related responses to climate change may impact the value of our Company, our operations and markets.

Risk management approach

refinements to our Operating Model. The Operating Model is designed to deliver a simple and scalable organisation, providing a competitive advantage through defining work, organisation and performance measurements. Defined global business processes, including ISAP, provide a standardised way of working across the organisation. Common processes generate useful data and improve operating discipline. Global sourcing arrangements have been established to ensure continuity of supply and competitive costs for key supply inputs. We seek to influence the application of our standards to non-operated assets.

By applying our risk management processes, we seek to identify catastrophic operational risks and implement the critical controls and performance requirements to maintain control effectiveness. Business continuity plans are required to be established to mitigate consequences. Consistent with our portfolio risk management approach, we continue to be largely self-insured for losses arising from property damage, business interruption and construction.

From an industrial relations perspective, detailed planning is undertaken to support the renegotiation of employment agreements, and is supported by training and access to expertise in negotiation and agreement making.

IT security controls to protect IT infrastructure, business applications and communication networks and respond to security incidents are in place and subject to regular monitoring and assessment.

To maintain adequate levels of protection, we also continue to monitor the development of threats in the external environment and assess potential responses to those threats.

BHP Billiton has identified a number of actions that we will take in the management of tailings dams and joint venture arrangements. For details of those actions refer to section 1.4.

Our approach to sustainability risks is reflected in *Our Charter* and described in section 1.11, including a Company-level safety intervention that was initiated in FY2015. *Our Requirements* standards set out Group-wide HSEC-related performance requirements designed to support effective management control of these risks.

Principal risk area

Risk management approach

Our approach to corporate planning, investment decision-making and portfolio management provides a focus on the identification, assessment and management of climate change risks. We have been applying an internal price on carbon in our investment decisions for more than a decade. Through a comprehensive and strategic approach to corporate planning, we work with a broad range of scenarios to assess our portfolio, including consideration of a broad range of potential policy responses to and impacts from climate change.

Our approach to engagement with community stakeholders is outlined in our minimum organisational requirements for Community. Operations are also required to undertake stakeholder identification analysis, social impact and opportunity assessments, community perception surveys and human rights impact assessments to identify, mitigate or manage key potential social and human rights risks.

The *Our Requirements for Risk Management* standard provides the framework for risk management relating to climate change and material health, safety, environment and community risks. Internal audits are conducted to test compliance with the *Our Requirements* standards and action plans are developed to address any gaps. Key findings are reported to senior management and reports are considered by relevant Board committees.

Our *Code of Business Conduct* sets out requirements related to working with integrity, including dealings with government officials and third parties. Processes and controls are in place for the internal control over financial reporting, including under Sarbanes-Oxley. We have established anti-corruption, competition and trade sanctions performance requirements, which are overseen by the Compliance functions, as described in section 2.16. Additionally, the Disclosure Committee oversees our compliance with securities dealing obligations and continuous and periodic disclosure obligations as described in sections 2.14, 2.15 and 2.17.

1.10 People

With a workforce of more than 65,000 employees and contractors working across 91 locations worldwide, BHP Billiton strives to create an environment where our teams have a sense of purpose and achieve their full potential. A harmonious workplace is more productive, and we recognise that diversity of people and cultures, high motivation levels and recognition for contribution are all factors for success.

1.10.1 Our people

We believe our people have the right to a safe and productive work environment that supports ongoing training and development in fulfilling jobs. We have a comprehensive set of policies, initiatives and frameworks to achieve this.

Examples include:

- **Our Charter** is central to everything we do and our single most important document at BHP Billiton. *Our Charter* describes our purpose and values and how we measure our success. It communicates who we are, what we do and what we stand for as an organisation. It is the basis for our decision-making.
- **Our Requirements standards** outline the expected actions and standards for those who work for or on behalf of BHP Billiton. Some of those standards relate to people activities; for example, recruitment and talent retention. Discrimination on any basis, including disability, is not acceptable. In instances where employees require support for a disability, we work with them to identify roles that meet their skill, experience and capability, and offer retraining where required.
- **Our Code of Business Conduct** helps guide our daily work. It demonstrates how to practically apply the commitments and values set out in *Our Charter* and reflects many of the standards and procedures we apply throughout our organisation.
- Our **business conduct advisory service (EthicsPoint) and dispute and grievance handling** processes are available to address issues across the Company.
- We provide employees with access to an **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** in each region where we operate. The EAPs provide short-term assistance through free, confidential counselling and support services.
- Our all-employee share purchase plan, **Shareplus**, is available to all permanent full-time and part-time employees, and those on fixed term contracts, except where local regulations limit operation of the scheme. In these instances, alternate arrangements are in place.

1.10.2 New, simplified Operating Model

A major focus for FY2016 was the announcement and implementation of a new Operating Model, which articulates how we are organised and work together. In March 2016, we commenced transitioning from an operating model primarily organised by commodity to one organised by assets.

Our new Operating Model creates a more agile and responsive company designed to best suit our now simpler portfolio of 12 core operated assets. It aims to accelerate productivity and value creation by removing duplication, standardising key processes and systems, realising economies of scale and facilitating greater coordination in order to enhance safety, productivity and learning.

This important step in the simplification of BHP Billiton will allow our assets to focus primarily on safety, volume and cost, while our functions have become globally integrated to drive deeper expertise.

For more information on the new Operating Model, refer to section 1.5.3.

1.10.3 Inclusion and diversity

We recognise that inclusion and diversity are key enablers to delivering on our safety, culture and productivity priorities. Our internal benchmarking demonstrates that operations which are more inclusive and diverse achieve better performance results. Safety outcomes are better, production is more stable and employee engagement is higher. Results also show that greater employee engagement leads to improved productivity and higher retention rates. It is this business case that underpins our Inclusion and Diversity Strategy, which is rooted in the principle that leadership drives culture, and culture drives performance. Our strategy focuses on engaging, enabling, and supporting our line leaders in creating a work environment of greater inclusion where our employees feel involved, respected, valued and connected, where difference is embraced and *Our Charter* values are reflected.

Achieving a culture of inclusion and increasing female representation have been key priorities for BHP Billiton since 2010. Recently we took the step to embed a more unified approach and amplify our commitment by establishing a CEO-led Inclusion and Diversity Council comprising asset and functional leaders from across the organisation. Since its launch, the Council has collaborated to develop recommendations to accelerate the delivery of a more inclusive work environment and enhanced overall workforce diversity.

Each financial year, the Board considers, approves and monitors progress on the Group's performance objectives. A summary of the inclusion and diversity objectives set in FY2016 and progress to date are set out below.

Progress on our inclusion and diversity objectives

1. *Assets, Marketing and functions to demonstrate progress against key objectives to improve the diversity of our workforce profile (where legally permissible), with particular emphasis on demonstrating a contribution to increasing female representation year-on-year, both overall and in leadership.*

During FY2016, the following activities were prioritised by our assets, Marketing and functions to improve inclusion and diversity:

- initiatives to engage with, and continue to educate employees on, inclusion and diversity, including unconscious bias training; diversity focus groups; town hall events on targeted inclusion and diversity topics; and external benchmarking to identify opportunities for improvement;
- targeted female development, including mentoring to build capability of female employees; focusing on identifying female candidates for the talent pipeline; and increasing female representation in entry-level roles;
- resourcing campaigns targeting greater female participation;
- further embedding of flexible work options across different assets, Marketing and functions, with toolkits and support for leaders to think differently about flexible work options;
- continued commitment to enabling a positive parental leave experience, with parental leave networks and toolkits to build engagement; and targeted parental leave coaching for some employees;
- enablement of a more inclusive environment through building amenities, with provision of prayer facilities, expectant mother parking, and breastfeeding/nursing facilities in key buildings to support the varying requirements of our employees;
- initiatives to increase representation of Indigenous people in our workforce, including targeted resourcing strategies; and development programs to broaden opportunities for Indigenous candidates;
- commitment to broader facets of diversity, including membership with Pride in Diversity in Australia for greater inclusion of LGBTI employees, and early work on a small pilot with the Australian Network on Disability's intern program.

FY2016 outcomes

Compared to FY2015, female representation (i) increased by one per cent in manager and senior leadership roles to 22 per cent, and (ii) remained steady in our overall workforce representation at 17.6 per cent.

Female representation in our graduate intake increased by seven per cent to 49 per cent at a global level and by six per cent to 52 per cent in Australia. Representation of Indigenous Australians in the graduate program decreased by two per cent to nine per cent.

The Board achieved its goal to increase the number of women on the Board to three by the end of CY2015, following Anita Frew's appointment to the Board effective 15 September 2015.

2. Demonstrate year-on-year improvement in creating a work environment of inclusion, as measured by our Employee Perception Survey (EPS) inclusion index.

As in previous years, an inclusion index to gauge employees' perceptions of feeling valued and heard was measured as part of our EPS. Our results from the CY2016 Survey show a one per cent improvement from CY2015, continuing our positive progress since CY2014.

Continuous improvement

While female representation has increased at leadership levels and our progress over the past three years regarding overall female representation and our inclusion index has demonstrated a positive shift, we recognise that further accelerated action is required. Core to delivering this commitment will be the Inclusion and Diversity Council; its defined program of work and inclusion of the following objective in all asset, Marketing and function FY2017 scorecards.

As in previous years, progress will be evaluated and successful completion of these objectives will be taken into account in determining bonus remuneration outcomes. Progress against each year's measurable objectives will continue to be tracked as part of the Group's internal compliance requirements and disclosed in the Annual Report.

The proportion of women in our workforce and in senior management positions is set out in section 1.10.8, which contains further information on diversity and our workforce profile.

At BHP Billiton, we aspire to create a work environment that is truly inclusive for all people. We will measure our success through demonstrated:

- year-on-year global progress on creating a more inclusive culture as measured by a three per cent global increase on the EPS inclusion index;
- contribution to a three per cent global increase in representation of women through the leadership team developing and implementing a specific Inclusion and Diversity Plan consistent with the Inclusion and Diversity Council's guidelines (where, and to the extent, legally permissible in the applicable jurisdictions in which BHP Billiton operates).

Case study: Inclusion and Diversity Council

BHP Billiton's Executive Leadership Team recognised that to deliver meaningful, sustainable change in inclusion and diversity, greater visibility of senior leadership commitment and stronger involvement of line management were required. As a result, the Inclusion and Diversity Council was formed. The Council is sponsored by the CEO and comprises a group of senior leaders, including Asset Presidents and Heads of Functions, and is supported by Human Resources. The role of the Council is to create an integrated Company-wide Inclusion and Diversity Strategy and drive the execution and ownership of that strategy at a local level.

Since its formation in November 2015, the Council has been working to:

- develop a Company-wide narrative and value case on inclusion and diversity;
- create a deliberate platform to enable greater dialogue about inclusion and diversity across the Company;
- define specific strategies to accelerate progress on achieving greater inclusion at BHP Billiton;
- build performance on inclusion and diversity objectives into asset, Marketing and functional scorecards;
- implement visible symbols in the organisation to signify that inclusion and diversity is an imperative.

Specific actions planned, underway or completed include the enhancement of *Our Charter* with the addition of the sentence: We are successful when: 'Our teams are inclusive and diverse', global awareness programs on inclusion, diversity and unconscious bias, deliberate sourcing and development of female candidates to increase our talent pool; and leveraging the new Operating Model to connect the efforts of different assets, Marketing and functions in order to accelerate progress.

1.10.4 Employee engagement

Regular, honest and transparent communications are a key part of our employee engagement. For BHP Billiton, communication is a two-way process, achieved through a variety of channels including face-to-face meetings, town hall meetings, intranet, email, newsletters, social media, online collaboration forums and other channels tailored to local environments.

We also seek regular feedback from our employees, including via an annual Employee Perception Survey (EPS). The EPS helps us measure our culture, allowing us to better understand what we are doing well and where we can improve. The EPS contains 50 core questions that focus on senior leadership, safety and sustainability, communication, inclusion and diversity, work processes, leadership, development as well as career opportunities.

Our CY2016 EPS results show we are doing well at focusing on creating a safe workplace. Our line leaders are also encouraging diverse views when it comes to problem-solving and doing well at engaging their teams and leading change.

We have room to improve in better enabling our employees (by removing obstacles and increasing access to needed resources), helping employees feel more connected to the Company and providing clarity about future career opportunities.

1.10.5 Leadership development

Our aspiration is to develop distinctive BHP Billiton leaders based on the premise that leadership drives culture and culture drives performance. Our commitment to a globally consistent leadership development approach is key to our continued success.

We are focusing on continuing to build a 'step-up' culture, which means our people are empowered, speak up and get involved in improving safe productivity. To support this culture, a leadership development framework called Leading the Future was launched in FY2015, incorporating a number of development programs targeted at leaders. The first program in this framework, Leading Step Up, was targeted at frontline leaders and focused on three capabilities – engage, lead change and develop. As at 30 June 2016, 97 per cent of targeted people leaders across BHP Billiton had completed Leading Step Up.

Other programs in the Leading the Future framework will focus on identifying, creating and capturing value and increasing productivity through focusing on continuous improvement and better decision-making.

We have also sustained our deep commitment to selecting and developing graduates, our future talent pipeline. The Graduate Development Program is aligned to our Company priorities and embeds our three key principles for learning: leader-led, embedded at work and focused on business problems.

1.10.6 Performance enhancement process improvements

For FY2016, we made some improvements to how we develop, assess and reward our employees through the Performance Enhancement Process (PEP).

The changes broadly include having leaders undertake more regular one-on-one conversations with their team members to discuss performance and development throughout the year (rather than formalised conversations at scheduled points in time). Our main focus is to make sure leaders guide continuous improvement through regular, meaningful performance and development conversations with their employees. The enhanced program will be implemented progressively through FY2017.

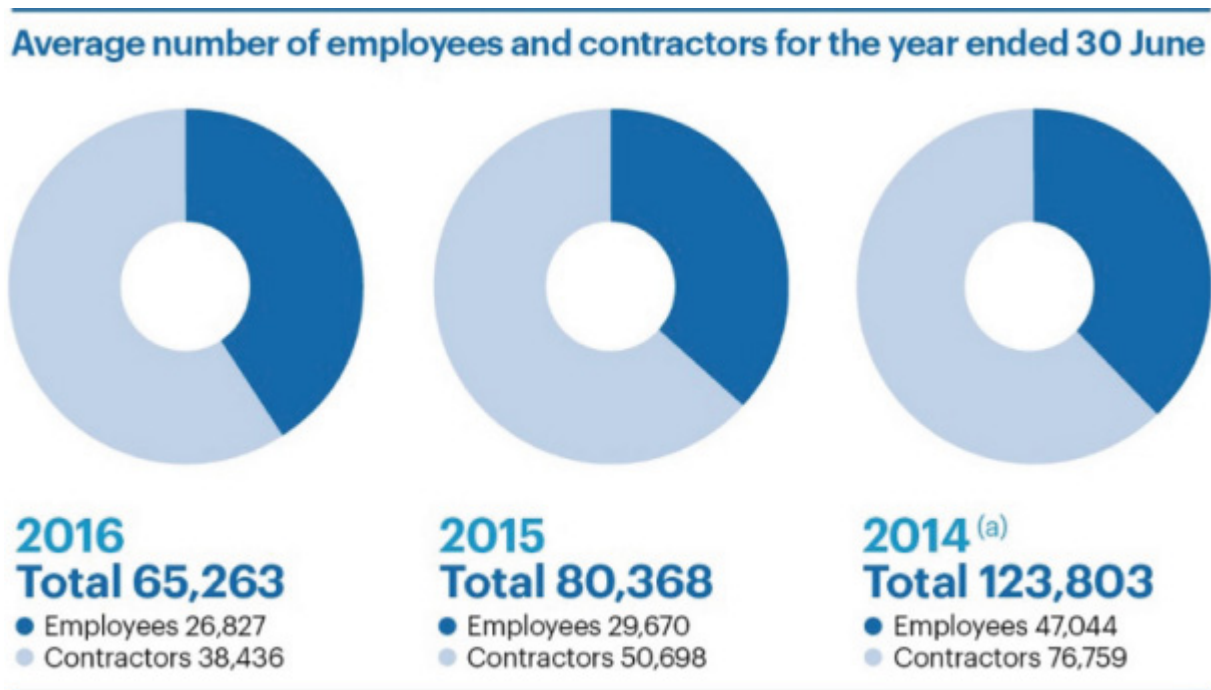
In FY2016, 93 per cent of employees participated in a formal performance management process. This process provides the opportunity for employees to align their goals, receive feedback and coaching, and identify skills and capabilities for further development. Due to industrial agreements, not all of our employees are able to participate in individual performance programs.

1.10.7 Employment relations

In FY2016, 57 per cent of our employees were covered by collective agreements. We respect and recognise the right of employees to have the representative of their choice, including labour unions. We also comply with statutory and contractual requirements that include minimum notice periods for termination of employment. These notice periods vary from one to eight weeks, depending on the employee's location and role. We also work closely with our contracting partners and encourage them to ensure that their employment relationships are governed in a manner consistent with *Our Charter* and the *Code of Business Conduct*.

1.10.8 Employees and contractors

The diagram below provides the average number of employees and contractors over the last three financial years.



(a) These figures have not been restated for the purposes of the South32 demerger.

The table below shows the gender composition of our workforce, senior leaders and the Board (Non-executive Directors) over the last three financial years.

Gender composition of workforce, senior leaders and the Board for the year ended 30 June

Female employees		Male employees	
2016	4,708	2016	22,119
2015	5,183	2015	24,487
2014	7,527 ^(b)	2014	39,517 ^(b)
Female senior leaders^(a)		Male senior leaders^(a)	
2016	65	2016	251
2015	62	2015	293
2014	55 ^(b)	2014	317 ^(b)
Female Board members		Male Board members	
2016	3	2016	7
2015	2	2015	10
2014	2 ^(b)	2014	12 ^(b)

(a) For UK law purposes, we are required to show information for 'senior managers', which is defined to include both senior leaders and any persons who are directors of any subsidiary company even if they are not senior leaders. In FY2016, 316 senior leaders comprise the top people in the organisation. There are 12 directors of subsidiary companies who are not senior leaders, comprising 11 males and 1 female. Therefore, for UK law purposes, the total number of senior managers is 262 males and 66 females (20 per cent female).

(b) These figures have not been restated for the purposes of the South32 demerger.

Following is a breakdown of the average number of employees across the Group, in accordance with our reporting requirements under the UK Companies Act 2006. The calculation includes the Executive Director, 100 per cent of employees of subsidiary companies and employees based on our share of joint operations for each of the past three financial years. Employees of equity accounted entities are not included. Part-time employees are included on a full-time equivalent basis. Employees of businesses acquired or disposed of during a particular year are included for the period of ownership. Contractors are not included.

Average number of employees for continuing operations for the year ended 30 June



Petroleum ^(a)
2016 total – 3,282
 2015 total – 4,224
 2014 total – 4,207 ^(b)



Copper
2016 total – 8,093
 2015 total – 9,138
 2014 total – 9,414 ^(b)



Iron Ore
2016 total – 7,287
 2015 total – 7,483
 2014 total – 8,035 ^(b)



Coal
2016 total – 5,008
 2015 total – 5,579
 2014 total – 6,160 ^(b)



Group and unallocated ^(c)
2016 total – 3,157
 2015 total – 3,246
 2014 total – 19,228 ^(b)



Total employees
2016 total – 26,827
 2015 total – 29,670
 2014 total – 47,044 ^(b)

(a) In 2014 and 2015 Petroleum includes Potash.

(b) These figures have not been restated for the purposes of the South32 demerger.

(c) In 2016 Group and unallocated includes Functions, other unallocated operations including Potash and Nickel West. In 2014 Group and unallocated also includes Discontinued operations.

The diagram below provides a breakdown of our average number of employees by geographic region for each of the last three financial years.

Average number of employees by geographic region for the year ended 30 June



(a) These figures have not been restated for the purposes of the South32 demerger.

Changes in market conditions and our business transformation programs focused on improving efficiencies and driving greater productivity have resulted in a decrease in our workforce requirements.

1.11 Sustainability

Sustainability is at the core of *Our Charter* values. It means putting health and safety first, being environmentally responsible and supporting communities.

Additional information relating to our materiality assessment process and our sustainability management approach and performance for FY2016 is available in our Sustainability Report 2016 and can be found online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

1.11.1 Our sustainability approach

Our approach to sustainability is led by a sustainability framework that guides our investments in our host countries and local communities, as well as directly at our operated assets. The framework applies a risk-based approach to sustainability, and assesses sustainability risks deemed material to our business with consideration of the potential health, safety, environmental, community, reputational, legal and financial impacts. Risk severity is assessed according to the most severe associated impact, which allows us to understand the potential causes and impacts in the context of business plans.

We also have public sustainability performance targets and mandatory minimum performance requirements, as articulated in *Our Requirements* standards. These standards are the foundation for developing and implementing management systems at our operated assets. We seek to influence the application of our standards at our non-operated joint ventures.

Our Board oversees our sustainability approach, with the Sustainability Committee overseeing health, safety, environment and community (HSEC) matters, including climate change, human rights, HSEC-related risk control, and legal and regulatory compliance, sustainability reporting and overall HSEC performance.

1.11.2 Climate Change

Our perspective on climate change

We accept the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment of climate change science, which has found that warming of the climate is unequivocal, the human influence is clear and physical impacts are unavoidable.

The world is facing two critical challenges. As the global population steadily grows, the continued development of emerging economies depends on access to reliable and affordable energy. At the same time, limiting the negative impacts of climate change requires the global average temperature increase to remain well below two degrees Celsius relative to pre-industrial levels. Successfully addressing these two challenges will result in substantial changes to the global economy.

We believe:

- The world must pursue the twin objectives of:
 - limiting climate change to the lower end of the IPCC emission scenarios in line with current international agreements, while
 - providing access to reliable and affordable energy to support economic development and improved living standards.
- Both of these objectives are essential to sustainable development, and we do not prioritise one of these objectives over the other.
- Under all current plausible scenarios, fossil fuels will continue to be a significant part of the energy mix for decades.

- There needs to be an acceleration of effort to drive energy efficiency, develop and deploy low-emissions technology and adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- There should be a price on carbon, implemented in a way that addresses competitiveness concerns and achieves lowest cost emissions reductions.

We will:

- Continue to take action to reduce our emissions.
- Continue to build the resilience of our operations, investments, communities and ecosystems to the negative effects of climate change.
- Seek to enhance the global response by engaging with governments, recognising their role as policy makers.
- Work in partnership with resource sector peers to improve sectoral performance and increase the industry's influence in policy development to deliver effective long-term regulatory responses.
- Contribute to reducing emissions from the use of fossil fuels by making material investments in low-emissions technology.

Our approach

Role and responsibility

Sustainable development requires an effective response to climate change. Responding to climate change is a priority Board governance and strategic issue for our Company. Management has primary responsibility for the design and implementation of an effective position on, and response to, climate change.

To reflect updates in scientific knowledge and global regulatory and political responses, we regularly review our position on climate change. We incorporate climate change considerations into our Group scenario planning to understand potential impacts on our portfolio. The Sustainability Committee has considered a range of climate change scenarios and continues to monitor the actions being taken to manage a range of climate change impacts and policy responses. Performance against our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target contributes to our HSEC performance, which is measured as a balanced scorecard within the overall annual financial bonus assessment for our management.

Active engagement

Our climate change strategy is underpinned by active engagement with our stakeholders, including investors, policy makers, peer companies and non-government organisations. Industry has a key role to play in climate change policy development by working with government and other stakeholders to inform the development of an effective, long-term policy framework that delivers a measured transition to a lower emissions economy.

As part of our strategic approach, we regularly seek to share lessons learned with our stakeholders and identify solutions that we believe can drive emissions reductions at the lowest cost. We also seek input and insight from external experts, such as the Forum on Corporate Responsibility. BHP Billiton is a signatory to the World Bank's 'Putting a Price on Carbon' statement, and we are a member of the World Bank's Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition.

In September 2015, BHP Billiton signed the CEO Statement on Business, Climate Change and the Paris Negotiations, calling for a positive outcome at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21). Additionally, together with a group of public, private and social leaders, we joined the Energy Transitions Commission, which aims to 'identify pathways for change in our energy systems to ensure both better growth and a better climate'.

More information is available in our Sustainability Report 2016, which can be found online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

The importance of COP21 and the Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement is a new international accord that aims to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below two degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. The agreement sets out:

- a common framework that commits countries to put forward their best efforts and to strengthen such efforts as these in the years ahead; and
- a requirement for parties to report regularly on both their emissions performance and progress made towards implementation of their Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), as well as to undergo international review.

BHP Billiton and the Paris Agreement

BHP Billiton welcomes the Paris Agreement formalised in December 2015 at COP21. We believe the Paris Agreement provides a solid, long-term foundation for further progress in the global response to climate change. We welcome the in-principle support for both robust market mechanisms that will enable countries to trade emissions reductions and provision for the development of frameworks to strengthen cooperative action towards technology transfer.

Together with a range of businesses and other non-state entities, we demonstrated our support for the Paris Agreement by signing the UNFCCC Paris Pledge.

Mitigation

As a major producer and consumer of energy, we prioritise GHG reductions and energy efficiency. Rather than use an intensity metric to define our Company GHG target, we have set ourselves a challenging goal to limit our overall emissions by keeping our absolute FY2017 GHG emissions below our FY2006 baseline (adjusted as necessary for material acquisitions and divestments based on asset GHG emissions at the time of the applicable transaction). As we grow our business, our GHG target encourages us to improve our energy efficiency, increase productivity and implement additional GHG reduction projects across our operations. All our operations are required to identify, evaluate and implement suitable GHG reduction opportunities, including during project design and equipment selection.

The Company's total GHG emissions of 18.0 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂-e) in FY2016 is significantly lower than our total GHG emissions in FY2015, primarily as a result of the demerger of South32. When compared to our adjusted baseline, which takes into account the demerger, the Company's emissions are 13 per cent below FY2006 emissions. We are on track to meet our FY2017 target. For further information, see the Sustainability Report 2016.

GHG Scope 1 and 2 (millions of tonnes CO₂-e)⁽¹⁾

Year ended 30 June ⁽²⁾	2016	2015	2014
Scope 1 ⁽³⁾	11.3	20.7	22.7
Scope 2 ⁽⁴⁾	6.7	17.6	22.3
Total GHG millions of tonnes CO ₂ -e	18.0	38.3	45.0

(1) Measured according to the World Resources Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development Greenhouse Gas Protocol.

(2) Includes data for Continuing and Discontinued operations.

- (3) Scope 1 refers to direct GHG emissions from our operated assets.
- (4) Scope 2 refers to indirect GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity and steam that is consumed by our operated assets (calculated using the market-based method).

In line with the requirements of the UK Companies Act 2006, our reported FY2016 GHG intensity was 2.8 tonnes of CO₂-e per tonne of copper equivalent production (FY2015: 3.8 tonnes of CO₂-e). Our reported FY2016 energy intensity was 23 petajoules per million tonnes of copper equivalent production. Copper equivalent production has been based on FY2013 average realised product prices.

We are currently developing Company GHG targets for the period after FY2017, taking into account an understanding of GHG forecasts and reduction opportunities, technology options and the expectations of our stakeholders.

In addition to identifying opportunities within our Company, we also seek to contribute to global GHG emissions reductions. We are currently implementing a strategy to support REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation), an international mechanism that provides economic, social and environmental incentives for developing countries to reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and related activities through the creation of carbon credits. Through improved governance, project support, and market stimulation, BHP Billiton is playing a role in reducing deforestation, enhancing community livelihoods and improving biodiversity and watershed conservation.

In June 2016, we committed to support the Alto Mayo REDD+ Project, managed by Conservation International Peru. BHP Billiton will provide approximately US\$5 million to Conservation International Peru for the project over two years (commencing FY2017). This aims to contribute to alternative livelihood opportunities, including sustainable coffee growing and enhanced forest governance, and generate 800,000 tonnes of carbon credits. As well as being pivotal to our REDD+ strategy, this investment supports our current public conservation target.

Adaptation

Our assets are long-lived, and therefore we must take a robust, risk-based approach to adapting to the physical impacts of climate change. Effective analysis of climate science is critical to informing our resilience planning. We continue to work with the CSIRO (Australia's national science agency) to obtain regional analyses of climate change science. This informs climate resilience planning at an asset level, improving our understanding of the material climate vulnerabilities that our operations face.

It is a requirement for all our operations to build climate resilience into our current activities through *Our Requirements for Environment and Climate Change* standard. We also require new investments to assess and manage risks associated with the forecast impacts of climate change.

Testing the resilience of our operations to these physical impacts has already changed the way we work. For example:

- Identification and assessment of increasing storm intensity and storm surge levels in project design resulted in us raising the height of the trestle at our Hay Point coal port facility in Queensland as part of our expansion plans.
- In our Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) business, cyclone management is critical for operations and maintaining adaptive management practices will allow them to respond to the expected increase in cyclone intensity in the Pilbara.

Low-emissions technology

Technology and innovation have the potential to significantly reduce global emissions and enable long-term climate goals to be met. Given that fossil fuels are likely to continue to be a significant part of the energy mix for decades, it is vital that low-emissions technology is available at scale, lower cost and much faster than the usual commercial timeframes, to meet the challenge of climate change. We believe industry has a significant collaborative role to play with government, academia and the community to facilitate this necessary step change.

As a natural resource producer, it is not only important for us to focus on technologies that have the potential to lead to material emissions reductions in our operations, but also to assess how we can contribute to lowering the emissions from the use of our products. We look to develop technologies that align with the Company's skills and expertise but are currently not available at commercial scale or acceptable cost. This includes carbon capture and storage (CCS), technologies to reduce fugitive emissions from coal and petroleum operations, battery storage and high-efficiency/low-emissions power generation and transportation.

Renewable energy represents a potentially significant opportunity for our operations. Battery storage solutions at grid-scale, particularly to manage the intermittency of renewable energy and to provide security of supply, may transform the way that the resources sector accesses electricity. To learn more, we are participating in the innovative Lakeland Solar and Storage Project, a 13 megawatt solar photovoltaic installation with associated grid-scale storage of 5.3 megawatt hour located at the fringe of the grid in regional Queensland, Australia. Our contribution to the project will enable informed testing of the installation for a range of conditions experienced in the resources sector. Outcomes will provide significant insight for BHP Billiton, and the results of the project will be shared widely.

BHP Billiton and Saskatchewan-based electricity provider SaskPower have established the International CCS Knowledge Centre to help advance CCS as a means of managing GHG emissions. The Knowledge Centre will enhance global access to the data, information and lessons learned from SaskPower's unique Boundary Dam facility – the first power plant to successfully integrate CCS. In sharing the outcomes of this unique project broadly, we hope to assist project developers to reduce both the capital and operating costs of subsequent projects.

In June 2016, we announced an agreement with Peking University to help unlock the potential of CCS for steel production in China. The three-year agreement will identify the key technical, policy and economic barriers to CCS deployment in the industrial sector, with a particular focus on the steel industry. Research outcomes will be communicated via collaborative industry forums and conferences, and a multidisciplinary Advisory Board will guide the research team. The partnership is an example of how we work with our supply chain to reduce emissions.

More information on our approach to low-emissions technology is available in our Sustainability Report.

Transparent reporting

We recognise the importance of openly engaging on a regular basis with our stakeholders, including investors, to ensure a good understanding of how climate-related risks and opportunities are identified, assessed and managed.

We have an ongoing commitment to transparent and open communications through our voluntary submission to CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, refer to www.cdp.net). Our commitment to the enhancement of disclosure has resulted in a significant improvement in our CDP transparency score since FY2013. Reflecting this, BHP Billiton was included in the Climate Disclosure Leadership Index in 2015, with a disclosure score of 99 out of 100.

A key feature of COP21 was the strong support from the investment community, including the announcement of the Financial Stability Board's Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). This industry-led

group aims to develop voluntary, consistent climate-related financial risk disclosures that would be useful to lenders, insurers, investors and other stakeholders. The TCFD is chaired by Michael Bloomberg and comprises senior technical representatives from organisations that are both ‘preparers’ and ‘users’ of company disclosures. BHP Billiton’s Vice President of Sustainability and Climate Change, Dr Fiona Wild, is a member of the TCFD. We see this as a strong endorsement of the work we have already undertaken.

Portfolio evaluation

We continue to identify and assess the impacts of climate change on our portfolio. Our planning process starts with the construction of a central case, a forecast built through an in-depth, bottom-up analysis using rigorous processes and benchmarked with external views. This central case is thoroughly reviewed and endorsed periodically by the ELT and the Board.

Scenarios that describe the different ways the world could evolve beyond our central case allow us to explore potential portfolio discontinuities and opportunities. In our Climate Change: Portfolio Analysis report (released in September 2015), we outlined four different scenarios, each designed to be divergent, plausible and internally consistent. Our four scenarios assess the timing and implementation of various government policies, emission reduction targets and technology developments. In one of the scenarios, we see a more unified focus on limiting climate change, including an orderly transition to a two degree Celsius world. We also stress test our portfolio against a shock event that leads to a much more rapid transition to a two degree Celsius world by 2030, driven by higher government emission reduction targets and faster technology developments.

The analysis highlights that our uniquely diversified portfolio of high-quality, low-cost assets is robust under both an orderly and a more rapid transition to a two degree Celsius world. We also have a strong project pipeline with many capital-efficient growth options that continue to generate high shareholder value in a two degree Celsius world. We will continue to align our portfolio to where we see a strong long-term growth story for different commodities. Further information on the potential risk that climate change represents to the Company, including regulatory impacts, is covered in section 1.9.2.

There will be many risks and opportunities as the world continues to respond to climate change and they will be faced by companies in all sectors, albeit to varying degrees. With the right market settings, including a price on carbon, the greatest opportunities will emerge for those who can produce the lowest cost and most efficient solutions, in line with the expectations of communities and policy makers.

Our Climate Change: Portfolio Analysis report is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

1.11.3 Governance

Operating with integrity and transparency

Integrity and accountability are two of *Our Charter* values. We believe high governance standards are integral to creating long-term value.

We are committed to ethical business practice. While we operate in a variety of international regulatory environments, we always seek to go beyond minimum legal or regulatory compliance wherever we work.

Our BHP Billiton *Code of Business Conduct* sets behavioural standards for everyone who works for, or on behalf of, BHP Billiton and demonstrates how to apply the values and commitments set out in *Our Charter*. Acting in accordance with the Code is a condition of employment, and annual risk-based *Code of Business Conduct* training must be undertaken by all our people in each area of the organisation.

Anti-corruption compliance

Corruption deprives communities of the benefits that should flow from the development of natural resources and undermines effective government decision-making.

We are determined to play a significant role in the global fight against corruption in the resources industry. Building on a strong framework, we are committed to continuous improvement and work to adapt our compliance program to changes in the Company's risk profile.

BHP Billiton's compliance function is responsible for the design of the anti-corruption compliance program and plays a key role in advising, monitoring and reporting on program implementation. The function is independent of our operations and reports via the Chief Compliance Officer to the Chief External Affairs Officer and the Risk and Audit Committee.

Closure planning

Closure planning touches many areas of our operations and is an important consideration throughout the life cycle of our operations. We have a governance framework for mine closures that integrates resource planning and development, health, safety, environment, community and social considerations, stakeholder engagement, finance and assurance into the operational design.

Each operated asset must develop a closure plan and a corresponding financial assessment to minimise closure-related risks over the life of the asset. Our internal audit function tests the effectiveness of these plans and their alignment to the closure planning framework. Information about the financial provisions related to closure liabilities is available in note 14 'Closure and rehabilitation provisions' to the Financial Statements.

Contributing to local and national economies and beyond

The scale and long-term nature of our assets enable us to make a significant and long-term economic contribution to the countries in which we operate, and this is a key feature of our commitment to sustainability.

Payments to host governments

We also support local and national economies through the payment of taxes and royalties to our host governments. We act responsibly in relation to our tax affairs, to be able to provide our host communities with the best opportunity to benefit from these contributions.

BHP Billiton is a founding supporter of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and an early adopter of best practice in disclosure and transparency. We believe transparency by governments and companies around revenue flows from the extraction of natural resources is an important element in the fight against corruption.

Our payments of US\$3.7 billion of taxes and royalties on a project-by-project basis and payments to state and provincial governments at a subnational level in FY2016 are presented in our standalone Economic contribution and payments to governments Report 2016.

The Economic contribution and payments to governments Report 2016 is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

1.11.4 Health and safety

Managing our responsibility for people's safety

When reflecting on safety for the year, our thoughts are with the families and friends of the 19 people who died as a result of the tragic dam failure at Samarco. We remain committed to supporting Samarco in the response efforts to the tragedy. For more information on the Samarco dam failure, see section 1.4.

In developing our broader safety strategy for our operated assets, in FY2016, we reviewed our priorities under each material safety issue, assessed our performance and determined our priorities. This was the foundation for functional planning. Over time we will continue embedding the desired safety culture, capability and systems to meet our aspirations and drive better performance.

The *Our Requirements for Safety* standard defines a number of the most common safety risks and their minimum controls. Each operated asset assesses further controls that may be required to manage specific risks at its operations to meet the objective of no fatalities.

In FY2016, we had no fatalities at our operated assets and there was a reduction in high-potential safety events.

Our total recordable injury frequency (TRIF) performance in FY2016 was 4.3 per million hours worked, a slight increase on FY2015. While we did not meet our target of year-on-year TRIF improvement, this represents a reduction of nine per cent over the past five years.

Total recordable injury frequency (per million hours worked)

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
Total recordable injury frequency (TRIF) ⁽¹⁾	<u>4.3</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>4.2</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes data for continuing and discontinued operations for the financial years being reported.

Addressing potential health impacts associated with our operations

We strive to ensure our people are fit for work and remain free from work-related injury or illness.

Our operated assets seek to identify and manage health risks by establishing and maintaining exposure risk profiles for harmful agents. We manage our exposures by complying with our internally specified occupational exposure limits that are always at least in line with, or more stringent than, applicable regulated limits. Where relevant, we monitor the health status of our people to detect early signs of occupational illness. Where illness is detected, we assist our people in the recovery and management of illness to prevent further deterioration.

We also invest in the quality of public health in many ways, including improving access to general medical care in the communities in which we operate.

Occupational exposures

In FY2012, we established a health target baseline and committed to reducing potential occupational exposure ⁽¹⁾ to carcinogens and airborne contaminants by 10 per cent by 30 June 2017. As at FY2016, the number of potential exposures to carcinogens and airborne contaminants that exceeded our FY2012 baseline had reduced by 70 per cent. We have therefore exceeded our target to date ⁽²⁾.

While good progress has been made in controlling occupational exposures to carcinogens and airborne contaminants, we remain vigilant in adopting and maintaining exposure controls.

⁽¹⁾ For exposures exceeding our FY2012 baseline occupational exposure limits requiring the use of personal protective equipment.

⁽²⁾ Since setting the baseline in FY2012, the baseline has been adjusted for material acquisitions and divestments. In FY2016, the baseline was adjusted to reflect divested operations, which represented approximately 60 per cent of our exposures. Our performance against targets has been impacted by the removal of the divested assets' data with current operated assets showing larger reductions than those reported for the Company in previous years. The contraction of the industry during FY2016 also influenced our performance, with a notable proportion of the exposure reduction due to decreased activity. However, we also made significant improvements with engineering controls.

Queensland coal health review

In FY2016, the Queensland Government initiated a review of the Queensland Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme, following the identification of a number of confirmed cases of coal workers' pneumoconiosis across the industry. We actively supported the review process and are working with the government to implement the recommendations. We are continuing to invest in and improve controls to further reduce the potential for exposure to coal mine dust, noting that our internal coal mine dust occupational exposure limit is lower than the current Australian regulatory requirements. In addition, we have offered concerned employees consultations with the Company's nominated medical advisers.

Occupational illness

For reporting consistency, we require our operated assets to report illnesses using the US Government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) criteria.

The incidence of employee occupational illness in FY2016 was 4.17 per million hours worked, a decrease of 15 per cent on FY2015. The incidence of contractor occupational illness was 1.16 per million hours worked, an increase of 38 per cent compared with FY2015.

We continue to work with our contractors and regulatory medical surveillance agencies to collect the most accurate data available and monitor occupational illness carefully to ensure our improvement is sustained.

The majority of our occupational illnesses reported are noise-induced hearing loss and musculoskeletal illness.

Employee occupational illness (per million hours worked)

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
Noise-induced hearing loss	1.75	3.05	0.68
Musculoskeletal	1.75	1.52	1.61
Other illnesses	0.67	0.36	0.55
Total occupational illness	4.17	4.93	2.39

1.11.5 Society

Actively supporting communities

As part of making a valuable contribution as community partners, we seek meaningful long-term relationships that respect local cultures and create lasting benefits. Our community relations approach is detailed in the *Our Requirements for Community* standard.

The identification and management of community risks are central to achieving our purpose and strategy. Community risks of greatest concern are those involving safety and security, resettlement, community health, economic impacts and any event that leads to a breach of human rights. While no significant community incidents occurred at our operated assets, we deeply regret the significant community impacts of the dam failure at our non-operated joint venture, Samarco, in Brazil.

Making a positive contribution

Through a collaborative approach, we work with communities to identify social needs and existing resources through which we can build our social investment. Our Social Investment Framework, implemented in FY2015, underpins our voluntary social investment from FY2016-FY2020 and provides a consistent framework for our local, regional, national and global investment. This Framework aligns strongly with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Where possible, we employ local people and purchase local goods and services. We support local, regional and national economies by paying taxes and royalties, and we seek to develop infrastructure that benefits entire communities.

We believe we also have a responsibility, in line with *Our Charter* values, to acknowledge our host communities through our voluntary social investment. To do this, we voluntarily invest one per cent of our pre-tax profit in community programs (calculated on the average of the previous three years' pre-tax profit).

During FY2016, our voluntary social investment totalled US\$178.7 million, comprising US\$123.7 million of cash for community development programs and administrative costs and a US\$55 million contribution to the US-based charity, the BHP Billiton Foundation.

Excluding our contribution to the BHP Billiton Foundation, 45 per cent of the cash component of our social investment expenditure was invested in local communities, 29 per cent was invested regionally, 21 per cent was invested in national or international programs in countries where we operate, and the remaining five per cent expenditure represented administration costs.

Social investment (US\$M)

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (including administrative costs)	123.7	142.0	141.7
Contribution into BHP Billiton supported charities	55.0	83.0	100.0
Total social investment	178.7	225.0	241.7

⁽¹⁾ Includes BHP Billiton's equity share for both operated and non-operated joint venture operations.

BHP Billiton supported charities

BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities (UK-based) and the BHP Billiton Foundation (US-based) are two charities that contribute to improving the quality of life for people living in regions and countries where we have a business interest and in other regions of the world, as each charity may independently select. These two charities provide grants to organisations, enabling them to deliver large-scale, long-term social and environmental development projects. Our contribution to the BHP Billiton Foundation complements the local community development work undertaken by our assets.

At the end of FY2016, BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities had a total of US\$60.4 million, and the BHP Billiton Foundation had a total of US\$277.5 million, in funds available for future sustainable development projects.

Working with Indigenous peoples

As the majority of our assets are located on or near Indigenous peoples' lands, Indigenous peoples are critical partners for BHP Billiton around the world.

Our approach to engaging with Indigenous peoples is articulated in the BHP Billiton Indigenous Peoples Policy Statement. In our Policy Statement, we commit to the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) Indigenous Peoples and Mining Position Statement.

In FY2016, we developed a global BHP Billiton Indigenous Peoples Strategy to guide effective implementation of our Indigenous Peoples Policy Statement across our businesses. Through successful implementation of this

strategy, we aim to be regarded as a partner of choice for Indigenous peoples through which we will respect their rights and seek to ensure our relationships contribute to their economic empowerment, social development needs and cultural wellbeing.

Realising and respecting human rights

Respect for human rights is critical to the sustainability of our business. We take our human rights obligations seriously. We demonstrate this by committing to operate in a manner consistent with the United Nations (UN) Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the 10 UN Global Compact principles.

Our human rights commitments outlined in our *Code of Business Conduct* are operationalised through mandatory human rights performance requirements for each of our operated assets reflected in *Our Requirements* standards.

Each of our operated assets assigns accountability for compliance with *Our Requirements for Human Rights* standard to appropriate senior managers and leaders. We obtain assurance of compliance with our human rights commitments through internal audits of operational compliance with relevant *Our Requirements* standards.

Governance oversight of BHP Billiton human rights performance is the responsibility of the Board's Sustainability Committee as part of its mandate for monitoring HSEC-related performance.

Ok Tedi

BHP Billiton exited from Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML) in February 2002. The exit arrangements included the transfer of BHP Billiton's shares in OTML to PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited (PNGSDP) and a statutory undertaking protecting BHP Billiton from environmental claims by the PNG Government. In September 2013, the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Parliament passed laws which compulsorily acquired PNGSDP's shares in OTML and changed other aspects of the exit arrangements, including the repeal of the protection from environmental claims by the PNG Government.

PNGSDP is challenging the validity of actions taken by the PNG Government to compulsorily acquire its OTML shares and to restructure and obtain control of PNGSDP. BHP Billiton retains an indemnity from PNGSDP in respect of environmental claims by the PNG Government and certain environmental claims by third parties. This indemnity is secured against certain key assets of PNGSDP. BHP Billiton remains committed to ensuring that the substantial long-term fund held by PNGSDP remains well governed for the benefit of the people of Papua New Guinea, and the Western Province in particular.

1.11.6 Environment

Using responsible and sustainable environmental practices

Our operations can have significant environmental impacts. Additionally, our operations and growth strategy are dependent on obtaining and maintaining access to environmental resources. We are committed to our environmental obligations, as detailed in *Our Requirements for Environment and Climate* standard.

Environmental incidents

Environmental incidents have the potential to generate long-lasting physical, socio-economic and psycho-social impacts. We seek to avoid environmental incidents by identifying risks with potential environmental impacts and applying preventative controls, including implementing the mitigation hierarchy. In addition, all our operated assets are required to maintain emergency response plans as mitigating controls to minimise the potential severity of impacts should an incident occur.

While no significant environmental incidents occurred at any BHP Billiton-operated assets in FY2016, we deeply regret the significant environmental impacts of the dam failure at Samarco, our non-operated joint venture in Brazil.

Biodiversity and land management

Across our organisation, we hold ourselves to account through targets for biodiversity conservation and land management. In FY2016, each of our operated assets achieved their specific targets for land and biodiversity management planning, while at a wider company level, our conservation target has seen us contribute more than US\$27.5 million to the conservation and ongoing management of nationally and internationally significant areas of high biodiversity and ecosystem value since FY2013.

Around our operated assets, we have made the following commitments:

- to not explore or extract resources within the boundaries of World Heritage-listed properties;
- to not explore or extract resources adjacent to World Heritage-listed properties (unless our activity is compatible with the property's outstanding universal values);
- to not explore or extract resources within the boundaries of the International Union for Conservation and Nature (IUCN) Protected Areas Categories I to IV, unless we can implement a plan that meets regulatory requirements, takes into account stakeholder expectations and contributes to the values for which the protected area is listed;
- to not operate where we could directly impact ecosystems resulting in the extinction of an IUCN Red List Threatened Species in the wild;
- to not dispose of mined waste rock or tailings into a river or marine environment.

Rehabilitating land no longer required for our activities is integral to managing our impacts on land and biodiversity. Our operated assets are required to maintain rehabilitation plans that support life of asset and closure plans. This includes rehabilitating disturbed areas consistent with the pre-disturbance land use or an alternate use, taking into account regulatory requirements and stakeholder expectations.

Managing water responsibly

The sustainability of our assets relies on our ability to obtain an appropriate quality and quantity of water, use it responsibly and manage it appropriately, including taking account of natural supply variations. With assets located across the world, the water-related risks and impacts experienced by our assets vary from region to region. We therefore assess and manage our water-related risks on a regional basis.

All our operated assets are required to maintain quantitative water balance models that predict and support the management of water inputs, use and outputs, consistent with business strategies and plans and facilitate timely management responses to water-related risks. Where possible, we seek to use lower-quality or recycled water to minimise extraction requirements from higher-quality water resources.

We report our water use, consistent with the Input Output model of the Minerals Council of Australia Water Accounting Framework. Under this Framework, water is categorised as Type 1 (close to drinking water standards), Type 2 (suitable for some purposes) and Type 3 (unsuitable for most purposes).

Our total water input (water intended for use) in FY2016 was 282,800 megalitres with 88 per cent defined as Type 2 or Type 3. This demonstrates our approach to utilising lower-quality water wherever feasible.

1.12 Overview of assets and Marketing

1.12.1 Minerals Australia

The Minerals Australia asset group includes operated assets in Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. Our assets focus on copper, iron ore, coal and nickel.

Copper asset

Olympic Dam



Olympic Dam is one of the world's largest ore bodies. Located 560 kilometres north of Adelaide, it is one of the world's largest deposits of copper, gold and uranium and it also has a significant deposit of silver. Olympic Dam operates a fully integrated processing facility from ore to metal.

Olympic Dam's underground mine is made up of more than 450 kilometres of underground roads and tunnels, with a mine depth of 860 metres. The operation extracts copper uranium ore, with the ore hauled by automated train to feed underground crushing, storage and ore hoisting facilities.

Olympic Dam's processing plant consists of two grinding circuits in which high-quality copper concentrate is extracted from sulphide ore through a flotation extraction process. The operation includes a fully integrated metallurgical complex with a grinding and concentrating circuit, a hydrometallurgical plant incorporating solvent extraction circuits for copper and uranium, a copper smelter, a copper refinery and a recovery circuit for precious metals.

Olympic Dam produced 203 kilotonnes (kt) of copper cathode, 4.4 kt of uranium oxide, 118 thousand-ounces (koz) of refined gold and 917 koz of refined silver in FY2016.

The Brownfield Expansion (BFX) project at Olympic Dam, which is part of the staged expansion approach to approximately 280 ktpa, is now at concept study phase. We continue to receive encouraging results from the heap leach trials which would enable growth beyond this to 450 ktpa of copper.

Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve life.

Iron ore asset

Western Australia Iron Ore



Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) is an integrated system of four processing hubs and five mines, connected by more than 1,000 kilometres of rail infrastructure and port facilities in the Pilbara region of northern Western Australia.

WAIO's Pilbara reserve base is relatively concentrated, allowing development to be planned around integrated mining hubs joined to the mines and satellite orebodies by conveyors or spur lines. This approach enables the value of installed infrastructure to be maximised by using the same processing plant and rail infrastructure for a number of orebodies.

At each mining hub – Newman, Yandi, Mining Area C and Jimblebar – ore from mines is crushed, beneficiated (where necessary) and blended to create high-grade hematite lump and fines products. Iron ore products are then transported along the Port Hedland-Newman Rail Line to the Finucane Island and Nelson Point port facilities at Port Hedland.

The port facilities include five ore car dumpers, three lump rescreening plants, eight stackers, five reclaimers, stock and blending yards, and eight ship loaders. Vessels depart the harbour via a dredged channel that is approximately 43 kilometres long and has an average width of 300 metres.

The Integrated Remote Operations Centre (IROC), located in Perth, monitors and operates the entire supply chain providing a real-time view of operations. IROC co-locates rail control, port production control, mine dispatch control and mine fixed plant control.

WAIO produced 257 million tonnes (Mt) on a 100 per cent basis (222 Mt BHP Billiton share) for FY2016. A continued focus on productivity and the ramp-up of additional capacity at the Jimblebar mining hub will deliver an increase in system capacity to 290 Mt in FY2019.

Production at the Yarrie mine in the northern Pilbara has been suspended since 25 February 2014, following improved productivity at our other mining operations.

There are four main WAIO joint ventures (JVs): Mt Newman, Yandi, Mt Goldsworthy and Jimblebar. BHP Billiton's interest in the joint ventures is 85 per cent, with Mitsui and ITOCHU owning the remaining 15 per cent. The joint ventures are unincorporated, except Jimblebar.

WAIO, along with Mitsui and ITOCHU, have entered into joint venture agreements with some customers which involve the sublet of part of WAIO's existing mineral leases: JW4, Wheelarra and Posmac. The ore is sold to the main joint ventures with contractual terms applying to the customers' share. WAIO is entitled to 85 per cent of production from these subleases.

All ore is transported by rail on the Mt Newman JV and Mt Goldsworthy JV rail lines to our port facilities. WAIO's port facilities at Nelson Point are owned by the Mt Newman JV, and Finucane Island is owned by the Mt Goldsworthy JV.

Refer to section 1.14.3 for information on our capital projects and exploration activities. Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

Coal assets

Our coal assets in Australia consist of both open-cut and underground mines. At open-cut mines, overburden is removed after blasting, using either draglines or truck and shovel. Coal is then extracted using excavators or loaders and loaded onto trucks to be taken to stockpiles or directly to a beneficiation facility. At our underground mine, coal is extracted by either longwall or continuous miner. The coal is then transported to stockpiles on the surface by conveyor. Coal from stockpiles is then crushed, and for a number of the operations, washed and processed through the coal preparation plant. Domestic coal is transported to nearby customers via conveyor or rail. Export coal is transported to the port via trains or trucks, and as part of this coal supply chain both single and multi-user rail and port infrastructure is used.

Queensland Coal



Queensland Coal comprises the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal (BMC) assets in the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland, Australia.

The Bowen Basin's high-quality metallurgical coals are ideally suited to efficient blast furnace operations. The area's proximity to Asian customers means it is well positioned to supply the seaborne market.

Queensland Coal has access to key infrastructure in the Bowen Basin, including a modern, multi-user rail network and its own coal-loading terminal at Hay Point, located near the city of Mackay. Queensland Coal also has contracted capacity at three other multi-user port facilities, including the Port of Gladstone (RG Tanna Coal Terminal), Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and Abbot Point Coal Terminal.

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA)

BMA is Australia's largest coal producer and supplier of seaborne metallurgical coal. BMA is owned 50:50 by BHP Billiton and Mitsubishi Development.

BMA operates seven Bowen Basin mines (Goonyella Riverside, Broadmeadow, Daunia, Peak Downs, Saraji, Blackwater and Caval Ridge) and owns and operates the Hay Point Coal Terminal near Mackay. With the exception of the Broadmeadow underground longwall operation, BMA's mines are open-cut, using dragline and truck and shovel fleets for overburden removal.

The Crinum underground mine ceased production in the December 2015 quarter. The mine is now under care and maintenance.

BMA's share of total metallurgical coal production in FY2016 was 33.4 Mt.

BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal (BMC)

BMC owns and operates two open-cut metallurgical coal mines in the Bowen Basin – South Walker Creek Mine and Poitrel Mine. BMC is owned by BHP Billiton (80 per cent) and Mitsui and Co (20 per cent).

South Walker Creek Mine is located on the eastern flank of the Bowen Basin, 35 kilometres west of the town of Nebo and 132 kilometres west of the Hay Point port facilities. Poitrel Mine is situated southeast of the town of Moranbah and began open-cut operations in October 2006.

BMC's share of total metallurgical coal production in FY2016 was 8.9 Mt.

New South Wales Energy Coal



New South Wales Energy Coal consists of the Mt Arthur Coal open-cut energy coal mine in the Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, Australia. The site produces coal for domestic and international customers in the energy sector.

New South Wales Energy Coal produced 17.1 Mt in FY2016.

IndoMet Coal (Indonesia)

For more information on IndoMet Coal, refer to section 1.14.4.

Refer to section 1.14.4 for information on our capital projects. Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

Nickel West



Nickel West is a fully integrated mine-to-market nickel business. All nickel operations (mines, concentrators, a smelter and refinery) are located in Western Australia.

The integrated business adds value throughout our nickel supply chain, with the majority of Nickel West’s production sold as briquettes.

Low-grade disseminated sulphide ore is mined from Mt Keith, a large open-pit operation. The ore is crushed and processed on-site to produce nickel concentrate.

High-grade nickel sulphide ore is mined at Cliffs and Leinster underground mines and Rocky’s Reward open-pit mine. The ore is processed through a concentrator and dryer at Leinster.

Nickel West’s concentrator plant in Kambalda processes ore and concentrate purchased from third parties.

The three streams of nickel concentrate come together at the Nickel West Kalgoorlie smelter, a vital part of our integrated business. The smelter uses a flash furnace to smelt more than 650 ktpa of concentrate to produce nickel matte.

Nickel West Kwinana refines granulated nickel matte from the Kalgoorlie smelter into nickel powder and premium-grade nickel metal briquettes containing over 99 per cent nickel.

Nickel matte and metal are exported to overseas markets via the Port of Fremantle.

Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

1.12.2 Minerals Americas

The Minerals Americas asset group includes projects, operated and non-operated assets in Canada, Chile, Peru, United States, Colombia and Brazil. Our assets and projects focus on copper, zinc, iron ore, coal and potash.

Copper assets

Our copper assets in the Americas (Chile and Peru) consist of open-cut mines. At these mines, overburden is removed after blasting, using a truck and shovel. Ore is then extracted and further processed into high-quality copper concentrate or cathode. Copper concentrate is obtained through a grinding and flotation process, while copper cathode is produced from a leaching, solvent extraction and electrowinning process. Copper concentrate is transported to ports via pipeline, while cathode is transported by either rail or road where it is exported to our customers around the world.

Escondida (Chile)



BHP Billiton owns 57.5 per cent of, and operates, the Escondida mine which is a leading producer of copper. Escondida, located in the Atacama Desert in northern Chile, is a copper porphyry deposit that also produces gold and silver. Its two open-cut pits currently feed two concentrator plants which use grinding and flotation technologies to produce copper concentrate, as well as two leaching operations (oxide and sulphide).

The Escondida Organic Growth Project 1 (OGP1) is a recently commissioned concentrator with a nominal capacity of 152 ktpd. Following the successful commissioning and ramp-up of the OGP1 concentrator, the Los Colorados concentrator was placed on care and maintenance in the March 2016 quarter.

Total Escondida production in FY2016 was 649 kt of payable copper in concentrate, 330 kt of copper cathode, 108,996 troy oz of payable gold in concentrate and 5,561 troy koz of payable silver in concentrate. Escondida achieved record material mined in FY2016, averaging 1.2 Mt of material per day.

Escondida celebrated 25 years of operation during FY2016, having processed more than two billion tonnes of ore through leaching (solvent extraction and electrowinning) and flotation.

Pampa Norte (Chile)

Pampa Norte consists of two wholly owned operations in the Atacama Desert in northern Chile – Spence and Cerro Colorado. During FY2016, Spence and Cerro Colorado produced 174 kt and 77 kt, respectively, of high-quality copper cathode, using oxide and sulphide ore treatment through leaching, solvent extraction and electrowinning processes.

During FY2016, the Regional Environmental Committee of the Tarapacá Region approved the extension of operational permits for Cerro Colorado until 2023, enabling further potential to be realised.

Antamina (Peru)



BHP Billiton owns 33.75 per cent of Antamina, a large, low-cost copper and zinc mine in north central Peru. Our share of Antamina’s total production for FY2016 was 146 kt of copper concentrate and 55 kt of zinc concentrate. Antamina by-products include molybdenum and lead/bismuth concentrate and small amounts of silver.

Antamina continues to study options to debottleneck the operation and increase throughput.

Refer to section 1.14.2 for information on our capital projects and exploration activities. Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

Iron ore asset

Samarco (Brazil)



Each of BHP Billiton Brasil and Vale holds a 50 per cent shareholding in the Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco), which operates the Samarco iron ore operation in Brazil. As a result of the tragic dam failure at Samarco in November 2015, operations at Samarco are currently suspended. For further information on the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4. Samarco comprises a mine and three concentrators located in the state of Minas Gerais, and four pellet plants and a port located in Anchieta in the state of Espírito Santo. Three 400-kilometre pipelines connect the mine site to the pelletising facilities.

Samarco's main product is iron ore pellets. Prior to the suspension of operations, the extraction and beneficiation of iron ore were conducted at the Germano facilities in the municipalities of Mariana and Ouro Preto. Conveyor systems were used to extract the ore and convey it from the mines. Ore beneficiation then occurred in concentrators, where crushing, milling, desliming and flotation processes produced iron concentrate. The concentrate leaves the concentrators as slurry and is pumped through the slurry pipelines from the Germano facilities to the pellet plants in Ubu, Anchieta, where the slurry is processed into pellets. The iron ore pellets are then heat treated. The pellet output is stored in a stockpile yard before being shipped out of the Samarco-owned Port of Ubu in Anchieta.

Samarco is currently seeking the necessary approvals to restart operations at reduced capacity and use mining pits for safe tailings storage while a longer-term solution is sought. Restart is not expected to occur before CY2017.

In FY2016, our share of production was 5.2 Mt of pellets.

Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve life.

Coal assets

Our coal assets in the Americas (Colombia and the United States) consist of open-cut mines. At these mines, overburden is removed after blasting, using either draglines or truck and shovel. Coal is then extracted using

excavators or loaders, and loaded onto trucks to be taken to stockpiles or directly to our beneficiation facility. Coal from stockpiles is crushed, of which a certain portion is washed and processed through the coal preparation plant. Domestic coal is transported to nearby customers via conveyor. Export coal is transported to the port via trains.

New Mexico Coal (United States)

New Mexico Coal consists of the Navajo mine, which is located on Navajo Nation land in the US state of New Mexico. Full ownership of the Navajo Coal Company was transferred to the Navajo Transitional Energy Company (NTEC), an entity of the Navajo Nation, effective 30 December 2013.

New Mexico Coal and NTEC entered into a Mine Management Agreement whereby New Mexico Coal will continue as mine operator. The sale of the Navajo mine was completed in July 2016; however, BHP Billiton will continue to manage and operate the mine until the Mine Management Agreement ends on 31 December 2016.

Navajo mine transports its production directly to the nearby Four Corners Power Plant. Production for FY2016 was 4 Mt.

The nearby San Juan energy coal mine is also located in New Mexico and was divested during FY2016. The sale of the San Juan energy coal mine to Westmoreland Coal Company was completed on 31 January 2016. Production to 31 January 2016 was 3.1 Mt.

Cerrejón (Colombia)



BHP Billiton has a one-third interest in Cerrejón, which owns, operates and markets one of the world's largest open-cut export energy coal mines, located in the La Guajira province of Colombia. Cerrejón also owns and operates integrated rail and port facilities through which the majority of production is exported to European, Asian, North and South American customers.

In FY2016, our share of production was approximately 10.1 Mt.

Refer to section 6.1 for additional information on mining operations, section 6.2.1 for production information and section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

Potash

Jansen Potash Project



Potash is a potassium rich salt, deposited millions of years ago when vast inland seas dried up. It is mainly used as fertiliser to improve the quality and yield of agricultural production. We believe demand will continue to grow with an increasing global population and improving incomes in emerging economies. Increasing urbanisation, more people and better diets demand sufficient food supply rich in protein that must be sourced from decreasing arable land per capita. Potash provides us with long-term growth and diversification benefits beyond our current portfolio, with a geographically diverse demand and customer base.

Our potash investment is consistent with our strategy to own and operate large, expandable assets that deliver value. Potash provides BHP Billiton with long-term growth and diversification benefits – supplying markets with the raw materials needed to meet the food needs of larger, more affluent populations transitioning from agrarian societies to cities.

Jansen Potash Project

BHP Billiton holds mineral rights in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. We believe Jansen is one of the world's best undeveloped potash projects. Our footprint is substantial and we believe we have an ideal position within this basin. The Jansen Potash Project is about 140 kilometres east of Saskatoon. Using our technological expertise, we are focused on ensuring the preparatory work of sinking the shafts and preparing the mine is done safely and efficiently. Building a potash mine can present a number of opportunities and challenges. For example, the shafts need to reach about one kilometre underground and they need to be lined to ensure that water, which dissolves potash, does not flow into the mine.

Jansen is capable of supporting a mine with an annual capacity of approximately 10 Mt for up to 50 years, which means we are well positioned to help supply the future agricultural production demands needed to feed a growing world population.

The current work progressing at Jansen is the excavation and lining of two shafts (service and production), which are located 300 metres apart.

Project work has focused on de-risking shaft excavation over the last two years by introducing specialised boring machines that reduce the safety risk associated with shaft construction. We progressed both shafts in FY2016 well beyond the Blairmore formation, which lies about 450 metres below the surface and contains a major aquifer about 100 metres thick.

Jansen is in the studies phase. Construction beyond the current scope of work remains subject to Board approval.

Our opportunity

Our investment in Jansen presents an opportunity to develop a multi-decade, multi-mine business in Saskatchewan, a fifth major commodity offering for BHP Billiton.

We announced in August 2013 an additional US\$2.6 billion investment in Jansen, bringing total approved spending to US\$3.8 billion. This investment is funding the excavation and lining of the production and service shafts as well as the installation of essential surface infrastructure and utilities. The scope of work was 60 per cent complete as of 30 June 2016.

Capital expenditure in the Jansen Potash Project in FY2016 was US\$189 million.

Laying the foundation to meet expected future demand

We believe in the long-term market fundamentals for potash. Our commitment is to unlock value and to do so we also need to consider the market environment. On the basis of our current projections and subject to Board approval, Jansen could be in a position to ramp-up production in the decade beginning 2020.

1.12.3 Petroleum

Our Petroleum unit comprises conventional and unconventional oil and gas operations, and includes exploration, development and production activities. We have a high-quality resource base concentrated in the United States and Australia. Our core production operations consist of conventional assets located in the US Gulf of Mexico, Australia and Trinidad and Tobago and unconventional Onshore US assets. We produce crude oil and condensate, gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) that are sold on the international spot market or delivered domestically under contracts with varying terms, depending on the location of the asset.

Operating assets

Our conventional and unconventional oil and gas assets are outlined below.

United States



Gulf of Mexico

We operate two fields in the Gulf of Mexico – Shenzi (44 per cent interest) and Neptune (35 per cent interest).

We hold non-operating interests in three other fields – Atlantis (44 per cent interest), Mad Dog (23.9 per cent interest) and Genesis (4.95 per cent interest).

All of BHP Billiton's producing fields are located between 155 and 210 kilometres offshore from the US state of Louisiana. We also own 25 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively, of the companies that own and operate the Caesar oil pipeline and the Cleopatra gas pipeline. These pipelines transport oil and gas from the Green Canyon area, where our Gulf of Mexico fields are located, to connecting pipelines that transport product onshore.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 37.0 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe), up from 36.6 MMboe in FY2015.

Onshore US

We hold more than 838,000 net acres in four prolific US shale areas – Eagle Ford, Permian, Haynesville and Fayetteville – where we produce oil, condensate, gas and NGLs. The Black Hawk area of Eagle Ford and the Permian area are two of our largest liquids-focused field developments.

Onshore US prices for oil, condensate, NGLs and gas are based on US regional price indices, including West Texas Intermediate prices for oil, relevant published US regional gas indices for natural gas and Mont Belvieu prices for NGLs.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 108.9 MMboe, down from 125.7 MMboe in FY2015.

Eagle Ford

We are one of the largest producers in the liquids-focused Eagle Ford shale. Our Eagle Ford area (approximately 252,000 net acres) consists of Black Hawk and Hawkville fields with production operations located primarily in the southern Texas counties of DeWitt, Karnes, McMullen and LaSalle. We produce condensate, gas and NGLs

from the two fields. The condensate and gas produced are sold domestically in the United States via connections to intrastate and interstate pipelines, and internationally through the export of processed condensate. The Eagle Ford gathering system consists of approximately 1,600 kilometres of pipelines that deliver volumes to five central delivery points (CDPs), from which volumes are processed and transported to market. Our average net working interest is approximately 64 per cent. We acted as joint venture operator for approximately 39 per cent of our gross wells.

Permian

The Permian production operation is located primarily in the western Texas county of Reeves and consists of approximately 93,000 net acres. We produce oil, condensate, gas and NGLs. The condensate and gas are sold domestically in the United States via connections to intrastate and interstate pipelines. Our average net working interest is approximately 91 per cent. We acted as joint venture operator for approximately 91 per cent of our gross wells. Permian has 45 kilometres of water pipelines and a gathering system that consists of 165 kilometres of gas pipelines that deliver volumes to third party CDPs, from where processed volumes are transported to market.

Haynesville

The Haynesville production operation is located primarily in northern Louisiana and consists of 206,000 net acres. We produce gas that is sold domestically in the United States via connections to intrastate and interstate pipelines. Our average net working interest is approximately 37 per cent. We acted as joint venture operator for approximately 35 per cent of our gross wells.

Fayetteville

The Fayetteville production operation is located in north central Arkansas and consists of 287,000 net acres. We produce gas that is sold domestically in the United States via connections to intrastate and interstate pipelines. Our average net working interest is approximately 22 per cent. We acted as joint venture operator for approximately 20 per cent of our gross wells. The Fayetteville gathering system consists of approximately 760 kilometres of pipelines that deliver volumes to multiple compressor stations where processed volumes are transported to market.

Australia



Bass Strait

In 1965, we, along with our 50-50 joint venture partner and operator, Esso Australia (a subsidiary of ExxonMobil), through the Gippsland Basin joint venture, participated in the original discovery of hydrocarbons. We have produced oil and gas from Bass Strait over the past 40 years. The Bass Strait operations are located between 25 and 80 kilometres off the southeastern coast of Australia.

We sell the majority of our Bass Strait crude oil and condensate production to refineries along the east coast of Australia under spot and 12-month contracts with occasional export cargos. The contract price is based on the average Dated Brent crude oil price marker. Gas is piped onshore to the joint venture's Longford processing facility, from where we sell our share of production to domestic retailers and end users under contracts with periodic price reviews. Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is dispatched via pipeline, road tanker or sea tanker. Ethane is dispatched via pipeline to a petrochemical plant in western Melbourne.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 35.3 MMboe, up from 31.2 MMboe in FY2015.

North West Shelf

We are a joint venture participant in the North West Shelf Project, located approximately 125 kilometres northwest of Dampier in Western Australia. The North West Shelf Project supplies gas to the Western Australian domestic market, mainly under long-term contracts and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to buyers primarily in Japan, South Korea and China under a series of long-term contracts.

North West Shelf gas is piped from offshore fields to the onshore Karratha Gas Plant for processing. LPG, condensate and LNG are transported to market by ship, while domestic gas is transported by the Dampier-to-Bunbury and Pilbara Energy pipelines to buyers. We are also a joint venture partner in four nearby oil fields – Cossack, Wanaea, Lambert and Hermes. All North West Shelf gas and oil joint ventures are operated by Woodside.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 27.5 MMboe, down from 28.7 MMboe in FY2015.

Pyrenees

We operate six oil fields in Pyrenees which are located offshore approximately 23 kilometres northwest of Northwest Cape, Western Australia. We had an effective 62 per cent interest in the fields as at 30 June 2016, based on inception-to-date production from two permits in which we have interests of 71.43 per cent and 40 per cent, respectively. The development uses a floating, production, storage and off-take (FPSO) facility. The crude oil produced is sold internationally on the spot market.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 8.6 MMboe, up from 7.2 MMboe in FY2015.

Macedon

We are the operator of Macedon (71.43 per cent interest), an offshore gas field located approximately 75 kilometres west of Onslow, Western Australia and an onshore gas processing facility, located approximately 17 kilometres southwest of Onslow. The operation achieved first gas in August 2013 and consists of four subsea wells, with gas piped onshore to the processing plant. After processing, the gas is delivered into a pipeline and sold into the Western Australian domestic market under long-term and spot contracts.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 8.5 MMboe, up from 6.8 MMboe in FY2015.

Minerva

We are the operator of Minerva (90 per cent interest), a gas field located 11 kilometres south-southwest of Port Campbell in western Victoria. The operation consists of two subsea wells, with gas piped onshore to a processing plant. After processing, the gas is delivered into a pipeline and sold domestically under long-term contracts.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 2.3 MMboe, down from 3.1 MMboe in FY2015.

Other production operations

Trinidad and Tobago

We operate the Greater Angostura field (45 per cent interest in the production sharing contract), an integrated oil and gas development located offshore 40 kilometres east of Trinidad. The crude oil is sold on a spot basis to international markets, while the gas is sold domestically under term contracts.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 5.9 MMboe, down from 6.7 MMboe in FY2015.

Algeria

Our Algerian operations comprise an effective 38 per cent interest in the ROD Integrated Development, which consists of six satellite oil fields that pump oil back to a dedicated processing train. The oil is sold on a spot basis to international markets. Our interest in ROD is subject to a contractual determination with our joint venture partner ENI, which could result in a future change in our interest under certain conditions.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 3.7 MMboe, down from 3.9 MMboe in FY2015.

United Kingdom

We hold a 16 per cent non-operating interest in the Bruce oil and gas field in the North Sea and a 31.83 per cent non-operating interest in the Keith oil and gas field, a subsea tie-back. Operatorship of the Keith field was transferred to BP on 31 July 2015. Oil and gas from both fields are processed via the Bruce platform facilities.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 1.0 MMboe, down from 1.1 MMboe in FY2015.

Pakistan

We divested our interest in the Zamzama joint venture gas project in the Sindh province of Pakistan (38.5 per cent interest) on 31 December 2015 to Tri-Resources. We were the operator of that joint venture.

Our share of production in FY2016 was 2.5 MMboe, down from 4.0 MMboe in FY2015.

Refer to section 1.14.1 for information on our capital projects and exploration activities. Refer to section 6.1 for information on mining operations, section 6.2.2 for production information and section 6.3.1 for oil and gas reserves.

1.12.4 Marketing

Marketing is an independent core business of BHP Billiton. It is the link between BHP Billiton's global operations and our global customers.

It's how we take our iron ore mined in Australia and sell it to customers in China to make steel. It's how we connect a fabricator in Japan with copper cathode from our Chilean operations and how we pump oil in the Gulf of Mexico to fuel US transport.

Our objectives

Marketing is critical to ensuring we receive full value when selling our commodities. It has accountability for:

- securing sales of BHP Billiton products and managing associated risks;

- purchasing raw materials that are used by our assets;
- managing the supply chains from resources to markets;
- effective governance of credit, market and price risk management;
- supporting strategic decision-making by analysing commodity markets and providing insights.

Our Marketing business adds value by understanding our customers’ needs and connecting them with the right product, working with the assets to maximise the value of upstream resources, optimising freight and distribution costs and ensuring the Company-wide view of commodity markets is well informed and insightful. This allows the assets to focus on safety, production and cost, while Marketing focuses on optimising realised prices and sales outcomes.



A simple, centralised organisation co-located with key markets

Our Marketing businesses are strategically located in close proximity to our customers. Singapore is our primary Marketing business, reflecting the fact that about 72 per cent of our sales are in Asia. Our other major Marketing business is located in Houston, United States. More than half of our oil and gas sales are to customers in North America.

The Marketing business incorporates all the functions required to manage sales and distribution from our assets to our customers. In addition, we have regional marketers located close to our customers in eight other cities across the world.

BHP Billiton Marketing businesses – strategically located close to our customers



Marketing is organised into two trading and marketing units (TMUs) aligned to our major asset groups – Minerals Australia, Minerals America and Petroleum. Our TMUs have specialist expertise in their respective areas. Being co-located with customers allows us to:

- develop and maintain strong relationships with our customers;
- participate in technical collaboration with customers to better understand how our products perform in a customer’s production process;
- adopt tailored strategies for each product and market.

With our centralised model, we present one face to markets and customers across multiple assets and optimise BHP Billiton’s sales positions. The centralised model allows us to rapidly replicate best practice and share market insights across commodity teams. It also ensures effective governance and risk management.

Optimising the cost of freight and distribution

BHP Billiton is one of the largest global shippers of bulk commodities.

The objective of the freight business is to create a competitive advantage through the procurement of safe, sustainable shipping solutions, using the highest quality freight service providers and ship owners. The scope and scale of our commodity portfolio enable us to pursue this objective by:

- providing us with a strong voice in driving improvement in industry safety standards;
- minimising freight costs through arbitrage and optimising positions, including through moving physical tonnages between markets, maximising tonnages for both inbound and outbound journeys.

Developing market insight to inform strategic decision-making

BHP Billiton’s market insight is enhanced by the Company’s proximity to customers and the flow of information through the centralised structure, with a network of key analysts in China, India and the United States. Marketing analyses the fundamentals of demand and incorporates views on supply to inform our long-run outlook of commodity markets. We consider various global scenarios in our modelling and regularly monitor evolving trends in the market to ensure we have an in-depth understanding. Our holistic approach to analysis ensures that we have integrated views across commodities, taking into account global and regional economic drivers.

Our commodity price forecasts support asset and portfolio investment decisions, strategic planning and capital management. Marketing's outlook on the global economy, the resource industry and each of the commodities in our portfolio also serves to inform broader organisational priorities, such as our position on climate change.

1.13 Summary of financial performance

1.13.1 Group overview

Our selected financial information reflects the operations of the BHP Billiton Group and should be read in conjunction with the FY2016 Financial Statements, together with the accompanying notes.

We prepare our Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and as outlined in the Financial Statements in this Annual Report. We publish our Consolidated Financial Statements in US dollars.

Comparative financial information for FY2014, FY2013 and FY2012 has been restated for the effects of the application of IFRS 5/AASB 5 'Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations' following the demerger of South32 in FY2015, unless otherwise noted. Consolidated Balance Sheet information for these periods is not required to be, and has not been, restated. All Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Balance Sheet and Consolidated Cash Flow Statement information below has been derived from audited Financial Statements, except the previously published FY2012 restated data which was not required to be, and was not, subject to audit. For more information, refer to section 5.

Information in this section has been presented on a Continuing operations basis to exclude the contribution from assets that were demerged with South32, unless otherwise noted. Details of the contribution of the South32 assets to the Group's results are disclosed in note 26 'Discontinued operations' to the Financial Statements.

Year ended 30 June

US\$M	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Consolidated Income Statement (section 5.1.1)					
Revenue	30,912	44,636	56,762	53,860	56,642
(Loss)/profit from operations	(6,235)	8,670	22,649	21,977	22,602
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations	(6,207)	4,390	14,955	14,132	15,233
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Discontinued operations	–	(1,512)	269	(1,312)	1,384
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing and Discontinued operations attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group (attributable (loss)/profit) ⁽¹⁾	(6,385)	1,910	13,832	11,223	15,473
Dividends per ordinary share – paid during the period (US cents)	78.0	124.0	118.0	114.0	110.0
Dividends per ordinary share – determined in respect of the period (US cents)	30.0	124.0	121.0	116.0	112.0
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (US cents) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(120.0)	35.9	260.0	210.9	290.7
Diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (US cents) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	(120.0)	35.8	259.1	210.2	289.4
Basic (loss)/earnings from Continuing operations per ordinary share (US cents) ⁽²⁾	(120.0)	65.5	256.5	238.6	265.3
Diluted (loss)/earnings from Continuing operations per ordinary share (US cents) ⁽²⁾	(120.0)	65.3	255.7	237.8	264.1
Number of ordinary shares (million)					
– At period end	5,324	5,324	5,348	5,348	5,348
– Weighted average	5,322	5,318	5,321	5,322	5,323
– Diluted	5,322	5,333	5,338	5,340	5,346

Year ended 30 June

US\$M	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Consolidated Balance Sheet (section 5.1.3) ⁽³⁾					
Total assets	118,953	124,580	151,413	139,178	129,201
Net assets	60,071	70,545	85,382	75,291	69,315
Share capital (including share premium)	2,761	2,761	2,773	2,773	2,773
Total equity attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group	54,290	64,768	79,143	70,667	65,526
Other financial information					
Underlying attributable profit ⁽⁴⁾	1,215	6,417	13,263	12,017	15,928
Underlying EBITDA ⁽⁴⁾	12,340	21,852	30,292	28,109	31,554
Underlying EBIT ⁽⁴⁾	3,469	11,866	22,098	21,680	25,948
Underlying basic earnings per share (US cents) ⁽⁴⁾	22.8	120.7	249.3	225.8	299.2
Capital and exploration expenditure (Cash basis) ⁽⁵⁾	7,711	12,763	16,210	22,425	21,130
Capital and exploration expenditure (BHP Billiton share) ⁽⁵⁾	6,396	11,040	14,608	21,422	19,793
Net debt	26,102	24,417	25,786	27,510	22,208
Net operating cash flows ⁽⁶⁾	10,625	19,296	25,364	20,154	25,259

(1) Includes (Loss)/profit after taxation from Discontinued operations attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group.

(2) For more information on earnings per share, refer to note 6 'Earnings per share' to the Financial Statements.

(3) The Consolidated Balance Sheet for FY2015 does not include the assets and liabilities demerged with South32. IFRS 5/AASB 5 'Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations' does not require the Consolidated Balance Sheet to be restated for comparative periods.

(4) Underlying attributable profit, Underlying EBITDA, Underlying EBIT and Underlying basic earnings per share are non-IFRS financial measures that we use to reflect the underlying performance of BHP Billiton. Underlying attributable profit is attributable (loss)/profit excluding Discontinued operations and any exceptional items and Underlying basic earnings per share is Underlying attributable profit per basic share. Underlying EBITDA is earnings before net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments, taxation expense, Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Underlying EBIT is Underlying EBITDA, including depreciation, amortisation and impairments. We believe that these non-IFRS measures provide useful information, but should not be considered as an indication of, or as an alternative to attributable (loss)/profit as an indicator of actual operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Underlying EBITDA and Underlying EBIT are included in the FY2016 Consolidated Financial Statements as required by IFRS 8 'Operating Segments'. For a reconciliation of Underlying attributable profit to attributable (loss)/profit and of Underlying EBITDA to (Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations for FY2016, FY2015 and FY2014, refer to section 1.13.2.

(5) 'Cash basis' capital and exploration expenditure represents purchases of property, plant and equipment plus exploration expenditure from the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement. 'BHP Billiton share' capital and exploration expenditure represents 'Cash basis', plus BHP Billiton's share of equity accounted investments capital and exploration expenditure, less capitalised deferred stripping and non-controlling interests. FY2012 capital and exploration expenditure 'Cash basis' and 'BHP Billiton share' includes capital and exploration expenditure from Discontinued operations.

(6) Net operating cash flows are after dividends received, net interest and taxation and include Net operating cash flows from Discontinued operations.

Non-IFRS measures

We use a number of non-IFRS measures to assess our performance. Non-IFRS measures include:

- Underlying attributable profit – comprises (Loss)/profit after taxation attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group less exceptional items as described in note 2 ‘Exceptional items’ to the Financial Statements and excludes Discontinued operations. Underlying attributable profit is the key performance indicator against which short-term incentive outcomes for our senior executives are measured and, in our view, is a relevant measure to assess the financial performance of the Company for this purpose. In past periods, we have reported attributable (loss)/profit as a key performance indicator.
- Underlying basic earnings per share – represents Underlying attributable profit per basic share.
- Adjusted effective tax rate – comprises Total taxation benefit/(expense) excluding exceptional items, Discontinued operations and exchange rate movements included in taxation benefit/(expense) divided by (Loss)/profit before taxation and exceptional items. Management believes this measure provides useful information regarding the tax impacts from underlying operations.
- Underlying EBITDA – is earnings before net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments, taxation expense, Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Underlying EBITDA includes BHP Billiton’s share of (loss)/profit from investments accounted for using the equity method, including net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments and taxation expense. Management believes focusing on Underlying EBITDA more closely reflects the operating cash generative capacity and hence the underlying performance of our business. In past periods, we have reported Underlying EBIT as a key non-IFRS measure of operating results.
- Underlying EBIT – is Underlying EBITDA, including depreciation, amortisation and impairments.
- Controllable cash costs – comprises operating cash costs and exploration and business development costs and excludes Discontinued operations. Management believes this measure provides useful information regarding the Company’s financial performance because it considers these expenses to be the principal operating and overhead expenses that are most directly under the Company’s control.
- Underlying EBITDA margin – comprises Underlying EBITDA, excluding third party product Underlying EBITDA, divided by revenue excluding third party product revenue.
- Net operating assets – represents operating assets net of operating liabilities, including the carrying value of equity accounted investments and predominantly excludes cash balances, loans to associates, Interest bearing liabilities and deferred tax balances. The carrying value of investments accounted for using the equity accounted method represents the balance of the Group’s investment in equity accounted investments, with no adjustment for any cash balances, interest bearing liabilities and deferred tax balances of the equity accounted investment. Management believes this measure provides useful information by isolating the net operating assets of the business from the financing and tax balances which, in combination with our other measures, provides a meaningful indicator of underlying performance.

We believe that these non-IFRS measures provide useful information, but should not be considered as an indication of, or as an alternative to, comparable IFRS measures.

Other financial measures

We use a number of other financial measures (each of which is calculated by reference to IFRS measures) to assess our performance. Such other financial measures include:

- Free cash flow – comprises Net operating cash flows less Net investing cash flows and excludes Discontinued operations.
- Gearing ratio – represents the ratio of net debt to net debt plus Net assets.

- Net debt – comprises Interest bearing liabilities less Cash and cash equivalents for the total operations within the Group at the reporting date.

For our Financial Statements, refer to section 5.

Financial results for year ended 30 June 2016 compared with year ended 30 June 2015

The following table provides a summary of the Consolidated Income Statement contained in section 5.1.1:

Year ended 30 June	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M	2014 US\$M
Revenue ⁽¹⁾			
Petroleum	6,894	11,447	14,833
Copper	8,249	11,453	12,789
Iron Ore	10,538	14,753	21,356
Coal	4,518	5,885	6,563
Group and unallocated items/eliminations ⁽²⁾	713	1,098	1,221
Total revenue	30,912	44,636	56,762
Other income	444	496	1,225
Employee benefits expense	(3,702)	(4,971)	(5,413)
Raw materials and consumables used	(4,063)	(4,667)	(5,540)
Freight and transportation	(2,226)	(2,644)	(3,119)
External services	(4,984)	(6,284)	(6,780)
Third party commodity purchases	(1,013)	(1,165)	(1,702)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	153	469	(168)
Government royalties paid and payable	(1,349)	(1,708)	(2,412)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(8,661)	(9,158)	(7,716)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred and expensed in the current period	(430)	(670)	(698)
Impairment of assets	(7,394)	(4,024)	(478)
Operating lease rentals	(528)	(636)	(665)
All other operating expenses	(1,290)	(1,552)	(1,832)
Total expenses excluding net finance costs	(35,487)	(37,010)	(36,523)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	(2,104)	548	1,185
(Loss)/profit from operations	(6,235)	8,670	22,649
Net finance costs	(1,024)	(614)	(914)
Total taxation benefit/(expense)	1,052	(3,666)	(6,780)
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations	(6,207)	4,390	14,955
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Discontinued operations	–	(1,512)	269
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing and Discontinued operations	(6,207)	2,878	15,224
Attributable to non-controlling interests	178	968	1,392
Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group	(6,385)	1,910	13,832

(1) Includes the sale of third party products and excludes revenue from investments accounted for using the equity method.

(2) Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations, including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidated adjustments. Revenue not attributable to reportable segments comprises the sale of freight and fuel to third parties, as well as revenues from unallocated operations.

Revenue of US\$30.9 billion reduced by US\$13.7 billion, or 31 per cent, from US\$44.6 billion in FY2015. This decrease was primarily attributable to weaker average realised prices across all major commodities. For a discussion of the average realised prices of our commodities, refer to section 1.8.1. Lower volumes during the year, particularly for copper at Escondida (due to anticipated grade decline) and Onshore US (deferral of development activity for value), also contributed to the decline in revenue. For production results from our operations during the periods, refer to section 6.2.

Total expenses of US\$35.5 billion reduced by US\$1.5 billion, or four per cent, from US\$37.0 billion in FY2015. This was due to a US\$1.3 billion reduction in Employee benefits expense related to lower headcount, a US\$1.3 billion reduction in External services related to lower contractor expenditure and a US\$604 million reduction in Raw materials and consumables used due to lower fuel and energy costs.

Depreciation and amortisation expense declined by US\$497 million due to a reduction in the depreciable asset base at Onshore US due to impairments previously recorded. Impairment of assets of US\$7.4 billion in FY2016 primarily relates to Onshore US assets.

(Loss)/profit from operations of US\$(6.2) billion reduced by US\$14.9 billion from FY2015 primarily as a result of a significant decline in commodity prices, the impairment of the Onshore US assets and the financial impacts of the Samarco dam failure (refer to section 1.13.2), partially offset by the cost reductions described above.

Net finance costs of US\$1.0 billion increased by US\$410 million, or 67 per cent, from US\$614 million in FY2015 due to the issue of multi-currency hybrid notes during FY2016 (refer to section 1.13.3 and note 19 'Net debt' to the Financial Statements), higher benchmark interest rates and a gain on the early redemption of the Petrohawk Energy Corporation Senior Notes in FY2015.

The Group's statutory effective tax rate for FY2016 presents as nil (FY2015: 45.5 per cent) because we recognised a total taxation benefit of US\$1.1 billion (including government imposed royalty-related taxation calculated by reference to profits), and a loss before taxation for the period of US\$7.3 billion. The Group's adjusted effective tax rate was 35.8 per cent (FY2015: 31.8 per cent). The increase in the Group's adjusted effective tax rate in FY2016 reflects the relative higher proportion of profit from Australian petroleum assets (which are subject to a higher rate of tax due to the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax) in the Group's overall profit compared to FY2015.

The adjusted effective tax rate is reconciled to the statutory effective tax rate in the table below:

Year ended 30 June	2016			2015		
	(Loss)/profit before taxation US\$M	Income tax benefit/(expense) US\$M	%	(Loss)/profit before taxation US\$M	Income tax benefit/(expense) US\$M	%
Statutory effective tax rate	(7,259)	1,052	–	8,056	(3,666)	45.5%
Adjusted for:						
Exchange rate movements	–	125		–	339	
Exceptional items	9,704	(2,053)		3,196	(250)	
Adjusted effective tax rate	2,445	(876)	35.8%	11,252	(3,577)	31.8%

Government royalties paid and payable which are not profit based are recognised as operating costs within (Loss)/profit before taxation. These amounted to US\$1.3 billion during the period (FY2015: US\$1.7 billion).

Financial results for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Revenue of US\$44.6 billion reduced by US\$12.2 billion, or 21 per cent, from US\$56.8 billion in FY2014. The decrease was primarily attributable to weaker average realised prices across all major commodities, which more than offset additional revenue attributable to increased volumes during the year.

Other income of US\$496 million reduced by US\$729 million from US\$1.2 billion in FY2014, mainly due to the gain on sale for the Pinto Valley mining operation of US\$551 million recognised in FY2014.

Total expenses of US\$37.0 billion increased by US\$487 million, or one per cent, from US\$36.5 billion in FY2014. The increase was due to a US\$3.5 billion increase in impairments and US\$1.4 billion increase in depreciation and amortisation. Impairment of assets in FY2015 mainly related to Onshore US assets (US\$2.8 billion) and Nickel West assets (US\$409 million). This increase more than offset the reduction in operating costs across the Group.

Reductions in operating expenses included a US\$873 million reduction in Raw materials and consumables used due to lower fuel and energy costs, a US\$704 million reduction in Government royalties paid and payable in line with lower revenue, a US\$637 million favourable exchange rate movement (including a favourable restatement of monetary items in the balance sheet) and a US\$537 million reduction in Third party commodity purchases primarily at Petroleum. Further reductions included a US\$496 million reduction in External services, US\$475 million reduction in Freight and transportation and US\$442 million reduction in Employee benefits expense.

(Loss)/profit from operations of US\$8.7 billion reduced by US\$13.9 billion from FY2014 primarily as a result of a significant decline in commodity prices and impairments of Onshore US and Nickel West assets, partially offset by the reductions in operating costs described above.

Net finance costs of US\$614 million decreased by US\$300 million, or 33 per cent, from US\$914 million in FY2014 due to foreign exchange gains on finance leases and the early redemption of the Petrohawk Energy Corporation Senior Notes in August 2014, which resulted in a gain on redemption and lower interest expense.

The Group's statutory effective tax rate for FY2015 was 45.5 per cent (FY2014: 31.2 per cent), due to the recognition of a total taxation expense of US\$3.7 billion (including government imposed royalty-related taxation calculated by reference to profits). The Group's adjusted effective tax rate was 31.8 per cent (FY2014: 32.2 per cent). An exceptional item of US\$698 million tax expense (2014: US\$ nil) was recognised on a Continuing operations basis for the derecognition of deferred taxes upon the repeal of the MRRT legislation in Australia.

The adjusted effective tax rate is reconciled to the statutory effective tax rate in the table below:

Year ended 30 June	2015			2014		
	(Loss)/profit before taxation US\$M	Income tax benefit/(expense) US\$M	%	(Loss)/profit before taxation US\$M	Income tax benefit/(expense) US\$M	%
Statutory effective tax rate	8,056	(3,666)	45.5%	21,735	(6,780)	31.2%
Adjusted for:						
Exchange rate movements	–	339		–	(34)	
Remeasurement of deferred tax assets associated with the MRRT	–	–		–	(170)	
Exceptional items	3,196	(250)		(551)	166	
Adjusted effective tax rate	11,252	(3,577)	31.8%	21,184	(6,818)	32.2%

Government royalties paid and payable which are not profit based are recognised as operating costs within (Loss)/profit before taxation. These amounted to US\$1.7 billion during the period (2014: US\$2.4 billion).

Discontinued operations

South32's contribution to BHP Billiton's FY2015 results comprised a US\$1.5 billion Loss after taxation. Details of the contribution of the South32 assets to the Group's results are disclosed in note 26 'Discontinued operations' to the Financial Statements.

Cash flow statement

The following table provides a summary of the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement contained in section 5.1.4 to show the key sources and uses of cash during the periods presented:

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Cash generated from operations	12,671	21,620	29,318
Dividends received	301	740	1,264
Net interest paid	(702)	(541)	(795)
Taxation paid	(1,645)	(4,025)	(6,147)
Net operating cash flows from Continuing operations	10,625	17,794	23,640
Net operating cash flows from Discontinued operations	–	1,502	1,724
Net operating cash flows	10,625	19,296	25,364
Purchases of property plant and equipment	(6,946)	(11,947)	(15,224)
Exploration expenditure	(765)	(816)	(986)
Exploration expenditure expensed and included in operating cash flows	430	670	698
Net investment and funding of equity accounted investments	40	117	(29)
Other investing	(4)	474	407
Net investing cash flows from Continuing operations	(7,245)	(11,502)	(15,134)
Net investing cash flows from Discontinued operations	–	(1,066)	(700)
Cash disposed on demerger of South32	–	(586)	–
Net investing cash flows	(7,245)	(13,154)	(15,834)
Net proceeds from/(repayment of) interest bearing liabilities	4,607	(728)	(1,011)
Contributions from non-controlling interests	–	53	1,435
Dividends paid	(4,130)	(6,498)	(6,387)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(87)	(554)	(119)
Other financing activities	(106)	(346)	(354)
Net financing cash flows from Continuing operations	284	(8,073)	(6,436)
Net financing cash flows from Discontinued operations	–	(203)	(32)
Net financing cash flows	284	(8,276)	(6,468)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from Continuing operations	3,664	(1,781)	2,070
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents from Discontinued operations	–	233	992
Cash disposed on demerger of South32	–	(586)	–

Net operating cash flows after interest and tax of US\$10.6 billion reduced by US\$8.7 billion from FY2015. The major contributor was a US\$8.9 billion decrease in cash generated from operations (after changes in working capital balances), which was partially offset by a decrease of US\$2.4 billion in net taxes paid. Despite the significant decline in commodity prices, we generated US\$3.4 billion of free cash flow (net operating cash flows less net investing cash flows) during FY2016 due to a reduction in operating costs and a targeted reduction of working capital.

Net investing cash flows of US\$7.2 billion reduced by US\$5.9 billion from FY2015 due to a US\$5.1 billion reduction in capital and exploration expenditure. Exploration expenditure was US\$765 million, including US\$430 million classified within Net operating cash flows.

Net financing cash inflows of US\$284 million increased by US\$8.6 billion from outflows of US\$8.3 billion in FY2015, due to the issue of multi-currency hybrid notes during FY2016 (refer to section 1.13.3 and note 19 'Net debt' to the Financial Statements) and lower dividends paid in line with the new dividend policy.

Financial results for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Net operating cash flows from Continuing operations after interest and tax of US\$17.8 billion reduced by US\$5.8 billion from FY2014. The major contributor was a US\$7.7 billion decrease in cash generated from operations (after changes in working capital balances), which was partially offset by a decrease of US\$2.1 billion in net taxes paid. Despite the significant decline in commodity prices, we generated US\$6.3 billion of free cash flow (net operating cash flows from Continuing operations less net investing cash flows from Continuing operations) during FY2015 as we further improved both operating and capital productivity.

Net investing cash flows from Continuing operations of US\$11.5 billion reduced by US\$3.6 billion from FY2014 due to a US\$3.4 billion reduction in capital and exploration expenditure. Exploration expenditure was US\$816 million, including US\$670 million classified within Net operating cash flows.

Net financing cash outflows from Continuing operations of US\$8.1 billion increased by US\$1.6 billion from FY2014, due to a decrease in contributions from non-controlling interests of US\$1.4 billion due to the equity proceeds received for the sale of 15 per cent interest in Jimblebar in July 2013 and higher dividends paid to non-controlling interests of US\$435 million.

Capital expenditure

Capital and exploration expenditure is disclosed for each segment in the table below:

	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Year ended 30 June		Restated	Restated
Capital and exploration expenditure ⁽¹⁾			
Petroleum ⁽²⁾	3,107	5,590	6,479
Copper	2,850	3,912	3,808
Iron Ore	1,153	2,048	3,118
Coal	316	749	2,000
Group and unallocated items ⁽²⁾	285	464	805
BHP Billiton Group	7,711	12,763	16,210

⁽¹⁾ Capital expenditure is presented on a cash basis; it excludes capitalised interest, but includes capitalised exploration. Exploration expenditure is capitalised in accordance with our accounting policies, as set out in note 10 'Property, plant and equipment' to the Financial Statements.

⁽²⁾ Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations, including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidation adjustments. Comparative information for FY2015 and FY2014 have been restated for the effects of the change in the reporting related to Potash.

Capital expenditure encompasses expenditure on major projects, as set out in section 6.4, and capital expenditure on sustaining and other items.

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Capital expenditure	6,946	11,947	15,224
Exploration expenditure			
Petroleum	590	567	600
Minerals	175	249	386
Total exploration expenditure	765	816	986
Capital and exploration expenditure (cash basis)	7,711	12,763	16,210
Add: equity accounted investments	269	434	871
Less: capitalised deferred stripping ⁽¹⁾	(750)	(815)	(1,275)
Less: non-controlling interests	(834)	(1,342)	(1,198)
Capital and exploration expenditure (BHP Billiton share)	6,396	11,040	14,608

⁽¹⁾ Capitalised deferred stripping includes US\$183 million attributable to non-controlling interests in FY2016 (FY2015: US\$142 million; FY2014: US\$243 million).

BHP Billiton's share of capital and exploration expenditure declined by 42 per cent during FY2016 to US\$6.4 billion. On a cash basis, capital and exploration expenditure was US\$7.7 billion, a decrease of 40 per cent from FY2015. Our rate of investment is expected to decline to US\$5.4 billion on a cash basis and to US\$5.0 billion BHP Billiton's share in FY2017.

Financial results for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

BHP Billiton's share of capital and exploration expenditure declined by 24 per cent during FY2015 to US\$11.0 billion. On a cash basis, capital and exploration expenditure was US\$12.8 billion, a decrease of 21 per cent from FY2014.

1.13.2 Underlying financial measures

We use several financial measures to monitor the financial performance of our overall strategy. The two key non-IFRS measures are Underlying attributable profit and Underlying EBITDA. Underlying attributable profit is the key performance indicator against which short-term incentive outcomes for our senior executives are measured. Underlying EBITDA is the key non-IFRS measure that management uses internally to assess the performance of our segments and make decisions on the allocation of resources and, in our view is more relevant to capital intensive industries with long-life assets.

Underlying attributable profit

Underlying attributable profit of US\$1.2 billion decreased by US\$5.2 billion from FY2015 due to a significant decline in commodity prices.

Underlying attributable profit for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Underlying attributable profit of US\$6.4 billion decreased by US\$6.8 billion from FY2014 due to a significant decline in commodity prices.

The following table reconciles Underlying attributable profit to Attributable (loss)/profit:

Year ended 30 June	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M	2014 US\$M
Underlying attributable profit	1,215	6,417	13,263
Attributable loss – Discontinued operations	–	(1,573)	184
Exceptional items (after taxation)	(7,651)	(2,946)	385
Non-controlling interest in exceptional items ⁽¹⁾	51	12	–
Attributable (loss)/profit	(6,385)	1,910	13,832

⁽¹⁾ Relates to non-controlling interest included in the impairment of Onshore US assets in FY2016.

Exceptional items

We exclude what we consider are exceptional items from Underlying attributable profit and Underlying EBITDA in order to enhance the comparability of such measures from period-to-period and provide clarity into the underlying performance of our operations.

The following table provides a summary of exceptional items for FY2016, which are discussed further below:

Year ended 30 June 2016	Gross US\$M	Tax US\$M	Net US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Samarco dam failure	(2,450)	253	(2,197)
Impairment of Onshore US assets ⁽¹⁾	(7,184)	2,300	(4,884)
Global taxation matters	(70)	(500)	(570)
Total	(9,704)	2,053	(7,651)

⁽¹⁾ Includes amounts attributable to non-controlling interests of US\$(51) million after tax benefit.

Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) dam failure

The exceptional loss of US\$2,450 million (before tax) related to the Samarco dam failure in November 2015 comprises the following:

Year ended 30 June 2016	US\$M
Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure	(655)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco	(525)
Samarco dam failure provision	(1,200)
Costs incurred directly by BHP Billiton in relation to the Samarco dam failure	(70)
Loss from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses ⁽¹⁾	(2,450)

⁽¹⁾ BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment), recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement and together with other BHP Billiton entities incurred US\$(70) million of direct costs in relation to the Samarco dam failure. US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense. Refer to note 3 ‘Significant events – Samarco dam failure’ to the Financial Statements.

Impairment of Onshore US assets

The Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$4.9 billion (after tax benefit) against the carrying value of its Onshore US assets in FY2016. The impairment reflects changes to price assumptions, discount rates and development plans. This follows significant volatility and much weaker prices experienced in the oil and gas industry, which have more than offset our substantial productivity improvements.

Global taxation matters

Global taxation matters include amounts provided for unresolved tax matters and other claims for which the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain (refer to note 5 'Income tax expense' to the Financial Statements).

The following table provides a summary of exceptional items for FY2015, which are discussed further below:

Year ended 30 June 2015	Gross US\$M	Tax US\$M	Net US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Impairment of Onshore US assets	(2,787)	829	(1,958)
Impairment of Nickel West assets	(409)	119	(290)
Repeal of Minerals Resource Rent Tax legislation ⁽¹⁾	—	(698)	(698)
Total	(3,196)	250	(2,946)

⁽¹⁾ Includes amounts attributable to non-controlling interests of US\$(12) million.

In FY2015, the Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$2.0 billion (after tax benefit) in relation to its Onshore US assets. The gas-focused Hawkville field accounts for the substantial majority of this charge reflecting its geological complexity, product mix, acreage relinquishments and amended development plans. The remainder relates to the impairment of goodwill associated with the Petrohawk acquisition.

The Group announced on 12 November 2014 that the review of its Nickel West business was complete and the preferred option, the sale of the business, was not achievable on an acceptable basis. As a result of operational decisions made subsequent to the conclusion of this process, an impairment charge of US\$290 million (after tax benefit) was recognised in FY2015.

The legislation to repeal the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) in Australia took effect on 30 September 2014. As a result, the Group derecognised a MRRT deferred tax asset of US\$809 million and corresponding taxation charges of US\$698 million related to Continuing operations and US\$111 million related to Discontinued operations were recognised in FY2015.

The following table provides a summary of exceptional items for FY2014, which are discussed further below:

Year ended 30 June 2014	Gross US\$M	Tax US\$M	Net US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Sale of Pinto Valley	551	(166)	385
Total	551	(166)	385

In FY2014, the Group announced on 11 October 2013 that it had completed the sale of its Pinto Valley mining operation for cash consideration of US\$653 million, after working capital adjustments. A gain on sale of US\$385 million (after tax expense) was recognised in FY2014.

Underlying EBITDA

Underlying EBITDA of US\$12.3 billion reduced by US\$9.5 billion from FY2015.

Underlying EBITDA for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Underlying EBITDA of US\$21.9 billion reduced by US\$8.4 billion from FY2014.

The following table reconciles Underlying EBITDA to (Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations:

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Underlying EBITDA	12,340	21,852	30,292
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments ⁽¹⁾	(8,871)	(9,986)	(8,194)
Exceptional items (before taxation) ⁽¹⁾	(9,704)	(3,196)	551
(Loss)/profit from operations	(6,235)	8,670	22,649
Net finance costs	(1,024)	(614)	(914)
Total taxation benefit/(expense)	1,052	(3,666)	(6,780)
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations	(6,207)	4,390	14,955

⁽¹⁾ Impairments that we classify as exceptional items are excluded from depreciation, amortisation and impairments. Depreciation, amortisation and impairments includes non-exceptional impairments of US\$210 million (FY2015: US\$828 million; FY2014: US\$478 million).

Group and segment level information is reported on a statutory basis in accordance with IFRS 8 'Operating Segments'. The following table provides a summary of Underlying EBITDA for our segments:

Year ended 30 June	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
		Restated	Restated
Underlying EBITDA			
Petroleum ⁽¹⁾	3,658	7,201	9,826
Copper	2,619	5,205	6,127
Iron Ore	5,599	8,648	13,531
Coal	635	1,242	1,258
Group and unallocated items ⁽¹⁾	(171)	(444)	(450)
BHP Billiton Group	12,340	21,852	30,292

⁽¹⁾ Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations, including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidated adjustments. Comparative information for FY2015 and FY2014 have been restated for the effects of the change in the reporting related to Potash.

The following table describes the impact of the principal factors that affected Underlying EBITDA for FY2016 and relates them back to our statutory accounts:

	Revenue US\$M	Total expenses, other income and (Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments US\$M	(Loss)/profit from operations US\$M	Depreciation, amortisation and impairments and Exceptional Items US\$M	Underlying EBITDA US\$M
For the year ended 30 June 2015					
Revenue	44,636				
Other income		496			
Expenses excluding net finance costs		(37,010)			
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses		548			
Total other income, expenses excluding net finance costs and (Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses		(35,966)			
(Loss)/profit from operations			8,670		
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments ⁽¹⁾				9,986	
Exceptional items ⁽¹⁾ (refer to note 2 'Exceptional items' to the Financial Statements)				3,196	
Underlying EBITDA					21,852
Change in sales prices	(11,996)	690	(11,306)	–	(11,306)
Price-linked costs	–	592	592	–	592
Net price impact	(11,996)	1,282	(10,714)	–	(10,714)
Productivity volumes	(378)	(404)	(782)	–	(782)
Growth volumes	(568)	185	(383)	–	(383)
Changes in volumes	(946)	(219)	(1,165)	–	(1,165)
Operating cash costs	–	1,040	1,040	–	1,040
Exploration and business development	–	368	368	–	368
Change in controllable cash costs ⁽²⁾	–	1,408	1,408	–	1,408
Exchange rates	(142)	1,248	1,106	–	1,106
Inflation on costs	–	(328)	(328)	–	(328)
Fuel and energy	–	248	248	–	248
Non-cash	–	196	196	–	196
One-off items	–	338	338	–	338
Change in other costs	(142)	1,702	1,560	–	1,560

	Revenue US\$M	Total expenses, other income and (Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments US\$M	(Loss)/profit from operations US\$M	Depreciation, amortisation and impairments and Exceptional Items US\$M	Underlying EBITDA US\$M
Asset sales	–	25	25	–	25
Ceased and sold operations	(414)	157	(257)	–	(257)
Share of operating profit from equity accounted investments	–	(272)	(272)	–	(272)
Other	(226)	129	(97)	–	(97)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments ⁽¹⁾	–	1,115	1,115	(1,115)	–
Exceptional items ⁽¹⁾	–	(6,508)	(6,508)	6,508	–
For the year ended 30 June 2016					
Revenue	30,912				
Other income		444			
Expenses excluding net finance costs		(35,487)			
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses		(2,104)			
Total other income, expenses excluding net finance costs and (Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses		(37,147)			
(Loss)/profit from operations			(6,235)		
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments ⁽¹⁾				8,871	
Exceptional items ⁽¹⁾ (refer to note 2 ‘Exceptional items’ to the Financial Statements)				9,704	
Underlying EBITDA					12,340

(1) Impairments that we classify as exceptional items are excluded from depreciation, amortisation and impairments. Depreciation, amortisation and impairments includes non-exceptional impairments of US\$210 million (FY2015: US\$828 million; FY2014: US\$478 million).

(2) Collectively we refer to the change in operating cash costs and change in exploration and business development as change in controllable cash costs. Operating cash costs by definition do not include non-cash costs. The change in operating cash costs also excludes the impact of exchange rates and inflation, changes in fuel and energy costs, changes in exploration and business development costs and one-off items. These items are excluded so as to provide a consistent measurement of changes in costs across all segments, based on the factors that are within the control and responsibility of the segment. Change in controllable cash costs and change in operating cash costs are not measures that are recognised by IFRS. They may differ from similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Principal factors affecting Underlying EBITDA

Lower average realised prices across our major commodities reduced Underlying EBITDA by US\$11.3 billion in FY2016, partially offset by a reduction in price-linked costs by US\$592 million reflecting lower royalty charges at Western Australia Iron Ore as a result of lower average realised prices.

Anticipated grade decline of 28 per cent at Escondida was the major contributor to lower productivity-led volumes of US\$782 million in Underlying EBITDA. Deferral of development activity for value at Onshore US reduced gas volumes supporting a further volume-related decrease in Underlying EBITDA of US\$383 million.

Our focus on best-in-class performance underpinned a US\$1.0 billion reduction in operating cash costs during FY2016. Lower operating cash costs across the Group more than offset the impact of the drawdown of lower-grade inventory and grade decline at Escondida.

A stronger US dollar against the Australian dollar and Chilean peso increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.1 billion during the period.

Principal factors affecting Underlying EBITDA for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Lower average realised prices reduced Underlying EBITDA by US\$16.4 billion in FY2015, partially offset by a reduction in price-linked costs of US\$1.2 billion reflecting lower royalty charges in our Iron Ore segment.

Productivity-led volume efficiencies and the ramp-up of major projects underpinned a US\$3.9 billion increase in Underlying EBITDA. Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) was the major contributor as the improved performance of our integrated supply chain and the ramp-up of the Jimblebar mining hub supported a US\$2.2 billion increase in Underlying EBITDA. A doubling of liquids production from both Black Hawk and Permian supported a further US\$1.1 billion volume-related increase in Petroleum's Underlying EBITDA.

Our focus on best-in-class performance underpinned a US\$2.7 billion reduction in operating cash costs during FY2015. A reduction in labour, contractor and maintenance costs increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.5 billion during the year. This was most evident in WAIO where the standardisation of our equipment and maintenance systems, and the insourcing of third party services facilitated a step change in the performance of our mining operations. Mining-related efficiencies contributed to a further US\$580 million reduction in cash costs and largely reflected improved productivity at Escondida.

A stronger US dollar increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.6 billion during the period. One-off items comprising a US\$268 million expense related to the mill outage at Olympic Dam and US\$188 million costs associated with the implementation of the Escondida Voluntary Redundancy Program decreased Underlying EBITDA. In addition, lower average realised prices received by our equity accounted investments further decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$637 million.

The method of calculation of the factors that affected Underlying EBITDA are as follows:

<u>Factor affecting Underlying EBITDA</u>	<u>Method of calculation</u>
Change in sales prices	Change in average realised price for each operation from the corresponding period to the current period, multiplied by current period volumes.
Price-linked costs	Change in price-linked costs for each operation from the corresponding period to the current period, multiplied by current period volumes.
Productivity volumes	Change in volumes for each operation not included in the Growth category from the corresponding period to the current period, multiplied by the prior year Underlying EBITDA margin.

Factor affecting Underlying EBITDA	Method of calculation
Growth volumes	Volume – Growth comprises Underlying EBITDA for operations that are new or acquired in the current period minus Underlying EBITDA for operations that are new or acquired in the corresponding period, change in volumes for operations identified as a Growth project from the corresponding period to the current period multiplied by the prior year Underlying EBITDA margin, and change in volume for our petroleum assets from the corresponding period to the current period multiplied by the prior year Underlying EBITDA margin.
Operating cash costs	Change in total costs, other than price-linked costs, exchange rates, inflation on costs, fuel and energy costs, non-cash costs and one-off items as defined below for each operation from the corresponding period to the current period.
Exploration and business development	Exploration and business development expense in the current period minus exploration and business development expense in the corresponding period.
Exchange rates	Change in exchange rate multiplied by current period local currency revenue and expenses. The majority of the Company's selling prices are denominated in US dollars and so there is little impact of exchange rate changes on Revenue.
Inflation on costs	Change in inflation rate applied to expenses, other than depreciation and amortisation, price-linked costs, exploration and business development expenses, expenses in ceased and sold operations and expenses in new and acquired operations.
Fuel and energy	Fuel and energy expense in the current period minus fuel and energy expense in the corresponding period.
Non-cash	Includes non-cash items mainly depletion of stripping capitalised.
One-off items	Change in costs exceeding a pre-determined threshold associated with an unexpected event that had not occurred in the last two years and is not reasonably likely to occur within the next two years.
Asset sales	Profit/loss on the sale of assets or operations in the current period minus profit/loss on sale in the corresponding period.
Ceased and sold operations	Underlying EBITDA for operations that ceased or were sold in the current period minus Underlying EBITDA for operations that ceased or were sold in the corresponding period.

Factor affecting Underlying EBITDA	Method of calculation
Share of operating profit from equity accounted investments	Share of operating profit from equity accounted investments for the period minus share of operating profit from equity accounted investments in the corresponding period.
Other	Variances not explained by the above factors.

Underlying EBITDA margin

We differentiate sales of our production from sales of third party products to better measure the operational profitability of our operations as a percentage of revenue. The table below shows the breakdown between our production and third party products, which is necessary for the calculation of the Underlying EBITDA margin:

Year ended 30 June ⁽¹⁾	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M	2014 US\$M
Group production	29,844	43,457	55,045
Third party products	1,068	1,179	1,717
Revenue	30,912	44,636	56,762
Group production	12,285	21,838	30,277
Third party products	55	14	15
Underlying EBITDA	12,340	21,852	30,292
Underlying EBITDA Margin	41.2%	50.3%	55.0%
Margin on third party products ⁽²⁾	5.1%	1.2%	0.9%

(1) Excludes exceptional items.

(2) Underlying EBITDA third party products divided by Revenue third party products.

We engage in third party trading for the following reasons:

- Production variability and occasional shortfalls from our assets means that we sometimes source third party materials to ensure a steady supply of product to our customers.
- To optimise our supply chain outcomes, we may buy physical product from third parties.
- To support the development of liquid markets, we will sometimes source third party physical product and manage risk through both the physical and financial markets.

Net operating assets

The following table reconciles Net operating assets for the Group to Net assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheet:

	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M Restated
Year ended 30 June		
Net operating assets		
Petroleum ⁽¹⁾	25,168	33,603
Copper	23,844	23,701
Iron Ore	20,541	23,954
Coal	10,651	11,769
Group and unallocated items ⁽¹⁾	2,723	2,717
BHP Billiton Group	82,927	95,744
Cash and cash equivalents	10,319	6,753
Trade and other receivables ⁽²⁾	939	1,023
Other financial assets ⁽³⁾	2,557	1,014
Current tax assets	567	658
Deferred tax assets	6,147	2,861
Trade and other payables ⁽⁴⁾	(421)	(322)
Interest bearing liabilities	(36,421)	(31,170)
Other financial liabilities ⁽⁵⁾	(1,768)	(1,267)
Current tax payable	(451)	(207)
Deferred tax liabilities	(4,324)	(4,542)
Net assets	60,071	70,545

- (1) Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations, including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidated adjustments. Comparative information for FY2015 has been restated for the effects of the change in the reporting related to Potash.
- (2) Represents loans to associates of US\$897 million (FY2015: US\$995 million) and accrued interest receivable of US\$42 million (FY2015: US\$28 million) included within other receivables.
- (3) Represents cross currency and interest rate swaps and available for sale shares and other investments (refer to note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements) included in other financial assets.
- (4) Represents accrued interest payable included within other payables.
- (5) Represents cross currency and interest rate swaps (refer to note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements) included in other financial liabilities.

1.13.3 Net debt and sources of liquidity

Our policies on debt and liquidity management pursue the following objectives:

- a strong balance sheet through the cycle;
- diversification of funding sources;
- maintain borrowings and excess cash predominantly in US dollars.

Gearing and net debt

At the end of FY2016, net debt, comprising Interest bearing liabilities less Cash and cash equivalents, was US\$26.1 billion, which represented an increase of US\$1.7 billion compared with the net debt position at 30 June 2015. Gearing, which is the ratio of net debt to net debt plus net assets, was 30.3 per cent at 30 June 2016, compared with 25.7 per cent at 30 June 2015.

Cash and cash equivalents less overdrafts at 30 June 2016 was US\$10.3 billion compared with US\$6.6 billion at 30 June 2015. Included within Cash and cash equivalents were short-term deposits of US\$9.8 billion compared with US\$5.8 billion at 30 June 2015.

Funding sources

In October 2015, BHP Billiton issued the following hybrid notes:

- US\$3.25 billion of subordinated fixed rate reset notes across two tranches, comprising US\$1,000 million in a 60NC5 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 6.250 per cent and US\$2,250 million in a 60NC10 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 6.750 per cent.
- €2.0 billion of subordinated fixed rate reset notes across two tranches comprising €1,250 million in a 60.5NC5.5 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 4.750 per cent and €750 million in a 64NC9 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 5.625 per cent.
- £600 million of subordinated fixed rate reset notes in a 62NC7 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 6.500 per cent.

None of our Company-level borrowing facilities is subject to financial covenants. Certain specific financing facilities in relation to specific assets are the subject of financial covenants that vary from facility to facility, but which would be considered normal for such facilities. In addition to the Company's uncommitted debt issuance programs, we hold the following committed standby facilities.

	Facility available 2016 US\$M	Drawn 2016 US\$M	Undrawn 2016 US\$M	Facility available 2015 US\$M	Drawn 2015 US\$M	Undrawn 2015 US\$M
Revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	6,000	–	6,000	6,000	–	6,000
Total financing facilities	6,000	–	6,000	6,000	–	6,000

⁽¹⁾ The Company's committed US\$6.0 billion revolving credit facility operates as a back-stop to the Company's uncommitted commercial paper program. The combined amount drawn under the facility or as commercial paper will not exceed US\$6.0 billion. As at 30 June 2016, US\$ nil commercial paper was drawn (2015: US\$ nil), therefore US\$6.0 billion of committed facility was available to use (2015: US\$6.0 billion). The revolving credit facility expires on 7 May 2021. A commitment fee is payable on the undrawn balance and an interest rate comprising an interbank rate plus a margin applies to any drawn balance. The agreed margins are typical for a credit facility extended to a company with the Company's credit rating.

For more information regarding the maturity profile of our debt obligations and details of our standby and support agreements, refer to note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements.

In the Company's opinion, working capital is sufficient for the Company's present requirements.

The Company's credit ratings are currently A3/P-2 outlook negative (Moody's – long-term/short-term) and A/A-1 outlook negative (Standard & Poor's – long-term/short-term).

Year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Gearing and net debt

At the end of FY2015 net debt, comprising Interest bearing liabilities less Cash and cash equivalents, was US\$24.4 billion, which represented a decrease of US\$1.4 billion compared with the net debt position at 30 June 2014. Gearing, which is the ratio of net debt to net debt plus net assets, was 25.7 per cent at 30 June 2015, compared with 23.2 per cent at 30 June 2014.

IFRS 5/AASB 5 'Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations' does not require the Consolidated Balance Sheet to be restated for comparative periods. The FY2014 figures therefore includes assets and liabilities as part of the demerged South32. For information relating to Discontinued operations refer to note 26 'Discontinued operations' to the Financial Statements.

Cash and cash equivalents less overdrafts at 30 June 2015 was US\$6.6 billion compared with US\$8.8 billion at 30 June 2014. Included within Cash and cash equivalents were short-term deposits of US\$5.8 billion compared with US\$7.1 billion at 30 June 2014.

Funding sources

During FY2015, we issued the following long-term debt:

- In March 2015, we issued an A\$1.0 billion 3.000 per cent Australian bond due 2020.
- In April 2015, we issued a three tranche Euro bond comprising €600 million Floating Rate Notes due 2020 paying three-month Euribor plus 0.350 per cent, €650 million 0.750 per cent bonds due 2022 and €750 million 1.500 per cent bonds due 2030.

None of our Group-level borrowing facilities are subject to financial covenants. Certain specific financing facilities in relation to specific assets are the subject of financial covenants that vary from facility to facility, but which would be considered normal for such facilities.

Additional information regarding the maturity profile of our debt obligations and details of our standby and support agreements is included in note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements.

1.14 Performance by commodity

Management believes the following financial information presented by each commodity provides meaningful indicators of the underlying performance of the assets, including equity accounted investments, of each reportable segment. Information relating to assets that are accounted for as equity accounted investments are shown to reflect BHP Billiton's share, unless otherwise noted, to provide insight into the drivers of these operations.

For financial information, segments are reported on a statutory basis in accordance with IFRS 8 'Operating Segments' and consequently the tables included for each commodity include an 'adjustment for equity accounted investments' to reconcile the equity accounted results to the statutory segment results. For more information on the financial results of our segments, refer to note 1 'Segment reporting' to the Financial Statements.

Unit cash costs is one of the financial measures used to monitor the performance of our individual assets and is included in the analysis of each reportable segment.

1.14.1 Petroleum

Detailed below is Petroleum financial information for FY2016 and FY2015 and an analysis of Petroleum's financial performance for FY2016 compared to FY2015.

Year ended 30 June 2016 US\$M	Revenue ⁽ⁱ⁾	Underlying EBITDA	D&A	Underlying EBIT	Net operating assets	Capital expenditure	Exploration gross ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	Exploration to profit ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
Australia Production								
Unit ^(iv)	707	542	349	193	1,166	246		
Bass Strait	930	690	174	516	3,082	226		
North West Shelf	1,171	830	182	648	1,389	180		
Atlantis	652	481	485	(4)	1,795	328		
Shenzi	499	386	245	141	1,133	55		
Mad Dog	123	84	44	40	697	128		
Eagle Ford	1,508	687	1,710	(1,023)	7,193	781		
Permian	260	52	279	(227)	1,114	365		
Haynesville	299	(67)	305	(372)	2,994	44		
Fayetteville	246	20	154	(134)	945	49		
Trinidad/Tobago ^(v)	123	95	22	73	986	(26)		
Algeria	144	41	33	8	44	86		
Exploration	–	(273)	97	(370)	758	–		
Other ^{(vi) (vii)}	119	56	119	(63)	2,727	55		
Total Petroleum from Group production	6,781	3,624	4,198	(574)	26,023	2,517	590	288
Closed mines ^(viii)	–	20	–	20	(855)	–	–	–
Third party products	128	17	–	17	–	–	–	–
Total Petroleum	6,909	3,661	4,198	(537)	25,168	2,517	590	288
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(ix)	(15)	(3)	(3)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Petroleum statutory result	6,894	3,658	4,195	(537)	25,168	2,517	590	288

Year ended 30 June 2015 (Restated) ^(x) US\$M	Revenue (i)	Underlying EBITDA	D&A	Underlying EBIT	Net operating assets	Capital expenditure	Exploration gross ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	Exploration to profit ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾
Australia Production Unit ^(iv)	1,003	862	337	525	1,091	44		
Bass Strait	1,291	1,025	127	898	3,055	328		
North West Shelf	1,899	1,351	186	1,165	1,400	135		
Atlantis	1,071	904	368	536	2,146	354		
Shenzi	973	868	287	581	1,399	268		
Mad Dog	175	87	34	53	581	101		
Eagle Ford	2,932	1,792	2,172	(380)	10,754	2,315		
Permian	263	69	502	(433)	1,096	773		
Haynesville	532	13	554	(541)	5,916	411		
Fayetteville	448	162	195	(33)	2,960	183		
Trinidad/Tobago	220	159	28	131	827	10		
Algeria	309	247	38	209	97	23		
Exploration	–	(481)	48	(529)	733	–		
Other ^(vi) ^(vii)	276	98	342	(244)	2,518	78		
Total Petroleum from Group production	11,392	7,156	5,218	1,938	34,573	5,023	567	529
Closed Mines ^(viii)	–	47	–	47	(970)	–	–	–
Third party products	69	1	–	1	–	–	–	–
Total Petroleum	11,461	7,204	5,218	1,986	33,603	5,023	567	529
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(ix)	(14)	(3)	(3)	–	–	–	–	–
Total Petroleum statutory result	11,447	7,201	5,215	1,986	33,603	5,023	567	529

- (i) Petroleum revenue from Group production includes: crude oil US\$3,566 million (2015: US\$6,592 million), natural gas US\$1,761 million (2015: US\$2,489 million), LNG US\$864 million (2015: US\$1,366 million), NGL US\$383 million (2015: US\$665 million) and other US\$192 million (2015: US\$266 million).
- (ii) Includes US\$317 million of capitalised exploration (2015: US\$86 million).
- (iii) Includes US\$15 million of exploration expenditure previously capitalised, written off as impaired (included in depreciation and amortisation) (2015: US\$48 million).
- (iv) Australia Production Unit includes Macedon, Pyrenees, Minerva and Stybarrow (ceased production June 2015).
- (v) Negative capital expenditure reflects movements in capital creditors.
- (vi) Predominantly divisional activities, business development, Pakistan (divested in December 2015), UK, Neptune and Genesis. Also includes the Caesar oil pipeline and the Cleopatra gas pipeline which are equity accounted investments and their financial information presented above with the exception of net operating assets reflects BHP Billiton's share.
- (vii) Goodwill associated with Onshore US of US\$3,026 million is included in Other net operating assets (2015: US\$3,026 million).
- (viii) Comprises closed mining and smelting operations in Canada and the United States.
- (ix) Total Petroleum segment Revenue excludes US\$15 million (2015: US\$14 million) revenue related to the Caesar oil pipeline and the Cleopatra gas pipeline. Total Petroleum segment Underlying EBITDA includes US\$3 million (2015: US\$3 million) D&A related to the Caesar oil pipeline and the Cleopatra gas pipeline.
- (x) Comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been restated for the effects of the change in reporting related to Potash.

Performance

Total petroleum production for FY2016 decreased by six per cent to 240 MMboe.

Conventional production increased by one per cent to 131 MMboe as new production wells at Atlantis, Mad Dog and Pyrenees and higher gas demand at Bass Strait, offset natural field decline across the portfolio and the divestment of our gas business in Pakistan. Onshore US production declined by 13 per cent to 109 MMboe largely as a result of the decision to defer development activity in the Black Hawk and Hawkville.

Petroleum revenue decreased by US\$4.6 billion to US\$6.9 billion. Onshore US, which includes Eagle Ford, Permian, Haynesville and Fayetteville, decreased by US\$1.9 billion to US\$2.3 billion. Gulf of Mexico, which includes Atlantis, Shenzi and Mad Dog, decreased by US\$945 million to US\$1.3 billion. In Australia, Bass Strait and North West Shelf collectively decreased by US\$1.1 billion to US\$2.1 billion and the Australia Production Unit, which includes Macedon, Pyrenees, Minerva and Stybarrow, decreased by US\$296 million to US\$707 million.

Underlying EBITDA for Petroleum decreased by US\$3.5 billion to US\$3.7 billion in FY2016. Price impacts, net of price-linked costs, decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$3.6 billion due to the decrease in average realised prices of crude and condensate oil from US\$68/bbl to US\$39/bbl, US natural gas from US\$3.27/Mscf to US\$2.16/Mscf and LNG from US\$11.65/Mscf to US\$7.71/Mscf. Conventional unit cash costs (excluding inventory movements, freight, third party and exploration expense) decreased by 30 per cent to US\$8.53 per barrel as a result of lower lifting, labour and maintenance expenses.

Petroleum capital expenditure declined by 50 per cent to US\$2.5 billion in FY2016, which includes a decline of US\$2.4 billion of Onshore US drilling and development expenditure. Our Onshore US operated rig count has been reduced to four, however, completion activity in the Black Hawk resumed late in the June 2016 quarter.

Increased shale drilling and completions efficiency during the year was reflected in a significant improvement in drill time and completion techniques in the Black Hawk and Permian. Drilling times improved by 19 per cent to 15 days per well in the Black Hawk and by 22 per cent to 26 days per well in the Permian.

2016 financial year (2015 financial year)		Liquids-focused areas		Gas-focused areas		Total
		Eagle Ford	Permian	Haynesville	Fayetteville	
Capital expenditure ⁽ⁱ⁾	US\$ billion	0.8 (2.3)	0.4 (0.8)	0.0 (0.4)	0.0 (0.2)	1.2 (3.7)
Rig allocation	At period-end	2 (7)	2 (3)	– (–)	– (–)	4 (10)
Net wells drilled and completed ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	Period total	89 (188)	30 (45)	5 (25)	11 (45)	136 (303)
Net productive wells	At period-end	929 (836)	107 (75)	411 (395)	1,086 (1,070)	2,533 (2,376)

(i) Includes land acquisition, site preparation, drilling, completions, well site facilities, mid-stream infrastructure and pipelines.

(ii) Can vary between periods based on changes in rig activity and the inventory of wells drilled but not yet completed at period-end (62 net drilled and uncompleted wells at the end of FY2016).

Petroleum exploration expenditure for FY2016 was US\$590 million, of which US\$273 million was expensed. Activity for the year was largely focused on our core areas in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and the Northern Beagle sub-basin off the coast of Western Australia, where we acquired additional acreage, seismic data and increased drilling activity. Our exploration activity has increased in the Gulf of Mexico following the positive exploration well results at Shenzi North. The Group is also encouraged by the early indications from the deepwater Le Clerc well in Trinidad and Tobago which encountered gas in multiple zones. While the focus is on a commercial oil discovery, these results support the further appraisal of the basin.

Capital projects

United States

Onshore US

The development phase of an onshore shale operation requires an extensive drilling and completion program, which may include associated gas compression and treatment facilities and connecting pipelines. Shale development has a repetitive, manufacturing-like nature that provides opportunities for increased efficiency. Much of our development of the shale reservoirs utilises horizontal drilling, with average lateral lengths between 1,200 – 3,000 metres. We enter into service contracts with third parties to provide drilling and completion services at our operated sites. We had four drilling rigs in operation at the end of FY2016.

BHP Billiton's Onshore US drilling and development expenditure in FY2016, which is presented on an accruals basis within this section, was US\$859 million (FY2015: US\$3.3 billion). The expenditure was primarily related to drilling and completion activities in our liquids-focused Black Hawk and Permian fields, while deferring development in areas that are predominantly gas.

Eagle Ford capital expenditure for FY2016 was US\$486 million (FY2015: US\$2.1 billion). The expenditure was primarily related to drilling and completion activities, resulting in 90 net development wells completed during the year. Of the US\$487 million, approximately US\$15.3 million was spent on the installation of more than nine kilometres of pipeline infrastructure and additional gas processing facilities. The operated rig count was two for the year (FY2015: seven).

Permian capital expenditure for FY2016 was US\$332 million (FY2015: US\$0.7 billion). The expenditure was primarily related to drilling and completion activities, resulting in 30 net development wells completed during the year. Of the US\$332 million, approximately US\$14.7 million was spent on the installation of more than 65 kilometres of pipeline infrastructure and additional gas processing facilities. The operated rig count was two for the year (FY2015: three).

Haynesville capital expenditure for FY2016 was US\$32 million (FY2015: US\$0.3 billion). The expenditure was primarily related to drilling and completion activities, resulting in five net development wells completed during the year. There were no operated rigs in Haynesville at the end of the year (FY2015: zero).

Fayetteville capital expenditure for FY2016 was US\$9 million (FY2015: US\$0.2 billion). The expenditure was primarily related to participation in drilling and completion activities for wells operated by third parties, resulting in 11 net development wells completed during the year.

Our Onshore US capital investment is expected to decrease to US\$600 million in FY2017 in response to changes in the global commodity markets. This includes an operated rig count of three for the period, with shale oil investment accounting for approximately 76 per cent of the investment. Our decision to cut spending will mean deferring gas volumes in the near term with our drilling programs in the Fayetteville and Haynesville areas remaining temporarily suspended. However, we expect to realise greater value by developing our acreage as prices recover.

Australia

Bass Strait Kipper gas field development

Initial development of the Kipper gas field in the Gippsland Basin, located offshore from Victoria, was approved by the Board in December 2007. A supplemental approval of the development was granted in January 2011. The first phase of the project included two new subsea wells, three new pipelines and platform modifications to supply 10 Mbbbl/d of condensate and 80 MMcf/d of gas.

Gas and liquids will be processed via the existing Gippsland Basin Joint Venture facilities. The Kipper gas field development comprises the Kipper Unit Joint Venture and the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture. We own a 32.5 per cent interest in the Kipper Unit Joint Venture, with Esso Australia owning 32.5 per cent and MEPAU A Pty Ltd owning 35 per cent. We own a 50 per cent interest in the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture, with Esso Australia owning the remaining 50 per cent.

The main Kipper gas field facilities were completed in September 2012, however, first production has not yet commenced due to the need to provide for mercury removal. Funding for the installation of the mercury treatment facilities of US\$120 million was approved in March 2014, with completion expected to occur in FY2017. Our share of costs incurred to 30 June 2016 was US\$67 million.

Bass Strait Turrum field development

Further expansion of the Gippsland Basin facilities is underway following approval by the Board in July 2008 of the full field development of the Turrum oil and gas field. A supplemental approval of the development was obtained in January 2011. The project consists of five wells and a new platform, Marlin B, linked by a bridge to the existing Marlin A platform. The Turrum field, which has a capacity of 11 Mbbbl/d of oil and 200 MMcf/d of gas, is located 42 kilometres offshore in approximately 60 metres of water. Our share of development costs is approximately US\$1.4 billion, of which US\$1.4 billion was incurred as of 30 June 2016.

The Turrum field development operates under the Gippsland Basin Joint Venture, in which we own a 50 per cent interest, with Esso Australia owning the remaining 50 per cent. Initial production of low carbon dioxide gas through the Turrum facilities occurred in June 2013. High carbon dioxide gas production from the Turrum reservoir will come online with completion of the Longford Gas Conditioning Plant in FY2017.

Bass Strait Longford Gas Conditioning

The Longford Gas Conditioning Plant (LGCP) Project was approved by the Board in December 2012 to enable the production of Turrum reserves plus the production of Kipper and other undeveloped high carbon dioxide content hydrocarbons. The Project scope includes a carbon dioxide extraction facility, brownfield tie-ins, an electrical upgrade and multiple supporting utilities. Our share of development costs is approximately US\$520 million, of which US\$382 million was incurred as of 30 June 2016. First gas production is expected in FY2017. Esso Australia is the operator of the LGCP, owning a 50 per cent interest. BHP Billiton owns the remaining 50 per cent.

North West Shelf Greater Western Flank–A

The North West Shelf Greater Western Flank – A (GWF-A) gas project was approved by the Board in November 2011 to recover gas from the Goodwyn H and Tidepole fields. The project consists of a five well subsea tie-back of the Goodwyn H and Tidepole fields to the Goodwyn A platform. The Goodwyn A platform is located in 130 metres of water, approximately 130 kilometres offshore from Karratha on the northwest coast of Australia. Our share of development costs is approximately US\$400 million, of which US\$269 million was incurred as of 30 June 2016. First gas was produced in the December 2015 quarter from the first two wells. Woodside is the operator and BHP Billiton owns a 16.67 per cent interest.

North West Shelf Other – Greater Western Flank–B

The Greater Western Flank ‘2’ project was sanctioned by the Board in December 2015 and represents the second phase of development of the core Greater Western Flank fields, behind the GWF-A development. It is located to the southwest of the existing Goodwyn A platform. Woodside is the operator and BHP Billiton owns a 16.67 per cent share. Execution activities are in progress, with first production expected in CY2019.

Significant evaluation activities

We perform development evaluation activities to determine the technical feasibility and commercial viability of prospective projects after exploration and appraisal. Our significant recent evaluation activities include:

United States

Mad Dog Phase 2

The Mad Dog Phase 2 project is in response to the successful Mad Dog South appraisal well, which confirmed significant hydrocarbons in the southern portion of the Mad Dog field. The project was sent back to study phase in 2013, following which a revised development concept was selected by the owners. The revised concept will undergo further refinement and undertake additional investigations in FY2017. BP is the operator. BHP Billiton holds a 23.9 per cent working interest.

Australia

Scarborough

Development planning for the large Scarborough gas field offshore Western Australia is in progress. Further work to optimise a preferred development option is ongoing. Esso is the operator of the WA-1-R lease and we hold a 50 per cent working interest. We are the operator of, and have a 100 per cent working interest in, the adjacent Thebe discovery and the WA-346-P block. On 5 September 2016, BHP Billiton announced it had reached agreement with Woodside Energy Limited (Woodside) to divest 50 per cent of BHP Billiton's interest in the undeveloped Scarborough area gas fields.

For more information on the partial divestment of Scarborough interests refer to note 33 'Subsequent events' to the Financial Statements.

Exploration and appraisal

Our exploration strategy is to focus on material opportunities, at high working interest, with a bias for liquids and operatorship. While the majority of the expenditure incurred in FY2016 was in our Gulf of Mexico, Western Australia and Trinidad and Tobago focus areas, we also incurred expenditure in South Africa, Brazil, South-East Asia, India and Onshore US.

Access

We acquired acreage in the US sector of the Gulf of Mexico and in Australia during FY2016. In the Gulf of Mexico, we were awarded 26 blocks from Lease sale 246, held in August 2015 (100 per cent working interest and operator on all blocks; 606 square kilometres). In addition, we were awarded four blocks from Lease sale 241, held in March 2016 (100 per cent working interest and operator; 93 square kilometres).

A Lease Exchange Agreement was executed in April 2016 with Chevron for 61 blocks totalling 1,422 square kilometres (60 per cent working interest and operator in 54 blocks, 50 per cent working interest in the remaining seven leases and operator of five of them). A purchase agreement was executed in May 2016 with Conoco Philips for 26 blocks totalling 606 square kilometres (100 per cent working interest and operator).

In Australia, we finalised a farm-in and joint operating agreement for a 60 per cent interest and operatorship in Western Australia Block WA-484-P (totalling 13,611 square kilometres) with CNOOC Limited.

Exploration program expenditure details

Our gross expenditure on exploration was US\$590 million in FY2016, of which US\$273 million was expensed.

Exploration and appraisal wells drilled, or in the process of drilling, during the year included:

<u>Well</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>BHP Billiton equity</u>	<u>Spud date</u>	<u>Water depth</u>	<u>Total depth</u>	<u>Status</u>
Shenzi North-ST1	Gulf of Mexico GC609	Oil	44% (operator)	14 June 2015	1,309m	8,315m	Plugged and abandoned
Shenzi North-ST2	Gulf of Mexico GC609	Oil	44% (operator)	15 August 2015	1,309m	9,332m	Hydrocarbons encountered; plugged and abandoned
Shenzi North-ST3	Gulf of Mexico GC609	Oil	72% (operator)	24 October 2015	1,309m	9,577m	Hydrocarbons encountered; plugged and abandoned
LeClerc-1	Trinidad and Tobago Block 5	Oil	65% (operator)	21 May 2016	1,800m	6,974m	Hydrocarbons encountered; plugged and abandoned
Caicos-1	Gulf of Mexico GC564	Oil	100% (operator)	21 June 2016	1,288m	3,135m	Drilling ahead
Ruby-3	Trinidad and Tobago Block 3A	Oil	25.5% (operator)	4 May 2016	65m	1,996m	Hydrocarbons encountered; plugged and abandoned

In the US Gulf of Mexico, we drilled Shenzi North-2 sidetracks ST1, ST2 and ST3 on Green Canyon Block 609 during the period. Hydrocarbons were encountered in ST2 and ST3 and all wellbores were plugged and abandoned. Results of the program are currently being evaluated. A significant investment in seismic data acquisition, licensing and reprocessing was also completed in order to evaluate prospects in our focus areas (including Mexico). In June 2016, we commenced drilling of the Caicos well to further appraise the Shenzi North area.

In Western Australia, we have accessed a dominant position over the largely untested Beagle sub-basin. We participated in a regional multi-client 3D seismic survey totalling 10,032 square kilometres during the second half of the year to progress evaluation of the play. This work is ongoing.

In Trinidad and Tobago, we continue to mature prospects utilising the 3D seismic data acquired over Blocks 3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 23a, 23b, 28 and 29. LeClerc-1, the first well of an eight well deepwater program was spud in May 2016, representing an industry leading three-year timeframe from access to drill test. The well encountered gas in multiple zones and the well bore was plugged and abandoned. The Ruby-3 well was also drilled in Block 3A during the quarter to further appraise the greater Angostura field. Hydrocarbons were encountered and results of the program are being evaluated.

In South Africa, we hold 100 per cent exploration rights to Block 3B/4B off the west coast. During the year, we completed the evaluation of the 10,075 square kilometre 3D seismic survey that was acquired in FY2013. Aligned with our strategic priorities, in July 2016, we elected not to enter the next optional exploration phase of our 100 per cent interest and operatorship in Block 3B/4B.

In Brazil, we continue to evaluate the Tier 1 potential of our two blocks in the deepwater Foz do Amazonas Basin.

In Malaysia, we formally assigned our 80 per cent interest and operatorship in Block SK-2A to Murphy and Ophir in March 2016.

In the Philippines, we formally re-assigned our 60 per cent interest and operatorship in Block SC55 to Otto Energy in 2015. We reimbursed Otto a total of \$23.7 million in August and November 2015, finalising our commitments as per the Termination and Release agreement.

In India, we have received regulatory approval for relinquishment of our ownership rights of 10 operated blocks acquired during the NELP VII and VIII licensing rounds and one non-operated block acquired from the NELP IX licensing round. We are awaiting regulatory compliance clearance approval, which will complete the exit process.

In Onshore US, we continue to evaluate opportunities aligned with our strategic priorities, leveraging the expertise gained from our production units.

Drilling

The number of wells in the process of drilling and/or completion during the year included:

	Exploratory wells		Development wells		Total	
	Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾	Gross	Net ⁽¹⁾
Australia	–	–	3	1	3	1
United States	1	1	153	71	154	72
Other	1	1	4	2	6	3
Total	2	2	160	74	162	76

⁽¹⁾ Represents our share of the gross well count.

Delivery commitments

We have delivery commitments of gas and LNG of approximately 1,766 Bcf through FY2031 (85 per cent Australia and Asia, five per cent United States and 10 per cent other), crude and condensate commitments of 11.7 million barrels through FY2018 (53 per cent United States, 29 per cent Australia and Asia and 18 per cent other) and LPG commitments of 234,800 metric tonnes through FY2017. We have sufficient proved reserves and production capacity to fulfil these delivery commitments.

We have obligations for contracted capacity on transportation pipelines and gathering systems on which we are the shipper. In FY2017, volume commitments to gather and transport are 1,032 Bcf of gas (97 per cent Onshore US and three per cent Other) and 49.9 million barrels of oil (54 per cent Onshore US and 46 per cent Offshore US). The agreements with the gas gatherers and transporters have annual escalation clauses.

Outlook

Total petroleum production is forecast to decrease to between 200 MMboe and 210 MMboe in FY2017. Onshore US volumes are forecast to decline to between 77 MMboe and 83 MMboe due to lower capital expenditure and development activity as we continue to balance near-term cash flow performance and long-term value maximisation. Conventional volumes are forecast to decrease to between 123 MMboe and 127 MMboe due to the divestment of our gas business in Pakistan, a planned 35-day maintenance shutdown at Atlantis in the September 2016 quarter, deferral of infill drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and natural field decline.

In FY2017, conventional unit cash costs are forecast to increase to approximately US\$10 per barrel as a result of lower volumes and planned maintenance at Atlantis.

Petroleum capital expenditure of approximately US\$1.4 billion is planned in FY2017. Conventional capital expenditure of US\$0.8 billion is focused on life extension projects at Bass Strait and North West Shelf. Onshore US capital expenditure is forecast to be approximately US\$0.6 billion, with development activity tailored to market conditions.

We are pursuing high-quality oil plays in our three priority basins and a US\$700 million exploration program is planned for FY2017 as we accelerate testing of our future growth opportunities.

Performance for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Total petroleum production increased by four per cent in FY2015 to a record 256 MMboe. A 17 per cent increase in liquids production to 125 MMboe was supported by a 67 per cent increase in Onshore US liquids volumes and strong uptime performance in the Gulf of Mexico. Natural gas production declined by six per cent to 787 billion cubic feet due to weaker seasonal demand at Bass Strait, along with lower Onshore US gas volumes as a result of the decision to defer development activity for longer-term value.

Petroleum revenue decreased by US\$3.4 billion to US\$11.4 billion. Revenue in Australia for the Australia Production Unit (which includes Macedon, Pyrenees, Stybarrow and Minerva), Bass Strait and North West Shelf collectively decreased by US\$1.5 billion (27 per cent) to US\$4.2 billion and revenue in the Gulf of Mexico for Atlantis, Shenzi and Mad Dog decreased by US\$963 million (30 per cent) to US\$2.2 billion.

Underlying EBITDA for Petroleum decreased by US\$2.6 billion to US\$7.2 billion in FY2015. Price related impacts, net of price-linked costs decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$4.1 billion due to the decrease in average realised prices of crude and condensate oil from US\$102/bbl to US\$68/bbl, US natural gas from US\$4.10/Mscf to US\$3.27/Mscf and LNG from US\$14.67/Mscf to US\$11.65/Mscf. Higher volumes contributed an increase of US\$1.1 billion to Underlying EBITDA.

Petroleum capital expenditure declined by 15 per cent to US\$5.0 billion in FY2015, which included US\$3.7 billion of Onshore US drilling and development expenditure. We continued to realise significant improvements in shale drilling efficiency during the period as spud to sales timing in the Black Hawk improved by 17 per cent and drilling costs declined by 19 per cent to US\$3.4 million per well.

Petroleum exploration expenditure for FY2015 was US\$567 million, of which US\$481 million was expensed. Activity for the period was largely focused on the Gulf of Mexico, Western Australia and Trinidad and Tobago.

1.14.2 Copper

Detailed below is Copper financial information for FY2016 and FY2015 and an analysis of Copper's financial performance for FY2016 compared to FY2015.

Year ended 30 June 2016 US\$M	Revenue	Underlying EBITDA	D&A	Underlying EBIT	Net operating assets	Capital expenditure	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Escondida ⁽ⁱ⁾	4,881	1,743	930	813	14,449	2,268		
Pampa Norte ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	1,098	401	401	–	1,786	321		
Antamina ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	891	439	114	325	1,349	198		
Olympic Dam	1,432	385	237	148	6,339	197		
Other ^{(iii) (iv)}	–	(158)	10	(168)	(79)	–		
Total Copper from Group production	8,302	2,810	1,692	1,118	23,844	2,984		
Third party products	838	46	–	46	–	–		
Total Copper	9,140	2,856	1,692	1,164	23,844	2,984	65	65
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(c)	(891)	(237)	(115)	(122)	–	(198)	(1)	(1)
Total Copper statutory result	8,249	2,619	1,577	1,042	23,844	2,786	64	64
Year ended 30 June 2015 US\$M	Revenue	Underlying EBITDA	D&A	Underlying EBIT	Net operating assets	Capital expenditure	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Escondida ⁽ⁱ⁾	7,819	4,064	920	3,144	13,909	3,273		
Pampa Norte ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	1,437	762	669	93	1,926	242		
Antamina ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	854	420	107	313	1,379	163		
Olympic Dam	1,244	280	253	27	6,665	307		
Other ^{(iii) (iv)}	–	(152)	11	(163)	(178)	–		
Total Copper from Group production	11,354	5,374	1,960	3,414	23,701	3,985		
Third party products	953	23	–	23	–	–		
Total Copper	12,307	5,397	1,960	3,437	23,701	3,985	91	91
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(c)	(854)	(192)	(108)	(84)	–	(163)	(1)	(1)
Total Copper statutory result	11,453	5,205	1,852	3,353	23,701	3,822	90	90

(i) Escondida is consolidated under IFRS 10 and reported on a 100 per cent basis.

(ii) Includes Spence and Cerro Colorado.

- (iii) Antamina and Resolution are equity accounted investments and their financial information presented above with the exception of net operating assets reflects BHP Billiton's share.
- (iv) Predominantly comprises divisional activities, greenfield exploration and business development. Includes Resolution.
- (v) Total Copper segment Revenue excludes US\$891 million (2015: US\$854 million) revenue related to Antamina. Total Copper segment Underlying EBITDA includes US\$115 million (2015: US\$108 million) D&A and US\$122 million (2015: US\$84 million) net finance costs and taxation benefit/(expense) related to Antamina and Resolution that are also included in Underlying EBIT. Copper segment Capital expenditure excludes US\$198 million (2015: US\$163 million) and US\$1 million (2015: US\$1 million) Exploration expenditure related to Antamina.

Performance

Total copper production for FY2016 decreased by eight per cent to 1.6 Mt. Escondida copper production decreased by 20 per cent to 979 kt. Record cathode production and record material mined, together with the Organic Growth Project 1 reaching full capacity in the June 2016 quarter, was more than offset by an expected 28 per cent decline in grade. Pampa Norte copper production increased by one per cent to 251 kt, supported by record ore milled and higher grades at Spence. Olympic Dam copper production increased by 63 per cent to 203 kt. This reflected higher grades and improved smelter and mill utilisation after the Svedala mill outage in FY2015. Antamina copper production increased by 36 per cent to a record 146 kt due to higher grades and higher mill throughput.

Copper revenue decreased by US\$3.2 billion to US\$8.2 billion, primarily due to Escondida which decreased by US\$2.9 billion to US\$4.9 billion.

Underlying EBITDA for FY2016 decreased by 50 per cent to US\$2.6 billion. Price impacts, net of price-linked costs, decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$2.2 billion due to the decrease in average realised prices for copper from US\$2.78/lb to US\$2.14/lb. Anticipated grade-related volume decline decreased Underlying EBITDA by a further US\$1.6 billion. This was partially offset by US\$369 million increase in estimated recoverable copper contained in the sulphide leach pad following the successful completion of the Escondida Bioleach Pad Extension project, US\$188 million due to the implementation of the Escondida Voluntary Retirement Program in FY2015, and productivity-led initiatives of US\$243 million. A stronger US dollar against the Chilean peso and Australian dollar increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$323 million.

Unit cash costs (excluding one-off items, by-product credits, freight and treatment and refining charges) at our copper operated assets increased by nine per cent to US\$1.20 per pound during FY2016 due to anticipated grade decline at Escondida. This was six per cent lower than prior guidance of US\$1.27 per pound and was underpinned by a significant reduction in absolute costs. In addition, Olympic Dam unit cash costs declined by 29 per cent to US\$1.38 per pound as a result of productivity-led cost improvements and a further reduction in labour and contractor costs.

Projects

Escondida (Chile)

BHP Billiton is investing in long-term sustainable water and power solutions in Chile. The Escondida Water Supply project was approved in July 2013 and consists of a new 2,500 litres per second sea water desalination facility. This project will provide an alternative, sustainable water supply to Escondida. The new facility is expected to be commissioned in CY2017 at a cost of US\$3.4 billion (US\$2.0 billion BHP Billiton share).

In November 2013, BHP Billiton awarded a long-term energy agreement for the development, operation and maintenance of a 517 megawatt (MW) combined-cycle gas-fired power plant in the town of Mejillones, Chile.

The plant, which will be connected to the Northern Interconnected Grid, will supply the increasing demand for electricity at our operations. Construction work is progressing as planned and generation is expected to begin in the second half of CY2016.

In June 2016, the Escondida Los Colorados Extension project was approved at a cost of US\$180 million (US\$103 million BHP Billiton share). First production is expected in the second half of FY2017 adding incremental capacity of approximately 200 ktpa in the FY2018.

The Escondida Biobleach Pad Extension IV project, which includes the expansion of the sulphide leach pad to four layers, was completed and fully commissioned as planned during the March 2016 quarter. Following the successful commissioning of this project, an increase to the estimated copper recoverable from the sulphide heap leach was recognised.

Pampa Norte (Chile)

In the short term, the Spence Recovery Optimisation (SRO) project will facilitate the full utilisation of approximately 200 ktpa of tankhouse capacity.

The Spence Growth Option (SGO) project remains in feasibility with the potential to increase copper production capacity by approximately 200 ktpa and extend Spence mining operations by more than 50 years. The project will access primary ore beneath the current mine footprint through the continued development of the existing pit and will involve construction of a 95 ktpd concentrator and the outsourcing of a desalination plant. Final Board review is expected in the second half of CY2017 and, if approved, the project is expected to deliver first production in FY2020.

Resolution Copper (United States)

We hold a 45 per cent interest in the Resolution Copper project in the US state of Arizona, which is operated by Rio Tinto (55 per cent interest). Resolution Copper is one of the largest undeveloped copper projects in the world and has the potential to be the largest copper producer in North America.

An environmental and cultural review process, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), commenced in March 2016. Our share of project expenditure for FY2016 was US\$45 million.

Exploration activities

Our greenfield copper exploration activities during FY2016 were focused on advancing projects in Chile, Peru, southwestern United States and Canada. Greenfield activities include opportunity identification, application for and acquisition of mineral title, early reconnaissance operations and drilling programs around the globe.

Outlook

Total copper production is forecast to increase by five per cent in FY2017 to 1.66 Mt. Escondida production is forecast to increase by nine per cent to 1,070 kt enabled by the commissioning of the Escondida Water Supply project and the ramp up of the Los Colorados Extension project, which will allow the use of three concentrators to mitigate grade decline and support a strong recovery in production, with volumes weighted to the second half of FY2017. At Olympic Dam, production is forecast to remain broadly unchanged from FY2016. We will continue with our underground transition into the higher-grade Southern Mining Area. This high-grade ore will release latent capacity and lay the foundation for the longer-term underground expansion. Production is forecast to decrease by 11 per cent to 130 kt at Antamina as the planned mining sequence moves through lower copper grades and zones of high zinc content.

In FY2017, unit cash costs at our operated copper assets are expected to decline by 12 per cent to US\$1.05 per pound. At Escondida, unit cash costs are expected to decline by 11 per cent to US\$1.00 per pound, largely reflecting higher concentrate throughput as a result of the completion of Escondida Water Supply and ongoing productivity improvements.

Performance for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Total copper production for FY2015 was unchanged at 1.7 Mt. Escondida copper production increased by six per cent to 1.23 Mt as an 11 per cent improvement in truck utilisation and higher grades more than offset the impact of severe wet weather, water restrictions, industrial action and a power outage throughout northern Chile. Pampa Norte copper production increased by seven per cent to 250 kt as Spence benefited from higher recoveries. Olympic Dam copper production decreased by 32 per cent to 125 kt following an electrical failure in January 2015 which caused a mill outage. Antamina copper production decreased by 25 per cent to 108 kt as lower grades more than offset record mill throughput.

Copper revenue decreased by US\$1.3 billion to US\$11.5 billion. The decrease was across all operations, with revenue for Escondida decreasing by three per cent to US\$7.8 billion, revenue at Olympic Dam decreased 30 per cent to US\$1.2 billion and revenue at Pampa Norte decreased 20 per cent to US\$1.4 billion.

Underlying EBITDA for FY2015 decreased by US\$922 million to US\$5.2 billion. Price related impacts, net of price-linked costs, decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.6 billion due to lower average realised prices for copper from US\$3.22/lb to US\$2.78/lb. An increase in non-cash costs of US\$494 million largely reflected a lower capitalisation rate and increased depletion of stripping capitalised in prior periods in line with the Escondida mine plan. In contrast, a stronger US dollar against the Chilean peso and Australian dollar increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$359 million. Productivity cost efficiencies increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.0 billion driven by improved productivity at Escondida and improved ore grades.

Unit cash costs (excluding one-off items, by-product credits, freight and treatment and refining charges) at our operated copper assets declined by 18 per cent during FY2015. At Escondida, the improvement in truck utilisation and significant costs savings resulted in a seven per cent decrease to US\$1.01 per pound. The excluded one-off costs primarily reflect the implementation of the Escondida voluntary redundancy program which reduced employee head count by more than 20 per cent.

1.14.3 Iron Ore

Detailed below is Iron Ore financial information for FY2016 and FY2015 and an analysis of Iron Ore's financial performance for FY2016 compared to FY2015.

Year ended 30 June 2016		Underlying		Underlying	Net	Capital	Exploration	Exploration
US\$M	Revenue	EBITDA	D&A	EBIT	operating assets	expenditure	gross	to profit
Western Australia								
Iron Ore	10,333	5,492	1,855	3,637	21,641	969		
Samarco ⁽ⁱ⁾	442	196	46	150	(1,193)	42		
Other ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	121	(19)	4	(23)	93	86		
Total Iron Ore from Group production	10,896	5,669	1,905	3,764	20,541	1,097		
Third party products ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	84	(8)	–	(8)	–	–		
Total Iron Ore	10,980	5,661	1,905	3,756	20,541	1,097	92	74
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(iv)	(442)	(62)	(46)	(16)	–	(36)	–	–
Total Iron Ore statutory result	10,538	5,599	1,859	3,740	20,541	1,061	92	74
Year ended 30 June 2015								
US\$M	Revenue	Underlying EBITDA	D&A	Underlying EBIT	Net operating assets	Capital expenditure	Exploration gross	Exploration to profit
Western Australia								
Iron Ore	14,438	8,297	1,713	6,584	22,804	1,911		
Samarco ⁽ⁱ⁾	1,406	695	118	577	1,044	170		
Other ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	135	(8)	3	(11)	106	19		
Total Iron Ore from Group production	15,979	8,984	1,834	7,150	23,954	2,100		
Third party products ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	180	(10)	–	(10)	–	–		
Total Iron Ore	16,159	8,974	1,834	7,140	23,954	2,100	118	38
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ^(iv)	(1,406)	(326)	(118)	(208)	–	(170)	–	–
Total Iron Ore statutory result	14,753	8,648	1,716	6,932	23,954	1,930	118	38

(i) Samarco is an equity accounted investment and its financial information presented above with the exception of net operating assets reflects BHP Billiton Brasil's share. Includes BHP Billiton Brasil's share of operating profit prior to the Samarco dam failure but does not include any financial impacts following the dam failure which has been treated as an exceptional item.

- (ii) Predominantly comprises divisional activities, towage services, business development and ceased operations.
- (iii) Includes inter-segment and external sales of contracted gas purchases.
- (iv) Total Iron Ore segment Revenue excludes US\$442 million (2015: US\$1,406 million) revenue related to Samarco. Total Iron Ore segment Underlying EBITDA includes US\$46 million (2015: US\$118 million) D&A and US\$16 million (2015: US\$208 million) net finance costs and taxation benefit/(expense) related to Samarco that are also included in Underlying EBIT. Iron Ore segment Capital expenditure excludes US\$36 million (2015: US\$170 million) related to Samarco.

Performance

Total iron ore production for FY2016 decreased by two per cent to 227 Mt. Record production at Western Australia Iron Ore (WAIO) offset the suspension of operations at Samarco. WAIO production increased by two per cent to 257 Mt (100 per cent basis) as the Jumblebar mining hub operated at full capacity and utilisation at the Newman ore handling plant improved. Samarco production for FY2016 was 11 Mt (100 per cent basis). For further information on the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4.

Total iron ore revenue decreased by US\$4.2 billion to US\$10.5 billion. The decrease in revenue was due to a 28 per cent decline in the average realised price of iron ore from US\$61 per wet metric tonne (FOB) to US\$44 per wet metric tonne (FOB).

Iron ore Underlying EBITDA decreased by US\$3.0 billion to US\$5.6 billion. Price impact, net of price-linked costs, reduced Underlying EBITDA by US\$3.6 billion. Higher volumes and cost efficiencies increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$368 million, coupled with a stronger US dollar against the Australian dollar which favourably impacted Underlying EBITDA by US\$328 million.

WAIO unit cash costs (excluding freight and royalties) declined by 19 per cent to US\$15 per tonne, underpinned by reductions in labour and contractor costs, increased equipment productivity, lower diesel prices and consumption and a stronger US dollar.

Completed development projects

Western Australia Iron Ore

WAIO has undertaken a number of significant expansion projects during the past five years to deliver an integrated operation with a minimum capacity of 220 Mtpa (100 per cent basis).

The projects completed before or during FY2016 included:

- the Jumblebar Mine Expansion project to develop the Jumblebar mine and rail links, and procure mining equipment and rolling stock in order to deliver a capacity of 35 Mtpa;
- further development of Port Hedland, including two additional berths and ship loaders, a car dumper, connecting conveyor route and associated rail works and rolling stock improving supply chain;
- port blending facilities and rail yards to enable ore blending.

Sustaining project options at year-end

South Flank

As the mining of ore from Yandi becomes exhausted and the current operation commences progressive ramp-down from an annual production rate of 80 Mtpa at some point during the next five years, an additional mine deposit will be required to sustain WAIO's supply chain capacity.

An option currently being studied is to develop the South Flank deposit adjacent to the existing Mining Area C operations. If approved, this could eventually replace the 80 Mtpa currently coming from the Yandi mine and result in an expanded Mining Area C operation.

Exploration activities

Western Australia

WAIO has a substantial existing deposit supported by considerable additional mineralisation, all within a 250-kilometre radius of our existing infrastructure. This concentration of orebodies also gives WAIO the flexibility to add growth tonnes to existing hub infrastructure and link brownfield developments to our existing mainline rail and port facilities. The total area covered by exploration and mining tenure amounts to 6,500 square kilometres, excluding crown leases and general purpose and miscellaneous licences, which are used for infrastructure space and access.

Total exploration expenditure in FY2016 amounted to US\$92 million.

Guinea Iron Ore

We have a 41.3 per cent interest in a joint venture that holds the Nimba Mining Concession and four iron ore prospecting permits in southeast Guinea. We will continue to assess our options for the Mount Nimba iron ore project.

Liberia Iron Ore

The sale of our 100 per cent interest in the Liberia iron ore project to Cavalla Resources was completed in October 2015.

Outlook

WAIO production is forecast to increase to between 265 Mt and 275 Mt (100 per cent basis). The 24-month rail renewal and maintenance program, which will support the integrated supply chain's long-term reliability, is progressing on schedule. Along with our focus on productivity and the ramp-up of additional capacity at the Jimblebar mining hub, this should deliver an increase in system capacity to 290 Mtpa (100 per cent basis) in FY2019.

WAIO unit cash costs are forecast to decline a further seven per cent to US\$14 per tonne in FY2017.

Performance for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Total iron ore production increased by 14 per cent in FY2015 to a record 233 Mt. WAIO production increased by 13 per cent to a record 254 Mt (100 per cent basis) as a result of continued improvement in the performance of our integrated supply chain and the successful ramp-up of the Jimblebar mining hub. Continued optimisation of the port facilities and an increase in direct to ship ore resulted in record sales volumes at WAIO of 256 Mt (100 per cent basis). Samarco production increased by 33 per cent to 29 Mt (100 per cent basis) as the fourth pellet plant ramped up to full capacity.

Iron Ore revenue decreased by US\$6.6 billion to US\$14.8 billion, which included a 31 per cent decrease in revenue for WAIO of US\$6.4 billion to US\$14.4 billion. The major contributor to this decline was a 41 per cent decline in average realised price of iron ore from US\$103 per wet metric tonne to US\$61 per wet metric tonne (FOB), which was partially offset by an increase in WAIO sales volumes.

Underlying EBITDA for FY2015 decreased by US\$4.9 billion to US\$8.6 billion. The fall in the average realised price of iron ore reduced Underlying EBITDA by US\$8.7 billion, net of price-linked costs. This was partially offset by a weaker Australian dollar, which increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$499 million. The improved performance of our integrated supply chain at WAIO and the successful ramp-up of the Jimblebar mining hub supported an increase of US\$2.2 billion volume impact to Underlying EBITDA. Cost efficiencies from productivity initiatives increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.2 billion.

WAIO unit cash costs (excluding freight and royalties) declined by 31 per cent to US\$19 per tonne, underpinned by reductions in labour, contractor and maintenance costs, lower diesel prices and stronger US dollar against the Australian dollar.

1.14.4 Coal

Detailed below is Coal financial information for FY2016 and FY2015 and an analysis of Coal's financial performance for FY2016 compared to FY2015.

Year ended 30 June 2016		Underlying		Underlying	Net	Capital	Exploration	Exploration
US\$M	Revenue	EBITDA	D&A	EBIT	operating assets	expenditure	gross	to profit
Queensland Coal	3,351	584	723	(139)	8,423	246		
New Mexico	320	114	43	71	45	5		
New South Wales								
Energy Coal ⁽ⁱ⁾	914	133	155	(22)	1,181	15		
Colombia ⁽ⁱ⁾	525	134	96	38	863	31		
Other ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	23	(88)	95	(183)	139	36		
Total Coal from Group production	5,133	877	1,112	(235)	10,651	333		
Third party products	6	–	–	–	–	–		
Total Coal	5,139	877	1,112	(235)	10,651	333	18	18
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	(621)	(242)	(128)	(114)	–	(35)	–	–
Total Coal statutory result	4,518	635	984	(349)	10,651	298	18	18

Year ended 30 June 2015		Underlying		Underlying	Net	Capital	Exploration	Exploration
US\$M	Revenue	EBITDA	D&A	EBIT	operating assets	expenditure	gross	to profit
Queensland Coal	4,221	1,006	719	287	9,154	599		
New Mexico	531	134	47	87	173	20		
New South Wales								
Energy Coal ⁽ⁱ⁾	1,225	303	161	142	1,322	121		
Colombia ⁽ⁱ⁾	719	231	105	126	924	73		
Other ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	–	(91)	1	(92)	196	17		
Total Coal from Group production	6,696	1,583	1,033	550	11,769	830		
Third party products	7	–	–	–	–	–		
Total Coal	6,703	1,583	1,033	550	11,769	830	20	20
Adjustment for equity accounted investments ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	(818)	(341)	(139)	(202)	–	(101)	–	–
Total Coal statutory result	5,885	1,242	894	348	11,769	729	20	20

(i) Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and Cerrejón are equity accounted investments and their financial information presented above with the exception of net operating assets reflects BHP Billiton's share.

(ii) Predominantly comprises divisional activities and IndoMet Coal. D&A includes an US\$85 million impairment for the planned divestment of IndoMet Coal.

(iii) Total Coal segment Revenue excludes US\$621 million (2015: US\$818 million) revenue related to Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and Cerrejón. Total Coal segment Underlying EBITDA includes US\$96 million (2015: US\$105 million) D&A and US\$46 million (2015: US\$126 million) net finance costs and taxation benefit/(expense) related to Cerrejón, that are also included in Underlying EBIT. Total Coal segment Underlying EBITDA excludes US\$32 million (2015: US\$34 million) D&A and US\$68 million (2015: US\$76 million) total EBIT related to Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, that is excluded from Underlying EBIT. Coal segment Capital expenditure excludes US\$35 million (2015: US\$101 million) related to Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and Cerrejón.

Performance

Metallurgical coal production increased by one per cent to 43 Mt in FY2016. Record metallurgical coal production at five Queensland Coal mines and first production from the Haju mine in Indonesia, offset the cessation of production at the Gregory Crinum mine and a convergence event at the Broadmeadow mine.

Energy coal production decreased by 16 per cent to 34 Mt in FY2016. Production declined following the divestment of the San Juan Mine, operational rescheduling at New South Wales Energy Coal (NSWEC) and unfavourable weather at NSWEC and Cerrejón.

Coal revenue for FY2016 decreased by US\$1.4 billion to US\$4.5 billion. The decrease in revenues was due to a 21 per cent reduction in the average realised price for hard coking coal from US\$105/t to US\$83/t, a 22 per cent reduction in the average price received for weak coking coal from US\$88/t to US\$69/t and a 17 per cent reduction in the average realised price for thermal coal from US\$58/t to US\$48/t.

Underlying EBITDA for FY2016 decreased by US\$607 million to US\$635 million. Price impacts, net of price-linked costs, decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$917 million. Ceased and sold operations further decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$181 million. This was partially offset by a stronger US dollar against the Australian dollar, which increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$404 million, and productivity-led cost efficiencies which increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$175 million.

Queensland Coal unit cash costs (excluding freight and royalties) declined by 15 per cent to US\$55 per tonne, supported by increased equipment and wash-plant utilisation, lower labour and contractor costs, lower diesel prices and a stronger US dollar. NSWEC unit cash costs decreased by two per cent to US\$41 per tonne despite lower volumes.

Completed development projects

Hay Point Coal Terminal Expansion Stage 3

The new third berth at BMA's Hay Point Coal Terminal was officially opened in December 2015. The project involved construction of a new berth and ship-loader alongside the existing two berths. It also included the replacement of the existing jetty, trestle conveyors, surge bins and linking conveyors.

The US\$3 billion (US\$1.5 billion BHP Billiton share) project is designed to withstand significant weather events, improving the resilience of the BMA business and reliability of supply. It has increased export capacity by an additional 11 Mt of annual port capacity (100 per cent basis).

Newcastle Port Third Phase Expansion

We announced in August 2011 a US\$367 million (BHP Billiton share) investment in the third stage development of the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group's coal handling facility in Newcastle. The port expansion project is expected to increase total capacity at the coal terminal from 53 Mtpa to 66 Mtpa. This is expected to increase New South Wales Energy Coal's allocation by 4.6 Mtpa to 19.2 Mtpa. First coal on ship, being the first ship loaded through the new facility, was achieved in June 2013, ahead of schedule. The project was 100 per cent complete at 30 June 2016.

IndoMet Coal Project

IndoMet Coal comprises seven coal contracts of work covering a large metallurgical coal resource in Central and East Kalimantan, Indonesia, which was discovered by BHP Billiton in the 1990s. Following an assessment of the importance of local participation in developing the project, we sold a 25 per cent interest to PT Alam Tri Abadi (Adaro), a subsidiary of PT Adaro Energy TBK in 2010.

The first shipment from the Haju mine in Indonesia was achieved during the March 2016 quarter. Total production in FY2016 was 0.5 Mt.

Refer to section 6.3.2 for the reserve lives.

In FY2016, following a strategic review of our investment, BHP Billiton entered into an agreement to sell our remaining 75 per cent interest in IndoMet Coal to equity partner PT Alam Tri Abadi (Adaro). Completion of the sale is conditional upon the fulfilment of customary regulatory approvals.

Outlook

Metallurgical coal production is forecast to increase in FY2017 to 44 Mt, as higher wash-plant and truck utilisation at Queensland Coal will offset the planned divestment of IndoMet Coal. Energy coal production is forecast to decline in FY2017 to 30 Mt due to the divestment of our New Mexico Coal assets, with the divestment of Navajo Coal completed on 29 July 2016. Productivity improvements at NSWEC will partially offset the decline in production. Excluding New Mexico Coal, energy coal volumes are expected to increase by approximately 10 per cent.

In FY2017, unit costs at Queensland Coal are forecast to decline a further five per cent to US\$52 per tonne, reflecting continued productivity improvements. NSWEC unit costs are forecast to decline a further seven per cent to US\$38 per tonne in FY2017.

Performance for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Metallurgical coal production increased by 13 per cent in FY2015 to a record 43 Mt. Record production and sales volumes at Queensland Coal were supported by the successful ramp-up of the Caval Ridge mine and continued productivity improvements. An increase in equipment and wash-plant utilisation rates underpinned record volumes at six other operations.

Energy coal production for FY2015 decreased by five per cent to 41 Mt as anticipated. Lower production reflected drought conditions and the need to manage dust emissions at Cerrejon, as well as reduced demand for our Navajo Coal product.

Coal revenue for FY2015 decreased by US\$678 million to US\$5.9 billion. The decrease in revenues was driven by a 20 per cent reduction in the average realised price for hard coking coal from US\$131/t to US\$105/t, a 21 per cent reduction in the average price received for weak coking coal from US\$111/t to US\$88/t and a 22 per cent reduction in the average realised price for thermal coal from US\$74/t to US\$58/t.

Underlying EBITDA for FY2015 decreased by US\$16 million to US\$1.2 billion. The price impact, net of price-linked costs, decreased Underlying EBITDA by US\$1.0 billion. This was partially offset by a stronger US dollar against the Australian dollar, which increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$406 million, and productivity cost efficiencies which increased Underlying EBITDA by US\$418 million.

Queensland Coal unit cash costs (excluding freight and royalties) declined by 23 per cent to US\$65 per tonne, supported by increased equipment and wash-plant utilisation rates, a continued reduction in labour, contractor and maintenance costs and a favourable currency movement.

1.14.5 Other assets

Potash

Potash recorded an Underlying EBITDA loss of US\$149 million in FY2016 compared to a loss of US\$178 million in FY2015. The reduction in loss was due to a decrease in operating cash costs.

Nickel West

Nickel West production in FY2016 decreased by 10 per cent to 81 kt, reflecting planned major maintenance outages at the Kalgoorlie smelter and Kwinana refinery during the December 2015 quarter and a reduction in third party ore delivered to the Kambalda concentrator. Higher nickel matte production during the June 2016 quarter was supported by additional third party concentrate purchases. Revenue for Nickel West decreased by 41 per cent to US\$819 million predominantly due to lower average realised prices.

Underlying EBITDA for Nickel West decreased by US\$152 million due to lower average realised prices which more than offset lower operating costs.

Performance for the year ended 30 June 2015 compared with year ended 30 June 2014

Potash recorded an Underlying EBITDA loss of US\$178 million in FY2015 compared to a loss of US\$211 million in FY2014. The reduction in loss was driven by a decrease in exploration expenditure.

Revenue for Nickel West decreased by 13 per cent to US\$1.4 billion predominately due to lower sales volumes.

Underlying EBITDA for Nickel West increased by US\$129 million due to cost efficiencies and a favourable exchange rate movement, which was partially offset by a movement in ceased and sold operations from the closure of the Nickel West Leinster Perseverance underground mine during FY2014.

1.15 Other information

Application of critical accounting policies

The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements requires management to make judgements and estimates and form assumptions that affect the amounts of assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenues and expenses reported in the Financial Statements. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements and estimates on historical experience and on other factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of the reported amounts that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

The Group has identified a number of critical accounting policies under which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ for these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. This may materially affect financial results and the financial position to be reported in future. These critical accounting policies are as follows:

- taxation;
- inventories;
- exploration and evaluation expenditure;
- development expenditure;
- overburden removal costs;
- depreciation of property, plant and equipment;
- property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and impairments of non-current assets – recoverable amount;
- closure and rehabilitation provisions;
- reserve estimates.

In accordance with IFRS, we are required to include information regarding the nature of the judgements and estimates and potential impacts on our financial results or financial position in the Financial Statements. This information can be found in section 5.1 ‘Consolidated Financial Statements’.

Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk

We identified our principal market risks in section 1.8.1. A description of how we manage our market risks, including both quantitative and qualitative information about our market risk sensitive instruments outstanding at 30 June 2016, is contained in note 21 ‘Financial risk management’ to the Financial Statements.

Off-balance sheet arrangements and contractual commitments

Information in relation to our material off-balance sheet arrangements, principally contingent liabilities, commitments for capital expenditure and commitments under leases at 30 June 2016 is provided in note 31 ‘Commitments’ and note 32 ‘Contingent liabilities’ to the Financial Statements.

Subsidiary information

Information about our significant subsidiaries is included in note 27 'Subsidiaries' to the Financial Statements.

Related party transactions

Related party transactions are outlined in note 30 'Related party transactions' to the Financial Statements.

Significant changes since the end of the year

Significant changes since the end of the year are outlined in note 33 'Subsequent events' to the Financial Statements.

The Strategic Report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Jac Nasser AO

Chairman

Dated: 8 September 2016

2 Governance at BHP Billiton

2.1 Governance at BHP Billiton

Dear Shareholder,

We have a governance framework at BHP Billiton that goes beyond an interest in governance for its own sake or the need to comply with regulatory requirements. We believe that high-quality governance supports long-term value creation. Simply put, we think good governance is good business. Our approach is to adopt what we consider to be the best of the prevailing governance standards in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

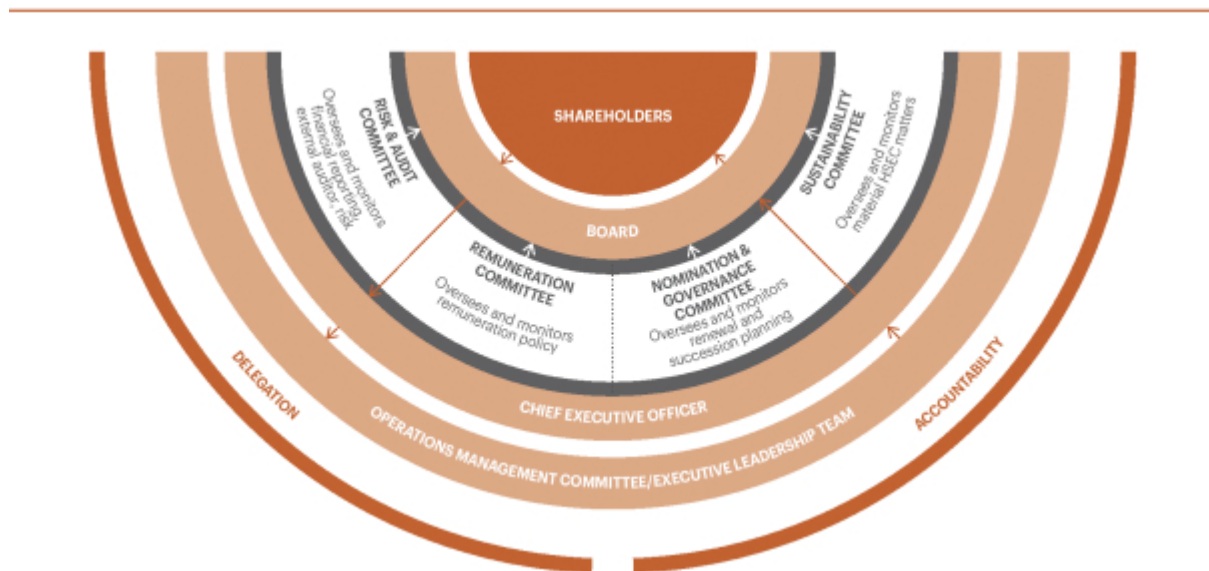
In the same spirit, we do not see governance as just a matter for the Board. Good governance is also the responsibility of executive management and is embedded throughout the organisation.

The diagram below describes the governance framework at BHP Billiton. It shows the interaction between our shareholders and the Board, demonstrates how the Board Committee structure facilitates the relationship between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and illustrates the flow of delegation from shareholders. We have robust processes in place to ensure the delegation flows through the Board and its committees to the CEO, the Operations Management Committee (OMC), the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and into the organisation. At the same time, accountability flows upwards from the Company to shareholders. This process helps to ensure alignment with shareholders. While the ELT has responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Company, the OMC retains responsibility for planning, controlling and directing the activities of BHP Billiton, including key Company, strategic, investment and operational decisions and recommendations to the Board. As such, the OMC members are classified as Key Management Personnel for remuneration reporting purposes.

We will always be guided by *Our BHP Billiton Charter* values, including our value of Sustainability, in how we operate our business, interact with our stakeholders and plan for the future.

Our Charter is central to the governance framework of BHP Billiton. It embodies our corporate purpose, strategy and values and defines when we are successful. We foster a culture that values and rewards high ethical standards, personal and corporate integrity and respect for others.

BHP Billiton governance structure



Samarco

The importance of our values was evident in our response to the tragic events at Samarco Mineração S.A. As we have said from the outset, we remain committed to doing everything we can to support Samarco in the response effort as it works to rebuild the local communities and restore the surrounding environment. For more information on our approach, refer to section 1.4.

As our stakeholders would expect, the Board has spent a significant amount of time discussing Samarco and considering our approach. Soon after the tragedy occurred, we set up a sub-committee of the Board with specific authorities delegated to it relating to Samarco. Alongside the Samarco sub-committee, the Risk and Audit Committee and the Sustainability Committee have considered matters relating to Samarco as part of the ongoing duties of those committees. We believe this provides a robust and comprehensive approach which allows the Board to best provide its oversight and input, and allows appropriate consideration to be brought to the various aspects of the response. For more information relating to the Samarco sub-committee, refer to section 2.13.5.

Ongoing renewal

As noted in our Annual Report 2015, Anita Frew was appointed to the Board with effect from 15 September 2015. Ms Frew has significant experience as a director and chairman on public company boards across a range of global sectors, including chemicals, engineering and finance. She is currently Deputy Chairman of Lloyds Banking Group and Chairman of Croda International Plc, a speciality chemicals group.

Carlos Cordeiro retired from the Board following the 2015 Annual General Meetings (AGMs).

We announced in August 2015 that Shriti Vadera had been appointed as Senior Independent Director of BHP Billiton Plc. The Board believes that Baroness Vadera's skills and attributes, as well as her experience with BHP Billiton, enable her to support the Chairman and the Board in this important governance role.

John Schubert has decided to retire from the Board after the 2016 AGMs. On behalf of all shareholders, I thank John for his outstanding service to the Board and the Company over many years and wish him all the best for the future. We will miss his wise counsel and good judgement.

On 10 August 2016, we announced that Ken MacKenzie will join the Board on 22 September 2016 as an independent Non-executive Director. From 2005 to 2015, Mr MacKenzie served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Amcor Limited, a global packaging company with operations in over 40 countries. He is currently a Senior Adviser with McKinsey and Company. The appointments of Anita Frew in September 2015 and Ken MacKenzie in September 2016 reflect our structured and rigorous approach to Board succession planning, having regard to the skills, experience and attributes required to effectively govern and manage risk within the Company. Ken MacKenzie will join the Sustainability Committee.

A number of other changes were made to the composition of our Board committees during FY2016. Shriti Vadera was appointed to the Nomination and Governance Committee on 14 August 2015 and stepped down from the Risk and Audit Committee on 30 September 2015. Anita Frew was appointed to the Risk and Audit Committee with effect from 3 February 2016, and Malcolm Brinded joined the Remuneration Committee with effect from 13 April 2016. With effect from 22 September 2016, John Schubert will step down from the role of Sustainability Committee Chairman, and will be succeeded in that position by Malcolm Brinded. John Schubert will remain on the Sustainability Committee until he retires from the Board at the conclusion of the 2016 AGMs. For more information, refer to section 2.13.

In relation to gender diversity, the Board set a goal of increasing the number of women on the Board to at least three. This goal was met following the appointment of Anita Frew. For more information on the Board's diversity of skills and experience, refer to section 2.7.

Continuous improvement

The Board has a commitment to ongoing improvement.

The Board continued its program of evaluations during the year and post year-end. We commenced an external Board evaluation during FY2016, an internal evaluation of the individual Directors and the annual review of each Director prior to re-election. All of these evaluations were completed in early FY2017. For information about the outcomes of the Board evaluation and the Director assessments, refer to sections 2.10 and 2.12.

I hope you find this description of our corporate governance helpful and I look forward to receiving any feedback that fellow shareholders may have.

Jac Nasser AO

Chairman

2.2 Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team

2.2.1 Board of Directors

Jac Nasser AO, BBus, Hon DT, 68

Chairman and Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2006. Appointed Chairman of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc on 31 March 2010.

Skills and experience:

Following a 33-year career with Ford Motor Company in leadership positions in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America and the United States, Mr Nasser served as a member of the Board of Directors and as President and Chief Executive Officer of Ford Motor Company from 1998 to 2001. He has more than three decades of experience in large-scale global businesses and a decade of private equity investment and operating expertise.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Director of 21st Century Fox (since June 2013).
- Director of Koç Holding A.Ş. (since March 2015).
- Member of the International Advisory Council of Allianz Aktiengesellschaft (since February 2001).
- Former Member of Australian Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council (from December 2013 until the Council was disbanded in December 2015).
- Former Non-executive Consultant (from March 2010 to August 2014) to One Equity Partners (Partner from November 2002 until March 2010).
- Former Director of British Sky Broadcasting Group plc (from November 2002 to November 2012).
- Former Director of Brambles Limited (from March 2004 to January 2008).

Board Committee membership:

- Chairman of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

Andrew Mackenzie BSc (Geology), PhD (Chemistry), 59

Non-independent

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since May 2013. Mr Mackenzie was appointed Chief Executive Officer on 10 May 2013.

Skills and experience:

Mr Mackenzie has over 30 years' experience in oil and gas, petrochemicals and minerals. He joined BHP Billiton in November 2008 as Chief Executive Non-Ferrous, with responsibility for over half of BHP Billiton's 100,000 strong workforce across four continents. He was appointed Chief Executive Officer in May 2013. Prior to BHP Billiton, Mr Mackenzie worked at Rio Tinto, where he was Chief Executive of Diamonds and Minerals, and BP, where he held a number of senior roles, including Group Vice President for Technology and Engineering, and Group Vice President for Chemicals.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Fellow of the Royal Society of London (since May 2014).
- Director of the Grattan Institute (since May 2013).
- Director of the International Council on Mining and Metals (since May 2013).
- Former Non-executive Director of Centrica plc (from September 2005 to May 2013).

Board Committee membership:

- None.

Malcolm Brinded MA, 63

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since April 2014.

Skills and experience:

Mr Brinded has extensive experience in energy, governance and sustainability. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Royal Dutch Shell plc from 2002 to 2012. During his 37-year career with Shell, Mr Brinded held various leadership positions in the United Kingdom, Europe, the Middle East and Asia, including Executive Director of Exploration and Production, Executive Director of Upstream International and Chairman and Upstream Managing Director of Shell UK.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Former Director of Royal Dutch Shell plc (from July 2002 to March 2012, including as a Director of Royal Dutch Petroleum and Shell Transport and Trading Ltd prior to unification of Shell's corporate structure).
- Former Director of Shell Petroleum N.V. (from July 2002 to March 2012).
- Director of CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd (since July 2012).
- Former Director of Network Rail Ltd; Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd (from October 2010 to July 2016).
- Chairman of the Shell Foundation (since July 2009 and Trustee since June 2004).
- President-elect of The Energy Institute, UK (since June 2016 and before that, Vice President from October 2013).
- Chair-designate of Engineering UK (from October 2016).

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Remuneration Committee.
- Member (and from 22 September 2016, Chairman) of the Sustainability Committee.

Malcolm Broomhead MBA, BE, 64

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since March 2010.

Skills and experience:

Mr Broomhead has extensive experience in running industrial and mining companies with a global footprint and broad global experience in project development in many of the countries in which BHP Billiton operates. He was Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Orica Limited from 2001 until September 2005. Prior to joining Orica, Mr Broomhead held a number of senior positions at North Limited, including Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and, prior to that, held senior management positions with Halcrow (UK), MIM Holdings, Peko Wallsend and Industrial Equity.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Chairman of Orica Limited (since January 2016).
- Former Chairman of Asciano Limited (from October 2009 to August 2016).
- Former Director of Coates Group Holdings Pty Ltd (from January 2008 to July 2013).
- Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (since July 2014).
- Chairman of the Australia China One Belt One Road Advisory Board (since August 2016).

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Sustainability Committee.
- Member of the Risk and Audit Committee.

Pat Davies BSc (Mechanical Engineering), 65

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2012.

Skills and experience:

Mr Davies has broad experience in the natural resources sector across a number of geographies, commodities and markets. From July 2005 until June 2011, he was Chief Executive of Sasol Limited, an international energy, chemical and mining company with operations in 38 countries and listings on the Johannesburg and New York stock exchanges. Mr Davies began his career at Sasol in 1975 and held a number of diverse roles, including managing the group's oil and gas businesses, before becoming Chief Executive in July 2005. He is a former Director of various Sasol Group companies and joint ventures.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Former Director (from August 1997 to June 2011) and Chief Executive (from July 2005 to June 2011) of Sasol Limited.

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Remuneration Committee.
- Member of the Sustainability Committee.

Anita Frew BA (Hons) MRes, Hon. D.Sc, 59

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since September 2015.

Skills and experience:

Ms Frew has extensive board, strategy, marketing, governance and risk management experience in the chemicals, engineering, water and finance industries. She is the Chairman of Croda International Plc and Deputy Chairman of Lloyds Banking Group Plc. Ms Frew was the Chairman of Victrex Plc, Senior Independent Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Plc and IMI Plc and a Non-executive Director of Northumbrian Water.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Chairman of Croda International Plc (since September 2015).
- Deputy Chairman of Lloyds Banking Group Plc (since December 2010).
- Former Senior Independent Director of Aberdeen Asset Management Plc (from October 2004 to September 2014).
- Former Senior Independent Director of IMI Plc (from March 2006 to May 2015).
- Former Chairman of Victrex Plc (from 2008 to October 2014).

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Risk and Audit Committee.

Carolyn Hewson AO, BEc (Hons), MA (Econ), 61

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since March 2010.

Skills and experience:

Ms Hewson is a former investment banker with over 30 years' experience in the finance sector. She was previously an Executive Director of Schroders Australia Limited and has extensive financial markets, risk management and investment management expertise. Ms Hewson is a former Director of BT Investment Management Limited, Westpac Banking Corporation, AMP Limited, CSR Limited, AGL Energy Limited, the Australian Gas Light Company, South Australian Water and the Economic Development Board of South Australia.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Member of Federal Government Growth Centres Advisory Committee (since January 2015).
- Director of Stockland Group (since March 2009).
- Trustee Westpac Foundation (since May 2015).
- Member of Australian Federal Government Financial Systems Inquiry (from January 2014 to December 2014).
- Former member of the Advisory Board of Nanosonics Limited (from June 2007 to August 2015).
- Former Director of BT Investment Management Limited (from December 2007 to December 2013).
- Former Director of Australian Charities Fund Operations Limited (from June 2000 to February 2014).

- Former Director and Patron of the Neurosurgical Research Foundation (from April 1993 to December 2013).
- Former Trustee and Chairman of Westpac Buckland Fund (from January 2011 to December 2013) and Chairman of Westpac Matching Gifts Limited (from August 2011 to December 2013), together known as the Westpac Foundation.
- Former Director of Westpac Banking Corporation (from February 2003 to June 2012).

Board Committee membership:

- Chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

Lindsay Maxsted DipBus (Gordon), FCA, FAICD, 62

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since March 2011.

Skills and experience:

Mr Maxsted is a corporate recovery specialist who has managed a number of Australia's largest corporate insolvency and restructuring engagements and, until 2011, continued to undertake consultancy work in the restructuring advisory field. He was the Chief Executive Officer of KPMG Australia between 2001 and 2007. Mr Maxsted is the Board's nominated 'audit committee financial expert' for the purposes of the US Securities and Exchange Commission Rules, and the Board is satisfied that he has recent and relevant financial experience for the purposes of the UK Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules and the UK Corporate Governance Code.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Chairman of Westpac Banking Corporation (since December 2011) and a Director (since March 2008).
- Chairman of Transurban Group (since August 2010) and a Director (since March 2008).
- Director and Honorary Treasurer of Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute (since June 2005).

Board Committee membership:

- Chairman of the Risk and Audit Committee.

Wayne Murdy BSc (Business Administration), CPA, 72

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2009.

Skills and experience:

Mr Murdy has a background in finance and accounting, where he has gained comprehensive experience in the financial management of mining, oil and gas companies during his career with Getty Oil, Apache Corporation and Newmont Mining Corporation. He served as the Chief Executive Officer of Newmont Mining Corporation from 2001 to 2007 and Chairman from 2002 to 2007. Mr Murdy is also a former Chairman of the International Council on Mining and Metals, a former Director of the US National Mining Association and a former member of the Manufacturing Council of the US Department of Commerce.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Former Director of Weyerhaeuser Company (from January 2009 to February 2016).
- Former Director of Qwest Communications International Inc (from September 2005 to April 2011).

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Risk and Audit Committee.

John Schubert AO BCh Eng, PhD (Chem Eng), 73

Independent Non-executive Director

Director of BHP Limited since June 2000 and a Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2001.

Skills and experience:

Dr Schubert has considerable experience in the international oil industry, including at Chief Executive Officer level. He has had executive mining and financial responsibilities and was Chief Executive Officer of Pioneer International Limited for six years, where he operated in the building materials industry in 16 countries. Dr Schubert has experience in mergers, acquisitions and divestments, project analysis and management. He was previously Chairman and Managing Director of Esso Australia Limited and President of the Business Council of Australia.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Chairman of Garvan Institute of Medical Research (since May 2013).
- Former Chairman of G2 Therapies Pty Limited (from November 2000 to April 2013).
- Former Director of Qantas Airways Limited (from October 2000 to November 2012).
- Former Chairman (from November 2004 to February 2010) and Director (from October 1991 to February 2010) of Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Board Committee membership:

- Chairman of the Sustainability Committee (until 22 September 2016).
- Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

Baroness Shriti Vadera MA, 54

Senior Independent Director, BHP Billiton Plc

Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since January 2011.

Skills and experience:

Baroness Vadera brings wide-ranging experience in finance, economics and public policy as well as extensive experience of emerging markets and international institutions. She is Chairman of Santander UK Group Holdings Plc and Santander UK Plc, and has been a Director of AstraZeneca Plc since 2011. She was an investment banker with S G Warburg/UBS from 1984 to 1999, on the Council of Economic Advisers, HM Treasury 1999 to 2007, Minister in the UK Department of International Development in 2007, Minister in the Cabinet Office and Business Department 2008 to 2009 with responsibility for dealing with the financial crisis, G20 Adviser 2009 to 2010, and advised governments, banks and investors on the Eurozone crisis, banking sector, debt restructuring and markets from 2010 to 2014.

Other directorships and offices (current and recent):

- Chairman of Santander UK Group Holdings Plc and Santander UK Plc (since March 2015).
- Director of AstraZeneca Plc (since January 2011).
- Former Trustee of Oxfam (from 2000 until 2005).

Board Committee membership:

- Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee.
- Member of the Remuneration Committee.

Margaret Taylor BA, LLB, GAICD, FCIS, 56

Group Company Secretary and Chairman of the Disclosure Committee

Ms Taylor was appointed Group Company Secretary of BHP Billiton effective June 2015. Previously she was Group Company Secretary of Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and before joining the Bank, held the position of Group General Counsel and Company Secretary of Boral Limited. Prior to that, Ms Taylor was Regional Counsel Australia/Asia with BHP Billiton, and earlier, a partner with law firm Minter Ellison, specialising in corporate and securities laws. She is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia.

2.2.2 Executive Leadership Team

Andrew Mackenzie BSc (Geology), PhD (Chemistry), 59

Chief Executive Officer

(See section 2.2.1 for biography).

Arnoud Balhuizen BBE, 47

President Marketing and Supply

Mr Balhuizen was appointed President Marketing and Supply in March 2016. Prior to this, he was President Marketing (from 2013). Mr Balhuizen started his career with Billiton in 1994, working for the Marketing and Trading division in the Netherlands and since then he has held various marketing roles, including General Manager Marketing for Copper Cathodes, Vice President Iron Ore Marketing and Vice President Petroleum Marketing.

Peter Beaven BAcc, CA, 49

Chief Financial Officer

Mr Beaven was appointed Chief Financial Officer in October 2014. Previously, he was the President of Copper and prior to that appointment in May 2013, President of Base Metals. Mr Beaven was previously the President of BHP Billiton's Manganese Business and Vice President and Chief Development Officer for Carbon Steel Materials, having joined BHP Billiton in 2003. He has wide experience across a range of regions and businesses in BHP Billiton, UBS Warburg, Kleinwort Benson and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Dean Dalla Valle MBA, 57

Chief Commercial Officer (seconded to Brazil)

Mr Dalla Valle was appointed President, HSE, Marketing & Technology in January 2015. Mr Dalla Valle's title changed to Chief Commercial Officer effective 1 July 2015. Mr Dalla Valle is currently seconded to lead the Company's response to the Samarco dam failure. He has 39 years' experience in BHP Billiton. Mr Dalla Valle was previously the President of the Coal Business, President of the Uranium business and prior to that held the positions of Asset President, Olympic Dam, Asset President of the Cannington silver mine and Vice President Ports for Iron Ore. He was also the General Manager of the Appin, Tower and Westcliff Collieries for Illawarra Coal.

Geoff Healy BEc, LLB, 50

Chief External Affairs Officer

Mr Healy joined BHP Billiton as Chief Legal Counsel in June 2013. He was appointed Chief External Affairs Officer in February 2016. Prior to BHP Billiton, Mr Healy was a partner at Herbert Smith Freehills for 16 years and a member of its Global Partnership Council, and worked widely across its network of Australian and international offices.

Mike Henry BSc (Chemistry), 50

President Operations, Minerals Australia

Mr Henry joined BHP Billiton in 2003. He served as President, Coal from January 2015 to February 2016 when he was appointed President Operations, Minerals Australia. Prior to January 2015, he was President, HSE, Marketing & Technology. His earlier career with BHP Billiton included a number of commercial roles covering both Minerals and Petroleum, including the role of Chief Marketing Officer.

Diane Jurgens BSEE, MSEE, MBA, 54

Chief Technology Officer

Ms Jurgens joined BHP Billiton in 2015 and was appointed Chief Technology Officer in February 2016. Prior to joining the Company, Ms Jurgens was based in China for nearly 10 years, serving as Board Member and Managing Director of Shanghai OnStar Telematics Company, in addition to prior roles as Chief Information Officer and Strategy Board member for General Motors' International and China Operations. Ms Jurgens' early career was with the Boeing Company where she worked for 12 years in engineering, information technology and business development leadership roles.

Daniel Malchuk BEng, MBA, 50

President Operations, Minerals Americas

Mr Malchuk was appointed President Operations, Minerals Americas in February 2016 based in Santiago, Chile. Previously he was President of the Copper Business. Mr Malchuk has held a number of roles in the organisation, including President Aluminium, Manganese and Nickel; President of Minerals Exploration; and Vice President Strategy and Development Base Metals. He has worked in four countries with BHP Billiton having joined BHP Billiton in April 2002.

Steve Pastor BSc (Mechanical Engineering), MBA, 50

President Operations, Petroleum

Mr Pastor joined BHP Billiton in 2001 and was appointed President Operations, Petroleum in February 2016. He is responsible for the Company's global oil and gas operations and exploration program. During his career with the Company, Mr Pastor has served as Asset President Conventional and has held leadership roles in deepwater and shale operations. Prior to joining BHP Billiton, Mr Pastor's experience included 11 years with Chevron.

Laura Tyler BSc (Geology (Hons)), MSc (Mining Engineering), 49

Chief of Staff, Head of Geoscience

Ms Tyler joined BHP Billiton in 2004 and was appointed Chief of Staff to the CEO in 2015. Previously, Ms Tyler was Asset President of the Cannington Mine and held technical and operational roles at the EKATI Diamond Mine in Canada and corporate HSEC in London. Prior to joining BHP Billiton, Ms Tyler worked for Western Mining Corporation, Newcrest Mining and Mount Isa Mines, in various technical and operational roles and also spent five years in the civil engineering industry.

Athalie Williams BA (Hons), FAHRI, 46

Chief People Officer

Ms Williams joined BHP Billiton in 2007 and was appointed President, Human Resources in January 2015. Ms Williams' title changed to Chief People Officer effective 1 July 2015. She has previously held senior human resources positions, including Vice President Human Resources Marketing, Vice President Human Resources for the Uranium business and Group HR Manager, Executive Resourcing & Development. Prior to BHP Billiton, Ms Williams was an organisation strategy advisor with Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting) and National Australia Bank. Ms Williams is a member of Chief Executive Women (CEW).

2.3 Shareholder engagement

Part of the Board's commitment to high-quality governance is expressed through the approach BHP Billiton takes to engaging and communicating with its shareholders. We encourage shareholders to make their views known to us.

Our shareholders are based across the globe. Outside of the two AGMs, which are an important part of the governance and investor engagement process, the Board uses a range of formal and informal communication channels to understand shareholder views to ensure the Board can represent shareholders in governing BHP Billiton. Regular proactive engagement with institutional shareholders and investor representative organisations takes place in Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the full range of governance issues, as well as the broad strategy of the Company. The meetings are an important opportunity to build relationships and to engage directly with governance managers, fund managers and governance advisers. The meetings are led by:

- the Chairman, supported by Group Governance – strategy, governance and remuneration. The Chairman's meetings are scheduled throughout the year to ensure we have the benefit of regular feedback. This schedule is designed to ensure governance issues can be discussed separately to the AGM and where appropriate, allows time to respond to feedback and shape new policies for the forthcoming financial year. The Chairman met with investors in Australia and the United Kingdom during FY2016;
- the Senior Independent Director and the Remuneration Committee Chairman – governance and remuneration. Meetings with the Remuneration Committee Chairman and the Senior Independent Director were held in the United Kingdom in March 2016. This was an opportunity for investors to discuss Board succession, the Company's strategy and remuneration issues;
- the CEO, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), senior management and the Investor Relations team – strategy, financial and operating performance. Important briefings are webcast live from our website: www.bhpbilliton.com. Meetings between management and shareholders were held in Australia, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States during FY2016. Meetings between management and bondholders were held in France, Germany, Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States as part of our commitment to engage with providers of all types of capital;
- the Head of Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) – HSE and Community strategy (together, HSEC). We conduct group and one-on-one meetings and briefings with investors each year focused on key HSEC issues. These meetings took place in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom during FY2016, with additional meetings in mainland Europe and Canada held by conference call;
- Group Governance – governance strategy and briefings. Group Governance provides a conduit to enable the Board and its committees to remain abreast of evolving investor expectations and to continuously enhance the governance processes of the Company. The team held meetings with investors in Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States during FY2016.

We take a coordinated approach to engagement on corporate governance and during the year responded to a wide range of shareholders, their representatives and non-governmental organisations. Issues covered included Samarco; human rights; climate change; hydraulic fracturing; long-termism; IndoMet Coal; stewardship; Cerrejón community engagement; succession planning and quarterly reporting.

Shareholder communications

The Company provides shareholders with the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and our registrar electronically. Shareholders can contact us at any time through our Investor Relations team, with contact details available on our website: www.bhpbilliton.com. Shareholder and analyst feedback is shared with the Board through the Chairman, the Senior Independent Director, the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, other Directors, the CEO, the CFO and the Group Company Secretary. In addition, the Head of Investor Relations and Vice President Governance provide regular reports to the Board on shareholder and governance manager feedback and analysis. This approach provides a robust mechanism to ensure Directors are aware of issues raised and have a good understanding of current shareholder views.

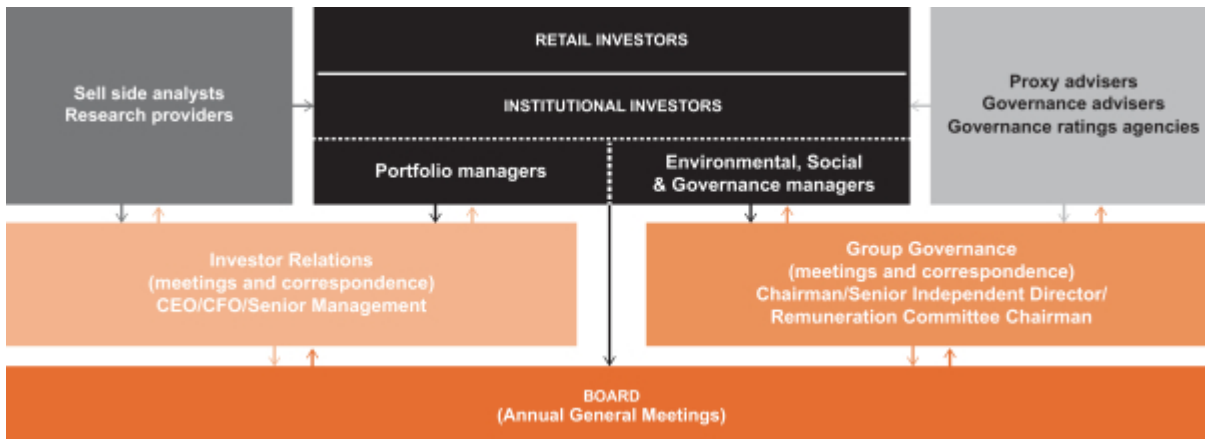
Annual General Meetings

As described above, a key part of our approach to governance involves shareholders’ views being heard and understood. The AGMs provide a forum to facilitate this and are important events in the BHP Billiton calendar. These meetings provide an update for shareholders on the Company’s performance and offer an opportunity for shareholders to ask questions and vote.

Questions can be registered prior to the meeting by completing the relevant form accompanying the Notice of Meeting. Shareholders can also email the Company at Investor.Relations@bhpbilliton.com. Key members of management, including the CEO and CFO, are present and available to answer questions. The External Auditor attends the AGMs and is also available to answer questions.

Proceedings at shareholder meetings are webcast live from our website. Copies of the speeches delivered by the Chairman and CEO to the AGMs are released to the stock exchanges and posted to our website. A summary of proceedings and the outcome of voting on the items of business are released to the relevant stock exchanges and posted to our website as soon as they are available following completion of the BHP Billiton Limited meeting.

Information relating to our AGMs is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/investors/shareholderinfo/Pages/Meetings.aspx.



2.4 Role and responsibilities of the Board

The Board's role is to represent the shareholders. It is accountable to shareholders for creating and delivering value through the effective governance of the Company. This role requires a high-performing Board, with all Directors contributing to the Board's collective decision-making processes.

The *Board Governance Document* is a statement of the practices and processes the Board has adopted to discharge its responsibilities. It includes the processes the Board has implemented to undertake its own tasks and activities; the matters it has reserved for its own consideration and decision-making; the authority it has delegated to the CEO, including the limits on the way in which the CEO can execute that authority; and guidance on the relationship between the Board and the CEO.

The *Board Governance Document* specifies the role of the Chairman, the membership of the Board and the role and conduct of Non-executive Directors. It also provides that the Company Secretary is accountable to the Board and advises the Chairman and, through the Chairman, the Board and individual Directors on all matters of governance process. The *Board Governance Document* was reviewed and updated during FY2016 to ensure it continues to align with best practice. For more information, refer to sections 2.5 to 2.7.

The *Board Governance Document* is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

Allocation of decision-making authority

The Board has reserved the following matters for its decision:

- appointing the CEO and determining the terms of the appointment;
- approving the appointment of executives reporting to the CEO and membership of the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), and material changes to the organisational structure involving direct reports to the CEO;
- succession planning for direct reports to the CEO;
- monitoring the performance of the CEO and the Group;
- establishing and assessing measurable diversity objectives;
- approving strategy, annual budgets, balance sheet management and funding strategy;
- approving commitments, capital and non-capital items, acquisitions and divestments above specified thresholds;
- approving the dividend policy and determining dividends;
- approving market risk management strategy and limits;
- monitoring Board composition processes and performance;
- reviewing and monitoring systems of risk management and internal control;
- determining and adopting documents (including the publication of reports and statements to shareholders) that are required by the Group's constitutional documents, statute or by other external regulation;
- determining and approving matters that are required by the Group's constitutional documents, statute or by other external regulation to be determined or approved by the Board.

The Board has delegated to the CEO authority to take all decisions and actions that further the corporate purpose of creating long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition, development and marketing of natural resources. This is subject to the limits imposed by the Board on the CEO's decision-making authority as set out in the *Board Governance Document* and the matters the Board has specifically reserved for its decision, including in the Company's authorities framework. The CEO remains accountable to the Board for the authority that is delegated and for the performance of the Company, with the expectation that the CEO works in a constructive partnership with the Board. The Board monitors the decisions and actions of the CEO and the

performance of the Company to gain assurance that progress is being made towards the corporate purpose within the limits imposed through the Company's governance assurance framework. The Board also monitors the performance of the Company, and assesses its risk profile, through its committees. Reports from the committees are set out in section 2.13.

The CEO is required to report regularly to the Board in a spirit of openness and trust on the progress being made by the Company. Open dialogue between individual members of the Board and the CEO and other members of the management team is encouraged to enable Directors to gain a better understanding of the organisation.

Key activities during the year

The Board approved a range of business decisions during the year, as outlined in section 4.1.

2.5 Board membership

The Board currently has 11 members, each of whom must seek re-election by shareholders annually. With the appointment of Ken MacKenzie to the Board effective 22 September 2016, the Board will have 12 members. This will reduce to 11 following the retirement of John Schubert after the 2016 AGMs. The Non-executive Directors are considered by the Board to be independent of management and free from any business relationship or other circumstance that could materially interfere with the exercise of objective, unfettered or independent judgement. For more information on the process for assessing independence, refer to section 2.9.

In terms of Non-executive Director recruitment, the Nomination and Governance Committee retains the services of external recruitment specialists to continue to assist in the identification of potential candidates for the Board.

The Board believes there is an appropriate balance between Executive and Non-executive Directors to promote shareholder interests and govern the Company effectively. While the Board includes a smaller number of Executive Directors than is common for UK-listed companies, its composition is appropriate for the DLC structure and is in line with Australian-listed company practice. In addition, the Board has extensive access to members of senior management who frequently attend Board meetings, where they make presentations and engage in discussions with Directors, answer questions and provide input and perspective on their areas of responsibility. The CFO attends all Board meetings. The Board, led by the Chairman, also holds discussions in the absence of management at the beginning and end of Board meetings.

The Directors of the Company, along with their biographical details, are listed in section 2.2.1.

2.6 Chairman

The Chairman, Jac Nasser, is considered by the Board to be independent. He was appointed Chairman of the Company from 31 March 2010 and has been a Non-executive Director of the Company since 6 June 2006. Mr Nasser was last re-elected at the 2015 AGMs and, in accordance with the Company's policy that each Director stand for election annually, will stand for re-election in 2016. More information in relation to his tenure on the Board is set out in section 2.9.

The Chairman's role includes:

- leading the Board and ensuring that it is operating to the highest governance standards;
- encouraging a culture of openness and debate to foster a high-performing and collegial team of Directors that operates effectively;
- ensuring strategic issues and shareholder and relevant stakeholder views are regularly reviewed, clearly understood and underpin the work of the Board;
- facilitating the relationship between the Board and the CEO;
- ensuring the provision of accurate, timely and clear information to the Board;

- setting agendas for meetings of the Board, in consultation with the CEO and Company Secretary, that focus on the strategic direction and performance of the Company's business;
- ensuring that adequate time is available for discussion on all agenda items;
- leading the Board and individual Director performance assessments;
- speaking and acting for the Board and representing the Board to shareholders.

The Board considers that none of Mr Nasser's other commitments (set out in section 2.2.1) interferes with the discharge of his responsibilities to the Company. The Board is satisfied that Mr Nasser makes sufficient time available to serve the Company effectively.

The Company does not have a Deputy Chairman but has identified Shriti Vadera to act as Chairman should the need arise at short notice. Shriti Vadera is the Senior Independent Director of BHP Billiton Plc (in accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code).

2.7 Director skills, experience and attributes

Skills, experience and attributes required

The Board considers that a diversity of skills, backgrounds, knowledge, experience, geographic location, nationalities and gender is required in order to effectively govern the business. The Board and its Nomination and Governance Committee work to ensure the Board continues to have the right balance necessary to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the highest standards of governance.

Non-executive Directors must have a clear understanding of the Company's overall strategy, together with knowledge about the Company and the industries in which it operates. Non-executive Directors must be sufficiently familiar with the Company's core business to be effective contributors to the development of strategy and to monitor performance. Part of the required understanding of our strategy and the core business is the requirement to understand the risks the Company faces and the processes in place to mitigate and manage those risks. We operate in an uncertain external environment and the Company is exposed to many material risks across our operations, including some that are systemic, such as financial risks and climate change. All those risks are factored into the Board's approach to strategy and its assessment of an optimised portfolio. The risk management governance structure is described in section 2.14.

Current Board profile

The Board considers that each of the Non-executive Directors has the following attributes:

- time to undertake the responsibilities of the role;
- unquestioned honesty and integrity;
- a willingness to understand and commit to the highest standards of governance;
- an ability to apply strategic thought to relevant matters;
- an ability to consider materiality and risk tolerance as key considerations in decision-making;
- a preparedness to question, challenge and critique;
- experience of managing in the context of uncertainty and an understanding of the risk environment of the Company, including the potential for risk to impact our health, safety, environment, community and reputation – as well as the Company's regulatory, market and financial performance;
- knowledge of world capital markets;
- a proven track record of creating value for shareholders.

The Executive Director brings additional perspectives to the Board through a deeper understanding of the Company's business and day-to-day operations.

The following table sets out the mix of skills and experience the Board considers necessary or desirable in its Directors and the extent to which they are represented on the Board and its committees. The table includes Ken MacKenzie who will join the Board as of 22 September 2016.

<u>Skills and experience</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Risk and Audit</u>	<u>Nomination and Governance</u>	<u>Remuneration</u>	<u>Sustainability</u>
Total Directors	12 Directors	4 Directors	3 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors
Executive leadership					
Sustainable success in business at a very senior executive level in a successful career.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Global experience					
Senior management or equivalent experience in multiple global locations, exposed to a range of political, cultural, regulatory and business environments.	92%	75%	100%	100%	100%
Governance					
Commitment to the highest standards of governance, including experience with a major organisation that is subject to rigorous governance standards, and an ability to assess the effectiveness of senior management.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strategy/Risk					
Track record of developing and implementing a successful strategy, including appropriately probing and challenging management on the delivery of agreed strategic planning objectives. Track record in developing an asset or business portfolio over the long term that remains resilient to systemic risk.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Financial acumen					
Senior executive or equivalent experience in financial accounting and reporting, corporate finance and internal financial controls, including an ability to probe the adequacies of financial and risk controls.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Capital projects					
Experience working in an industry with projects involving large-scale capital outlays and long-term investment horizons.	92%	100%	100%	75%	100%
Health, safety and environment					
Experience related to workplace health and safety, environmental and social responsibility, and community.	92%	75%	100%	100%	100%

<u>Skills and experience</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Risk and Audit</u>	<u>Nomination and Governance</u>	<u>Remuneration</u>	<u>Sustainability</u>
Remuneration Board Remuneration Committee membership or management experience in relation to remuneration, including incentive programs and pensions/superannuation and the legislation and contractual framework governing remuneration.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mining Senior executive experience in a large mining organisation combined with an understanding of the Company's corporate purpose to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition, development and marketing of natural resources.	33%	50%	0%	25%	40%
Oil and gas Senior executive experience in the oil and gas industry, including in-depth knowledge of the Company's strategy, markets, competitors, operational issues, technology and regulatory concerns.	42%	25%	33%	50%	60%
Marketing Senior executive experience in marketing and a detailed understanding of the Company's corporate purpose to create long-term shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition, development and marketing of natural resources.	83%	100%	67%	50%	100%
Public policy Experience in public and regulatory policy, including how it affects corporations.	92%	75%	100%	100%	100%

Board skills, experience and diversity



Board skills and experience – climate change

The strategic issues facing the Board change over time. The important thing is that the Board is able to identify these issues and access the best possible advice.

Climate change is a multi-faceted issue that impacts on investment decisions, oversight of the sustainability of our operations and engagement with government, investors, suppliers and customers. The BHP Billiton Board includes an appropriate mix of skills and experience to understand the implications of climate change on our operations, market and society.

Climate change is treated as a Board-level governance issue and is discussed regularly, including at the Board strategy days and in the context of scenario triggers and signposts. The Sustainability Committee spends a significant amount of time considering systemic climate change matters relating to the resilience of, and opportunities for, the Company's portfolio.

Framed as a Board-level governance issue requiring experience of managing in the context of uncertainty and an understanding of the risk environment of the Group, all of the Non-executive Directors bring relevant experience to bear in our climate change discussions.

Board members bring significant sectoral experience, which equips them to consider potential implications of climate change on the Group and its operational capacity. Board members also possess extensive experience in energy, governance and sustainability. There is also wide-ranging experience in finance, economics and public policy, which helps BHP Billiton to understand the nature of the debate and the international policy response as it develops. In addition, there is a deep understanding of systemic risk and the potential impacts on our portfolio.

Collectively, this means that the Board has the experience and skills to assist the Company in the allocation of financial, capital and human resources for the creation of long-term shareholder value. It also means that the Board understands the importance of meeting the expectations of stakeholders, including in respect of the natural environment.

To enhance that experience, the Board has taken a number of measures to ensure that its decisions are appropriately informed by climate change science and expert advisors.

The Board seeks the input of management, (including Dr Fiona Wild, our Vice President Environment and Climate Change), our Forum on Corporate Responsibility (which advises the Board on sustainability issues and includes Don Henry, former CEO of the Australian Conservation Foundation), and other independent advisers.

Renewal

The Board believes orderly succession and renewal are achieved as a result of careful planning, with the appropriate composition of the Board continually under review. This planning involves looking out over a five-year period, which provides a robust framework within which to consider Board succession and renewal. In doing this, the Board, with the assistance of the Nomination and Governance Committee:

- considers the skills, background, knowledge, experience and diversity of geographic location, nationality and gender necessary to allow it to meet the corporate purpose as compared to those qualities currently represented;
- identifies any inadequate representation of those attributes and agrees the process necessary to ensure a candidate is selected who brings those attributes to the Board;
- reviews how Board performance might be enhanced, at an individual Director level and for the Board as a whole.

When considering new appointments to the Board, the Nomination and Governance Committee oversees the preparation of a position specification that is provided to an independent recruitment organisation retained to conduct a global search. Independent search firms are instructed to consider a wide range of candidates, including taking into account the criteria and attributes set out in the *Board Governance Document*.

Once a candidate is identified, the Board, with the assistance of external consultants when necessary, conducts appropriate background and reference checks before the candidate is appointed to the Board or stands for re-election at the AGMs.

The Board has adopted a letter of appointment that contains the terms on which Non-executive Directors will be appointed, including the basis upon which they will be indemnified by the Company. The letter of appointment clearly defines the role of Directors, including the expectations in terms of independence, participation, time commitment and continuous improvement.

A copy of the terms of appointment for Non-executive Directors is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

Inclusion and diversity

Our Charter and *Our Requirements for Human Resources* standard guides management on all aspects of human resource management, including inclusion and diversity. Underpinning *Our Requirements* standards and supporting the achievement of diversity across the Company are principles and measurable objectives that define our approach to diversity and our focus on creating an inclusive work environment.

The Board and the Nomination and Governance Committee believe many facets of diversity are required, as set out in section 2.13.3, in order to meet the corporate purpose. Diversity is a core consideration in ensuring the Board and its committees have the right blend of perspectives to ensure the Board oversees BHP Billiton effectively for shareholders.

Alongside Board composition, part of the Board's role is to consider and approve the Company's measurable objectives for workforce diversity each financial year and to oversee the Company's progress in achieving those objectives. This progress will continue to be disclosed in the Annual Report, along with the proportion of women in our workforce, in senior management positions and on the Board. For more information on inclusion and diversity at BHP Billiton, including our progress against FY2016 measurable objectives and our employee profile more generally, refer to sections 1.10.3 and 1.10.8.

2.8 Director induction, training and development

The Board believes the development of industry and Company knowledge is a continuous and ongoing process. The Board's development activity reflects the diversification of the portfolio through the provision of regular updates to Directors on the Company's assets, commodities, geographies and markets to enable the Board to remain up-to-date.

Upon appointment, each new Non-executive Director undertakes an induction program specifically tailored to his or her needs.

A copy of an indicative induction program is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

Following the induction program, Non-executive Directors participate in continuous improvement programs (Training and Development Program), which are overseen by the Nomination and Governance Committee. The Training and Development Program covers a range of matters of a business nature, including environmental, social and governance matters. Programs are designed to maximise the effectiveness of the Directors throughout their tenure and reflect their individual performance evaluations.

During the year, Non-executive Directors participated in the following activities that underpin and support the Board's work in monitoring and overseeing progress towards the corporate purpose:

- briefings intended to provide each Director with a deeper understanding of the activities, environment, key issues and direction of the assets along with HSEC and public policy considerations. Briefings were

presented to the Board by senior executives, including ELT members and other team members with operational and non-operational responsibilities. When they were combined with a site visit, the briefings took place on-site, otherwise they took place at Board meetings. Briefings during FY2016 covered climate change, coal strategy and an energy update;

- development sessions on specific topics of relevance, such as climate change, commodity markets, the world economy, changes in corporate governance standards, inclusion and diversity, Directors' duties and shareholder feedback. In relation to climate change, the Board and its committees once again spent time considering systemic climate change as it relates to the resilience of, and opportunities for, the Company's portfolio of assets, while also considering actions to manage the implications of climate change;
- visits to Escondida and Spence, Copper, Chile; and Gulf of Mexico, Petroleum, United States, including briefings on the assets, operations and other relevant issues and meetings with key personnel;
- addresses by expert external speakers.

These sessions and site visits also allow an opportunity to discuss in detail the changing risk environment and the potential for impacts on the achievement of our corporate purpose and business plans. For information on the management of principal risks, refer to sections 1.9.3 and 2.14.

In addition, Business Risk and Audit Committee (RAC) meetings take place twice yearly as part of our financial governance framework. Directors who are members of the Board's Risk and Audit Committee chair the Business RAC meetings. For more information on Business RACs, refer to section 2.13.1.

As part of the yearly review process, the Chairman discusses development areas with each Director. Board committees in turn review and agree their training needs. The benefit of this approach is that induction and learning opportunities can be tailored to Directors' committee memberships, as well as the Board's specific areas of focus. This approach also ensures a coordinated process in relation to succession planning, Board renewal, training and development and committee composition, which are all relevant to the Nomination and Governance Committee's role in securing the supply of talent to the Board.

In addition, each Board committee provides a standing invitation for any Non-executive Director to attend committee meetings (rather than just limiting attendance to committee members). Committee agendas are provided to all Directors to ensure Directors are aware of matters to be considered by the committees and any Director can elect to attend meetings where appropriate.

2.9 Independence

The Board is committed to ensuring a majority of Directors is independent. The Board considers all of the current Non-executive Directors, including the Chairman, are independent.

Process to determine independence

The Board has adopted a policy which it uses to determine the independence of its Directors. This determination is carried out upon appointment, annually and at any other time where the changed circumstances of a Director warrant reconsideration.

A copy of the policy on Independence of Directors is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

Under the policy, an 'independent' Director is one who is: *'independent of management and any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of objective, unfettered or independent judgement by the Director or the Director's ability to act in the best interests of the BHP Billiton Group'*.

Where a Director is considered by the Board to be independent but is affected by circumstances that appear relevant to the Board's assessment of independence, the Board has undertaken to explain the reasons why it

reached its conclusion. In applying the independence test, the Board considers relationships with management, major shareholders, subsidiary and associated companies and other parties with whom the Company transacts business against pre-determined materiality thresholds, all of which are set out in the policy.

Tenure

As at the end of the year under review, two Directors, Jac Nasser and John Schubert, had each served on the Board for more than nine years. Jac Nasser is standing for re-election at the 2016 AGMs, having undergone a formal performance assessment.

Mr Nasser was first appointed to the Board in June 2006 as an independent Non-executive Director. The Board believes his expertise and broad international experience materially enhance the skills and experience profile of the Board. In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, Mr Nasser's term of appointment has been subject to a particularly rigorous review which took into account the need for progressive refreshing of the Board.

The Board does not believe Mr Nasser's tenure materially interferes with his ability to act in the best interests of the Company. The Board believes he has retained independence of character and judgement and has not formed associations with management (or others) that might compromise his ability to exercise independent judgement or act in the best interests of the Company.

Relationships and associations

Lindsay Maxsted was the CEO of KPMG in Australia from 2001 until 2007. The Board believes this prior relationship with KPMG does not materially interfere with Mr Maxsted's exercise of objective, unfettered or independent judgement, or his ability to act in the best interests of BHP Billiton. The Board has determined, consistent with its policy on the independence of Directors, that Mr Maxsted is independent. The Board notes in particular that:

- at the time of his appointment to the Board, more than three years had elapsed since Mr Maxsted's retirement from KPMG. The Director independence rules and guidelines that apply to the Company – which are a combination of Australian, UK and US rules and guidelines – all use three years as the benchmark 'cooling off' period for former audit firm partners;
- Mr Maxsted has no financial (e.g. pension, retainer or advisory fee) or consulting arrangements with KPMG;
- Mr Maxsted was not part of the KPMG audit practice after 1980, and while at KPMG was not in any way involved in, or able to influence, any audit activity associated with BHP Billiton.

The Board believes Mr Maxsted's financial acumen and extensive experience in the corporate restructuring field to be important in the discharge of the Board's responsibilities. His membership of the Board and Chairmanship of the Risk and Audit Committee are considered by the Board to be appropriate and desirable.

Some of the Directors hold or have previously held positions in companies with which BHP Billiton has commercial relationships. Those positions and companies are set out in the Director profiles in section 2.2.1. The Board has assessed all of the relationships between the Company and companies in which Directors hold or held positions and has concluded that in all cases the relationships do not interfere with the Directors' exercise of objective, unfettered or independent judgement or their ability to act in the best interests of the Company.

A specific instance is Malcolm Broomhead, who on 1 January 2016 was appointed Chairman of Orica Limited (a company with which BHP Billiton has commercial dealings). Orica provides commercial explosives, blasting systems and mineral processing chemicals and services to the mining and resources industry, among others. At the time of Mr Broomhead's appointment to the Board of Orica, the BHP Billiton Board assessed the relationship

between BHP Billiton and Orica and determined (and remains satisfied) that Mr Broomhead is able to apply objective, unfettered and independent judgement and to act in the best interests of BHP Billiton.

Transactions during the year that amounted to related party transactions with Directors or Director-related entities under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are outlined in note 30 'Related party transactions' to the Financial Statements.

Executive Director

The Executive Director, Andrew Mackenzie, is not considered independent because of his executive responsibilities. Mr Mackenzie does not hold directorships in any other company included in the ASX 100 or FTSE 100.

Conflicts of interest

The UK Companies Act 2006 requires that BHP Billiton Directors avoid a situation where they have or can have an unauthorised direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the Company's interests, unless approved by non-interested Directors. In accordance with the UK Companies Act 2006, BHP Billiton Plc's Articles of Association allow the Directors to authorise conflicts and potential conflicts where appropriate. A procedure operates to ensure the disclosure of conflicts and for the consideration and, if appropriate, the authorisation of those conflicts by non-conflicted Directors. The Nomination and Governance Committee supports the Board in this process by reviewing requests from Directors for authorisation of situations of actual or potential conflict and making recommendations to the Board, and by regularly reviewing any situations of actual or potential conflict that have previously been authorised by the Board, and making recommendations regarding whether the authorisation remains appropriate. In addition, in accordance with Australian law, if a situation arises for consideration in which a Director has a material personal interest, the affected Director takes no part in decision-making unless authorised by non-interested Directors. Provisions for Directors' interests are set out in the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited.

2.10 Board evaluation

The Board is committed to transparency in determining Board membership and in assessing the performance of Directors. The Board evaluates its performance through a combination of both internal peer and externally facilitated assessments.

The Board conducts regular evaluations of its performance, the performance of its committees, the Chairman, individual Directors and the governance processes that support the Board's work. The Board evaluation process comprises both assessment and review, as summarised in the diagram below.

The evaluation considers the balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the Company and the Board, its overall diversity including gender, and how the Board works together as a unit.

Evaluation process



* May be internally or externally facilitated assessment. Our approach is to conduct an externally facilitated assessment of the Board or Directors and committees at least every three years.

Directors provide anonymous feedback on their peers' performance and individual contributions to the Board, which is passed on to the relevant Director via the Chairman. In respect of the Chairman's performance, feedback

is provided directly to the Senior Independent Director. External independent advisers are engaged to assist with these processes, as necessary. The involvement of an independent third party has assisted in the evaluation processes being rigorous and fair and ensuring continuous improvement in the operation of the Board and committees, as well as the contributions of individual Directors.

Director evaluation

The evaluation of individual Directors focuses on the contribution of the Director to the work of the Board and the expectations of Directors as specified in the Company's governance framework. The performance of individual Directors is assessed against a range of criteria, including the ability of the Director to:

- focus on creating shareholder value;
- contribute to the development of strategy;
- understand the major risks affecting the Company;
- provide clear direction to management;
- contribute to Board cohesion;
- commit the time required to fulfil the role and perform their responsibilities effectively;
- listen to and respect the ideas of fellow Directors and members of management.

Board effectiveness

The effectiveness of the Board as a whole and of its committees is assessed against the accountabilities set out in the *Board Governance Document* and each committee's terms of reference. Matters considered in evaluations include:

- the effectiveness of discussion and debate at Board and committee meetings;
- the effectiveness of the Board's and committees' processes and relationship with management;
- the quality and timeliness of meeting agendas, Board and committee papers and secretariat support;
- the composition of the Board and each committee, focusing on the blend of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the Company and its diversity, including geographic location, nationality and gender.

The process is managed by the Chairman, with feedback on the Chairman's performance being provided to him by the Senior Independent Director. For information on the performance review process for executives, refer to section 2.15.

Evaluations conducted in respect of FY2016

During FY2016, the Board commenced an external Board evaluation, a review of compliance with the *Board Governance Document*, an internal terms of reference review of the committees and an internal evaluation of individual Directors, which supported the review of each Director prior to the Board's recommendation on re-election. All of these evaluations were completed in early FY2017 and have been discussed with the Board.

JCA Group (during FY2016) and Heidrick & Struggles Leadership Assessment (in previous years) have provided services in respect of Director performance assessments. Both companies have also conducted external searches and assisted in the identification of potential candidates for the Board as set out in section 2.13.3. In both cases, the search and assessment services operate independently and neither firm has any other connection with the Company.

Board assessment

The Board evaluation commenced during FY2016 was externally facilitated by JCA Group. The evaluation focused on a range of issues, including Board performance, committee performance, the effectiveness of debate

and discussion and individual contributions, interaction with the CEO and management, Board succession and composition, Director training and development and ideas for improvement. Feedback was obtained from individual Directors and management. The evaluation, which took place over a period of two months, indicated that the Board is engaged, inclusive and diverse, with effective debate and discussion that achieves a balance between support and challenge. The evaluation also concluded that shareholders are the focus of the Board's deliberations and that Board planning is thorough and processes are rigorous.

The improvements, which will be implemented following the Board evaluation, include enhancements to Director induction, training and development, and the involvement in relevant Board discussions of additional subject matter experts with challenging views.

The review of the Board as a whole also indicated that the Board is continuing to function effectively and in compliance with the *Board Governance Document*.

Director review

As the FY2015 assessment was conducted externally, the FY2016 review of individual Directors was internally facilitated. The overall findings were presented to the Board and discussed. Each Director was provided with feedback on his or her contribution to the Board and its committees. This review supported the Board's decision to endorse all retiring Directors standing for re-election.

Committee terms of reference review

During the year, the terms of reference of each of the committees were reviewed and updated as appropriate. In particular, this was to reflect continued enhancements to ensure the Board, the Company and its systems and processes are right-sized for the simplified BHP Billiton following the demerger of South32. The review also focused on ensuring that the terms of reference describe key responsibilities rather than describing how work is undertaken. Other objectives of the review included ensuring that recent regulatory and governance developments are reflected, improving readability and removing repetition. An internal review was then conducted to confirm continued compliance with each committee's respective terms of reference.

2.11 Board meetings and attendance

The Board meets as often as necessary to fulfil its role. Directors are required to allocate sufficient time to the Company to perform their responsibilities effectively, including adequate time to prepare for Board meetings. During the reporting year, the Board met 14 times, with 11 of those meetings held in Australia, two in the United Kingdom and one in the United States. Regularly scheduled Board meetings generally run over two days (including committee meetings and Director training and development sessions).

Members of the ELT and other members of senior management attended meetings of the Board by invitation. Senior managers delivered presentations on the status and performance of our assets and matters reserved for the Board, including the approval of budgets, annual Financial Statements and strategy.

Attendance at Board and standing Board committee meetings during FY2016 is set out in the table below.

	<u>Board</u>		<u>Risk and Audit</u>		<u>Nomination and Governance</u>		<u>Remuneration</u>		<u>Sustainability</u>	
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Malcolm Brinded	14	14					1	1	5	5
Malcolm Broomhead	14	14	10	10					5	5
Carlos Cordeiro	7	7					2	2		
Pat Davies	14	14					5	5	5	5
Anita Frew	11	11	3	3						
Carolyn Hewson	14	14					5	5		
Andrew Mackenzie	14	14								
Lindsay Maxsted	14	13	10	10						
Wayne Murdy	14	13	10	10						
Jac Nasser	14	14			4	4				
John Schubert	14	14			4	4			5	5
Shriti Vadera	14	14	3	3	3	3	5	5		

Column A: indicates the number of scheduled and ad-hoc meetings held during the period the Director was a member of the Board and/or committee.

Column B: indicates the number of scheduled and ad-hoc meetings attended by the Director during the period the Director was a member of the Board and/or committee.

2.12 Director re-election

The Board adopted a policy in 2011, consistent with the UK Corporate Governance Code, under which all Directors must seek re-election by shareholders annually if they wish to remain on the Board. The Board believes annual re-election promotes and supports accountability to shareholders. The combined voting outcome of the BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited 2015 AGMs was that each Director received more than 98.9 per cent in support of their re-election.

Board support for re-election is not automatic. Directors who are seeking re-election are subject to a performance appraisal overseen by the Nomination and Governance Committee. Annual re-election effectively means all Directors are subject to a performance appraisal annually. The Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination and Governance Committee, makes a determination as to whether it will endorse a retiring Director for re-election. The Board will not endorse a Director for re-election if his or her performance is not considered satisfactory. The Notice of Meeting will provide information that is material to a shareholder's decision whether or not to re-elect a Director, including whether or not re-election is supported by the Board.

BHP Billiton does not apply or implement a 'no vacancy' rule in relation to Board appointments. Accordingly, Director candidates can be elected to the Board by ordinary resolution and are not required to out-poll an incumbent Director in order to be elected.

2.13 Board committees

The Board has established committees to assist it in exercising its authority, including monitoring the performance of the Company to gain assurance that progress is being made towards the corporate purpose within the limits imposed by the Board.

Each of the permanent committees has terms of reference under which authority is delegated by the Board.

Group Governance provides secretariat services for each of the committees. Committee meeting agendas, papers and minutes are made available to all members of the Board. Subject to appropriate controls and the overriding scrutiny of the Board, committee chairmen are free to use whatever resources they consider necessary to discharge their responsibilities.

Reports from each of the committees follow.

The terms of reference for each committee are available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

2.13.1 Risk and Audit Committee Report

Role and focus

The role of the Risk and Audit Committee (RAC) is to assist the Board in monitoring the decisions and actions of the CEO and the Company and to gain assurance that progress is being made towards achieving the corporate purpose within the limits imposed by the Board, as set out in the *Board Governance Document*.

The RAC discharges its responsibilities by overseeing:

- the integrity of the Company's Financial Statements;
- the appointment, remuneration, qualifications, independence and performance of the External Auditor and the integrity of the audit process as a whole;
- the plans, performance, objectivity and leadership of the internal audit function and the integrity of the internal audit process as a whole;
- the effectiveness of the systems of internal controls and risk management;
- the Company's systems for compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements within the RAC's area of responsibility;
- capital management (funding, liquidity, balance sheet management, dividends).

For more information about our approach to risk management, refer to sections 1.9.1 and 2.14.

The RAC met 10 times during the year. Information on meeting attendance by Committee members is included in the table in section 2.11 and information on Committee members' qualifications is set out in section 2.2.1.

In addition to the regular business of the year, the Committee discussed matters including cyber security, the hybrid debt issue and changes to the UK Corporate Governance Code, including the requirement for a viability statement in the Annual Report and the obligations surrounding the robust risk assessment. The viability statement and the Board's confirmation that it has carried out a robust risk assessment are at section 1.9.1. Statements follow relating to tendering of the external audit contract, significant matters relating to the Financial Statements and the process for evaluating the external audit. In addition to those items of business, the RAC spent significant time dealing with matters relating to Samarco. For more information on Samarco, refer to section 1.4.

Risk and Audit Committee members during the year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Lindsay Maxsted (Chairman) ⁽¹⁾	Member for whole period
Malcolm Broomhead	Member for whole period
Anita Frew	Member from 3 February 2016
Wayne Murdy	Member for whole period
Shriti Vadera	Member until 30 September 2015

⁽¹⁾ Mr Maxsted is the Committee's financial expert nominated by the Board.

Business Risk and Audit Committees

To assist management in providing the information necessary to allow the RAC to discharge its responsibilities, Business Risk and Audit Committees have been established, covering each asset group and Treasury. These committees, known as Business RACs, operate as committees of management but are chaired by members of the RAC. The responsible member of the ELT participates in these meetings. Business RACs perform an important monitoring function in the overall governance of the Company.

Significant financial and risk matters raised at Business RAC meetings are reported to the RAC by the Group Financial Controller and the Head of Group Risk Assessment and Assurance.

Activities undertaken during the year

Fair, balanced and understandable

Directors are required to confirm that they consider the Annual Report, taken as a whole, to be fair, balanced and understandable. They are required to provide the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position, performance, business model and strategy.

The Company has a substantial governance framework in place for the Annual Report. This includes management representation letters, certifications, RAC oversight of the Financial Statements and a range of other financial governance procedures focused on the financial section of the Annual Report, together with verification procedures for the narrative reporting section of the Report.

The RAC advises the Board on whether the Annual Report meets the fair, balanced and understandable requirement. The process to support the giving of this confirmation involved the following:

- ensuring all individuals involved in the preparation of any part of the Annual Report are briefed on the fair, balanced and understandable requirement through training sessions for each content manager that detail the key attributes of 'fair, balanced and understandable';
- employees who have been closely involved in the preparation of the Financial Statements review the entire narrative for the fair, balanced and understandable requirement, and sign off an appropriate sub-certification;
- key members of the team preparing the Annual Report confirm they have taken the fair, balanced and understandable requirement into account and that they have raised, with the Annual Report project team, any concerns they have in relation to meeting this requirement;
- the Annual Report suite sub-certification incorporates a fair, balanced and understandable declaration;
- in relation to the requirement for the auditor to review parts of the narrative report for consistency with the audited Financial Statements, asking the External Auditor to raise any issues of inconsistency at an early stage.

As a result of the process outlined above, the RAC, and then the Directors, were able to confirm their view that BHP Billiton's Annual Report 2016 taken as a whole is fair, balanced and understandable. For the Board's statement on the Annual Report, refer to the Directors' Report in section 4.

Integrity of Financial Statements

In addition to the assurance process above, the RAC continues to assist the Board in assuring the integrity of the Financial Statements. The RAC evaluates and makes recommendations to the Board about the appropriateness of accounting policies and practices, areas of judgement, compliance with Accounting Standards, stock exchange and legal requirements and the results of the external audit. It reviews the half-yearly and annual Financial Statements and makes recommendations on specific actions or decisions (including formal adoption of the Financial Statements and reports) the Board should consider in order to maintain the integrity of the Financial Statements.

For the FY2016 full year and the half year, the CEO and CFO have certified that the Company's financial records have been properly managed and that the FY2016 Financial Statements present a true and fair view, in all material respects, of our financial condition and operating results and are in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Significant issues

In addition to the Group's key judgements and estimates disclosed throughout the FY2016 Financial Statements, the Committee also considered the following significant issues:

Samarco dam failure

On 5 November 2015, the Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) iron ore operation in Minas Gerais, Brazil experienced a tailings dam failure that resulted in a release of mine tailings, flooding the community of Bento Rodrigues and impacting other communities downstream. Samarco is jointly owned by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (BHP Billiton Brasil) and Vale S.A. (Vale). BHP Billiton Brasil's 50 per cent interest in Samarco is accounted for as an equity accounted joint venture investment.

Samarco's provisions and contingent liabilities

The Committee reviewed matters relating to the dam failure reported by Samarco in its 31 December 2015 Annual Report and updates to these matters to 30 June 2016. BHP Billiton Brasil's 50 per cent share of the loss recorded by Samarco was subsequently recognised and disclosed in the Group's Financial Statements.

Potential direct financial impacts to BHP Billiton Brasil

The Committee considered:

- the recoverability of BHP Billiton Brasil's remaining equity investment in Samarco;
- the accounting implications of funding requested by Samarco to support activities under the Framework Agreement, carry out remediation and stabilisation work and support Samarco's operations;
- the ability to determine a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of existing and potential future exposures of BHP Billiton Brasil or other BHP Billiton entities;
- legal assessments underpinning, and IFRS basis of, the provisions recognised and contingent liabilities disclosed in respect of existing and potential future claims against BHP Billiton Brasil or other BHP Billiton entities;
- the impact of the dam failure on previously recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Based on currently available information, the Committee concluded that the accounting for the equity investment in Samarco (including an impairment charge made after consideration of, among other things, the uncertainties surrounding the nature and timing of ongoing future operations), the provision recognised by BHP Billiton Brasil, the treatment of deferred tax balances and contingent liabilities disclosed in the Group's Financial Statements were appropriate.

For further information, refer to note 3 'Significant events – Samarco dam failure' to the Financial Statements.

Carrying value of long-term assets

The assessment of carrying values of long-term assets uses a number of significant judgements and estimates.

The Committee compared the carrying value of the Onshore US petroleum assets, including goodwill, to internal valuations and concluded that an impairment charge was appropriate. Specific consideration was given to the most recent short, medium and long-term prices, geological complexity, expected production volumes and mix, amended development plans, operating and capital costs and discount rates.

The Committee examined the carrying value of BHP Billiton's 75 per cent interest in the IndoMet Coal Project in Indonesia in light of the conditional sale agreement reached with its equity partner PT Alam Tri Abadi (Adaro) and concluded that an impairment charge was appropriate.

Conclusions from these reviews are reflected in note 12 'Impairment of non-current assets' to the Financial Statements.

Tax and royalty liabilities

The Group is subject to a range of tax and royalty matters across many jurisdictions. The Committee considered updates on changes to the wider tax landscape, estimates and judgements supporting the measurement and disclosure of tax and royalty provisions and contingent liabilities, including the following:

- tax risks arising from the Group's cross-border operations and transactions, including transfer pricing estimates impacting taxes payable in various jurisdictions, including disputed assessments issued by the Australian Tax Office;
- disputed royalty reassessments issued by the Queensland Office of State Revenue to certain Group companies in relation to its share of the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA);
- changes in foreign tax law;
- other matters where uncertainty exists in the application of the law.

The Committee concluded that provisions recognised and contingent liabilities disclosed for these matters were appropriate considering the range of possible outcomes, currently available information and legal advice obtained.

For further information, refer to note 5 'Income tax expense' and note 32 'Contingent liabilities' to the Financial Statements.

Closure and rehabilitation provisions

Determining the closure and rehabilitation provisions is a complex area requiring significant judgement and estimates, particularly given the timing and quantum of future costs, the unique nature of each site, and the long timescales involved.

The Committee considered the various changes in estimates for closure and rehabilitation provisions recognised during the year. Consideration was given to the results of the most recently completed surveying data, current cost estimates and appropriate inclusion of contingency in cost estimates to allow for both known and residual risks. The Committee concluded that the assumptions and inputs for closure and rehabilitation cost estimates were reasonable and the related provisions recorded were appropriate.

For further information, refer to note 14 'Closure and rehabilitation provisions' to the Financial Statements.

External Auditor

The RAC manages the relationship with the External Auditor on behalf of the Board. It considers the reappointment of the External Auditor each year, as well as remuneration and other terms of engagement and makes a recommendation to the Board. There are no contractual obligations that restrict the RAC's capacity to recommend a particular firm for appointment as auditor.

The last audit tender was in 2002, at which time the Company had three external auditors following the implementation of the DLC structure. The tender resulted in KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers being appointed as joint auditors for FY2003 and, therefore, a reduction in audit providers. A competitive audit review was undertaken in 2003, which resulted in KPMG being appointed as the External Auditor by the Board on the recommendation of the RAC.

The lead audit engagement partners in both Australia and the United Kingdom have been rotated every five years. The current Australian audit engagement partner was appointed at the start of FY2015. A new UK audit engagement partner was appointed for the FY2013 year-end and therefore FY2017 is scheduled to be his last year.

The Committee remains satisfied with the External Auditor's performance and independence and therefore does not believe a tender in the near term is appropriate. Consistent with the UK and EU requirements in regard to audit firm tender and rotation, the Committee's current intention is to conduct an audit firm tender for FY2019. For the reasons outlined above, the Committee considers this timing to be in the best interests of the Company's members.

Compliance with the CMA Order

BHP Billiton confirms that during FY2016, it was in compliance with the provisions of The Statutory Audit Services for Large Companies Market Investigation (Mandatory Use of Competitive Tender Processes and Audit Committee Responsibilities) Order 2014.

Evaluation of External Auditor and external audit process

The RAC evaluates the performance of the External Auditor during its term of appointment against specified criteria, including delivering value to shareholders and the Company, and also assesses the effectiveness of the external audit process. It does so through a range of means, including:

- the Committee considers the External Audit Plan, in particular to gain assurance that it is tailored to reflect changes in circumstances from the prior year;
- throughout the year, the Committee meets with the audit partners, particularly the lead Australian and UK audit engagement partners, without management present;
- following the completion of the audit, the Committee considers the quality of the External Auditor's performance drawing on survey results. The survey is based on a two-way feedback model where the BHP Billiton and KPMG teams assess each other against a range of criteria. The criteria against which the BHP Billiton team evaluates KPMG's performance include ethics and integrity, insight, service quality, communication and reporting, and responsiveness;

- reviewing the terms of engagement of the External Auditor;
- discussing with the audit engagement partners the skills and experience of the broader audit team;
- reviewing audit quality inspection reports on KPMG published by the UK Financial Reporting Council;
- overseeing (and approving where relevant) non-audit services as described below.

The RAC also reviews the integrity, independence and objectivity of the External Auditor and assesses whether there is any element of the relationship that impairs, or appears to impair, the External Auditor's judgement or independence. This review includes:

- confirming the External Auditor is, in its judgement, independent of the Company;
- obtaining from the External Auditor an account of all relationships between the External Auditor and the Company;
- monitoring the number of former employees of the External Auditor currently employed in senior positions within the Company;
- considering the various relationships between the Company and the External Auditor;
- determining whether the compensation of individuals employed by the External Auditor who conduct the audit is tied to the provision of non-audit services;
- reviewing the economic importance of the Company to the External Auditor.

The External Auditor also certifies its independence to the RAC.

Non-audit services

Although the External Auditor does provide some non-audit services, the objectivity and independence of the External Auditor are safeguarded through restrictions on the provision of these services. For example, certain types of non-audit services may be undertaken by the External Auditor only with the prior approval of the RAC (as described below), while other services may not be undertaken at all, including services where the External Auditor:

- may be required to audit its own work;
- participates in activities that would normally be undertaken by management;
- is remunerated through a 'success fee' structure;
- acts in an advocacy role for the Company.

The RAC has adopted a policy entitled 'Provision of Audit and Other Services by the External Auditor' covering the RAC's pre-approval policies and procedures to maintain the independence of the External Auditor.

Our policy on Provision of Audit and Other Services by the External Auditor is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

In addition to audit services, the External Auditor is permitted to provide other (non-audit) services that are not, and are not perceived to be, in conflict with the role of the External Auditor. In accordance with the requirements of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act and guidance contained in Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) Release 2004-001, certain specific activities are listed in our detailed policy that have been 'pre-approved' by the RAC.

The categories of 'pre-approved' services are as follows:

- Audit and audit-related services – work that constitutes the agreed scope of the statutory audit and includes the statutory audits of the Company and its entities (including interim reviews). This category also includes work that is reasonably related to the performance of an audit or review and is a logical extension of the audit or review scope. The RAC will monitor the audit services engagements and if necessary approve any changes in terms and conditions resulting from changes in audit scope, Company structure or other relevant events.
- Other assurance services – work that is outside the required scope of the statutory audit but is consistent with the role of the external statutory auditor, is of an assurance or compliance nature and is work that the External Auditor must or is best placed to undertake.
- Other services – work of a tax or an advisory nature that does not compromise the independence of the External Auditor.

Activities not listed specifically are therefore not 'pre-approved' and must be approved by the RAC prior to engagement, regardless of the dollar value involved. Additionally, any engagement for other services with a value over US\$100,000, even if listed as a 'pre-approved' service, requires the approval of the RAC. All engagements for other services whether 'pre-approved' or not and regardless of the dollar value involved are reported quarterly to the RAC.

While not specifically prohibited by BHP Billiton's policy, any proposed non-audit engagement of the External Auditor relating to internal control (such as a review of internal controls or assistance with implementing the regulatory requirements, including those of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act) requires specific prior approval from the RAC. With the exception of the external audit of the Company's Financial Statements, any engagement identified that contains an internal control-related element is not considered to be pre-approved. In addition, while the categories shown above include a list of certain pre-approved services, the use of the External Auditor to perform such services will always be subject to our overriding governance practices as articulated in the policy.

An exception can be made to the above policy where it is in BHP Billiton's interests and appropriate arrangements are put in place to ensure the integrity and independence of the External Auditor. Any such exception requires the specific prior approval of the RAC and must be reported to the Board. No exceptions were approved during the year ended 30 June 2016.

In addition, the RAC approved no services during the year ended 30 June 2016 pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of SEC Regulation S-X (provision of services other than audit).

Fees paid to the Company's External Auditor during the year for audit and other services were US\$16.9 million, of which 64 per cent comprised audit fees, 31 per cent related to legislative requirements (including Sarbanes-Oxley) and five per cent was for other services. Details of the fees paid are set out in note 35 'Auditors' remuneration' to the Financial Statements.

Based on the review by the RAC, the Board is satisfied that the External Auditor is independent.

Internal Audit

The Internal Audit function is carried out by Group Risk Assessment and Assurance (RAA). The role of RAA is to provide assurance as to whether risk management, control and governance processes are adequate and functioning. The Internal Audit function is independent of the External Auditor. The RAC reviews the terms of reference of RAA, the staffing levels and its scope of work to ensure it is appropriate in light of the key risks we face. It also reviews and approves the annual internal audit plan and monitors and reviews the overall effectiveness of the internal audit activities.

The RAC also approves the appointment and dismissal of the Head of RAA and assesses his or her performance, independence and objectivity. The role of the Head of RAA includes achievement of the internal audit objectives, risk management policies and insurance strategy. The position was held throughout the year by Alistair Mytton. Mr Mytton reports directly to the RAC. During the period, functional oversight of RAA was provided by the CFO, with that accountability transferred to the Chief External Affairs Officer on 1 March 2016.

Effectiveness of systems of internal control and risk management

In delegating authority to the CEO, the Board has established CEO limits set out in the *Board Governance Document*. Limits on the CEO's authority require the CEO to ensure there is a system of control in place for identifying and managing risk in the Company. Through the RAC, the Directors review the systems that have been established for this purpose and regularly review their effectiveness. These reviews include assessing whether processes continue to meet evolving external governance requirements.

The RAC oversees and reviews the internal controls and risk management systems. In undertaking this role, the RAC reviews the following:

- procedures for identifying business and operational risks and controlling their financial impact on the Company and the operational effectiveness of the policies and procedures related to risk and control;
- budgeting and forecasting systems, financial reporting systems and controls;
- policies and practices put in place by the CEO for detecting, reporting and preventing fraud and serious breaches of business conduct and whistle-blowing procedures;
- procedures for ensuring compliance with relevant regulatory and legal requirements;
- arrangements for protecting intellectual property and other non-physical assets;
- operational effectiveness of the Business RAC structures;
- overseeing the adequacy of the internal controls and allocation of responsibilities for monitoring internal financial controls.

For more information on our approach to risk management, refer to sections 1.9.1 and 2.14. Section 1.9.2 includes a description of the material risks that could affect BHP Billiton including, but not limited to, economic, environment and social sustainability risks to which the Company has a material exposure. Section 1.9.3 also provides an explanation of how those risks are managed.

During the year, the Board conducted reviews of the effectiveness of the Company's systems of risk management and internal controls for the financial year and up to the date of this Annual Report in accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Guidance on Risk Management, Internal Control and Related Financial and Business Reporting and the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations published by the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Corporate Governance Council (ASX Principles and Recommendations). These reviews covered financial, operational and compliance controls and risk assessment. During the year, management presented an assessment of the material business risks facing the Company and the level of effectiveness of risk management over the material business risks. The reviews were overseen by the RAC, with findings and recommendations reported to the Board. In addition to considering key risks facing the Company, the Board received an assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over key risks identified through the work of the Board committees. The Board is satisfied that the effectiveness of the internal controls has been properly reviewed.

Management's assessment of our internal control over financial reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) under the 1934 Securities Exchange Act). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO and CFO, the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting has been evaluated based on the framework and criteria established in Internal Controls – Integrated Framework, issued by the Committee of the Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this evaluation, management has concluded that internal control over financial reporting was effective as at 30 June 2016. There were no material weaknesses in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting identified by management.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and, even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

BHP Billiton has engaged our independent registered public accounting firms, KPMG and KPMG LLP, to issue an audit report on our internal control over financial reporting for inclusion in the Financial Statements section of this Annual Report on Form 20-F as filed with the SEC.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during FY2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

The CEO and CFO have certified to the Board that the Financial Statements for the full year and half year are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and the system is operating efficiently and effectively.

During the year, the RAC reviewed our compliance with the obligations imposed by the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX), including evaluating and documenting internal controls as required by section 404 of SOX.

Management's assessment of our disclosure controls and procedures

Our management, with the participation of our CEO and CFO, has performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as at 30 June 2016. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the material financial and non-financial information required to be disclosed by BHP Billiton, including in the reports that it files or submits under the 1934 Securities Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarised and reported on a timely basis and that such information is accumulated and communicated to BHP Billiton's management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on the foregoing, our management, including the CEO and CFO, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in providing that reasonable assurance.

There are inherent limitations to the effectiveness of any system of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives.

Further, in the design and evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, management was required to apply its judgement in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

Committee assessment

An internally facilitated review was conducted during the year to confirm continued compliance with the RAC's terms of reference. These terms were updated in FY2014 and further updated in FY2016. The Committee is satisfied that it has met its terms of reference.

The updated terms of reference for the RAC are available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

2.13.2 Remuneration Committee Report

Role and focus

The role of the Remuneration Committee is to assist the Board in overseeing:

- the remuneration policy and its specific application to the CEO and other members of the OMC and its general application to all employees;
- the adoption of annual and longer-term incentive plans;
- the determination of levels of reward for the CEO and approval of reward to the OMC;
- the annual evaluation of the performance of the CEO, by giving guidance to the Company Chairman;
- the preparation of the Remuneration Report for inclusion in the Annual Report;
- compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements associated with remuneration matters;
- the review, at least annually, of remuneration by gender.

The Sustainability and Risk and Audit Committees assist the Remuneration Committee in determining appropriate HSEC and financial and capital projects metrics, respectively, to be included in OMC scorecards and in assessing performance against those measures.

The Remuneration Committee met five times during the year. Information on meeting attendance by Committee members is included in the table in section 2.11.

For full details of the Committee's work on behalf of the Board, refer to the Remuneration Report in section 3.

Remuneration Committee members during the year

Name	Status
Carolyn Hewson (Chairman)	Member for whole period
Malcolm Brinded	Member from 13 April 2016
John Buchanan	Member until 13 July 2015
Carlos Cordeiro	Member until 19 November 2015
Pat Davies	Member for whole period
Shriti Vadera	Member for whole period

Committee assessment

An internally facilitated review was conducted during the year to confirm continued compliance with the Committee's terms of reference. These terms were updated in FY2013 and further updated in FY2016. The Committee is satisfied that it has met its terms of reference.

The updated terms of reference for the Remuneration Committee are available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

2.13.3 Nomination and Governance Committee Report

Role and focus

The role of the Nomination and Governance Committee is to assist in ensuring the Board comprises individuals who are best able to discharge the responsibilities of a Director, having regard to the highest standards of governance, the strategic direction of the Company and the diversity aspirations of the Board. It does so by focusing on:

- the succession planning process for the Board and its committees, including the identification of the skills, experience, independence and knowledge required on the Board, as well as the attributes required of potential Directors;
- the identification of suitable candidates for appointment to the Board, taking into account the skills, experience and diversity required on the Board and the attributes required of Directors;
- the succession planning process for the Chairman;
- the succession planning process for the CEO and periodic evaluation of the process;
- Board and Director performance evaluation, including evaluation of Directors seeking re-election prior to their endorsement by the Board as set out in sections 2.10 and 2.12;
- the provision of appropriate training and development opportunities for Directors;
- the independence of Non-executive Directors;
- the time required from Non-executive Directors;
- the authorisation of situations of actual and potential conflict notified by Directors in accordance with the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc as set out in section 2.9;
- the Company's corporate governance practices.

For details on the process the Board adopts for its own succession, with the assistance of the Nomination and Governance Committee, refer to section 2.7.

The Nomination and Governance Committee met four times during the year. Information on meeting attendance by Committee members is included in the table in section 2.11. In addition to the regular business of the year, the Committee considered the appointment of Anita Frew as set out below and the appointment of Ken MacKenzie.

Ken MacKenzie will join the Board on 22 September 2016 as an independent Non-executive Director. From 2005 to 2015, Mr MacKenzie served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Amcor Limited, a global packaging company with operations in over 40 countries. He is currently a Senior Adviser with McKinsey and Company. He brings extensive global and executive experience, and a deeply strategic approach. He has a proven track record, having led a successful company in a challenging sector for a decade.

Board policy on inclusion and diversity

Our Charter and *Our Requirements for Human Resources* standard guide management on all aspects of human resource management, including inclusion and diversity. Underpinning *Our Requirements* standards and supporting the achievement of diversity across the Company are principles and measurable objectives that define our approach to diversity and our focus on creating an inclusive work environment.

The Board and the Nomination and Governance Committee believe that many facets of diversity are required in order to meet the corporate purpose as set out in section 2.7. Diversity is a core consideration in ensuring that the Board and its committees have the right blend of perspectives to ensure the Board oversees BHP Billiton effectively for shareholders.

For the past four years, two executive search firms, JCA Group and Heidrick & Struggles, have produced all-women short lists focused on the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States, which are continually refreshed. The two lists – combined with our skills and experience profile five-year matrix – ensure we maximise the number of female candidates we talk with and consider for appointment. Short-listed candidates are considered by the Nomination and Governance Committee. During FY2016, the Chairman met regularly with potential female candidates who have a range of backgrounds.

The Board believes that critical mass is important for diversity and the Board had a goal of increasing the number of women on the Board to at least three by the end of CY2015. This was achieved with the appointment of Anita Frew to the Board. She brings extensive board, strategy, marketing, governance and risk management experience in the chemicals, engineering, water and finance industries, along with a strong understanding of shareholder expectations. While the Board has achieved its stated goal, diversity of all types remains a priority as the Board continues to be refreshed and renewed, as set out in section 2.7.

Alongside Board composition, part of the Board's role is to consider and approve the Company's measurable objectives for workforce diversity each financial year and to oversee the Company's progress in achieving those objectives. The Company's progress will continue to be disclosed in the Annual Report, along with the proportion of women in our workforce, in senior management positions and on the Board. More information on inclusion and diversity at BHP Billiton, including our progress against FY2016 measurable objectives and our employee profile more generally, is set out in sections 1.10.3 and 1.10.8.

External recruitment specialists

There were changes to the composition of the Board during the year. Sir John Buchanan passed away on 13 July 2015. Carlos Cordeiro retired with effect from the 2015 AGMs. The appointment of Anita Frew and Ken MacKenzie followed a process involving the retained services of external recruitment specialists Heidrick & Struggles and JCA Group, who have assisted in the identification of potential candidates for the Board, as set out above.

Nomination and Governance Committee members during the year

Name	Status
Jac Nasser (Chairman)	Member for whole period
John Buchanan	Member until 13 July 2015
John Schubert	Member for whole period
Shriti Vadera	Member from 14 August 2015

Committee assessment

An internally facilitated review was conducted during the year to confirm continued compliance with the Committee's terms of reference. These terms were updated in FY2013 and further updated in FY2016. The Committee is satisfied that it has met its terms of reference.

The updated terms of reference for the Nomination and Governance Committee are available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

2.13.4 Sustainability Committee Report

Role and focus

The role of the Sustainability Committee is to assist the Board in its oversight of the Group's HSEC performance and the adequacy of the Group's Sustainability Framework; and in relation to various other governance responsibilities related to HSE and Community.

The Group's HSEC framework consists of:

- the CEO limits set out in the *Board Governance Document*. The *Board Governance Document* establishes the remit of the Board and delegates authority to the CEO, including in respect of the HSEC Management System, subject to CEO limits;
- the Sustainability Committee, which is responsible for assisting the Board in overseeing the adequacy of the Group's HSEC Framework and HSEC Management System (among other things);
- the HSEC Management System, established by management in accordance with the CEO's delegated authority. The HSEC Management System provides the processes, resources, structures and performance standards for the identification, management and reporting of HSEC risks and the investigation of any HSEC incidents;
- a robust and independent internal audit process overseen by the RAC, in accordance with its terms of reference;
- independent advice on HSEC matters, which may be requested by the Board and its Committees where deemed necessary.

Our approach to sustainability is reflected in *Our Charter*, which defines our values, purpose and how we measure success, and in our sustainability performance targets, which define our public commitments to safety, health, environment and community. More information is available in the Company's Sustainability Report 2016.

A copy of the Sustainability Report is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

The Committee provides oversight of the preparation and presentation of the Sustainability Report by management, and reviewed and recommended to the Board the approval of the annual Sustainability Report for publication. The Sustainability Report identifies our targets for HSEC matters and our performance against those targets, with an emphasis on fact-based measurement and quality data in setting targets.

The Sustainability Committee met five times during the year. Information on meeting attendance by Committee members is included in the table in section 2.11.

The Sustainability Committee continued to assist the Board in its oversight of HSEC issues and performance during the year. This included consideration of strategic HSEC issues, audits and trends, the Company's HSEC performance and the findings and action items from accidents and other incidents. In addition, the Committee considered and discussed information relating to climate change; the Company-wide safety intervention and its outcomes; the Company's mental health framework; HSEC public targets; and material risk reviews. A significant amount of time was also devoted to Samarco updates (in addition to establishment of the separate Board sub-committee to assist the Board in overseeing the governance of BHP Billiton's management and response to the tragic events at Samarco) and discussions around a review of dam risks.

Sustainability Committee members during the year

Name	Status
John Schubert (Chairman)	Member for whole period
Malcolm Brinded	Member for whole period
Malcolm Broomhead	Member for whole period
Pat Davies	Member for whole period

Sustainable development governance

Our approach to HSEC and sustainable development governance is characterised by:

- the Sustainability Committee assisting the Board in its oversight of material HSEC matters and risks across the Company;
- management having primary responsibility for the design and implementation of an effective HSEC management system;
- management having accountability for HSEC performance;
- the HSE and Community functions providing advice and guidance directly to the Sustainability Committee and the Board;
- the Board and management seeking input and insight from external experts, such as the BHP Billiton Forum on Corporate Responsibility;
- clear links between remuneration and HSEC performance.

The key areas on which the Committee, management and the HSE and Community functions focus are outlined on pages 12 and 13 of the Sustainability Report.

Climate change

Climate change is treated as a Board-level governance issue, with the Sustainability Committee playing a key supporting role. The Committee spends a significant amount of time considering systemic climate change matters relating to the resilience of, and opportunities for, the Company's portfolio. The Committee also receives reports on scenarios and sign posts, which point to longer-term directional change and considers actions to manage the implications of climate change on the Company. The work during FY2016 included updates on the Group's integrated approach to addressing climate change (including mitigation and strategies to support REDD+), low emissions technology and the outcomes of the 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in December 2015. For more information on our climate change position and how we consider the impacts on our portfolio, refer to section 1.11.2.

Social investment

We also continued to monitor our progress in relation to our social investment and met our target for investments in community programs, with such investments comprising cash towards community development programs and administrative costs. This was the equivalent of one per cent of our pre-tax profit, calculated on the average of the previous three years' pre-tax profit. During FY2016, our voluntary social investment totalled US\$178.7 million, comprising US\$123.7 million of cash towards community development programs and administrative costs and a US\$55 million contribution to the US-based charity, the BHP Billiton Foundation.

HSEC matters and remuneration

In order to link HSEC matters to remuneration, 25 per cent of the short-term incentive opportunity for OMC members was based on HSEC performance during the year. This was increased from 20 per cent in FY2015 in order to emphasise the importance placed on safety and other HSEC matters. The Sustainability Committee assists the Remuneration Committee in determining appropriate HSEC metrics to be included in OMC scorecards

and also assists in relation to assessment of performance against those measures. The Board believes this method of assessment is transparent, rigorous and balanced, and provides an appropriate, objective and comprehensive assessment of performance. For more information on the metrics and their assessment, refer to the Remuneration Report in section 3.

Committee assessment

An internally facilitated review was conducted during the year to confirm continued compliance with the Committee's terms of reference. These terms were updated in FY2013 and further updated in FY2016. The Committee is satisfied that it has met its terms of reference.

The updated terms of reference for the Sustainability Committee are available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

2.13.5 Samarco sub-committee

On 17 November 2015, following the tragedy at Samarco Mineração S.A., a sub-committee of the Board was established to further consider and oversee matters relating to the failure at Samarco. During the period, the Samarco Sub-committee comprised John Schubert (Chairman), Jac Nasser, Lindsay Maxsted and Malcolm Brinded. Specific matters considered by the Committee include BHP Billiton's support of the recovery and response effort by Samarco, investigation of the cause of the dam failure and our engagement with key stakeholders.

The sub-committee met five times during FY2016 and also considered certain items out of session.

2.14 Risk management governance structure

We believe the identification and management of risk are central to achieving the corporate purpose of creating long-term shareholder value. Our approach to risk is set out in section 1.9.1.

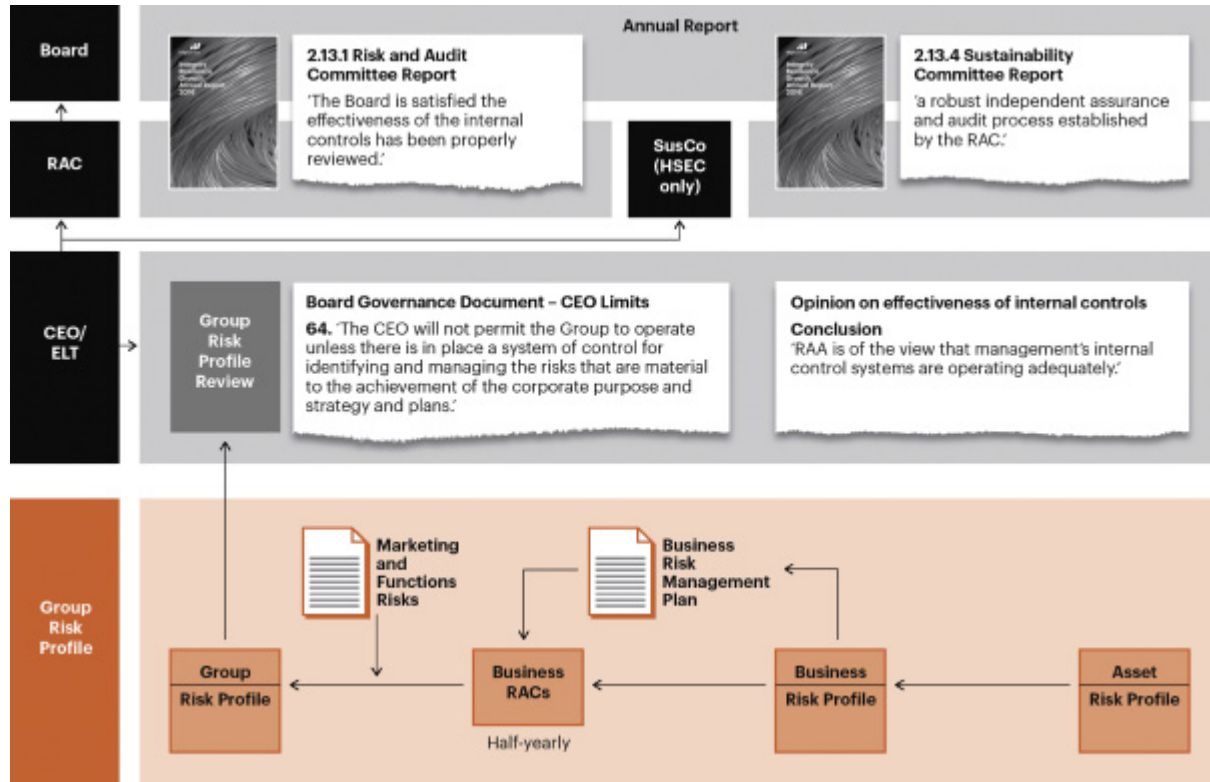
The principal aim of the Company's risk management governance structure and internal control systems is to identify, evaluate and manage business risks with a view to enhancing the value of shareholders' investments and safeguarding assets.

The Board reviews and considers the Company's risk profile each year, which covers both operational and strategic risks. The Company's material risk profile is assessed to ensure it supports the achievement of the Company's strategy while seeking to maintain a solid 'A' credit rating. The Board's approach to investment decision-making, portfolio management and the consideration of risk in that process is set out in sections 1.6, 1.8 and 1.9 and includes a broad range of scenarios to assess our portfolio. This process allows us to be able to continually adjust the shape of our portfolio to match energy and commodity demand and meet society's expectations, while maximising shareholder returns.

The RAC assists the Board with the oversight of risk management, although the Board retains overall accountability for the Company's risk profile. In addition, the Board specifically requires the CEO to implement a system of control for identifying and managing risk. The Directors, through the RAC, review the systems that have been established for this purpose, regularly review the effectiveness of those systems and monitor that necessary actions have been taken to remedy any significant failings or weaknesses identified from that review. The RAC regularly reports to the Board to enable the Board to review the Company's risk framework.

The RAC has established review processes for the nature and extent of material risks taken in achieving our corporate purpose. These processes include the application of materiality and tolerance criteria to determine and assess material risks. Materiality criteria include maximum foreseeable loss and residual risk thresholds and are set at the Company level. Tolerance criteria additionally assess the control effectiveness of material risks.

The diagram below outlines the risk reporting process.



Management has put in place a number of key policies, processes, performance requirements and independent controls to provide assurance to the Board and the RAC as to the integrity of our reporting and effectiveness of our systems of internal control and risk management. Some of the more significant internal control systems include Board and management committees, Business RACs and internal audit.

Business Risk and Audit committees

The Business RACs assist the RAC to monitor the Company's obligations in relation to financial reporting, internal control structure, risk management processes and the internal and external audit functions.

Board committees

Directors also monitor risks and controls through the RAC, the Remuneration Committee and the Sustainability Committee.

Management committees

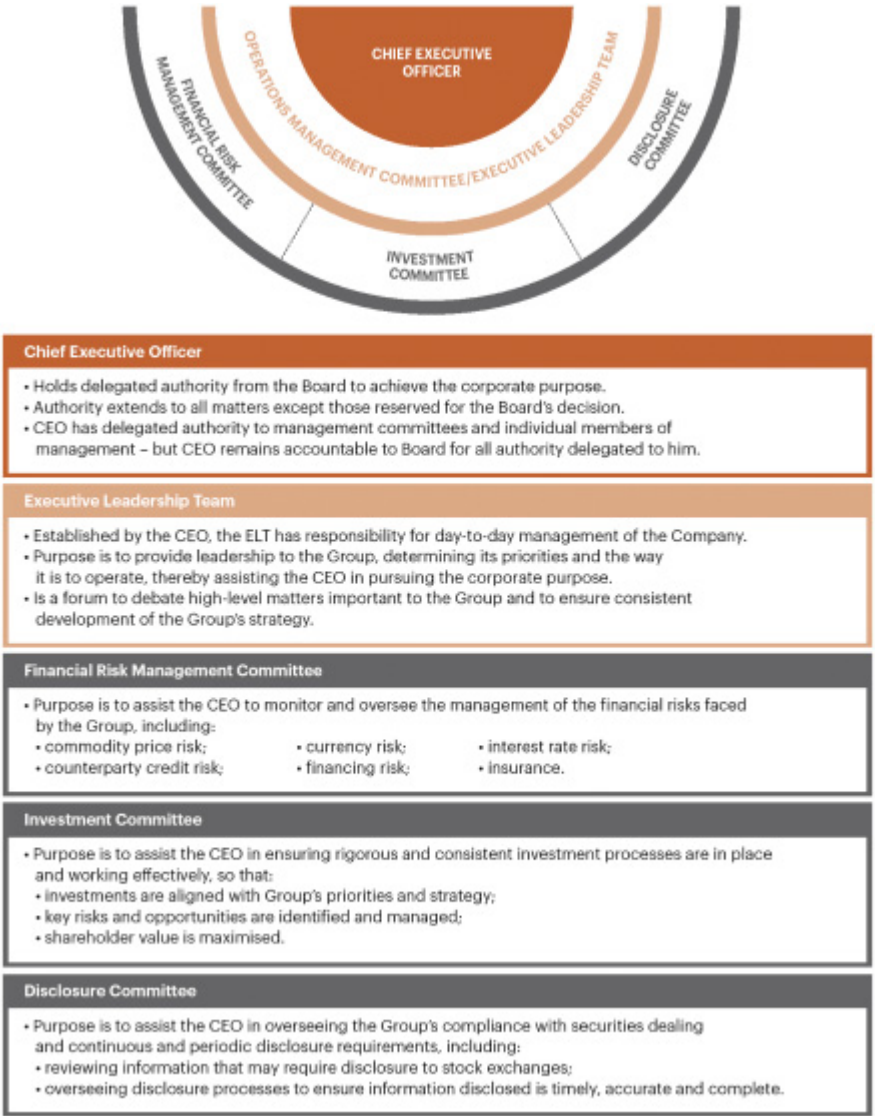
Management committees also perform roles in relation to risk and control. Strategic risks and opportunities arising from changes in our business environment are regularly reviewed by the ELT and discussed by the Board. The Financial Risk Management Committee (FRMC) reviews the effectiveness of internal controls relating to commodity price risk, counterparty credit risk, currency risk, financing risk, interest rate risk and insurance. Minutes of the FRMC meetings are provided to the Board through the RAC. The Investment Committee (IC) provides oversight for investment processes across the Company and coordinates the investment toll-gating process for major investments. Reports are made to the Board on findings by the IC in relation to major capital

projects. The Disclosure Committee oversees the Company’s compliance with securities dealing and continuous and periodic disclosure requirements, including reviewing information that may require disclosure through stock exchanges and overseeing processes to ensure information disclosed is timely, accurate and complete.

2.15 Management

Below the level of the Board, key management decisions are made by the CEO, the OMC, the ELT, other management committees and individual members of management to whom authority has been delegated.

The diagram below describes the responsibilities of the CEO and four key management committees.



Performance evaluation for executives

The performance of executives and other senior employees is reviewed on an annual basis. For the members of the ELT, this review includes their contribution, engagement and interaction at Board level. The annual performance review process that we employ considers the performance of executives against criteria designed to

capture both ‘what’ is achieved and ‘how’ it is achieved. All performance assessments of executives consider how effective they have been in undertaking their role; what they have achieved against their specified key performance indicators; how they match up to the behaviours prescribed in our leadership model; and how those behaviours align with *Our Charter* values. The assessment is therefore holistic and balances absolute achievement with the way performance has been delivered. Progression within the Company is driven equally by personal leadership behaviours and capability to produce excellent results.

A performance evaluation as outlined above was conducted for all members of the ELT during FY2016. For the CEO, the performance evaluation was led by the Chairman of the Board on behalf of all the Non-executive Directors, drawing on guidance from the Remuneration Committee.

2.16 Business conduct

Our Charter and our Code of Business Conduct

Our Charter is central to our business. It articulates the values we uphold, our strategy and how we measure success.

Our *Code of Business Conduct* (Code) is based on *Our Charter* values and describes the behaviours that we expect of those who work for or on behalf of BHP Billiton. The Code applies to employees, directors, officers and controlled entities. Consultants and contractors are also expected to act in accordance with the Code when working for BHP Billiton.

The Code describes the behaviours expected to support a safe, respectful and legally compliant working environment, when interacting with governments and the communities in which we operate, when dealing with third parties and when using Company resources.

Working with integrity is a condition of employment with BHP Billiton and in some cases a contractual obligation of many of our contractors and suppliers. All employees are required to undertake annual training in relation to the Code to promote awareness and understanding in the behaviours expected of them. Demonstration of the values described in *Our Charter* and the Code is part of the annual employee performance review process.

<p>Our Code of Business Conduct is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/codeofbusconduct.aspx.</p>
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EthicsPoint, BHP Billiton’s business conduct advisory service

Where an employee or third party has a concern regarding behaviour that may not be consistent with our *Code of Business Conduct*, there are reporting options available, which include BHP Billiton’s business conduct advisory service, EthicsPoint. EthicsPoint is a worldwide service available to internal and external stakeholders that facilitates the raising, management and resolution of business conduct queries and concerns via a confidential 24-hour, multilingual hotline and online case management system. Reports can be made anonymously and without fear of retaliation. Arrangements are in place to investigate all matters appropriately. Levels of activity and support processes for EthicsPoint are monitored, with activity reports presented to the Board. More information on EthicsPoint can be found in the *Code of Business Conduct*, available online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

Anti-corruption investigation

BHP Billiton announced in May 2015 the resolution of the previously disclosed investigation by the SEC into potential breaches of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). For more information on the investigation, refer to section 6.5.

Political donations

We maintain a position of impartiality with respect to party politics and do not make political contributions/donations for political purposes to any political party, politician, elected official or candidate for public office. We do, however, contribute to the public debate of policy issues that may affect the Company in the countries in which we operate. As explained in the Directors' Report, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) disclosure requirements are broad such that amounts that are not political donations can be reportable for AEC purposes. For example, where a political party or organisation owns shares in BHP Billiton, the AEC filing requires the political party or organisation to disclose the dividend payments received for their shareholding.

2.17 Market disclosure

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of disclosure, ensuring that all investors and potential investors have the same access to high-quality, relevant information in an accessible and timely manner to assist them in making informed decisions. The Disclosure Committee manages our compliance with market disclosure obligations and is responsible for implementing reporting processes and controls and setting guidelines for the release of information. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we continue to ensure alignment with best practice as it develops in the jurisdictions in which BHP Billiton is listed.

Disclosure officers have been appointed in the Company's asset groups, Marketing and functions. These officers are responsible for identifying and providing the Disclosure Committee with referral information about the activities of the asset or functional areas using disclosure guidelines developed by the Committee. The Committee then makes the decision whether a particular piece of information is material and therefore needs to be disclosed to the market.

To safeguard the effective dissemination of information, we have developed a market disclosure and communications document, which outlines how we identify and distribute information to shareholders and market participants.

A copy of the market disclosure and communications document is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

Copies of announcements to the stock exchanges on which we are listed, investor briefings, Financial Statements, the Annual Report and other relevant information can be found online at www.bhpbilliton.com. Any person wishing to receive advice by email of news releases can subscribe at www.bhpbilliton.com.

2.18 Remuneration

Details of our remuneration policies and practices, and the remuneration paid to the Directors (Executive and Non-executive) and members of the OMC, are set out in the Remuneration Report in section 3.

2.19 Directors' share ownership

Non-executive Directors have agreed to apply at least 25 per cent of their fees to the purchase of BHP Billiton shares until they achieve a shareholding equivalent in value to one year's fees. Thereafter, they must maintain at least that level of shareholding throughout their tenure. All dealings by Directors are subject to *Our Requirements for Securities Dealing* standard and are reported to the Board and to the stock exchanges.

Information on our policy governing the use of hedge arrangements over shares in BHP Billiton by both Directors and members of the ELT is set out in section 3.4.2.

Details of the shares held by Directors are set out in section 3.4.23.

2.20 Conformance with corporate governance standards

Our compliance with the governance standards in our home jurisdictions of Australia and the United Kingdom and with the governance requirements that apply to us as a result of our New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) listing and our registration with the SEC in the United States, is summarised in this Corporate Governance Statement, the Remuneration Report, the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements.

The Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK Financial Conduct Authority require companies listed in the United Kingdom to report how they have applied the Main Principles and the extent to which they have complied with the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code (UK Code), and explain the reasons for any non-compliance. The UK Code is available online at www.frc.org.uk/corporate/ukcgcode.cfm.

The Listing Rules of the ASX require ASX-listed companies to report on the extent to which they meet the ASX Principles and Recommendations and explain the reasons for any non-compliance. The ASX Principles and Recommendations are available online at www.asxgroup.com.au/corporate-governance-council.htm.

Both the UK Code and the ASX Principles and Recommendations require the Board to consider the application of the relevant corporate governance principles, while recognising that departures from those principles are appropriate in some circumstances. We have applied the Main Principles and complied with the provisions set out in the UK Code and with the ASX Principles and Recommendations during the financial period, with two exceptions for short periods. Following the death of Sir John Buchanan, there was no Senior Independent Director for the one month period from 14 July to 14 August 2015 when we announced Shriti Vadera had been appointed to the role. In addition, for the period from 14 July to 14 August 2015, the Nomination and Governance Committee had two members rather than the recommended three. This has since been resolved with the appointment of Shriti Vadera to that Committee.

Appendix 4G, summarising our compliance with the ASX Principles and Recommendations is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com/home/aboutus/ourcompany/Pages/governance.aspx.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are registrants with the SEC in the United States. Both companies are classified as foreign private issuers and both have American Depositary Shares listed on the NYSE.

We have reviewed the governance requirements currently applicable to foreign private issuers under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (US), including the rules promulgated by the SEC and the rules of the NYSE and are satisfied that we comply with those requirements.

Section 303A of the NYSE-Listed Company Manual contains a broad regime of corporate governance requirements for NYSE-listed companies. Under the NYSE rules, foreign private issuers, such as ourselves, are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the requirements of Section 303A, except for the rule relating to compliance with Rule 10A-3 of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act (audit committee independence) and certain notification provisions contained in Section 303A of the Listed Company Manual. Section 303A.11 of the Listed Company Manual, however, requires us to disclose any significant ways in which our corporate governance practices differ from those followed by US companies under the NYSE corporate governance standards. After a comparison of our corporate governance practices with the requirements of Section 303A of the Listed Company Manual followed by US companies, the following significant difference was identified:

- Rule 10A-3 of the 1934 Securities Exchange Act requires NYSE-listed companies to ensure that their audit committees are directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the external auditor unless the company's governing law or documents or other home country legal requirements require or permit shareholders to ultimately vote on or approve these matters. While the RAC is directly responsible for remuneration and oversight of the External Auditor, the ultimate responsibility for appointment and retention of the External Auditor rests with our shareholders, in accordance with UK law and our constitutional documents. The RAC does, however, make recommendations to the Board on these matters, which are in turn reported to shareholders.

While the Board is satisfied with its level of compliance with the governance requirements in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States, it recognises that practices and procedures can always be improved and there is merit in continuously reviewing its own standards against those in a variety of jurisdictions. The Board's program of review will continue throughout the year ahead.

2.21 Additional UK disclosure

The information specified in the UK Financial Conduct Authority Disclosure and Transparency Rules, DTR 7.2.6, is located elsewhere in this Annual Report. The Directors' Report in section 4 provides cross-references to where the information is located.

This Corporate Governance Statement was approved by the Board on 8 September 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Jac Nasser AO
Chairman

8 September 2016

3 Remuneration Report

In this section

The contents of this Remuneration Report are governed by legislation in the United Kingdom and Australia.

The UK Companies Act 2006 and the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which are generally described as UK requirements in this Remuneration Report, require BHP Billiton to make certain disclosures regarding Directors.

The Australian Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards and IFRS also require BHP Billiton to make certain disclosures for KMP. KMP are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group directly or indirectly.

- 3.1 Annual statement by the Remuneration Committee Chairman
- 3.2 Individuals covered by this Remuneration Report
- 3.3 Remuneration policy report
 - Remuneration policy for Executive Directors
 - Remuneration policy for Non-executive Directors
- 3.4 Annual report on remuneration
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 - Remuneration outcomes for the Executive Director (the CEO)
 - Remuneration outcomes for Non-executive Directors
 - Remuneration for members of the OMC (other than the CEO)
 - Other statutory disclosures

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Item</u>
AGM	Annual General Meeting
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
DEP	Dividend Equivalent Payment
EBIT	Earnings Before Interest and Tax
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation
GIS	Group Incentive Scheme
GMC	Group Management Committee
GSTIP	Group Short-Term Incentive Plan
HSEC	Health, Safety, Environment and Community
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
KMP	Key Management Personnel
LTI	Long-Term Incentive
LTIP	Long-Term Incentive Plan
MAP	Management Award Plan
MSR	Minimum Shareholding Requirement
OMC	Operations Management Committee
STI	Short-Term Incentive
STIP	Short-Term Incentive Plan
TRIF	Total Recordable Injury Frequency
TSR	Total Shareholder Return
UAP	Underlying Attributable Profit

3.1 Annual statement by the Remuneration Committee Chairman

Dear Shareholders

I am pleased to introduce BHP Billiton's Remuneration Report for the financial year to 30 June 2016, and importantly, I would like to begin by acknowledging the challenging year we have faced. The dam failure at Samarco in November 2015 was a profoundly tragic event, with 19 lives lost, and with a significant impact on the environment and communities. Alongside this, we saw an ongoing decline in commodity markets and the associated negative impact on our performance. While our operational performance has largely met expectations, the above events and circumstances have had significant consequences in FY2016, and they are reflected in our remuneration outcomes.

Link to strategy

Our BHP Billiton Charter sets out our values, placing health and safety first, upon which the Remuneration Committee places great weight in the determination of performance-based remuneration outcomes for BHP Billiton's executives. *Our Charter* also sets out our purpose, our strategy and how we measure success. The Committee is guided by those measures in supporting our executives in taking a long-term approach to decision-making in order to build a sustainable and value-adding business.

Our approach

We have made no changes to the underlying approach to remuneration in the last year. It is an approach that BHP Billiton has practised for over 10 years and we believe it has served our executives and shareholders well. The remuneration outcomes continue to appropriately reflect the performance of the Company, of businesses and of individuals.

Our shareholders have given strong support to our approach to remuneration, with 97 per cent voting 'for' the remuneration report at last year's AGMs, and over 96 per cent support in each of the prior five years.

The exercise of appropriate discretion where the status quo or a formulaic outcome does not align with the overall shareholder experience has been a feature of BHP Billiton's approach over many years, for example, reducing the CEO's remuneration package by 25 per cent in 2013, reducing the LTIP award vesting by 35 per cent in 2013, zero STI outcomes for the CEO and Chief Executive Petroleum in 2012 as a result of shale impairments, and the reduction in Chairman and Non-executive Director fees last year. We will continue to balance our judgements on remuneration to be fair to all stakeholders.

Our remuneration policy is due for its three-yearly re-approval at next year's AGMs, and the Committee and Board will take the opportunity over the next 12 months to review our policy to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose and supports the Company's strategy. The Committee and Board will continue to incorporate shareholder feedback into our deliberations on Executive and Non-executive Director pay.

Remuneration outcomes for the CEO

Overall, Mr Mackenzie's actual total remuneration for FY2016 was US\$2.241 million, compared with US\$4.582 million for FY2015 and US\$7.988 million for FY2014. The relatively lower actual pay for FY2016 is aligned with the Company's performance.

In summary, Mr Mackenzie did not receive any performance-related pay in FY2016 – short-term and long-term incentives were both zero. The reasons for these outcomes are outlined below. I do want to acknowledge, however, that both the Committee and Board recognised strong performance in several areas, and this is also set out below.

In relation to the short-term incentive, the dam failure at Samarco (a non-operated joint venture in Brazil) in November 2015 was a key consideration, along with the ongoing decline in commodity markets and its associated impact on our performance. The Board and Committee considered the STI scorecard set for the CEO and his performance against the KPIs, and also weighed up the events and external factors impacting the Group's performance as set out above. Having considered all these elements holistically, the Board and Committee determined that the STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 should be zero and exercised discretion to approve that outcome. This outcome accorded with an indication the CEO had previously provided to the Committee that he thought a zero STI outcome for FY2016 would be an appropriate alignment of his short-term remuneration outcome for FY2016 with the shareholder experience and the interests of the Company's other stakeholders.

Without diminishing the significance of Samarco, which has clearly been a key consideration in the determination of the overall zero STI outcome for the CEO as described above, performance against the original scorecard KPIs is also worthy of comment. There were no fatalities or environment or community incidents during FY2016 at assets that are operated by BHP Billiton, reflecting a significant effort across the Company that also led to a reduction of 20 per cent in high potential injury events. While controllable financial performance was largely in line with targets, the financial impact of Samarco was significant and resulted in the threshold target for underlying attributable profit not being achieved. Capital project management outcomes were largely in line with expectations, and the Committee also considered the CEO's strong performance against personal objectives. These include implementing a new simplified organisation structure following last year's demerger of South32, delivering significant further productivity and capital expenditure improvements and implementing the new Inclusion and Diversity Council to accelerate progress in this critical area.

Prior to the decision of the Board and the Committee to exercise discretion to approve a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 as described above, the Committee considered that the CEO's performance against the original scorecard KPIs would have warranted an outcome for FY2016 of 58 per cent of target.

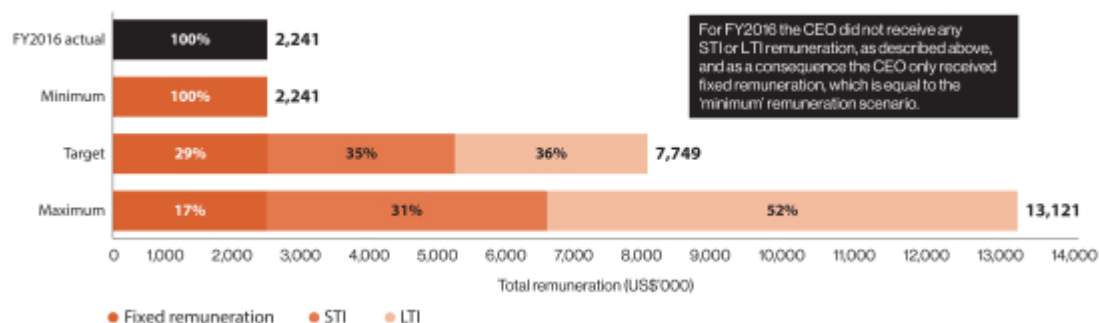
In relation to the LTI awards granted to Mr Mackenzie in 2011, BHP Billiton's TSR performance was negative 63.4 per cent over the five-year period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016. This is below the weighted median TSR of peer companies of negative 58.4 per cent and below the TSR of the MSCI World index of positive 38.9 per cent. This level of performance resulted in zero vesting for the 2011 LTIP awards, and accordingly the awards have lapsed.

In terms of the year ahead, Mr Mackenzie's base salary will remain unchanged at US\$1.700 million per annum for FY2017. It has not been increased since his appointment as CEO in 2013. In addition, with one exception noted below, the other components of his total target remuneration (pension contributions, benefits and short-term incentives and long-term incentive targets) are also unchanged since 2013.

The one exception relates to Mr Mackenzie's long-term incentive award expected to be made in FY2017 under the LTIP. After careful consideration of the movements in our share price over the past year, the Committee and Board concluded it was appropriate to cap the award at the previous year's level. The cap has a one-off effect of reducing the face value of the award under the LTIP by 26 per cent or US\$1.768 million for the coming year.

A consistent approach has been taken for the other senior executives: base salaries remain unchanged and awards under the LTIP for the coming year have been capped at last year's levels. In addition, the Committee exercised discretion to reduce the FY2016 STI outcomes for other senior executives to between 20 and 26 per cent of target, which is aligned to Company performance and materially lower than in recent years.

FY2016 remuneration



FY2017 remuneration

Fixed remuneration	STI	LTI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base salary of US\$1.700 million per annum Pensions contribution of 25 per cent of base salary No change to either base salary or pension contribution for FY2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target STI of 160 per cent of base salary (maximum 240 per cent of base salary) No change to either target or maximum percentages for FY2017 Three performances categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSEC – 25 per cent Financial – 45 per cent Individual performance – 30 per cent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The normal LTI grant is based on a face value of 400 per cent of base salary However, given movements in our share price the number of LTI awards for FY2017 will be capped at the number that was granted in December 2015 As a consequence, the number of LTI awards for FY2017 will be 26 per cent lower than the normal grant size Our LTI awards have rigorous relative TSR performance hurdles measured over five years

Remuneration outcomes for Non-executive Directors and the Chairman

Fee levels for the Non-executive Directors and the Chairman are reviewed annually, including benchmarking against peer companies. Last year, the Chairman's fee was reduced by approximately 13 per cent to US\$0.960 million per annum, and the Non-executive Director base fee was reduced by approximately six per cent to US\$0.160 million per annum. Previously these fees had remained unchanged since 2011.

This year's review has now been concluded and for FY2017 there will be no change to the fees that applied for FY2016 as set out above. This outcome is again considered appropriate in light of the challenging external environment and the benchmarking data for peer companies.

Summary

The remuneration outcomes for FY2016 reflect the challenges we have experienced during the year. In late 2017, our remuneration policy will be put before shareholders at the AGMs for the required three-yearly re-approval and we are reviewing our framework and policies to confirm they remain appropriate and support our objective to create long-term value. We will consult with key stakeholders should any changes of significance be proposed. We continue to welcome shareholder feedback and comments through this process, or on any other aspect of this report.

Carolyn Hewson

Chairman, Remuneration Committee

8 September 2016

3.2 Individuals covered by this Remuneration Report

In this Remuneration Report, the KMP includes:

- the Non-executive Directors;
- the CEO and Executive Director;
- up to 29 February 2016, other members of the GMC;
- from 1 March 2016, other members of the OMC (which replaced the GMC).

3.2.1 Members of the OMC

The OMC makes key management decisions under the authorities that have been delegated to it by the Board. The members of the OMC on 30 June 2016 are shown in the table below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Andrew Mackenzie	CEO and Executive Director
Peter Beaven	Chief Financial Officer
Geoff Healy	Chief External Affairs Officer since 4 April 2016 Chief Risk and Legal Officer from 1 March 2016 to 3 April 2016 Chief Legal Counsel to 29 February 2016
Mike Henry	President Operations, Minerals Australia since 1 March 2016 President, Coal to 29 February 2016
Daniel Malchuk	President Operations, Minerals Americas since 1 March 2016 President, Copper to 29 February 2016
Steve Pastor	President Operations, Petroleum since 1 March 2016
Athalie Williams	Chief People Officer

Section 2.2.2 for dates of appointment of OMC members.

In addition to the KMP listed above, Tony Cudmore (Chief Public Affairs Officer to 3 April 2016), Tim Cutt (President, Petroleum to 29 February 2016), Dean Dalla Valle (Chief Commercial Officer to 13 January 2016) and Jimmy Wilson (President, Iron Ore to 29 February 2016) served as KMP during FY2016 as members of the former GMC.

3.2.2 Non-executive Directors

Details of the Non-executive Directors who held office during FY2016 are set out below. Each Non-executive Director held office for the whole of FY2016 unless otherwise indicated.

Name	Title
Jac Nasser	Chairman
Malcolm Brinded	Non-executive Director
Malcolm Broomhead	Non-executive Director
John Buchanan	Senior Independent Director to 13 July 2015
Carlos Cordeiro	Non-executive Director to 19 November 2015
Pat Davies	Non-executive Director
Anita Frew	Non-executive Director since 15 September 2015
Carolyn Hewson	Non-executive Director
Lindsay Maxsted	Non-executive Director
Wayne Murdy	Non-executive Director
John Schubert	Non-executive Director
Shriti Vadera	Senior Independent Director since 14 August 2015
	Non-executive Director to 13 August 2015

Section 2.2.1 for dates of appointment of Non-executive Directors.

3.3 Remuneration policy report

BHP Billiton has an overarching remuneration policy that guides the Remuneration Committee's decisions. Under UK legislation, shareholders have the opportunity to vote on our remuneration policy every three years with binding effect in regard to the Directors (including the CEO). Our remuneration policy was approved by shareholders at the 2014 AGMs, has not changed and is repeated below. Under Australian legislation, shareholders also have the opportunity to vote on our remuneration policy each year at the AGMs as it applies to all KMP under a non-binding advisory vote.

Contents of the remuneration policy report

3.3.1 to 3.3.8	Remuneration policy for Executive Directors
3.3.9	Remuneration policy for Non-executive Directors

Section 3.4.14 for remuneration policy for members of the OMC (other than the CEO).

Where the remuneration policy report includes cross-references to other sections of the Remuneration Report or the Annual Report, these are solely for the purposes of assisting the reader to locate related information. The referenced information is not part of the remuneration policy report.

Remuneration policy for Executive Directors

BHP Billiton currently has a single Executive Director, being the CEO. Therefore, for simplicity, this section refers only to the CEO. This remuneration policy would, however, apply for any new Executive Director role, in the event that one were created during the life of this remuneration policy. In that case, references in this section to the CEO should be read as being to each Executive Director.

3.3.1 Overarching principles

The Remuneration Committee recognises that remuneration has an important role to play in supporting the implementation and achievement of the Group's strategy and our ongoing performance, aligning the activities of management to the interests of shareholders and in supporting *Our BHP Billiton Charter*.

Inside front cover of the Annual Report: Our Charter sets out our purpose, strategy, values and how we judge our success.

The Committee determines the appropriate remuneration for the CEO, taking into account his responsibilities, location, skills, experience and performance within the Group. In doing so, the Committee recognises that levels of remuneration should be sufficient to attract, motivate and retain a highly skilled CEO, but also that the Group should avoid paying more than is necessary for this purpose.

The key principles of our remuneration policy, which remain unchanged, are to:

- support the execution of the Group's business strategy in accordance with a risk framework that is appropriate for the organisation;
- provide competitive rewards to attract, motivate and retain highly skilled executives willing to work around the world;
- apply demanding performance measures, including key financial and non-financial measures of performance;
- link a significant component of pay to our performance and the creation of value for our shareholders from relative outperformance;
- ensure remuneration arrangements are equitable and facilitate the deployment of people around the Group;
- limit severance payments on termination to pre-established contractual arrangements (which do not commit us to making any unjustified payments).

3.3.2 The purpose of remuneration at BHP Billiton

BHP Billiton's remuneration arrangements reinforce the achievement of our success, as set out in *Our Charter*, and are designed to ensure that the CEO takes a long-term approach to decision-making and to minimise activities that focus only on short-term results at the expense of longer-term business growth and success. The Remuneration Committee has considered the ways in which risk management and the long-term horizon are reflected throughout BHP Billiton's remuneration arrangements for the CEO and all executives, and is satisfied that the approach reinforces the desired behaviours.

This is largely achieved through the Group's approach to STI and LTI awards, which comprise a significant portion of total remuneration. The equity component of any STI award is deferred for a two-year period, and performance under the LTIP is measured over a five-year period. The actual rewards received by the CEO therefore reflect the Group's performance and share price over an extended period.

It is the Committee's view that this provides an appropriate focus on BHP Billiton's sustained performance beyond the end of the initial measurement period. This approach also provides a transparent mechanism for clawback or adjustment in the event of a restatement of Group results, through changes to the vesting or non-vesting of deferred awards.

In addition, STI and LTI outcomes are not driven by a purely formulaic approach. The Committee holds discretion to determine that awards are not to be provided or vested in circumstances where it would be inappropriate or would provide unintended outcomes. The Committee has no discretion to allow vesting of equity awards when performance conditions have not been satisfied (other than in the event of death or serious injury, disability, illness that prohibits continued employment or total and permanent disablement of the CEO).

3.3.3 Components of remuneration

The following table shows the components of total remuneration, the link to strategy, how each component operates, how performance is assessed and will impact remuneration, and the maximum opportunity for each component.

Remuneration component and link to strategy	Operation and performance framework	Maximum ⁽¹⁾
<p>Base salary A competitive base salary is paid in order to attract and retain a high-quality and experienced CEO, and to provide appropriate remuneration for this important role in the Group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base salary is broadly aligned with salaries for comparable roles in global companies of similar global complexity, size, reach and industry, and reflects the CEO's responsibilities, location, skills, performance, qualifications and experience. • Base salary is reviewed annually with effect from 1 September. Reviews are informed, but not led, by benchmarking to comparable roles (as above), changes in responsibility and general economic conditions. Substantial weight is also given to the general base salary increases for employees. Base salary is not subject to separate performance conditions. • Base salary is denominated in US dollars. • The Remuneration Committee's discretion in respect of base salary increases applies up to the maximum shown. 	<p>8% increase per annum (annualised), or inflation if higher in Australia.</p>
<p>Pension Provides a market-competitive level of post-employment benefit to attract and retain a high-quality and experienced CEO.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pension contributions are benchmarked to comparable roles in global companies. • Pension contributions are provided, with a choice of funding vehicles: a defined contribution plan, an unfunded retirement savings plan, an international retirement plan or a self-managed superannuation fund. Alternatively, a cash payment may be provided in lieu. • The Committee's discretion in respect of pension contributions applies up to the maximum shown. 	<p>25% of base salary.</p>

Remuneration component and link to strategy

Benefits

Provides personal insurances and assistance where BHP Billiton's structure gives rise to tax obligations across multiple jurisdictions, and a market-competitive level of benefits to attract and retain a high-quality and experienced CEO.

Operation and performance framework

- Benefits may be provided as determined by the Committee. Currently, this includes such items as the costs of private family health insurance, death and disability insurance, car parking, and personal tax return preparation in the required countries where BHP Billiton has requested that the CEO relocate internationally, or where BHP Billiton's Dual Listed Company structure requires personal tax returns in multiple jurisdictions.
- The CEO may from time-to-time be accompanied by his spouse/partner on business related travel, including for Board meetings. The costs associated with spouse/partner attendance are met by BHP Billiton. In some instances, they are deemed to be taxable benefits for the CEO. In such cases, BHP Billiton reimburses the CEO for this tax cost.
- The CEO is eligible to participate in Shareplus, which is BHP Billiton's all-employee share purchase plan. *Section 3.4.15 for information about Shareplus and the CEO's participation.*
- The Committee's discretion in respect of benefits applies up to the maximums shown.
- A relocation allowance and assistance is provided only where a change of location is made at BHP Billiton's request. The Group's mobility policies provide 'one-off' payments with no trailing entitlements.

Maximum ⁽¹⁾

Benefits as determined by the Committee but to a limit not exceeding 10% of base salary and (if applicable) a one-off taxable relocation allowance up to US\$700,000.

Remuneration component and link to strategy

STI

The purpose of STI is to focus the CEO's efforts on those performance measures and outcomes that are priorities for the Group for the relevant financial year, and to motivate the CEO to strive to achieve stretch performance objectives.

The performance measures for each year are chosen on the basis that they are expected to have a significant short- and long-term impact on the success of the Group.

Deferral of a portion of STI awards in deferred equity over BHP Billiton shares encourages a longer-term focus aligned to that of shareholders.

Section 3.4.3 for information on MSR for the CEO.

Section 1.7 for a description of KPIs for the Group.

Operation and performance framework

Setting performance measures and targets

- A scorecard of measures is set at the commencement of each financial year.
- The measures and their relative weightings are chosen by the Committee, in their discretion, in order to appropriately drive overall performance for the coming year. Specified financial measures will constitute the largest weighting. The scorecard will also include measures that impact the long-term sustainability of the Group. The Sustainability Committee assists the Remuneration Committee in determining appropriate HSEC measures and weightings.
- We plan to disclose the weightings of HSEC, financial and individual measures around the beginning of each performance period.
- The target is determined for each performance measure at a level that will motivate the CEO to achieve an appropriately stretching annual performance outcome and that will contribute to the longer-term success of the Group and shareholder wealth. The target for each financial measure is derived from the annual budget as approved by the Board for the relevant financial year.
- For HSEC and for individual measures the target is ordinarily expressed in narrative form and will be disclosed near the beginning of the performance period. For reasons of commercial sensitivity, while we will provide a narrative description of financial target performance in broad terms, the actual target for each financial measure will not be disclosed in advance. However, we plan to disclose the target for each measure retrospectively. In the rare instances where this may not be prudent on grounds of commercial sensitivity, we will seek to explain why and give an indication of when the target may be disclosed.
- Should any other performance measures be added at the discretion of the Committee, we will determine the timing of disclosure of the relevant target with due consideration of commercial sensitivity.

Section 3.4.6 for details of performance measures and outcomes for FY2016.

Section 3.4.11 for details of performance measures for FY2017.

Maximum ⁽¹⁾

Maximum award

240% of base salary (cash 120% and 120% in deferred equity).

Target performance

160% of base salary (cash 80% and 80% in deferred equity).

Threshold performance

80% of base salary (cash 40% and 40% in deferred equity).

Minimum award

Zero

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Operation and performance framework

Maximum ⁽¹⁾

Assessment of performance

- At the conclusion of the financial year, the CEO's achievement against each measure is assessed by the Remuneration Committee and the Board, and an STI award determined. If performance is below the Threshold level for any measure, no STI will be provided in respect of that portion of the STI opportunity.
- The Remuneration Committee is assisted by the Sustainability Committee in relation to assessment of performance against HSEC measures, and considers guidance provided by other Committees in respect of other measures.
- The Board believes this method of assessment is transparent, rigorous and balanced, and provides an appropriate, objective and comprehensive assessment of performance.
- In the event that the Remuneration Committee does not consider the level of vesting that would otherwise apply to be a true reflection of the performance of the Group or should it consider that individual performance or other circumstances makes this an inappropriate outcome, it retains the discretion to not provide all or a part of any STI award. This is an important mitigation against the risk of unintended award outcomes.

Delivery of award

- STI awards are provided under the STIP.
- The value of any STI award is provided half in cash and half in an award of the equivalent value of BHP Billiton equity, which is deferred for two years and may be forfeited if the CEO leaves the Group within the deferral period.
- The award of deferred equity comprises rights to receive ordinary BHP Billiton shares in the future if the CEO is still employed by BHP Billiton at the end of the deferral period⁽²⁾. Before vesting (or exercise), these rights are not ordinary shares and do not carry entitlements to ordinary dividends or other shareholder rights; however, a DEP is provided on vested awards⁽³⁾. The Committee has a discretion to settle STI awards in cash.
- Both cash and equity STI awards are subject to malus and clawback as described below this table.

Remuneration component and link to strategy

LTI

The purpose of the LTI is to focus the CEO's efforts on the achievement of sustainable long-term value creation and success of the Group (including appropriate management of business risks).

It aligns the CEO's reward with sustained shareholder wealth creation in excess of that of relevant comparator group(s), through the relative TSR performance condition.

The provision of LTIP awards over BHP Billiton shares also encourages long-term share exposure for the CEO, and aligns the long-term interests of the CEO and shareholders.

Demonstration of this alignment between the interests of the CEO and shareholders is seen through the five-year performance period of the LTI, which is consistent with the long-term nature of the resources industry.

Section 3.4.3 for information on MSR for the CEO.

Section 3.4.21 for a table of awards held under the LTIP.

Section 1.7 for a description of KPIs for the Group.

Operation and performance framework

Relative TSR performance condition

- The award is subject to a relative TSR performance condition, which must be achieved over a five-year period. Full vesting under the LTIP only occurs where BHP Billiton's relative TSR⁽⁴⁾ significantly outperforms the TSR of the comparator group(s). The comparator group(s) and the weighting between comparator group(s) will be determined by the Committee in relation to each grant.

Section 3.4.8 for further detail on LTIP comparator group(s).

- Relative TSR has been chosen as the most appropriate measure as it allows for an objective external assessment over a sustained period on a basis that is familiar to shareholders.

Level of performance required for vesting

- None of the award will vest if BHP Billiton's TSR is below the Peer Group TSR (being the weighted median TSR⁽⁶⁾ where the comparator group is a specified group of peer companies) and/or below Index TSR (being the index value where the comparator group is a market index such as the MSCI World index).
- For each award, the Committee will determine the level of relative TSR outperformance required on a per annum basis, or on a compounded basis over the five-year period, against the peer group and/or market index in order for the whole of the LTI award to vest.

Section 3.4.8 for details of the outperformance required for recent grants.

- 25% of the award will vest if BHP Billiton's TSR is equal to the Peer Group TSR and/or Index TSR (as applicable), and vesting occurs on a sliding scale between that point and the point of full vesting.
- There is no retesting if the performance condition is not met. In the event that the Committee does not consider the level of vesting that would otherwise apply based on the Group's achievement of the relative TSR performance condition to be a true reflection of the underlying performance of the Group, or should it consider that individual performance or other circumstances makes this an inappropriate outcome, it retains the discretion to lapse any portion or all of the award. This is an important mitigation against the risk of unintended vesting outcomes.

Maximum ⁽¹⁾

Normal Maximum

Award

Face value of 400% of base salary.

Exceptional Maximum Award ⁽⁵⁾

Face value of 488% of base salary.

**Remuneration component
and link to strategy**

Operation and performance framework

Maximum ⁽¹⁾

- To ensure that the LTI performance conditions continue to support operational excellence, risk management and the execution of the Group's strategy, the Committee retains discretion to add further performance measures to supplement the existing relative TSR performance condition. Prior to doing so, consultation would be undertaken with key stakeholders. Should this be the case, the vesting of a portion of any LTI award may instead be linked to performance against the new measure(s). The Committee expects that in the event of introducing an additional performance measure(s), the weighting on relative TSR would remain the majority weighting.

Delivery of award

- LTI awards are provided under the LTIP approved by shareholders at the 2013 AGMs. When considering the value of the award to be provided, the Committee primarily considers the face value of the award, and also considers its fair value which includes consideration of the performance conditions.⁽⁷⁾
- The award of deferred equity comprises rights to receive ordinary BHP Billiton shares in the future if the performance and service conditions are met.⁽²⁾ Before vesting (or exercise), these rights are not ordinary shares and do not carry entitlements to ordinary dividends or other shareholder rights; however, a DEP is provided on vested awards.⁽³⁾ The Committee has a discretion to settle LTI awards in cash.
- LTI awards are subject to malus and clawback as described below this table.

Section 3.3.5 for how the remuneration policy considers other employees.

- (1) UK regulations require the disclosure of the maximum that may be paid in respect of each remuneration component. Where that is expressed as a maximum annual percentage increase which is annualised it should not be interpreted that it is the Company's current intention to award an increase of that size in total in any one year, or in each year, and instead it is a maximum required to be disclosed under the regulations.
- (2) The award may be retained if the CEO has left the Group in certain circumstances.

Section 3.3.8 for payments on loss of office.

- (3) A DEP is provided when the award vests (or is exercised). The CEO will receive the value of dividends that would have been payable on ordinary BHP Billiton shares over the period from grant to vest (or exercise). The Committee intends that DEP will be provided in the form of shares, although the plan accommodates a cash equivalent. A DEP is not provided in relation to any STI and LTI awards that are forfeited or lapse.
- (4) BHP Billiton's TSR is a weighted average of the TSRs of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc.

- (5) The maximum award permitted with the LTIP rules (as approved by shareholders at the 2013 AGMs) is expressed as a fair value equal to 200 per cent of base salary. A fair value takes into account the probability of meeting the performance condition and other factors. The current plan design produces a fair value of 41 per cent of face value. The maximum fair value of 200 per cent of base salary is therefore currently equivalent to a face value of 488 per cent of base salary ($488\% \times 41\% = 200\%$). This is shown as the Exceptional Maximum Award in the table. However, it is current policy to provide a maximum award of 400 per cent of base salary, which is therefore shown in the table as the Normal Maximum Award. In any case, all LTI awards to the CEO will only be provided with prior approval by shareholders in the relevant AGMs.
- (6) The weighted median TSR means the median outcome when the companies are listed by their TSR, after weighting by market capitalisation.
- (7) The fair value is calculated by the Committee's independent adviser. It reflects outcomes weighted by probability, taking into account the difficulty of achieving the performance conditions and the correlation between these and share price appreciation, together with other factors, including volatility and forfeiture risks. The fair value for the current plan design (current comparator groups, outperformance percentage, etc.) is 41 per cent of the face value of an award. This fair value of 41 per cent may change should the Committee vary elements (such as adding a performance measure or altering the level of relative TSR outperformance) not specified in this remuneration policy report. This fair value is different from the fair value used for IFRS disclosures elsewhere in this report. In particular, the IFRS fair value does not take into account forfeiture conditions on the awards.

Malus and clawback

The STIP and LTIP provisions allow the Committee to reduce or clawback awards in the following circumstances:

- the participant acting fraudulently or dishonestly or being in material breach of their obligations to the Group;
- where BHP Billiton becomes aware of a material misstatement or omission in the financial statements of a Group company or the Group; or
- any circumstances occur that the Committee determines in good faith to have resulted in an unfair benefit to the participant.

These malus and clawback provisions apply whether or not awards are made in the form of cash or equity, and whether or not the equity has vested.

Legacy incentive plans under which awards may vest

The remuneration policy approved by shareholders is required to cover awards that were granted under legacy plans and that may vest in the future on their existing terms. Key terms are shown in the table below.

<u>Remuneration component and link to strategy</u>	<u>Operation and performance framework</u>	<u>Maximum value on vesting</u>
LTI under the former LTIP The former LTIP was replaced by the new LTIP (described in the previous table) from FY2014. Awards were provided for the same purpose as the new LTIP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The terms of LTI awards provided under the former LTIP were similar to those provided under the new LTIP as described in the previous table, including the performance conditions.Awards provided to the CEO in December 2011 did not vest in FY2016, as the performance condition was not met, and lapsed. Awards provided to the CEO in December 2012 are due to vest in FY2018 to the extent that the performance conditions are met. <p><i>Section 3.4.7 for details of the 2011 LTIP performance outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>Section 3.4.21 for a table of awards still held under the former LTIP.</i></p>	The face value of the awards on vesting plus the value of any associated DEP.

3.3.4 Approach to recruitment and promotion remuneration

The ongoing remuneration arrangements for a newly recruited or promoted CEO, or for another Executive Director should one be appointed, will reflect the remuneration policy as set out in this report. The ongoing components will therefore comprise base salary, pension contributions, benefits, STI and LTI.

A market competitive level of base salary, benefits and pension contributions will be provided to a newly recruited or promoted CEO, or another Executive Director. The same maximum STI and LTI apply as per the remuneration policy for the current CEO. The combined maximum level of STI and LTI that may be provided is 728 per cent of base salary, which is the combination of the maximum 240 per cent of base salary in STI and the exceptional maximum 488 per cent of base salary in LTI as per the remuneration policy for the CEO.

For external appointments, the Remuneration Committee may determine that it is appropriate to provide additional cash and/or equity components to replace any remuneration forfeited from a former employer. It is anticipated that any foregone equity awards would be replaced by equity. The value of the replacement remuneration would not be any greater than the fair value of the awards forgone (as determined by the Committee's independent adviser). The Committee would determine appropriate service conditions and performance conditions within BHP Billiton's framework, taking into account the conditions attached to the forgone award. The Committee is mindful of limiting such payments and not providing any more compensation than is necessary.

For any internal CEO (or another Executive Director) appointments, any entitlements provided under former arrangements will be honoured according to their existing terms.

3.3.5 Consideration of employment conditions elsewhere in the Group

When setting remuneration for the CEO, the Remuneration Committee considers the prevailing market conditions, the competitive environment and the positioning and relativities of pay and employment conditions across the wider BHP Billiton workforce.

The Committee is briefed regularly about the pay and conditions of the wider employee population, and takes into account the annual base salary increases for our employee population when determining any change in the CEO's base salary. Salary increases in Australia, where the CEO is located, are particularly relevant, as they reflect the local economic conditions.

The principles that underpin the remuneration policy for the CEO are the same as those that apply to other employees, although the CEO's arrangements have a greater emphasis on performance-related pay and a higher proportion of the CEO's total remuneration is variable in the form of STI and LTI. Like those for the CEO, the performance measures used to determine STI outcomes for all employees are linked to achievement of the Group's strategy and behaviours aligned to the values in *Our Charter*.

Although BHP Billiton does not consult directly with employees on Directors' remuneration, the Group conducts regular employee engagement surveys which give employees an opportunity to provide feedback on remuneration matters. Many employees are ordinary shareholders and have the opportunity to vote on AGM resolutions. In FY2016, more than 15,300 employees were enrolled to purchase BHP Billiton shares under Shareplus, our all-employee share plan.

3.3.6 Consideration of shareholder views

Part of the Board's commitment to high-quality governance is expressed through the approach we take to engaging and communicating with shareholders. We encourage shareholders to make their views known to us.

Our shareholders are based across the globe. Regular proactive engagement on remuneration and governance matters takes place with institutional shareholders and investor representative organisations. This is overseen by the Remuneration Committee Chairman.

In addition, shareholders can contact us at any time through our Investor Relations team, with contact details available on our website: www.bhpbilliton.com.

Feedback from shareholders and investors is shared with the Board and Remuneration Committee through the Chairman and the Remuneration Committee Chairman and is used as input to decision-making by the Board and the Committee in respect of executive remuneration policy and application. In particular, this feedback has had a direct bearing on the Committee's decisions in formulating this remuneration policy report content.

The Committee considers that this approach provides a robust mechanism to ensure Directors are aware of matters raised, have a good understanding of current shareholder views, and formulate policy and make decisions as appropriate.

3.3.7 Potential remuneration outcomes for the CEO

While the Remuneration Committee recognises that market forces necessarily influence remuneration practices, it strongly believes that the fundamental driver of remuneration outcomes should be business performance. It also believes that overall remuneration should be both fair to the individual and commensurate with the expectations of our shareholders.

Accordingly, while target total remuneration is structured to attract and retain a high calibre CEO, the amount of remuneration actually received each year depends on:

- the achievement of superior business and individual performance;
- generating sustained shareholder value from relative outperformance;
- the view of the Committee as to what is fair to the individual and commensurate with shareholder expectations.

STI and LTI are the two components of remuneration that are measured on business performance, with the outcome assessed against pre-determined performance conditions.

The minimum amount the CEO could earn in respect of FY2017 is US\$2.241 million, which is fixed remuneration and made up of his base salary of US\$1.700 million, pension contributions of US\$0.425 million and benefits of US\$0.116 million.

The maximum is US\$13.121 million. This assumes he earns the maximum under the STI of US\$4.080 million and the normal maximum under the LTI of US\$6.800 million. All of these components are shown in the table below at the minimum, target and maximum levels. The normal maximum amount of the LTI has been calculated on the basis of full vesting at the share price on the date of grant. The normal maximum LTI is 400 per cent of base salary.

Before deciding on the final outcome for the CEO (and for other members of the OMC), the Committee first considers the outcome against the pre-determined performance conditions. It then applies its overarching discretion. It can exercise discretion downwards only (i.e. to reduce remuneration).

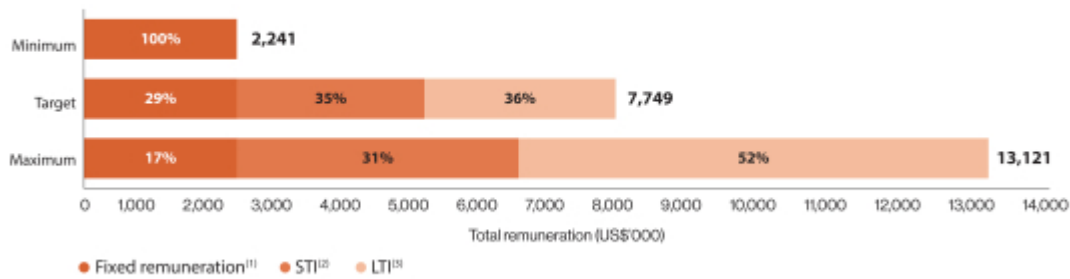
When the CEO was appointed in May 2013, the Board advised him that the Committee would exercise its discretion on the basis of what it considered to be a fair and commensurate remuneration level to decide if the outcome should be reduced.

To be fair to the individual, remuneration levels need to accurately reflect the CEO's responsibilities and contributions. To be commensurate with the expectations of shareholders, remuneration levels need to reflect the expectations of our shareholders that their Company's funds would be used to remunerate our employees in a way that is proportionate to both performance and overall value.

In this way, the Committee believes it can set a remuneration level for the CEO that is sufficient to incentivise him and that is also fair to him and commensurate with shareholder expectations and prevailing market conditions. These same considerations led the Committee to set the incoming CEO's remuneration when he was appointed in 2013 at a lower level than the previous level for this role.

The diagram below shows the relative proportion of each remuneration component for the CEO if the minimum, target and maximum levels of performance were achieved.

Remuneration mix for the CEO



(1) Fixed remuneration comprises base salary (US\$1.700 million per annum), pension contributions (25 per cent of base salary) and other benefits (US\$0.116 million). The amount included for other benefits is based on FY2016 actual figures for the CEO, excluding non-recurring items.

(2) The STI target amount is based on target performance of 160 per cent of base salary. The STI maximum amount is based on a maximum award of 240 per cent of base salary. The impact of potential future share price movements (up and down) on the value of deferred STI awards is not included.

- (3) The LTI amount (target and maximum) is based on the CEO's normal maximum award equal to the face value of 400 per cent of base salary, which is lower than the maximum permissible award size under the plan rules. The 'target' value for the LTI award is based on the fair value of the award, which is 41 per cent of the face value, as this is the expected outcome on the balance of probabilities for the current plan design as calculated by the independent adviser to the Remuneration Committee. The minimum value for the LTI award is zero, and applies where the relative TSR of BHP Billiton is lower than the Peer Group and/or Index TSR (as applicable for each grant). The impact of potential future share price movements (up and down) on the value of LTI awards is not included.

Section 3.3.3 for more information on the components of remuneration for the CEO.

3.3.8 Service contracts and policy on loss of office

The terms of employment for the CEO are formalised in his employment contract. Key terms of the current contract and relevant payments on loss of office are shown below. If a new CEO or another Executive Director was appointed, similar contractual terms would apply other than where the Remuneration Committee determines that different terms should apply for reasons specific to the individual.

The CEO's contract has no fixed term. It can be terminated by BHP Billiton on 12 months' notice. BHP Billiton can terminate the contract immediately by paying base salary plus pension contributions for the notice period. The CEO must give six months' notice for voluntary resignation. The table below sets out the basis on which payments on loss of office may be made.

	Leaving reason ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾			
	Voluntary resignation	Termination for cause	Death, serious injury, disability or illness ⁽³⁾	Cessation of employment with the agreement of the Board ⁽⁴⁾
Base salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base salary for the notice period will be paid as a lump sum or progressively over the notice period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No payment will be made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base salary will be paid for a period of up to four months, after which time employment may cease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base salary for the notice period will be paid as a lump sum or progressively over the notice period.
Pension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension contributions for the notice period will be paid as a lump sum or progressively over the notice period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No pension contributions will be provided from the date of termination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension contributions will be paid for a period of up to four months, after which time employment may cease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension contributions for the notice period will be paid as a lump sum or progressively over the notice period.

Leaving reason ^{(1) (2)}

	Voluntary resignation	Termination for cause	Death, serious injury, disability or illness ⁽³⁾	Cessation of employment with the agreement of the Board ⁽⁴⁾
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable benefits may continue to be provided during the notice period. • Accumulated annual leave entitlements and any statutory payments will also be paid. • Applicable expenses may be paid for repatriation to the home location where a relocation has been requested by BHP Billiton. • Unvested Shareplus Matched Shares will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No benefits will be provided. • Accumulated annual leave entitlements and any statutory payments will be paid. • Applicable expenses may be paid for repatriation to the home location where a relocation has been requested by BHP Billiton. • Unvested Shareplus Matched Shares will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable benefits may continue to be provided during the notice period. • Accumulated annual leave entitlements and any statutory payments will also be paid. • Applicable expenses may be paid for repatriation to the home location where a relocation has been requested by BHP Billiton. • Unvested Shareplus Matched Shares will vest in full. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable benefits may continue to be provided for the relevant year in which employment ceases. • Accumulated annual leave entitlements and any statutory payments will also be paid. • Applicable expenses may be paid for repatriation to the home location where a relocation has been requested by BHP Billiton. • Unvested Shareplus Matched Shares will vest in full.
STI Where CEO leaves during the financial year or after the end of the financial year, but before an award is provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No STI will be paid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No STI will be paid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee may determine in its discretion to pay an amount in respect of the participant's performance for that year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee may determine in its discretion to pay an amount in respect of the participant's performance for that year.

Leaving reason ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾

	Voluntary resignation	Termination for cause	Death, serious injury, disability or illness ⁽³⁾	Cessation of employment with the agreement of the Board ⁽⁴⁾
Unvested STIP equity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will vest in full. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will continue to be held on the existing terms, for the scheduled deferral period before vesting (subject to a Committee discretion to lapse some or all of the award). • The awards remain subject to malus and clawback.
Vested but unexercised STIP equity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period or for a reduced exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse.
Unvested GIS equity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will vest in full. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will vest in full, except in the case of a leaving reason not specified in the plan rules, in which case the Committee has discretion to determine the treatment of equity awards.
Vested GIS Options (with a market-based exercise price) previously provided to the CEO – if still held on leaving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be retained for the scheduled exercise period, and on the existing terms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be retained for the scheduled exercise period and on the existing terms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be retained for the scheduled exercise period and on the existing terms.

	Leaving reason ^{(1) (2)}			
	Voluntary resignation	Termination for cause	Death, serious injury, disability or illness ⁽³⁾	Cessation of employment with the agreement of the Board ⁽⁴⁾
LTI Unvested awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will vest in full. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pro rata portion of unvested awards (based on the proportion of the performance period served) will continue to be held subject to the LTIP rules and terms of grant. The balance will lapse. • The awards remain subject to malus and clawback.
Vested but unexercised awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will remain exercisable for the rest of the exercise period or for a reduced exercise period unless the Committee determines they will lapse.

⁽¹⁾ If the Committee considers it to be necessary, BHP Billiton may enter into agreements with a CEO which may include the settlement of liabilities in return for payment(s), including reimbursement of legal fees subject to appropriate conditions; or to enter into new arrangements with the departing CEO (for example, entering into consultancy arrangements).

⁽²⁾ In the event of a change in control event (e.g. takeover, compromise or arrangement, winding up of the Company) as defined in the STIP and LTIP rules:

- base salary, pension contributions and benefits will be paid until the date of the change of control event;
- the Committee may determine that a cash payment be made in respect of performance during the current financial year and all unvested STI equity awards would vest in full;
- the Committee may determine that unvested LTI awards will either vest to the extent that the Committee determines appropriate (with reference to performance against the performance condition up to the date of the change of control event and expectations regarding future performance) or that the awards be lapsed if the Committee determines that the holders will participate in an acceptable alternative employee equity plan as a term of the change of control event.

- (3) Defined as occurring when a participant leaves BHP Billiton due to death, serious injury, disability or illness that prohibits continued employment or total and permanent disablement.
- (4) Defined as occurring when a participant leaves BHP Billiton due to forced early retirement, retrenchment or redundancy, termination by mutual agreement or retirement with the agreement of the Company or such other circumstances that do not constitute resignation or termination for cause.

Remuneration policy for Non-executive Directors

Our Non-executive Directors are paid in compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code (2012) and the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles and Recommendations (3rd Edition).

3.3.9 Components of remuneration

The following table shows the components of total remuneration for Non-executive Directors, the link to strategy, how each component operates and how performance is assessed and will impact remuneration and the maximum opportunity for each component.

<u>Remuneration component and link to strategy</u>	<u>Operation and performance framework</u>	<u>Maximum ⁽¹⁾</u>
<p>Fees</p> <p>Competitive base fees are paid in order to attract and retain high-quality individuals and to provide appropriate remuneration for the role undertaken.</p> <p>Committee fees are provided to recognise the additional responsibilities, time and commitment required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman is paid a single fee for all responsibilities. Non-executive Directors are paid a base fee and relevant committee membership fees. Committee Chairmen and the Senior Independent Director are paid an additional fee to reflect their extra responsibilities. All fee levels are reviewed annually and any changes are effective from 1 July. Fees are set at a competitive level with advice on benchmark fees in equivalent size companies provided by external advisers. Fee levels reflect the size and complexity of the Group, the multi-jurisdictional environment arising from the Dual Listed Company structure, the multiple stock exchange listings and the extent of the geographic regions in which the Group operates. The economic environment and the financial performance of the Group are taken into account. Consideration is also given to salary reviews across the rest of the Group. <p><i>Section 3.4.13 for current fee levels provided to Non-executive Directors.</i></p>	<p>8% increase per annum (annualised) or inflation if higher in the location in which duties are primarily performed on a per fee basis.</p>

Remuneration component and link to strategy	Operation and performance framework	Maximum ⁽¹⁾
Pension As required by law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pension contributions provided on fees only where required by law. 	As required by law.
Benefits		
Travel allowances Competitive benefits are paid in order to attract and retain high-quality individuals and adequately compensate for the considerable travel burden.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-executive Directors receive travel allowances on a per-trip basis reflecting the considerable travel burden imposed on members of the Board as a consequence of the Dual Listed Company structure and the resulting Board meetings in Australia and the UK, along with site visits at our multiple geographic locations. 	8% increase per annum (annualised) or inflation if higher in the location in which duties are primarily performed on a per-trip basis.
Other benefits Competitive benefits are paid in order to attract and retain high-quality individuals and to provide appropriate remuneration for the role undertaken.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a consequence of the Dual Listed Company structure, Non-executive Directors are required to prepare personal tax returns in both Australia and the UK, regardless of whether they reside in one or neither of those countries. They are accordingly reimbursed for the costs of personal tax return preparation in whichever of the UK and/or Australia is not their place of residence (including payment of the tax cost associated with the provision of the benefit). Non-executive Directors may from time to time be accompanied by their spouse/partner to business meetings. The costs associated with spouse/partner attendance at one business meeting per annum are met by BHP Billiton and, in some instances, they are deemed to be taxable benefits for the Non-executive Director. In such cases BHP Billiton reimburses the Non-executive Director for this tax cost. 	Up to a limit not exceeding 20% of fees.

Remuneration component and link to strategy	Operation and performance framework	Maximum ⁽¹⁾
STI and LTI		
Payments on early termination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-executive Directors are not eligible to participate in any STI or LTI arrangements. • There are no provisions in any of the Non-executive Directors' appointment arrangements for compensation payable on early termination of their directorship. 	

⁽¹⁾ UK regulations require the disclosure of the maximum that may be paid in respect of each remuneration component. Where that is expressed as a maximum annual percentage increase which is annualised, it should not be interpreted that it is the Company's current intention to award an increase of that size in total in any one year, or in each year, and instead it is a maximum required to be disclosed under the regulations.

Approach to recruitment remuneration

The ongoing remuneration arrangements for a newly recruited Non-executive Director will reflect the remuneration policy in place for other Non-executive Directors, as above. The components will therefore comprise fees, pension contributions where required by law and benefits as set out in the table above. No variable remuneration (STI and LTI) will be provided to newly recruited Non-executive Directors.

Letters of appointment and policy on loss of office

The standard letter of appointment for Non-executive Directors is available on our website. The Board has adopted a policy consistent with the UK Corporate Governance Code, under which all Non-executive Directors must seek re-election by shareholders annually if they wish to remain on the Board. As such no Non-executive Directors seeking re-election have an unexpired term in their letter of appointment.

A Non-executive Director may resign on reasonable notice. No payments are made to Non-executive Directors on loss of office. A legacy arrangement provides accrued retirement benefits under the now closed Retirement Plan of BHP Billiton Limited and this will continue to be honoured.

Section 3.4.26 for retirement disclosures for the Non-executive Directors.

Considerations when setting Non-executive Director remuneration

When Non-executive Director remuneration is determined, the same considerations in respect of employment conditions elsewhere in the Group and shareholder views as described in relation to setting remuneration for the CEO are taken into account.

Section 3.3.5 for consideration of employment conditions elsewhere in the Group.

Section 3.3.6 for consideration of shareholder views.

3.4 Annual report on remuneration

This section of the Report shows the impact of the remuneration policy in FY2016 and how remuneration outcomes are linked to actual performance outcomes. It is divided as follows.

Contents of the annual report on remuneration

3.4.1 to 3.4.4	Remuneration governance
3.4.5 to 3.4.11	Remuneration outcomes for the Executive Director (the CEO)
3.4.12 to 3.4.13	Remuneration outcomes for Non-executive Directors
3.4.14 to 3.4.19	Remuneration for members of the OMC (other than the CEO)
3.4.20 to 3.4.27	Other statutory disclosures

Remuneration governance

3.4.1 Board oversight and the Remuneration Committee

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Group's remuneration arrangements are equitable and aligned with the long-term interests of BHP Billiton and its shareholders. In performing this function, it is critical that the Board is independent of management when making decisions affecting remuneration of the CEO, other members of the OMC and the Group's employees.

The Board has therefore established a Remuneration Committee to assist it in making such decisions. The Committee is comprised solely of Non-executive Directors all of whom are independent. To ensure that it is fully informed, the Committee regularly invites members of management to attend meetings to provide reports and updates. The Committee can draw on services from a range of external sources, including remuneration consultants.

Remuneration Committee

Remuneration Committee members	Carolyn Hewson (Chairman) Malcolm Brinded (from 13 April 2016) John Buchanan (to 13 July 2015) Carlos Cordeiro (to 19 November 2015) Pat Davies Shriti Vadera
Number of meetings in FY2016	Five
Other Directors and employees who regularly attended meetings ⁽¹⁾	Jac Nasser (Chairman) Andrew Mackenzie (CEO) Athalie Williams (Chief People Officer) Andrew Fitzgerald (Vice President, Reward) Margaret Taylor (Group Company Secretary) Geof Stapledon (Vice President, Governance)

⁽¹⁾ These individuals were not present when matters associated with their own remuneration were considered.

Section 2.13.2 for further information regarding the Committee.

The activities of the Remuneration Committee are governed by Terms of Reference (most recently approved by the Board in June 2016), which are available on our website. The role of the Committee is to assist the Board overseeing:

- the remuneration policy and its specific application to the CEO and other members of the OMC and its general application to all employees;

- the adoption of annual and longer-term incentive plans;
- the determination of levels of reward for the CEO and approval of reward to the OMC;
- the annual evaluation of the performance of the CEO, by providing guidance to the Company Chairman;
- the preparation of the Remuneration Report for inclusion in the Annual Report;
- compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements associated with remuneration matters;
- the review, at least annually, of remuneration by gender.

The use of remuneration consultants

The Committee seeks and considers advice from independent remuneration advisers where appropriate. Remuneration consultants are engaged by and report directly to the Committee. Potential conflicts of interest are taken into account when remuneration consultants are selected and their terms of engagement regulate their level of access to and require their independence from BHP Billiton's management. The advice and recommendations of external advisers are used as a guide, but do not serve as a substitute for thorough consideration of the issues by each Director.

Kepler Associates was previously appointed by the Committee to act as an independent remuneration adviser to provide specialist remuneration advice. Kepler Associates did not provide other services to the Group. Kepler Associates' parent Mercer, a member of the MMC Group of companies, currently provides human resources services to the Group. Kepler Associates is a member of the UK Remuneration Consultants Group and adheres to its Code of Conduct.

During the year, the Committee conducted a tender process to review and determine its independent remuneration adviser. PricewaterhouseCoopers was successful and was appointed as an independent remuneration adviser from 16 March 2016. Kepler Associates ceased being an independent remuneration adviser to the Committee with effect from 22 February 2016.

PricewaterhouseCoopers is also a member of the UK Remuneration Consultants Group and adheres to its Code of Conduct. The PricewaterhouseCoopers team that advises the Remuneration Committee does not provide any other services to the Group. Other parts of PricewaterhouseCoopers provide services to the Group in the areas of forensic and general technology, internal audit and international assignment solutions. Although PricewaterhouseCoopers provides other services to the Group, processes and arrangements are in place to protect independence (for example, ring-fencing of teams) and to manage any conflicts of interest that may arise.

During the year, Kepler Associates and PricewaterhouseCoopers provided advice and assistance to the Committee on a wide range of matters, including:

- advice in regard to remuneration arrangements for the CEO and other members of the OMC (although only Kepler Associates provided 'remuneration recommendations' (as defined in the Australian Corporations Act 2001) to the Committee during FY2016);
- review of the sector peer group;
- benchmarking of pay of senior executives against comparable roles at a range of relevant comparator groups;
- provision of information and commentary on global trends in executive remuneration;
- calculation of fair values for accounting and remuneration setting purposes of equity awards and performance analysis for LTI awards;
- advice on Remuneration Report disclosures;
- review of and commentary on management proposals;
- other ad-hoc support and advice as requested by the Committee.

Kepler Associates and PricewaterhouseCoopers were the only remuneration consultants appointed by the Committee.

Management also appoints external firms from time to time to assist with remuneration benchmarking, data provision and the like. While other external firms did provide certain information to management to assist them in deliberations, only Kepler Associates provided remuneration recommendations during the year in relation to KMP.

Remuneration recommendations

As part of its role, Kepler Associates provided ‘remuneration recommendations’ (as defined in the Australian Corporations Act 2001) to the Committee during the year. Each time Kepler Associates provided a remuneration recommendation, it provided a declaration that the remuneration recommendation was made free from undue influence by the individual to whom the recommendation relates. The Board considered the processes outlined above, the constraints incorporated into Kepler Associates’ terms of engagement, the implementation of a comprehensive protocol for the engagement of remuneration advisers and the receipt of the declaration of no undue influence. It is satisfied that the remuneration recommendations received from Kepler Associates were made free from undue influence by any member of the KMP to whom the recommendations related.

Total fees paid to Kepler Associates for the period from 1 July 2015 to 22 February 2016 were £45,950, of which £10,700 was for attendance at Committee meetings and commentary on management proposals and a total of £35,250 for the provision of remuneration recommendations (including related technical advice and support on executive remuneration). Total fees paid to the MMC Group of companies, of which Kepler Associates is a member, for the period from 1 July 2015 to 22 February 2016 were US\$3.3 million. Total fees paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers for the period from 16 March 2016 to 30 June 2016 were £136,000 for attendance at Committee meetings, commentary on management proposals and related technical advice and support on executive remuneration. The majority of work performed by the independent adviser takes place in the last quarter of the financial year in respect of year-end procedures.

3.4.2 Prohibition on hedging of BHP Billiton shares and equity instruments

The CEO and other members of the OMC are not allowed to protect the value of any unvested BHP Billiton equity awards allocated to them under employee programs or the value of shares and securities held as part of meeting BHP Billiton’s MSR as described below. The policy also prohibits OMC members from using unvested BHP Billiton equity awards as collateral in any financial transaction, including hedging and margin loan arrangements.

Any securities that have vested and are no longer subject to restrictions or performance conditions may be subject to hedging arrangements or used as collateral, provided that consent is obtained from BHP Billiton in advance of the employee entering into the arrangement. BHP Billiton treats compliance with this policy as a serious issue and takes appropriate measures to ensure that the policy is adhered to.

3.4.3 Share ownership guidelines and the MSR

The share ownership guidelines and the MSR help to ensure that the interests of Directors, executives and shareholders remain aligned.

The value of equity awards and any other securities for the purposes of the MSR is the market value of the underlying shares. Unvested employee equity awards do not qualify and neither do any options with a market-based exercise price.

The CEO and other members of the OMC are expected to grow their holdings to the MSR from the scheduled vesting of their employee awards over time. Under the policy, employees are not required to meet the holding requirement before awards are allocated to them. Rather, the MSR is tested at the time that shares are to be sold. The OMC members are entitled to sell sufficient shares to satisfy tax obligations arising from the granting, holding, vesting, exercise or sale of the employee awards or the underlying shares. However, if an OMC member wishes to sell additional shares they will be prohibited from doing so unless they will meet the MSR after the sale.

For FY2016:

- the MSR for the CEO was five times annual pre-tax base salary and while he has met this requirement in the past, subsequent movements in foreign exchange rates and share prices have resulted in Andrew Mackenzie's shareholding being 2.3 times his annual pre-tax base salary at the end of FY2016;
- the MSR for other members of the OMC was three times annual pre-tax base salary. At the end of FY2016, Peter Beaven met the MSR, while the remaining members of the OMC did not meet the MSR.

No OMC members sold shares during FY2016, other than to satisfy taxation obligations, consistent with the policy.

Subject to securities dealing constraints, Non-executive Directors have agreed to apply at least 25 per cent of their remuneration (base fees plus Committee fees) to the purchase of BHP Billiton shares until they achieve an MSR equivalent in value to one year's remuneration (base fees plus Committee fees). Thereafter, they must maintain at least that level of shareholding throughout their tenure. At the end of FY2016, each Non-executive Director met the MSR with the exception of Anita Frew, who joined the Board on 15 September 2015. Ms Frew held 9,000 shares at the end of FY2016 and this holding represents approximately 0.6 times her annual remuneration. As at the date of this report Ms Frew held 15,000 shares, which would meet the MSR.

Section 3.4.23 for details of share ownership information of the CEO, other members of the OMC and the Non-executive Directors.

3.4.4 Statement of voting at the 2015 AGMs

BHP Billiton's remuneration resolutions have attracted a high level of support by shareholders. Voting in regard to those resolutions put to shareholders at the 2015 AGMs is shown below.

AGM resolution	Requirement	% vote 'for'	% vote 'against'	Votes withheld ⁽¹⁾
Remuneration Report (excluding remuneration policy) ⁽²⁾	UK	96.84	3.16	37,048,394
Remuneration Report (whole report)	Australia	96.77	3.23	37,358,354
Approval of grants to Executive Director	Australia	95.75	4.25	23,036,494

⁽¹⁾ The sum of votes marked 'Vote Withheld' at BHP Billiton Plc's AGM and votes marked 'Abstain' at BHP Billiton Limited's AGM.

⁽²⁾ The UK requirement for approval of the remuneration policy was met at the 2014 AGMs (where the following outcomes were recorded: a 97.19 per cent vote 'for' and a 2.81 per cent vote 'against', with 29,834,918 votes withheld). This resolution was not required in 2015.

Remuneration outcomes for the Executive Director (the CEO)

Section 3.3 for the remuneration policy for the CEO.

3.4.5 Single total figure of remuneration

This section shows a single total figure of remuneration as prescribed under UK requirements. It is a measure of actual remuneration and is not intended to meet IFRS.

Section 3.4.20 for the statutory IFRS remuneration table.

US\$('000)		<u>Base salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>STI⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>LTI</u>	<u>Pension</u>	<u>Total</u>
Andrew Mackenzie	FY2016	1,700	116	0	0	425	2,241
	FY2015	1,700	145	2,312	0	425	4,582

⁽¹⁾ Provided half in cash and half in deferred equity as shown in the table below.

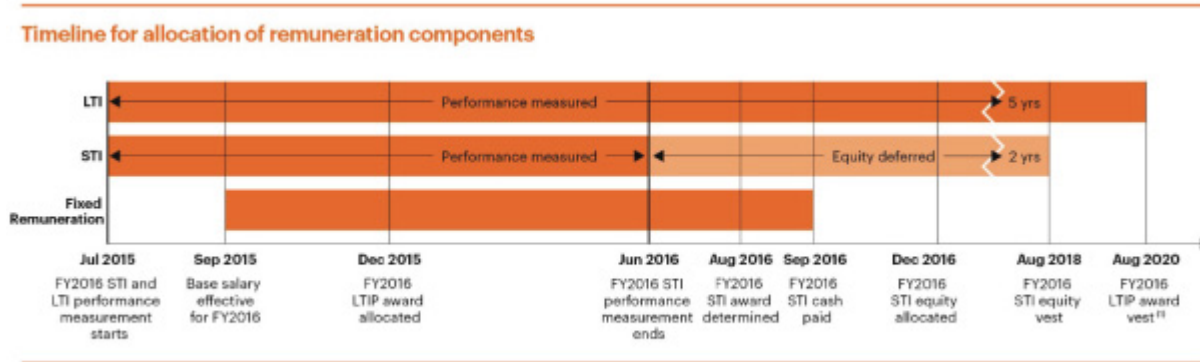
For Mr Mackenzie, the single total figure of remuneration is calculated as set out below.

	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>
Base salary	Base salary earned from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 based on a full-year base salary of US\$1.700 million as Mr Mackenzie did not receive any salary increase for FY2016.	Base salary earned from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 based on a full-year base salary of US\$1.700 million as Mr Mackenzie did not receive any salary increase for FY2015.
Benefits⁽¹⁾ <i>Section 3.3.3 for policy for specific benefits.</i>	The full amount of private family health insurance and personal tax return preparation in required countries provided during FY2016 together with spouse business-related travel.	The full amount of private family health insurance and personal tax return preparation in required countries provided during FY2015 together with spouse business-related travel.
STI <i>Section 3.4.6 for how STI is determined.</i>	Zero STI was awarded for FY2016 performance.	STI awarded for FY2015 performance. Half or US\$1.156 million was provided in cash in September 2015 and half or US\$1.156 million was deferred in an equity award, which is due to vest in FY2018.
LTI <i>Section 3.4.7 for the LTI performance condition.</i> <i>Section 3.4.8 for LTI awarded during FY2016.</i>	Based on performance during the five-year period to 30 June 2016, all of Mr Mackenzie's 158,290 awards from the 2011 LTIP did not vest and have lapsed. The value of the awards is zero and no DEP has been paid in respect of these awards.	Based on performance during the five-year period to 30 June 2015, all of Mr Mackenzie's 129,648 awards from the 2010 LTIP did not vest and have lapsed. The value of the awards is zero and no DEP was paid in respect of these awards.
Pension	BHP Billiton's contribution to a defined contribution pension plan at 25% of base salary.	BHP Billiton's contribution to a defined contribution pension plan at 25% of base salary.

⁽¹⁾ Although eligible, the CEO does not currently participate in Shareplus, for reasons of administrative simplicity.

When the components of remuneration are provided

The following graph illustrates the usual time frame for delivery of the components of remuneration. It shows how STI and LTI outcomes are deferred.



(1) Subject to the achievement of specified performance conditions and Remuneration Committee discretion.

3.4.6 FY2016 STI performance outcomes

The Board and Remuneration Committee have reviewed the Group's performance in FY2016 for the purposes of determining the CEO's STI outcome. The dam failure at Samarco (a non-operated joint venture in Brazil) in November 2015 was a key consideration, along with the ongoing decline in commodity markets and its associated impact on our performance. The Board and Remuneration Committee considered the STI scorecard set for the CEO and his performance against the KPIs, and also weighed up the events and external factors impacting the Group's performance as set out above. Having considered all these elements holistically, the Board and Committee determined that the STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 should be zero and exercised discretion to approve that outcome. This outcome accorded with an indication the CEO had previously provided to the Remuneration Committee that he thought a zero STI outcome for FY2016 would be an appropriate alignment of his short-term remuneration outcome for FY2016 with the shareholder experience and the interests of the Group's other stakeholders.

The CEO's STI scorecard for FY2016 is summarised in the following table, showing the outcomes both prior to and after the Committee exercised its discretion as set out above. A narrative description of each performance measure and the CEO's level of achievement, as determined by the Remuneration Committee, prior to the approval of a zero STI outcome, is shown below the table. The performance range is set for each measure with the level of performance determined on a range of Threshold (the minimum necessary to qualify for any reward outcome), Target (where the performance requirements are met), and Stretch (where the performance requirements are significantly exceeded).

	Weighting for FY2016	Performance for FY2016				Scorecard KPI outcomes		Approved final outcomes	
		Zero	Threshold	Target	Stretch	Percentage outcome	STI US\$('000)	Percentage outcome	STI US\$('000)
HSEC	25%	●		●		23%	626	0%	0
Underlying attributable profit	40%	●	●			0%	0	0%	0
Capital project management	10%	●		●		10%	272	0%	0
Individual performance	25%	●		●		25%	680	0%	0
Total	100%	●	●			58%	1,578	0%	0

● Represents outcomes against the original scorecard KPIs, prior to the Board and Committee considering the approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016.
 ● Represents the final outcomes after the Board and Committee approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016.

HSEC

The HSEC targets in the original scorecard for the CEO are aligned to the Group's suite of HSEC five-year public targets as set out in BHP Billiton's Sustainability Report. As it has done for several years, the Remuneration Committee seeks guidance each year from the Sustainability Committee when assessing HSEC performance against the original scorecard targets. The Sustainability Committee also offers its guidance on any matters outside the original scorecard targets which it considers the Remuneration Committee should take into account when finalising the outcomes. Consistent with prior years, the Remuneration Committee then took a holistic view of how the Group had performed in critical areas, including considering the guidance provided by the Sustainability Committee.

The performance commentary below is provided against the original scorecard targets which were set on the basis of operated assets only. While this commentary therefore does not include the impact of the dam failure at Samarco, this should not be read to diminish the significance of that event, which has clearly been a key consideration in the determination of the overall zero STI outcome for the CEO as described above.

Original Scorecard Targets

Fatalities, environmental and community incidents:

Nil fatalities and nil actual significant environmental and community incidents at operated assets. Year-on-year improvement in trends for events with potential for such outcomes.

TRIF and occupational illness: Improved performance compared with FY2015 results, with severity and trends to be considered as a moderating influence on the overall HSEC assessment.

Risk management: For all material risks, commodity segments to have all critical control designs and critical control assessment test plans reviewed by the material risk owner and recorded. Year-on-year improvement in trends for potential events associated with identified material risks.

Health, environment and community initiatives: All assets to achieve 100 per cent of planned targets in respect of occupational exposure reduction, water and greenhouse gas, social investment, quality of life, community perceptions and community complaints.

Performance against the Original Scorecard Targets

The Sustainability Committee first considered HSEC performance against the original STI scorecard KPIs, with the following observations:

Fatalities, environmental and community incidents: There were no fatalities or environment or community incidents during FY2016 at Group operated assets (i.e. excludes Samarco which is a non-operated joint venture as noted above). The achievement of no fatalities at Group operated assets reflects a significant effort across the Group. As a Group, we still need to continue to build our focus on safety and fatality prevention through leadership, verification and effective risk management. There was one significant non-fatal safety event at New Mexico Coal in FY2016.

TRIF and occupational illness: Our TRIF in FY2016 of 4.3 has deteriorated slightly across BHP Billiton as a whole compared with 4.1 for FY2015, following an improvement of two per cent in the prior year and a pattern of improvement over several years. However, we have significantly reduced by 20 per cent the number of high potential injury events and we have recorded positive outcomes on the numbers of occupational illnesses being experienced.

Risk management: All commodity segments completed reviews of critical control designs and test plans for all material HSEC risks. In addition, all commodity segments met critical control execution and critical control verification tasks targets. There were no potential material risk events in which all critical controls were absent or failed in FY2016.

Health, environment and community initiatives: Greenhouse gas reduction targets set at the commencement of the year were exceeded in all commodity segments. Water management projects were completed consistent with targets in most assets. All occupational exposure and community targets were achieved by the assets.

Notwithstanding the performance against the original scorecard targets as set out above, the guidance offered by the Sustainability Committee to the Remuneration Committee was that the CEO's FY2016 STI HSEC component should be zero as a consequence of the Samarco dam failure. In the absence of this, and of the Board and Committee's approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 as described above, it was considered that the performance against the HSEC KPI would have warranted an outcome for FY2016 of 23 per cent against the target of 25 per cent.

Underlying attributable profit (UAP)

Underlying profit after taxation attributable to members of the BHP Billiton Group (UAP) is the key KPI against which short-term incentive outcomes for our senior executives are measured and, in our view, is the most relevant measure to assess the financial performance of the Group for this purpose. UAP is profit after taxation attributable to members of the BHP Billiton Group (which in past periods we have reported as a key KPI), excluding discontinued operations and exceptional items. At the commencement of the financial year when the target is approved, attributable profit is equal to UAP as there are no exceptional items. A description of UAP and how it reconciles to IFRS measures can be found in section 1.13.2.

When we are assessing management's performance we make adjustments to the UAP result to allow for changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange movements and other material items to ensure that the assessment appropriately measures outcomes that are within the control and influence of the Group and its executives. Of these, changes in commodity prices has historically been the most material due to volatility in prices and the impact on Group revenue. Notwithstanding that UAP excludes exceptional items, the Remuneration Committee reviews each exceptional item to assess if it should be included in the result for the purposes of deriving the UAP STI outcome.

Original Scorecard Targets

In respect of FY2016, the Board determined a Target for UAP of US\$3.5 billion, with a Threshold of US\$1.6 billion and a Stretch of US\$4.7 billion.

The range between Threshold and Target is greater than that between Target and Stretch for two main reasons. Firstly, the Target figure is based on the Group's approved annual budget, and it is the Group's practice to build an element of stretch performance into the budget. Secondly, the Group's assets typically are run at full design capacity. As a consequence, the performance range around Target is subject to a greater level of downside risk than there is upside opportunity.

Performance against the Original Scorecard Targets

UAP of US\$1.2 billion was reported by BHP Billiton for FY2016. Adjusted for the factors outlined below, UAP is US\$1.4 billion, which is below Threshold as determined by the Board. The adjustments made to ensure the outcomes appropriately reflect the performance of management for the year were:

- Adjustments for movements in prices of commodities and exchange rates for operated assets: an addition to UAP of US\$2.1 billion.
- Adjustments for other material items ordinarily made to ensure the outcomes reflect the performance of management for the year: an addition to UAP of US\$0.3 billion, mainly being the exclusion of the commodity price impacts of non-controlled equity accounted investments.
- Having reviewed all FY2016 exceptional items (as described in section 5.1.6 Note 2 'Exceptional items'), the Committee determined that the exceptional item in relation to the Samarco dam failure should be taken into consideration for the purposes of determining the UAP outcome. This reduced UAP by US\$2.2 billion.

The key driver of the UAP performance being below Threshold at US\$1.4 billion was the financial impact of the Samarco dam failure. Other factors impacting UAP during FY2016 included

Original Scorecard Targets

Performance against the Original Scorecard Targets

variable production performance across the different commodity segments, with overall volumes below target, mainly in iron ore. Cost performance during the year was positive against the targets set for the Group, with most commodity segments exceeding or meeting expectations in this regard. There was improvement in our fundamental productivity drivers, although this will remain a key focus for FY2017.

The performance against the financial KPI resulted in an outcome for FY2016 of zero per cent against the target of 40 per cent (regardless of the Board and Committee's approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 as described above).

Capital project management

Capital project management measures based on the cost and the schedule outcomes for major capital projects in execution are considered to be effective measures of the delivery of our project pipeline, and consistent with other companies in our sector. To ensure that we appropriately measure outcomes that are within the control and influence of the Group and its executives, relief is provided for exchange rate impacts on non-US\$ project costs. Consistent with last year, the Committee also considers qualitative factors such as performance on commodity segment-level projects, post commissioning performance, capital expenditure efficiency, progress to plan of development projects, relative capital performance against competitors and variations to prior Board approvals.

Original Scorecard Targets

In respect of FY2016, the Board determined a Target cost of US\$8.6 billion, with a Threshold of US\$9.5 billion and a Stretch of US\$8.0 billion. A Target was determined for schedule of 42.3 months, with a Threshold of 49.9 months and a Stretch of 37.5 months. Both cost and schedule are weighted averages across the portfolio of eight major projects in execution phase at the commencement of the performance year.

The ranges between Threshold and Target are greater than those between Target and Stretch, as cost and schedule have a greater opportunity for overspend and/or overrun to occur, than the lesser and finite probability of outcomes ahead of Target.

In the absence of the Board and Committee's approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 as described above, it was considered that the performance against the capital project management KPI would have warranted an outcome for FY2016 of 10 per cent against the target of 10 per cent.

Performance against the Original Scorecard Targets

The outcome of US\$8.0 billion on cost which, when adjusted for foreign exchange movements, equated to US\$8.6 billion, and the outcome on schedule of 41.7 months, were both largely in line with Target.

All eight major capital projects proceeded largely in accordance with approved targets. Favourable cost outcomes were observed on certain projects in Petroleum and Potash, partly offset by slightly negative outcomes in Copper. Favourable progress against schedule was observed on some projects in Copper and Petroleum.

Individual performance measures for the CEO

Individual measures for the CEO are determined at the commencement of the financial year. The application of personal, qualitative measures remains an important element of effective performance management. These measures seek to provide a balance between the financial and non-financial performance requirements that maintain our position as a leader in our industry.

Original Scorecard Targets

The CEO's individual measures for FY2016 comprised contribution to BHP Billiton's overall performance and the management team, and the delivery of projects and initiatives within the scope of the CEO role as set out by the Board, including strategy implementation, consolidation of relationships with key stakeholders, improvement in leadership capabilities and employee engagement throughout the Group, delivery of productivity initiatives and OMC member development and succession.

Performance against the Original Scorecard Targets

FY2016 represented the completion of the third full financial year in the role by the CEO. During FY2016, the CEO has contributed positively to the performance of the Group and the OMC in a challenging year, implemented a new simplified organisation structure following last year's demerger of South32, delivered significant further productivity and capital expenditure improvements, strengthened our relationships with key stakeholders through successful communication and collaboration, achieved uplifts in engagement, leading change, development and inclusion measures in the annual employee perception survey, and implemented the new Inclusion and Diversity Council to accelerate achievements in this critical area. The CEO also has ensured there is a well-established talent management process with a strong slate of internal successors to OMC roles, with plans in place to provide additional experience and development. Accordingly, the Committee is of the view the CEO's performance has been in line with the targets for individual measures set at the commencement of the year, as set out above.

In the absence of the Board and Committee's approval of a zero STI outcome for the CEO for FY2016 as described above, it was considered that the performance against individual measures would have warranted an outcome for FY2016 of 25 per cent against the target of 25 per cent.

3.4.7 LTI performance outcomes

LTI vesting based on performance to June 2016

The five-year performance period for the 2011 LTIP ended on 30 June 2016. The CEO's 2011 LTI comprised 158,290⁽¹⁾ awards, subject to achievement of the relative TSR performance conditions and any discretion applied by the Remuneration Committee as described below.

⁽¹⁾ Inclusive of an uplift of 11,780 awards due to the demerger of South32 because the awards did not participate in the in-specie dividend. This adjustment is described in full in section 4.4.19 of the 2015 Annual Report.

Testing the performance condition

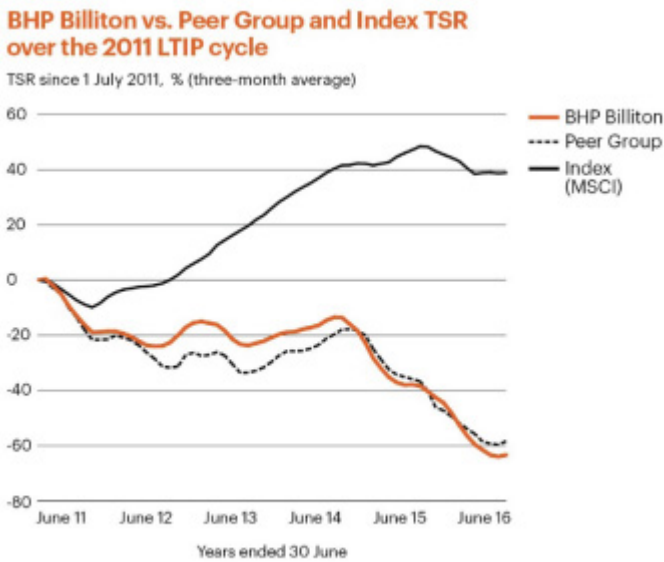
For the award to vest in full, BHP Billiton was required to deliver a TSR that exceeded the Peer Group TSR (for 67 per cent of the award) and the Index TSR (for 33 per cent of the award) by an average of 5.5 per cent per year for five years, being 30.7 per cent in total compounded over the five-year performance period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016. TSR includes returns to BHP Billiton shareholders in the form of share price movements along with dividends paid and reinvested in BHP Billiton (including cash and in-specie dividends).

Section 3.3.3 for the description of Peer Group TSR and Index TSR.

BHP Billiton's TSR performance was negative 63.4 per cent over the five-year period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2016. This is below the weighted median Peer Group TSR of negative 58.4 per cent and below the Index TSR of positive 38.9 per cent over the same period. This level of performance results in zero vesting for the 2011 LTIP awards, and accordingly all 158,290 of the CEO's awards have lapsed. No compensation or DEP was paid in relation to the lapsed awards.

Section 3.4.8 for the 2011 LTIP peer group companies.

The graph below shows BHP Billiton's performance under the 2011 LTIP performance condition.



LTI vesting during FY2016 based on performance to June 2015

As detailed in last year's Remuneration Report, the five-year performance period for the 2010 LTIP ended on 30 June 2015 and the performance condition is the same as set out previously for the 2011 LTIP. The five-year TSR performance for BHP Billiton was negative 15.2 per cent. This is below the Peer Group TSR of negative 4.5 per cent and below the Index TSR of positive 78.6 per cent over the same period. This performance resulted in zero vesting of the 2010 LTIP award.

Section 3.3.3 for the definition of Peer Group TSR and Index TSR.

Section 3.4.8 for the 2010 LTIP peer group companies.

Overarching discretion

The rules of the LTIP and the terms and conditions of the award give the Committee an overarching discretion to reduce the number of awards that will vest, notwithstanding the fact that the performance condition for partial or full vesting has been met. This qualitative judgement, which is applied before final vesting is confirmed, is an important risk management aspect to ensure that vesting is not simply driven by a formula that may give unexpected or unintended remuneration outcomes. The Committee considers its discretion carefully each year. It considers performance holistically over the five-year period, including a five-year view on HSEC statistics, profitability, cash flow, balance sheet health, returns to shareholders, production volumes and unit costs.

As the formulaic outcome of the 2011 LTIP was a zero vesting, there is no discretion available to the Remuneration Committee, as the overarching discretion may only reduce the number of awards that may vest.

Section 3.4.22 for a five-year history of BHP Billiton share prices and dividends.

3.4.8 LTI allocated during FY2016

Following shareholder approval at the 2015 AGMs, an LTI award was granted to the CEO on 4 December 2015. The face value and fair value of the award are shown in the table below.

<u>Number of LTI awards ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Face value US\$(‘000) ⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Face value % of salary</u>	<u>Fair value US\$(‘000) ⁽³⁾</u>	<u>Fair value % of salary</u>	<u>% of max ⁽⁴⁾</u>
339,753	6,800	400	2,788	164	82

- (1) The number of LTI awards was calculated by dividing the face value by the average closing share price over the 12 months immediately prior to the grant date using a US\$/A\$ exchange rate over the same 12-month period and rounding down to the nearest whole number. However, to ensure the CEO did not receive a larger number of awards as a result of the lower BHP Billiton share price since the Samarco dam failure in Brazil on 5 November 2015, the award size was determined by the Remuneration Committee by maintaining the share price and exchange rate of 5 November 2015 throughout the period from 6 November 2015 to the grant date. This resulted in a lower number of awards being allocated than would otherwise be the case. The calculation therefore uses the actual daily close price for each trading day in the period from 4 December 2014 to 4 November 2015 and uses A\$23.28 as the daily close price for each trading day from 5 November 2015 to 3 December 2015. This results in a 12-month average share price of A\$26.38.
- (2) The face value of the award was determined as 400 per cent of Andrew Mackenzie’s base salary of US\$1.700 million.
- (3) The fair value of the award is calculated by multiplying the face value of the award by the fair value factor of 41 per cent (for the current plan design, as determined by the independent adviser to the Committee).
- (4) The allocation is 82 per cent of the maximum award that may be provided under the LTIP rules. The maximum is a fair value of 200 per cent of base salary or face value of 488 per cent of base salary, based on the fair value of 41 per cent for the current plan design (488% x 41% = 200%).

Terms of the LTI award

Section 3.3.3 for the terms of LTI that are set in the remuneration policy for the CEO.

In addition to those LTI terms set in the remuneration policy for the CEO, the Remuneration Committee has determined:

- The performance period will be 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020.
- An averaging period of six months will be used in the TSR calculations to account for short-term price fluctuations.
- BHP Billiton’s performance relative to peers tends to be counter-cyclical. To provide a fair and balanced outcome, TSR relative to the weighted average TSR of sector peer companies selected by the Committee (Peer Group TSR) will determine the vesting of 67 per cent of the award. TSR relative to the broad MSCI World index (Index TSR) will determine the vesting of the remaining 33 per cent of the award.
- For the whole of either portion of the award to vest, BHP Billiton’s TSR must exceed the Peer Group TSR or the Index TSR (as applicable) by an average of 5.5 per cent per annum. This equates to exceeding average TSR over the five-year performance period by 30.7 per cent. Threshold vesting of each portion of the award occurs where BHP Billiton’s TSR equals the Peer Group TSR or Index TSR (as applicable).

- Peer Group TSR is the weighted median TSR for the companies. Each company in the peer group is weighted by market capitalisation to ensure that it is represented appropriately within the TSR calculation. The maximum weighting for any one company is capped at 20 per cent and the minimum is set at one per cent to reduce sensitivity to any single peer company.

The sector peer group companies for the FY2016 allocations in December 2015 are below, along with those for prior LTI grants.

	<u>December 2010 to 2012 ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>December 2013 and 2014</u>	<u>December 2015 ⁽²⁾</u>		<u>December 2010 to 2012 ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>December 2013 and 2014</u>	<u>December 2015 ⁽²⁾</u>
Resources (75%)				Oil and Gas (25%)			
Alcoa	●	●		Anadarko Petroleum		●	●
Anglo American	●	●	●	Apache	●	●	●
Cameco	●	●		BG Group	●	●	●
CONSOL Energy		●	●	BP	●	●	●
Fortescue Metals		●	●	Canadian Natural Res.		●	●
Freeport-McMoRan	●	●	●	Chevron		●	●
Glencore ⁽³⁾	●	●	●	ConocoPhillips		●	●
MMC Norilsk Nickel	●	●		Devon Energy	●	●	●
Peabody Energy	●	●	●	EOG Resources		●	●
Rio Tinto	●	●	●	ExxonMobil	●	●	●
Southern Copper	●	●	●	Occidental Petroleum		●	●
Teck Resources	●	●	●	Royal Dutch Shell	●	●	●
Vale	●	●	●	Woodside Petroleum	●	●	●

- (1) In December 2010, the averaging period used in the TSR calculations to account for short-term price fluctuations was three months. This was extended to six months from the December 2011 grants.
- (2) Alcoa, Cameco and MMC Norilsk Nickel have been removed from the sector peer group of companies primarily due to the South32 demerger making them less relevant comparator companies.
- (3) Glencore Xstrata replaced Xstrata in the peer group for December 2010 to December 2012 awards after the merger of Glencore and Xstrata in May 2013. Glencore Xstrata was included in its own right for grants made from December 2013 onwards and was renamed Glencore in May 2014.

3.4.9 CEO remuneration and returns to shareholders

Seven-year CEO remuneration

The table below shows the total remuneration earned by Andrew Mackenzie and Marius Kloppers over the last seven years along with the proportion of maximum opportunity earned for each type of incentive.

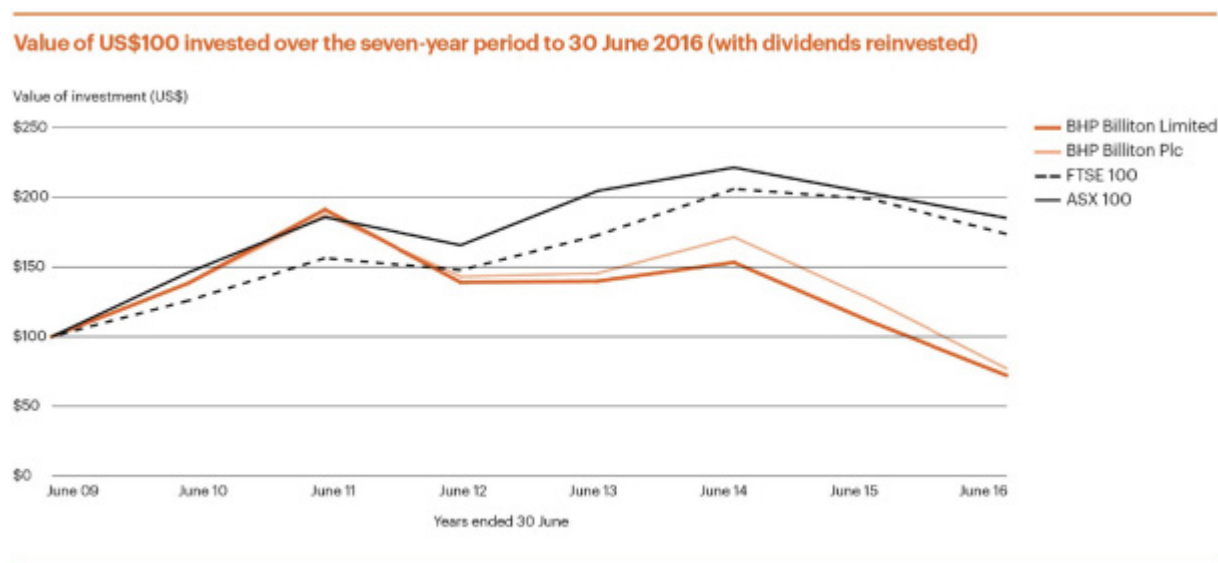
Section 3.4.5 for more detail on and the methodology used to calculate the single total figure of remuneration as used in this table.

Financial year	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013 ⁽¹⁾	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
Andrew Mackenzie							
Total single figure remuneration, US\$('000)	–	–	–	2,468	7,988	4,582	2,241
STI (% of maximum)	–	–	–	47	77	57	0
LTI (% of maximum)	–	–	–	65	58	0	0
Marius Kloppers							
Total single figure remuneration, US\$('000)	14,789	15,755	16,092	15,991	–	–	–
STI (% of maximum)	71	69	0	47	–	–	–
LTI (% of maximum)	100	100	100	65	–	–	–

⁽¹⁾ As Mr Mackenzie assumed the role of CEO in May 2013, the FY2013 total remuneration shown relates only to the period 10 May to 30 June 2013. The FY2013 total remuneration for Mr Kloppers relates only to the period 1 July 2012 to 10 May 2013.

Seven-year TSR

The graph below shows BHP Billiton's TSR against the performance of relevant indices over the same seven-year period. The indices shown in the graph were chosen as being broad market indices, which include companies of a comparable size and complexity to BHP Billiton.



3.4.10 Remuneration in FY2016

The table below sets out the CEO's base salary, benefits and STI amounts earned in respect of FY2016, with the percentage change from FY2015. The table also shows the average change in each element for current employees in Australia (being approximately 16,000 employees) during FY2016. This has been chosen by the Committee as the most appropriate comparison, as the CEO is located in Australia.

		<u>Base salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>STI</u>
CEO	US\$('000)	1,700	116	0
	% change	0.0	(20.0)	(100.0)
Australian employees	% change (average)	1.0	(17.8)	(33.3)

The table below shows the ratio of the total remuneration of the highest paid individual in each major region in which BHP Billiton operates to the median total remuneration of all of the employees in the same region.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Asia</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Europe</u>	<u>North America</u>	<u>South America</u>
Ratio	32:1	55:1	4:1	30:1	133:1

3.4.11 Remuneration for the CEO in FY2017

The remuneration for the CEO in FY2017 will be provided in accordance with the remuneration policy approved by shareholders at the 2014 AGMs.

Section 3.3.3 for the remuneration policy for the CEO.

Base salary increase in September 2016

Base salary is reviewed annually, and increases are applicable from 1 September. The CEO will not receive a base salary increase in September 2016 and it will remain unchanged at US\$1.700 million per annum for FY2017.

FY2017 STI performance measures

For FY2017, the Remuneration Committee has determined the following changes to the scorecard of STI performance measures:

- The capital project management measure (weighted 10 per cent in FY2016) has been removed, reflecting the continued reduction in the number and value of major capital projects in execution;
- The weighting for financial measures has increased from 40 per cent to 45 per cent and is based on UAP as the main measure of Group performance and Underlying EBITDA as the primary measure of regional performance;
- The weighting for individual performance measures will increase from 25 per cent to 30 per cent and will include assessment of the effective management of capital projects as applicable.

Section 3.4.6 for a description of STI for FY2016, including the performance measures.

The performance measures set out in the table below have been set by the Remuneration Committee for the CEO in FY2017.

<u>Performance measure</u>	<u>Weighting</u>	<u>Target performance</u>
HSEC	25%	<p>Fatalities, environmental and community incidents: Nil fatalities and nil actual significant environmental and community incidents. Year-on-year improvement in trends for events with potential for such outcomes.</p> <p>TRIF and occupational illness: Improved performance compared with FY2016 results, with severity and trends to be considered as a moderating influence on the overall HSEC assessment.</p> <p>Risk management: Assets to have identified risks with material safety impacts, evaluated and recorded these risks in a system with controls in place and verified as part of Field Leadership activities. Achieve 85% compliance for Critical Control Verification and Execution tasks.</p> <p>Health, environment and community initiatives: All assets to achieve 100% of planned targets in respect of occupational exposure reduction, water and greenhouse gas, social investment, quality of life, community perceptions and community complaints.</p>
UAP	45%	<p>UAP is profit after taxation attributable to members of the BHP Billiton Group, excluding discontinued operations and exceptional items. When we are assessing management's performance, we make adjustments to the UAP result to allow for changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange movements and other material items to ensure that the assessment appropriately measures outcomes that are within the control and influence of the Group and its executives.</p> <p>For reasons of commercial sensitivity, the target for UAP will not be disclosed in advance; however, we plan to disclose targets and outcomes retrospectively in our next Remuneration Report, following the end of each performance year. In the rare instances where this may not be prudent on grounds of commercial sensitivity, we will explain why and give an indication of when they will be disclosed.</p>
Individual performance	30%	<p>The CEO's individual measures for FY2017 comprise contribution to BHP Billiton's overall performance and the management team and the delivery of projects and initiatives within the scope of the CEO role as set out by the Board, including strategy implementation, execution of growth</p>

Performance measure	Weighting	Target performance
		aspirations as communicated externally, enhanced reputation of the Company, achievement of culture initiatives (improvement in Company-wide leadership capabilities, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion), delivery of productivity initiatives, delivery of latent capacity enhancement projects, positive progress on the Samarco Framework Agreement and OMC member development and succession.

FY2017 LTI award

As stated in the remuneration policy, the normal maximum face value of the CEO's award is US\$6.800 million, being 400 per cent of the CEO's base salary. This has been the basis of LTI grants to the CEO in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In those years, the number of LTI awards has been determined using the share price and US\$/A\$ exchange rate over the 12 months up to the grant date in December. These arrangements were approved by shareholders at the relevant AGMs.

For FY2017, the Board, on the advice of the Remuneration Committee, has changed the approach to determine the number of LTI awards, such that the number of LTI awards has been determined using the share price and US\$/A\$ exchange rate over the 12 months up to and including 30 June 2016, rather than the 12 months up to the grant date in December. The benefit of this change is that the number of awards proposed to be allocated will be known in advance of publication of the annual Remuneration Report and AGM Notice of Meeting providing a greater level of transparency and certainty for shareholders.

Using a 12-month average share price of A\$20.3326 and a 12-month average US\$/A\$ exchange rate of 0.728415 (each up to and including 30 June 2016), the number of LTI awards derived from a grant of 400 per cent of base salary with a face value of US\$6.800 million is 459,190 LTI awards.

However, in light of the recent history of BHP Billiton's share price, the Board is conscious of shareholder expectations in this respect and on advice from the Committee is instead proposing to grant 339,753 LTI awards to the CEO in FY2017, the same number as was granted to the CEO in December 2015 and 26 per cent lower than the 459,190 LTI awards determined formulaically as described.

The face value of 339,753 LTI awards is US\$5.032 million compared with the normal maximum face value of US\$6.800 million, a reduction of US\$1.768 million or 26 per cent.

The FY2017 LTI award will use the same performance and service conditions, vesting schedule and peer groups as the FY2016 LTI award except that BG Group and Peabody Energy have been removed from the sector peer group of companies. BG Group was acquired by Royal Dutch Shell in February 2016 and Peabody Energy has become a significantly less comparable peer.

Section 3.4.8 for a description of LTI for FY2016.

Approval for the proposed FY2017 LTI grant of 339,753 LTI awards will be sought from shareholders at the 2016 AGMs and if approved this FY2017 LTI award will be granted following the AGMs (i.e. in or around December 2016). Approval of the remuneration policy, including relevant policy for LTI awards, will be sought at the 2017 AGMs.

Remuneration outcomes for Non-executive Directors

The remuneration policy for the Non-executive Directors set out in the remuneration policy report also applied in FY2016 and the remuneration outcomes described below have therefore been provided in accordance with that same policy.

Section 3.3.9 for the remuneration policy for the Non-executive Directors.

The maximum aggregate fees payable to Non-executive Directors (including the Chairman) were approved by shareholders at the 2008 AGMs at US\$3.8 million per annum. This sum includes base fees, Committee fees and pension contributions. Travel allowances and non-monetary benefits are not included in this limit.

3.4.12 Single total figure of remuneration

This section shows a single total figure of remuneration as prescribed under UK requirements. It is a measure of actual remuneration. As Non-executive Directors do not receive any equity awards as part of their remuneration, this table also meets the requirements of the Australian Corporations Act 2001 and relevant accounting standards.

US\$('000)	Financial year	Fees ⁽¹⁾	Benefits ⁽²⁾	Pensions ⁽³⁾	Total
Malcolm Brinded	FY2016	194	76	–	270
	FY2015	198	77	–	275
Malcolm Broomhead	FY2016	209	64	11	284
	FY2015	230	47	13	290
John Buchanan ⁽⁴⁾	FY2016	8	13	–	21
	FY2015	254	41	–	295
Carlos Cordeiro ⁽⁴⁾	FY2016	73	52	–	125
	FY2015	198	110	–	308
Pat Davies	FY2016	215	116	–	331
	FY2015	211	91	–	302
Anita Frew ⁽⁵⁾	FY2016	141	45	–	186
Carolyn Hewson	FY2016	195	63	10	268
	FY2015	223	62	12	297
Lindsay Maxsted	FY2016	209	48	11	268
	FY2015	246	70	14	330
Wayne Murdy	FY2016	193	79	–	272
	FY2015	219	136	–	355
Jac Nasser	FY2016	960	96	–	1,056
	FY2015	1,100	108	–	1,208
John Schubert	FY2016	195	67	10	272
	FY2015	229	64	13	306
Shriti Vadera	FY2016	238	62	–	300
	FY2015	216	46	–	262

⁽¹⁾ Fees include the annual base fee, plus additional fees as applicable for the Senior Independent Director, Committee Chairs and Committee memberships.

Section 3.4.13 for details of the fee structure for FY2015 and FY2016.

⁽²⁾ The majority of the amounts disclosed for benefits are travel allowances for each Non-executive Director: amounts of between US\$45,000 and US\$105,000 (US\$15,000 and US\$105,000 for FY2015). In addition, amounts of between US\$ nil and US\$5,000 (US\$ nil and US\$5,000 for FY2015) are included in respect of

tax return preparation; amounts of between US\$ nil and US\$12,000 (US\$ nil and US\$26,000 for FY2015) are included in respect of costs associated with spouse/partner attendance at a business meeting location; and amounts of between US\$ nil and US\$12,000 (US\$ nil and US\$11,000 for FY2015) are included in respect of reimbursement of the tax cost associated with the provision of taxable benefits.

- (3) BHP Billiton Limited made minimum superannuation contributions of 9.5 per cent of fees for FY2016 in accordance with Australian superannuation legislation.
- (4) The FY2016 remuneration for John Buchanan and Carlos Cordeiro relates to part of the year only. Sir John passed away on 13 July 2015 and Mr Cordeiro retired from the Board on 19 November 2015.
- (5) The FY2016 remuneration for Anita Frew relates to part of that year only as she joined the Board on 15 September 2015.

3.4.13 Non-executive Directors' remuneration in FY2017

In FY2017, the remuneration for the Non-executive Directors will be paid in accordance with the remuneration policy approved by shareholders at the 2014 AGMs.

Section 3.3.9 for the remuneration policy for the Non-executive Directors.

Fee levels for the Non-executive Directors and the Chairman are reviewed annually. The review includes benchmarking, with the assistance of external advisers, against peer companies. Based on the most recent review, a decision has been made to hold fee levels constant for FY2017. Fee levels will therefore remain at the reduced levels that took effect from 1 July 2015, when:

- the Chairman's fee was reduced by approximately 13 per cent from US\$1.100 million to US\$0.960 million per annum; and
- the Non-executive Director base fee was reduced by approximately six per cent from US\$0.170 million to US\$0.160 million per annum.

This year's review also considered the benefits provided to Non-executive Directors and the Chairman. A decision was made to disapply one of the benefits in the shareholder-approved remuneration policy. For FY2017, the spouse/partner travel benefit will not be used by Non-executive Directors or the Chairman, and the intention is to exclude it from the revised policy to be put to shareholders for approval in 2017.

The table below sets out the fee levels for FY2017 and the previous four years.

Levels of fees and travel allowances for Non-executive Directors

Directors (in US\$)	From 1 July 2012	From 1 July 2013	From 1 July 2014	From 1 July 2015	From 1 July 2016
Base annual fee	170,000	170,000	170,000	160,000	160,000
Plus additional fees for:					
Senior Independent Director of BHP Billiton Plc	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	48,000
Committee Chair:					
Risk and Audit	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Finance ⁽¹⁾	60,000	60,000	60,000	–	–
Remuneration	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Sustainability	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Nomination and Governance	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees
Committee membership:					
Risk and Audit	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
Finance ⁽¹⁾	32,500	32,500	32,500	–	–
Remuneration	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
Sustainability	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500	27,500
Nomination and Governance	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees	No additional fees
Travel allowance: ⁽²⁾					
Greater than 3 but less than 10 hours	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
10 hours or more	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Chairman's fee	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	960,000	960,000

⁽¹⁾ The Finance Committee existed from 23 April 2012 to 31 December 2014 and fees were paid in respect of this period. The fees shown in the table above are annualised.

⁽²⁾ In relation to travel for Board business, the time thresholds relate to the flight time to travel to the meeting location (i.e. one way flight time).

Remuneration for members of the OMC (other than the CEO)

The information in this section contains details of the remuneration policy that guided the Remuneration Committee's decisions and resulted in the remuneration outcomes for members of the OMC other than the CEO (or any other Executive Directors should any be appointed in future). For this section, all references to OMC should be read to include members of the GMC during the period from 1 July 2015 to 29 February 2016 and members of the OMC from 1 March to 30 June 2016.

Section 3.2.1 for members of the OMC during FY2016.

The remuneration policy and structures for the members of the OMC are essentially the same as those already described for the CEO in previous sections of the Remuneration Report. Where this is the case, to avoid repetition, this section of the Report cross-references that prior content.

3.4.14 Remuneration policy

In designing and determining the remuneration for members of the OMC, the Remuneration Committee applies the Group's remuneration policy. This contains the key principles that support and reinforce the Group's strategy and ongoing performance and align activities of management with the interests of shareholders.

Section 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 for overarching principles and purpose of remuneration at BHP Billiton.

The Committee considers the appropriate total remuneration for each member of the OMC by examining the remuneration provided to comparable roles in organisations of similar global complexity, size, reach and industry.

Each year, the Committee's independent adviser sources and consolidates relevant remuneration data for comparable roles in relevant organisations and markets. The adviser prepares a comparison to current OMC remuneration, but does not make specific recommendations regarding the level of individual executives' remuneration.

Section 3.4.1 for more information on services provided by remuneration consultants.

From this market comparison, the Committee determines the appropriate remuneration for each individual taking into account their responsibilities, location, skills, qualifications, experience and performance within the Group. In doing so, the Committee recognises that levels of remuneration should be sufficient to attract, motivate and retain high-quality, experienced executives, but also that the Group should avoid paying more than is necessary for this purpose.

3.4.15 Components of remuneration

The components of remuneration for members of the OMC are the same as for the CEO, with any differences described below.

Section 3.3.3 for the components of CEO remuneration (including how remuneration links to strategy, how each component operates and how performance is assessed).

Fixed remuneration

As for the CEO, members of the OMC receive:

- A competitive base salary that is appropriate to the role and attracts and retains high-quality executives.
- Pension contributions to a maximum of 25 per cent of base salary.
- Relocation allowance and other benefits as determined by the Remuneration Committee and of a similar nature to those received by the CEO, or as otherwise determined by local policy or practice in the location where the OMC member is located.

Section 3.4.20 for details of significant components of fixed remuneration for each member of the OMC.

STI

Members of the OMC are entitled to participate in the STIP on the same basis as the CEO.

Section 3.3.3 for details of the STIP, including the setting of performance measures, assessment of performance and delivery of awards in cash and deferred equity (including terms for malus and clawback).

Section 3.3.8 for the terms of STI awards on cessation of employment.

The performance measures for members of the OMC are similar to those of the CEO as determined by the Committee. However, the weighting of each performance measure will vary to reflect the focus required from each OMC role. In particular, there are different weightings for OMC members with specific commodity segment responsibilities. The relevant performance measures and weightings and the performance outcomes for FY2016 (as assessed by the Committee) are set out in the diagram below. The individual STI outcome for each OMC member has been determined with reference to the time spent in relevant roles during FY2016.

Section 3.4.6 for a comparable table of performance measures and outcomes for the CEO.

Section 3.4.20 for details of the STI amount provided to each member of the OMC for FY2016 performance.

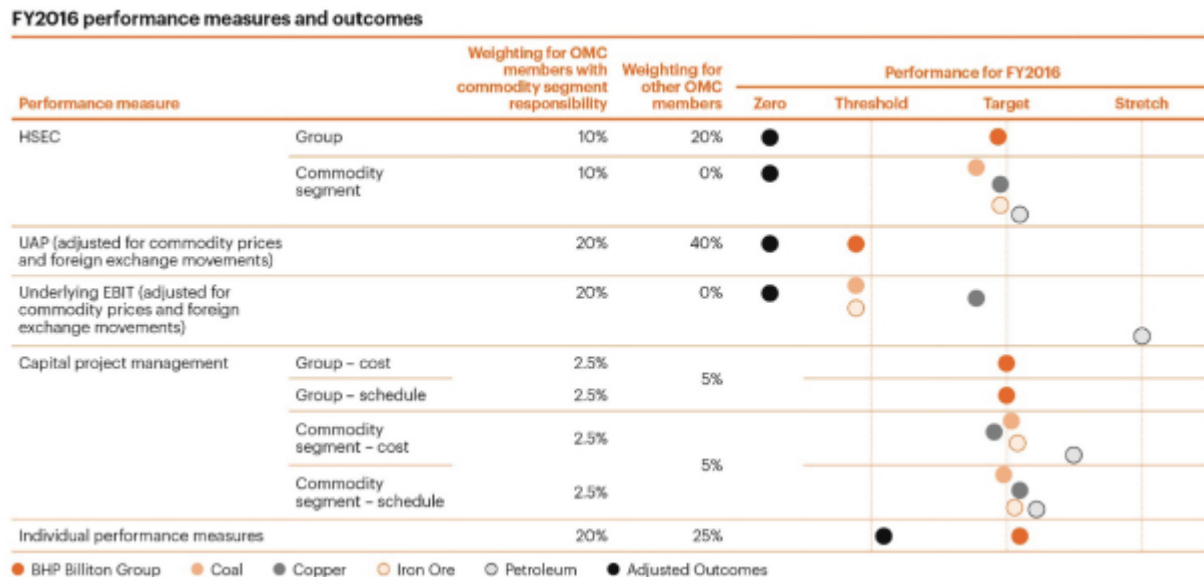
The description of the STI outcomes for the CEO explains the FY2016 performance outcomes against targets for HSEC, UAP, Underlying EBIT and capital project management. This includes the material variations from target performance for BHP Billiton and for its separate commodity segments, which correspond to the commodity segment outcomes shown in the diagram below.

Individual performance measures are determined at the commencement of the financial year. These comprise each individual's contribution to the OMC, delivery against projects and initiatives within the scope of his or her role and his or her contribution to the overall performance of the Group. Individual performance of OMC members was reviewed against these measures by the Committee and, on average, was considered slightly ahead of target.

However, as with the CEO, the Committee has also applied discretion to determine the final STI outcomes for other members of the OMC as follows:

- Given the events at Samarco, along with the related financial consequences, and the ongoing decline in commodity markets and its associated impact on the Company's performance, the HSEC and Financial components of the scorecard have been reduced to zero for all OMC members;
- Given the holistic performance of BHP Billiton during FY2016, and all the considerations noted previously, the individual performance outcomes have been reduced by 50 per cent.

The diagram below represents the STI outcomes against the original scorecard, before and after the application of the Committee's discretion.



LTI

Members of the OMC receive LTI awards under the LTIP, which are made on the same basis and with the same performance hurdles and vesting conditions as those provided to the CEO.

LTI awards granted to members of the OMC generally have a maximum face value of 350 per cent of base salary, which is a fair value of 143.5 per cent of base salary under the current plan design (with an expected value of 41 per cent, taking into account the performance condition: $350\% \times 41\% = 143.5\%$). The exception is for Athalie Williams, for whom the maximum face value is 300 per cent of base salary (or a fair value of 123.0 per cent of base salary).

Consistent with the decision in respect of the number of LTI awards to be allocated to the CEO in FY2017, the LTI awards to be allocated to other members of the OMC in FY2017 will be capped at the number that was granted to each OMC member in December 2015.

Section 3.3.3 for details of the LTIP, including the relative TSR performance condition and the level of performance required for vesting (including terms for malus and clawback).

Section 3.3.8 for the terms of LTI awards on cessation of employment.

Section 3.4.7 for details of the performance outcomes for the 2011 LTIP.

Transitional OMC awards

Transitional OMC awards were granted to new OMC members recruited from within BHP Billiton to bridge the gap created by the different timeframes of BHP Billiton's long-term incentive program for OMC members (LTIP) and for senior management (MAP).

Peter Beaven, Mike Henry and Daniel Malchuk were holding Transitional OMC awards as set out in the table below with a service condition to 30 June 2016. As the service condition was satisfied, a performance assessment for the relevant period has been made by the Committee. The Committee has absolute discretion to determine if the performance condition has been met and whether any, all or part of the award will vest (or otherwise lapse), having regard to (but not limited to) BHP Billiton's TSR over the relevant performance period, the participant's contribution to Company outcomes and the participant's personal performance (with guidance on this assessment from the CEO). At the time of grant, the target was 80 per cent vesting of awards granted, with a maximum of 100 per cent and a minimum of zero.

The Committee considered over the relevant period:

- our relative TSR performance was slightly below the weighted median of our peers over the relevant periods;
- Company performance (to which Mr Beaven, Mr Malchuk and Mr Henry contributed effectively) has been largely in line with expectations, with positive performance across a range of factors within management's control, most notably production, costs and capital expenditure across all years and safety performance in FY2014, being offset by the Samarco dam failure and holistic business performance in FY2016 and the five fatalities in FY2015;
- the CEO's view that Mr Beaven, Mr Malchuk and Mr Henry had performed well in their respective roles.

In light of these factors, and given the service condition had been satisfied, the Committee exercised its discretion and determined to reduce vesting by between 27 per cent and 33 per cent, as set out in the table below (with the differences in vesting outcomes mainly due to variations in the performance outcomes considered and the periods over which they were reviewed). The awards which did not vest lapsed.

OMC member	Period	Awards held	Maximum vesting	Actual vesting	Awards vesting
Peter Beaven	1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016	19,641	100%	67%	13,159
Mike Henry	1 July 2012 to 30 June 2016	21,533	100%	73%	15,719
Daniel Malchuk	1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016	16,695	100%	69%	11,520

Shareplus all-employee share purchase plan

Participants in Shareplus, BHP Billiton's all-employee share plan, contribute from their post-tax base salary (capped at US\$5,000 per year) to acquire shares in BHP Billiton Limited or in BHP Billiton Plc. For each share purchase, the participant receives a right to acquire a Matched Share, which vests provided the participant remains employed by BHP Billiton on the third anniversary of the start of the relevant Shareplus plan year.

Like the CEO and other permanent employees, other members of the OMC are also eligible to participate in Shareplus. For administrative simplicity, members of the OMC do not currently participate in Shareplus. No member of the OMC had any holdings under the Shareplus program during FY2016 while a KMP.

Section 3.4.23 for information about the shareholdings of OMC members.

Equity awards provided for pre-OMC service

Members of the OMC who were promoted from executive roles within BHP Billiton may hold GSTIP and MAP awards that were granted to them in respect of their service in non-OMC roles.

Section 3.4.21 for details on these awards, including those which have vested during FY2016.

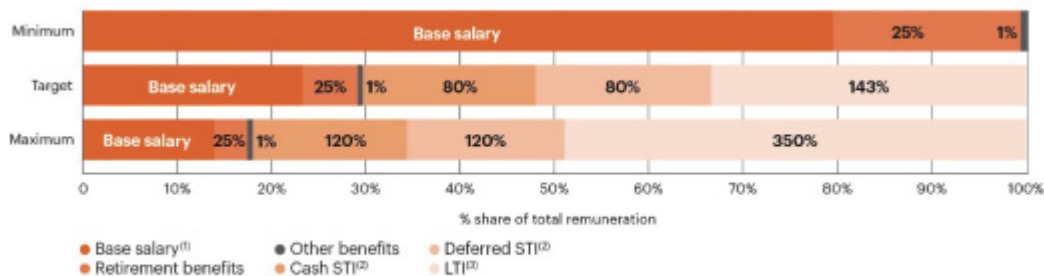
3.4.16 Remuneration mix

The Group's approach to remuneration for members of the OMC is that a significant portion should be 'at risk' to provide strong alignment between remuneration outcomes and the interests of BHP Billiton shareholders.

The diagram below sets out the relative mix of each remuneration component for other members of the OMC. Each component is determined as a percentage of base salary (at the minimum, target and maximum levels of performance-based remuneration).

Remuneration mix for other OMC members

The percentage numbers in the bars represent the percentage of base salary



(1) Base salary earned by each member of the OMC is set out in section 3.4.20.

(2) As for the CEO, the minimum STI award is zero with an award of 80 per cent of base salary in cash and 80 per cent in deferred equity for target performance and a maximum award of 120 per cent cash and 120 per cent deferred equity for exceptional performance against KPIs.

Section 3.4.20 for actual cash STI awards for FY2016 performance, which are shown in the annual cash incentive column of the table.

- (3) Other members of the OMC have a maximum LTI award with a face value of 350 per cent of base salary as shown in the chart, with the exception of Athalie Williams, who has a maximum LTI award with a face value of 300 per cent of base salary.

Section 3.4.21 for actual LTI awards for FY2016, which were granted on 4 December 2015.

3.4.17 Employment contracts

The terms of employment for members of the OMC are formalised in employment contracts, which have no fixed term. They typically outline the components of remuneration paid to the individual, but do not prescribe how remuneration levels are to be modified from year-to-year. An OMC employment contract may be terminated by BHP Billiton on six months' notice for all new OMC appointees since March 2014 or up to 12 months' notice for prior OMC appointees. BHP Billiton can terminate a contract immediately by making a payment of up to 12 months' base salary plus pension contributions for the relevant period. The OMC member must give six months' notice for voluntary resignation.

Section 3.2.1 for members of the OMC (including the date they commenced in their role if during the current financial year).

3.4.18 Arrangements for OMC members leaving the Group after 30 June 2016

The arrangements for OMC members leaving the Group are within the approval provided by shareholders at the 2014 AGMs in regard to Australian termination benefits legislation, including the provision of performance-based remuneration in accordance with the rules of the relevant incentive plans.

Tim Cutt and Jimmy Wilson stepped down from their roles as President, Petroleum and President, Iron Ore, respectively, on the OMC on 29 February 2016 and exited BHP Billiton on 1 July 2016.

Mr Cutt and Mr Wilson received base salary, pension contributions, STI and applicable benefits up to the date of their exit from BHP Billiton. Both Mr Cutt and Mr Wilson received a payment in lieu of notice upon exit and have been paid or will receive in the future the value of pension and superannuation funds that they have accumulated during their service with the Group. Mr Cutt and Mr Wilson were paid the value of their statutory leave entitlements. When determining the OMC STI awards for FY2016, the Remuneration Committee resolved that Mr Cutt and Mr Wilson would receive FY2016 STI awards in the form of cash based on their respective performance. No deferral period will apply in respect of these cash STI awards.

All unvested awards allocated to Mr Cutt and Mr Wilson in respect of the FY2014 STIP and FY2015 STIP remained on foot and vested in August 2016 and will not vest until August 2017, respectively. Mr Cutt's unvested Transitional OMC awards and Mr Wilson's unvested LTIP awards and Transitional OMC awards were pro-rated to reflect the percentage of the performance period that had elapsed to 1 July 2016. The vesting of the retained pro-rated awards will be determined by the Committee at the relevant time in future years. Mr Cutt's LTIP awards lapsed on exit and Mr Wilson's LTIP awards will only vest if the performance condition is met at the end of each five-year performance period, subject to the Committee's ability to reduce vesting through its discretion under the plan rules.

3.4.19 Arrangements for employees ceasing to be OMC members during FY2016

Tony Cudmore stepped down from his role as Chief Public Affairs Officer on the OMC on 3 April 2016, however, has remained employed by BHP Billiton in a non-OMC role. No payments to Mr Cudmore have been accelerated and no equity awards have been forfeited or vested early.

Dean Dalla Valle was assigned to lead BHP Billiton's response to the Samarco dam failure on 14 January 2016 in a non-OMC role. Under the rules of the retirement savings plan (which he participated in while a member of the OMC), upon ceasing to be an OMC member Mr Dalla Valle has been paid the funds accumulated under the plan. No other payments to Mr Dalla Valle have been accelerated and no equity awards have been forfeited or vested early.

All of Mr Cudmore's and Mr Dalla Valle's statutory leave entitlements continue to accrue under normal employee arrangements. When determining the OMC STI awards for FY2016, the Remuneration Committee resolved that Mr Cudmore and Mr Dalla Valle would receive a FY2016 award under the STIP for the period until they each stepped down from the OMC. All other terms and conditions of the STIP will continue to apply to the awards. STI arrangements will apply on a similar basis as for other management employees for the subsequent period in their non-OMC roles.

All unvested awards allocated to Mr Cudmore and Mr Dalla Valle in respect of the FY2014 STIP and FY2015 STIP remained on foot and vested in August 2016 and will not vest until August 2017, respectively. Mr Cudmore's and Mr Dalla Valle's unvested LTIP awards and Mr Dalla Valle's Transitional OMC awards remain on foot with vesting to be determined by the Committee at the relevant time in future years. The LTIP awards will only vest if the performance condition is met at the end of each five-year performance period, subject to the Committee's ability to reduce vesting through its discretion under the plan rules.

Other statutory disclosures

This section provides details of any additional statutory disclosures required by Australian or UK regulations that have not been included in the previous sections of the Remuneration Report.

3.4.20 OMC remuneration table

The table below has been prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards. Where applicable, remuneration data for members of the OMC are pro-rated for the periods of FY2015 and FY2016 that they were KMP. Steve Pastor joined the OMC and became KMP during FY2016 and there is no relevant FY2015 comparison. Tony Cudmore, Tim Cutt, Dean Dalla Valle and Jimmy Wilson ceased being KMP during FY2016.

More information on the policy and operation of each element of remuneration is provided in prior sections of this Report.

Share-based payments

The figures included in the shaded columns of the statutory table below for share-based payments were not actually provided to the KMP during FY2015 or FY2016. These amounts are calculated in accordance with accounting standards and are the amortised IFRS fair values of equity and equity-related instruments that have been granted to the executives for FY2015 and FY2016 performing standards or that of prior financial years. Please refer to section 3.4.21 for information on awards allocated during FY2015 and FY2016. A further explanation of the share-based payments terms used in the table is provided in the relevant footnotes.

US\$ ('000)	Financial year	Base salary (1)	Short-term benefits			Retirement benefits (5)	Share-based payments		Total
			Annual cash incentive (2)	Non-monetary benefits (3)	Other benefits (4)		Value of STI and Shareplus awards (2)(6)	Value of LTI awards (7)	
Executive Director									
Andrew Mackenzie	FY2016	1,700	0	116	-	425	874	2,792	5,907
	FY2015	1,700	1,156	145	-	425	1,163	2,345	6,934
Other OMC Members									
Peter Beaven	FY2016	1,000	208	2	-	250	558	1,258	3,276
	FY2015	1,000	680	32	700	250	667	1,259	4,588
Tony Cudmore	FY2016	569	91	-	-	142	227	402	1,431
	FY2015	750	552	-	-	188	269	312	2,071
Tim Curt	FY2016	666	139	4	-	166	752	836	2,563
	FY2015	1,000	816	5	-	250	787	1,187	4,045
Dean Dalla Valle	FY2016	537	104	-	-	134	297	677	1,749
	FY2015	1,000	680	-	58	250	657	1,187	3,832
Geoff Healy	FY2016	1,000	184	59	-	250	615	987	3,095
	FY2015	1,000	816	44	-	250	555	651	3,316
Mike Henry	FY2016	1,100	202	15	53	275	634	1,563	3,842
	FY2015	1,100	757	16	58	275	830	1,362	4,398
Daniel Matchuk	FY2016	1,000	184	10	440	250	534	1,176	3,594
	FY2015	1,000	680	33	-	250	589	1,057	3,609
Steve Pastor	FY2016	267	51	-	-	67	83	237	705
Athalie Williams	FY2016	750	144	4	-	188	246	597	1,929
	FY2015	372	294	-	580	93	57	104	1,500
Jimmy Wilson	FY2016	666	107	-	-	166	655	836	2,430
	FY2015	1,000	816	-	-	250	739	1,259	4,064

- (1) Base salaries shown in this table reflect the amounts paid over the 12-month period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 for each executive (or for the relevant period that they were KMP as set out above the table). No changes to salaries occurred during FY2016 except for Steve Pastor who was appointed to the OMC during the year on a base salary of US\$0.800 million.

Section 3.3.3 and 3.4.15 for base salary policy and operation.

- (2) Annual cash incentive is the cash portion of STI awards earned in respect of performance during each financial year for each executive (or for the relevant period that they were KMP as set out above the table).

Section 3.3.3, 3.4.6 and 3.4.15 for STI policy and operation and FY2016 STI outcomes.

STI is provided half in cash and half in deferred equity (which are included in the share-based payments columns of the table). The minimum possible value awarded to each individual is nil. The maximum STI is 240 per cent of base salary (120 per cent in cash and 120 per cent in deferred equity). For FY2016, OMC members earned the following STI awards as a percentage of the maximum (the remaining portion has not been earned (i.e. has been 'forfeited')): Andrew Mackenzie 0 per cent, Peter Beaven 17 per cent, Tony Cudmore 13 per cent, Tim Cutt 17 per cent, Dean Dalla Valle 16 per cent, Geoff Healy 15 per cent, Mike Henry 15 per cent, Daniel Malchuk 15 per cent, Steve Pastor 16 per cent, Athalie Williams 16 per cent and Jimmy Wilson 13 per cent.

- (3) Non-monetary benefits are non-pensionable and include such items as health and other insurances and fees for tax return preparation (if required in multiple jurisdictions). This item also includes the cost of domestic flights for Geoff Healy as part of approved commuting arrangements and travel for Mrs Mackenzie to accompany the CEO on business-related travel.
- (4) Other benefits are non-pensionable and included one-off international relocation allowances (with no trailing entitlements) provided to Peter Beaven and Athalie Williams in FY2015 and Danny Malchuk in FY2016. Dean Dalla Valle (FY2015) and Mike Henry (FY2015 and FY2016) also received domestic relocation allowances.
- (5) Retirement benefits are 25 per cent of base salary for each OMC member.
- (6) The value of STI awards includes the estimated IFRS fair value of STI awards provided as deferred equity or cash-settled share-based payments under the GIS, GSTIP and STIP. Awards may be paid in the form of cash where the individual ceases employment prior to the scheduled allocation date of the STI awards (in December 2015 for FY2016 awards). These share-based payments may also be forfeited after allocation in specific circumstances as described in section 3.3.8 and therefore the minimum possible value of the awards is nil. The maximum possible value cannot be determined as it depends on future share price movements, but is estimated by the IFRS fair value used for accounting purposes in this table.

The IFRS fair value of the STI awards is estimated at grant date by discounting the total value of the shares that will be issued in the future using the risk-free interest rate for the period to the date of award. Participants who are provided with awards under the GIS and STIP are entitled to a DEP in lieu of the dividends that would have been payable on ordinary BHP Billiton shares over the period from the allocation date to the time they receive ordinary shares in BHP Billiton. Prior to FY2011 awards, a similar DEP entitlement applied to GSTIP awards. This is not the case with awards allocated since October 2011. From FY2011, there was a change in accounting policy to account for the DEP from cash-settled to equity-settled. STI awards are granted to OMC participants following the relevant AGMs (awards to the CEO are subject to shareholder approval). If employment ceases prior to that scheduled allocation of equity awards, the value of the awards may be provided in cash, but would still be included in this column of the table. Once awarded, there is a vesting condition that requires participants to remain in employment for a further two years. Accordingly, the number of securities (if any) that will ultimately vest cannot be determined until the service period has been completed. The IFRS fair value of STI awards is apportioned to annual remuneration based on the expected future service period, which is normally three years (being the performance year in which the STI is earned and the subsequent two-year service period). The vesting of STI awards may be accelerated in the event of leaving the Group, in which case the expected future service period is amended.

The value of Shareplus awards includes the estimated IFRS fair value of rights to Matched Shares acquired during each share purchase period under the Shareplus program. These rights are acquired on each of the quarterly share purchase dates under the program (grant dates) and the IFRS fair value is apportioned to annual remuneration based on the future service period required for the Matched Shares to be allocated (i.e. the vesting date of the rights). Where entitlements to the Matched Shares are accelerated on leaving the Group, the expected future service period is amended.

Section 3.4.21 for the actual numbers of awards allocated to and held by members of the OMC.

- (7) The value of LTI awards includes the estimated IFRS fair value of awards provided under the LTIP, MAP and as Transitional OMC awards which are defined as equity-settled share-based payments. These share-based payments may also be forfeited after allocation in specific circumstances as described in section 3.3.8 and therefore the minimum possible value of the awards is nil. The maximum possible value cannot be determined as it depends on future share price movements, but is estimated by the IFRS fair value used for accounting purposes in this table.

The amount in respect of each award under the LTIP is the estimated IFRS fair value of the award using a Monte Carlo simulation methodology taking account of the performance condition, the term of the award, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the risk-free interest rate for the term of the award and the value of the DEP that will be received on exercise of the award. The IFRS fair value of each award is apportioned to annual remuneration in equal amounts to each of the years in the expected future service period, which is normally five years. Where entitlements to LTI awards are preserved on leaving the Group, the expected future service period is amended.

Section 3.4.21 for the actual numbers of awards allocated to and held by members of the OMC.

This column also includes an amount allocated to remuneration in FY2015 and in FY2016 in respect of cash-settled share-based awards received by Mr Mackenzie on commencement of employment with BHP Billiton, which vested during FY2013. The final value of the awards will be determined at the time that Mr Mackenzie chooses to redeem the award and this column will incorporate an annual true-up amount until that time. For FY2016, the true-up value of Mr Mackenzie's cash-settled share-based award is negative US\$0.217 million and the equity-settled share-based awards are US\$3.009 million. Full details of the award and the relevant terms and conditions were provided in the FY2013 Annual Report.

3.4.21 Equity awards

The interests held by members of the OMC under the Group's employee equity plans are set out below. Each equity award is a right to acquire one ordinary share in BHP Billiton Limited or in BHP Billiton Plc upon satisfaction of the vesting conditions. The vesting conditions will include performance and/or service requirements as relevant to the purpose of the award and as described in each of the following sections. BHP Billiton Limited share awards are shown in Australian dollars. BHP Billiton Plc awards are shown in pounds sterling. *Our Requirements for Securities Dealing* standard governs and restricts dealing arrangements and the provision of shares on vesting or exercise of awards.

Dividend Equivalent Payments

The awards are not ordinary shares and do not carry entitlements to ordinary dividends or other shareholder rights. Dividends are not received by the executives during the vesting period. For awards provided under the GIS, STIP and LTIP, a DEP is provided to cover dividends that would have been payable on ordinary BHP Billiton shares over the period from the allocation date to the time that the holder receives ordinary shares in BHP Billiton in respect of the award (on vesting or on exercise). A DEP is only provided for awards that have vested. No DEP is made for awards that are forfeited or lapse.

Equity awards provided for OMC service

STI awards under the STIP and GIS

Awards under the STIP will not deliver any value to the holder for at least two years from the beginning of the financial year in which they are granted (unless the executive's employment with the Group ends earlier in specific circumstances, such as on death, serious injury, disability or illness that prohibits continued employment, or total and permanent disablement).

The STIP applied from FY2014, with awards allocated from December 2014. Prior to the STIP, awards were allocated under the GIS with largely the same terms and conditions.

LTI awards under the LTIP

Awards under the LTIP will not deliver any value to the holder for at least five years from the beginning of the financial year in which they are granted (unless the executive's employment with the Group ends earlier in specific circumstances, such as on death, serious injury, disability or illness that prohibits continued employment, or total and permanent disablement).

The current LTIP is effective for grants from December 2013. The terms and conditions, including the performance conditions, are described in sections 3.3.3 and 3.3.8 of this Report and are largely the same as the former LTIP. The LTIP rules are available on the BHP Billiton website.

Transitional OMC awards

As the MAP awards that are allocated to individuals in their non-OMC management positions have a three-year service condition and the LTIP awards provided to OMC members have a five-year service and performance condition, as a transitional step the Remuneration Committee may determine that new OMC members recruited from within BHP Billiton receive Transitional OMC awards to bridge the gap between the two programs.

Transitional OMC awards have two tranches. Tranche one has a three-year service and performance condition. Tranche two has a four-year service and performance condition. The Committee has absolute discretion to determine if the performance condition has been met and whether any, all or part of the award will vest (or otherwise lapse), having regard to (but not limited to) BHP Billiton's TSR over the three- or four-year performance period (respectively), the participant's contribution to Group outcomes and the participant's personal performance (with guidance on this assessment from the CEO). No DEP is payable on Transitional OMC awards.

The treatment of Transitional OMC awards on cessation of employment will depend on the circumstances and is similar to those for LTIP awards. If the participant's employment ceases due to dismissal or resignation, any unvested awards will lapse immediately. If the reason for cessation is death, serious injury, disability or illness, then the awards will vest in full on the date of cessation. If the participant retires from the Group with the agreement of BHP Billiton, is made redundant or employment is terminated by mutual agreement, then a proportion of the award (pro-rated to reflect the percentage of the performance period that has elapsed) will continue on foot and vest, subject to the performance condition, on the future vesting date. The remaining portion of the award will lapse. In all other circumstances, the Committee in its absolute discretion will determine the portion of the award that vests (or lapses).

Equity awards provided for pre-OMC service

STI awards under the GSTIP

STI awards that were held by the executives at the time that they were appointed to the OMC or which were allocated for performance and service before they became OMC members were allocated under the GSTIP. The GSTIP has applied for the non-OMC management of BHP Billiton since the awards allocated in FY2009 (for FY2008 performance).

The terms and conditions of the GSTIP awards are essentially the same as those provided under the STIP and the GIS. Under each plan, participants must satisfy applicable STI performance conditions to be eligible for any award. No DEP is payable on the GSTIP awards.

LTI awards under the MAP

LTI awards that were held by the executives at the time that they were appointed to the OMC were allocated under the MAP which has applied for non-OMC management since FY2009. As the primary purpose of the MAP is the retention of key senior management employees, the plan has no performance conditions after awards are granted and the vesting of MAP awards is subject to continued employment with the Group through to the vesting date as shown in the table. Where a participant resigns or is terminated for cause prior to the vesting date, their unvested MAP awards are forfeited. If a participant's employment ends due to redundancy, retirement, death, illness or injury, a pro rata number of unvested awards will vest based on the portion of the relevant vesting period served. No DEP is payable on the MAP awards.

Award type	Date of grant	At 1 July 2015			At 30 June 2016			Market price on date of:				Gain on awards ('000) (5)	DEP on awards ('000)
		Granted	Vested	Lapsed	Exercised	Granted	Vested	Exercise (4)	Grant (2)	Vesting (3)	Exercise (4)		
Andrew Mackenzie													
STIP	4 Dec 2015	69,566	-	-	-	69,566	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	73,527	-	-	-	73,527	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	30,312	30,312	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	-	A\$729	A\$68
GIS (6)	6 Dec 2010	30,389	-	30,389	-	-	2 Oct 2012 £24.40	£19.45	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	4 Dec 2015	339,753	-	-	-	339,753	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	19 Dec 2014	224,859	-	-	-	224,859	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	18 Dec 2013	213,701	-	-	-	213,701	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	5 Dec 2012	151,609	-	-	-	151,609	Aug 17 £19.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	5 Dec 2011	158,290	-	-	-	158,290	Aug 16 £20.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	6 Dec 2010	129,648	-	129,648	-	-	27 Aug 2015 £24.40	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Beaven													
STIP	4 Dec 2015	40,921	-	-	-	40,921	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	39,837	-	-	-	39,837	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	2,609	2,609	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	-	A\$63	A\$6
LTIIP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	18 Dec 2013	109,993	-	-	-	109,993	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	Aug 17 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	Aug 16 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	18 Dec 2013	13,007	13,007	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	-	A\$313	-
MAP	31 Oct 2012	36,871	-	36,871	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$34.25	A\$24.06	-	-	-	A\$887	-
Tony Cudmore (7)													
STIP	4 Dec 2015	33,218	-	-	-	33,218	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	10,479	-	-	-	10,479	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	4 Dec 2015	112,418	-	-	-	112,418	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	19 Dec 2014	74,402	-	-	-	74,402	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	3 Mar 2014	23,977	-	-	-	23,977	Aug 18 A\$37.40	-	-	-	-	-	-

Award type	Date of grant	At 1 July 2015				At 30 June 2016				Market price on date of:				Gain on awards ('000) (5)	DEF on awards ('000) (6)
		Granted	Vested	Lapsed	Exercised	Granted	Vested	Exercised	Award vesting date (1)	Grant (2)	Vesting (3)	Exercise (4)			
Tim Cuff (7)															
STIP	4 Dec 2015	49,105	-	-	-	49,105	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	40,662	-	-	-	40,662	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	-	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	-	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	18 Dec 2013	109,993	-	-	-	109,993	-	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	18 Dec 2013	11,451	-	-	-	11,451	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$276	-
MAP	14 Nov 2012	29,066	-	-	-	29,066	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$33.73	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$699	-
Dean Dalla Valle (7)															
STIP	4 Dec 2015	40,921	-	-	-	40,921	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	43,888	-	-	-	43,888	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	2,040	-	2,040	-	-	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$49	A\$5
LTP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	-	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	-	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	18 Dec 2013	109,993	-	-	-	109,993	-	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	18 Dec 2013	10,775	-	10,775	-	-	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$259	-
MAP	31 Oct 2012	29,066	-	29,066	-	-	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$34.25	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$699	-
Geoff Healy															
STIP	4 Dec 2015	49,105	-	-	-	49,105	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	42,875	-	-	-	42,875	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	-	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	-	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	18 Dec 2013	109,993	-	-	-	109,993	-	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Henry															
STIP	4 Dec 2015	45,542	-	-	-	45,542	-	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	47,575	-	-	-	47,575	-	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	27,552	-	27,552	-	-	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$663	A\$62
LTP	4 Dec 2015	192,360	-	-	-	192,360	-	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	19 Dec 2014	127,310	-	-	-	127,310	-	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	18 Dec 2013	120,993	-	-	-	120,993	-	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-
LTP	5 Dec 2012	130,922	-	-	-	130,922	-	-	-	Aug 17 £19.98	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	5 Dec 2012	21,533	-	-	-	21,533	-	-	-	Aug 16 £19.98	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional (8)	5 Dec 2012	21,533	-	17,872	3,661	-	-	-	-	27 Aug 2015 £19.98	£11.03	-	-	£197	-

Award type	Date of grant	At 1 July 2015				At 30 June 2016				Award vesting date (1)	Market price on date of:				Gain on awards (7000) (5)	DEF on awards (7000) (5)
		Granted	Vested	Lapsed	Exercised	Granted	Vested	Exercised	Grant (2)		Vesting (3)	Exercise (4)				
Daniel Malchuk																
STIP	4 Dec 2015	40,921	-	-	-	40,921	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	37,393	-	-	-	37,393	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	1,721	1,721	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	A\$4	A\$4	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	18 Dec 2013	93,495	-	-	-	93,495	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	16,695	-	-	-	16,695	-	-	Aug 17 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	16,695	-	-	-	16,695	-	-	Aug 16 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	18 Dec 2013	9,234	9,234	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	A\$222	A\$222	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2012	23,576	23,576	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$34.25	A\$24.06	A\$567	A\$567	-	-	-	-	-
Steve Pastor (9)																
GSTIP	30 Oct 2015	20,124	-	-	-	20,124	-	-	Aug 17 A\$23.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	3 Nov 2014	11,705	-	-	-	11,705	-	-	Aug 16 A\$33.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	24 Feb 2016	21,775	-	-	-	21,775	-	-	Aug 20 A\$16.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	24 Feb 2016	21,775	-	-	-	21,775	-	-	Aug 19 A\$16.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	30 Oct 2015	21,775	-	-	-	21,775	-	-	Aug 18 A\$23.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	3 Nov 2014	23,441	-	-	-	23,441	-	-	Aug 17 A\$33.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2013	19,862	-	-	-	19,862	-	-	Aug 16 A\$37.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Athalie Williams																
STIP	4 Dec 2015	17,692	-	-	-	17,692	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTIIP	4 Dec 2015	112,418	-	-	-	112,418	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	4 Dec 2015	23,420	-	-	-	23,420	-	-	Aug 19 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	4 Dec 2015	23,420	-	-	-	23,420	-	-	Aug 18 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	4 Dec 2015	4,689	-	-	-	4,689	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	3 Nov 2014	7,204	-	-	-	7,204	-	-	Aug 16 A\$33.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	31 Oct 2013	4,904	4,904	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$37.66	A\$24.06	A\$118	A\$118	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2014	7,805	-	-	-	7,805	-	-	Aug 17 A\$33.71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2013	8,101	-	-	-	8,101	-	-	Aug 16 A\$37.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2012	7,859	7,859	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$34.25	A\$24.06	A\$189	A\$189	-	-	-	-	-

Award type	Date of grant	At 1 July 2015				At 30 June 2016				Award vesting date (1)	Market price on date of:				Gain on awards (7000) (5)	DEP on awards (7000) (6)
		Granted	Vested	Lapsed	Exercised	Granted	Vested	Exercised	Grant (2)		Vesting (3)	Exercise (4)				
Jimmy Wilson (7)																
STIP	4 Dec 2015	49,105	-	-	-	49,105	-	-	Aug 17 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STIP	19 Dec 2014	44,601	-	-	-	44,601	-	-	Aug 16 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GIS	18 Dec 2013	2,541	2,541	-	-	-	27	Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$61	A\$6	-	-	-
L TIP	4 Dec 2015	174,873	-	-	-	174,873	-	-	Aug 20 A\$17.93	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L TIP	19 Dec 2014	115,736	-	-	-	115,736	-	-	Aug 19 A\$28.98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L TIP	18 Dec 2013	109,993	-	-	-	109,993	-	-	Aug 18 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	Aug 17 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transitional	18 Dec 2013	19,641	-	-	-	19,641	-	-	Aug 16 A\$35.79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSTIP	18 Dec 2013	13,420	-	-	-	13,420	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$35.79	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$323	-	-	-
MAP	31 Oct 2012	36,871	-	-	-	36,871	-	-	27 Aug 2015 A\$34.25	A\$24.06	-	-	A\$887	-	-	-

- (1) Where the vesting date is not yet known the estimated vesting month is shown. Where awards lapse, the lapse date is shown. If the vesting conditions are met, awards will vest on, or as soon as practicable after, the first non-prohibited period date occurring after 30 June of the preceding year of vest. The year of vest is the second (STIP, GIS and GSTIP), third (Transitional tranche one and MAP), fourth (Transitional tranche two) or fifth (L TIP) financial year after grant. If the vesting conditions are not met then the awards will lapse. All awards are conditional awards except for the GIS awards granted prior to December 2013 and all L TIP awards. Conditional awards have no exercise period or expiry date; instead ordinary fully paid shares are automatically delivered upon the vesting conditions being met. Where vesting conditions are not met, the conditional awards will immediately lapse. The remaining awards are non-conditional awards which have an exercise period and an expiry date as follows: GIS awards granted prior to December 2013 – the day prior to the third anniversary of the vesting date; L TIP awards – the day prior to the fifth anniversary of the vesting date.
- (2) The market price shown is the closing price of BHP Billiton shares on the relevant date of grant. No price is payable by the individual to receive a grant of awards. The grant date IFRS fair value of the awards is estimated as at the start of the vesting period, being 1 July 2015 for awards granted during FY2016, and is as follows: STIP – A\$26.65; L TIP – A\$12.49; Transitional tranche one – A\$23.47; Transitional tranche two – A\$22.49; GSTIP – A\$24.48; MAP (vesting date Aug 18) – A\$23.47; MAP (vesting date Aug 19) – A\$22.49 and MAP (vesting date Aug 20) – A\$21.56.
- (3) The market price shown is the closing price of BHP Billiton shares on the relevant date of vest.
- (4) The market price shown is the closing price of BHP Billiton shares on the date that the individual exercised their award. No price is payable by the individual to exercise awards except for GIS awards granted in December 2010 where the individual elected to receive options.
- (5) The gain on awards is calculated using the market price on date of vesting or exercise (as applicable) less any exercise price payable.
- (6) Under the GIS each employee could nominate to receive a portion of their award in the form of options with a market-based exercise price. The exercise price was determined by the weighted average price at which BHP Billiton shares were traded over the one week up to and including the date of grant. The awards granted in December 2010 had an exercise price of £23.71 but were not exercised by Mr Mackenzie and lapsed on the scheduled expiry date.
- (7) Awards shown as held by Tony Cudmore, Tim Cutt, Dean Dalla Valle and Jimmy Wilson at 30 June 2016 are their balances held at 30 June 2016 and at the date they ceased being KMP. The subsequent treatment of their awards is set out in sections 3.4.18 and 3.4.19.

(8) 83 per cent of Tranche one of the Transitional Awards granted to Mike Henry in December 2012 became fully vested on 27 August 2015, following the Remuneration Committee considering its discretion over the vesting outcome. The remaining 17 per cent of the Transitional Awards lapsed and cannot be exercised.

(9) The opening balance of awards for Steve Pastor reflects his holdings on the date he commenced being KMP.

3.4.22 Estimated value range of equity awards

The current face value of STI and LTI awards allocated during FY2016 and yet to vest (to be disclosed under the Australian Corporations Act 2001) is the number of awards as set out in the previous table multiplied by the current share price of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc as applicable.

The actual value that may be received by participants in the future cannot be determined as it is dependent on and therefore fluctuates with the share prices of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc at the date that any particular award vests or is exercised. The table below provides five-year share price history for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc, history of dividends paid and the Group's earnings.

Five-year share price, dividend and earnings history

		<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2012</u>
BHP Billiton Limited	Share price at beginning of year	A\$26.58	A\$36.00	A\$30.94	A\$31.72	A\$43.97
	Share price at end of year	A\$18.65	A\$27.05	A\$35.90	A\$31.37	A\$31.45
	Dividends paid	A\$1.09	A\$3.72 ⁽¹⁾	A\$1.29	A\$1.10	A\$1.03
BHP Billiton Plc	Share price at beginning of year	£12.58	£19.45	£17.15	£18.30	£24.39
	Share price at end of year	£9.43	£12.49	£18.90	£16.82	£18.06
	Dividends paid	£0.51	£1.95 ⁽¹⁾	£0.73	£0.73	£0.69
BHP Billiton	Attributable (loss)/profit (US\$M, as reported)	(6,385)	1,910	13,832	11,223	15,473

⁽¹⁾ The FY2015 Dividends paid includes A\$2.25 or £1.15 in respect of the in-specie dividend associated with the demerger of South32.

The highest share price during FY2016 was A\$27.46 for BHP Billiton Limited shares and £12.87 for BHP Billiton Plc shares. The lowest share prices during FY2016 were A\$14.06 and £5.72, respectively.

3.4.23 Ordinary share holdings and transactions

The number of ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited or in BHP Billiton Plc held directly, indirectly or beneficially by each individual (including shares held in the name of a spouse, superannuation fund, nominee and/or other controlled entities) are shown below. In addition, there have been no changes in the interests of any Directors in the period to 22 August 2016 (being one month prior to the date of the notice of the 2016 AGMs). These are ordinary shares held without performance conditions or restrictions and are included in MSR calculations for each individual.

The interests of Directors and members of the OMC in the ordinary shares of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc as at 30 June 2016 did not exceed on an individual basis or in the aggregate one per cent of BHP Billiton Limited's or BHP Billiton Plc's issued ordinary shares.

	BHP Billiton Limited Shares					BHP Billiton Plc Shares				
	Held at 1 July 2015	Purchased	Received	Sold	Held at 30 June 2016	Held at 1 July 2015	Purchased	Received	Sold	Held at 30 June 2016
Executive Director										
Andrew Mackenzie ⁽¹⁾	–	–	32,294	15,719	16,575	266,205	–	–	–	266,205
Other members of the OMC										
Peter Beaven	211,581	–	52,655	26,151	238,085	–	–	–	–	–
Tony Cudmore ⁽²⁾	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Tim Cutt ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	56,561	–	40,517	17,571	79,507	–	–	–	–	–
Dean Dalla Valle ⁽²⁾	127,020	–	42,012	20,868	148,164	–	–	–	–	–
Geoff Healy	3,000	–	–	–	3,000	–	–	–	–	–
Mike Henry	21,879	–	29,327	13,167	38,039	162,671	–	17,872	–	180,543
Daniel Malchuk	66,307	–	34,665	14,045	86,927	–	–	–	–	–
Steve Pastor ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	9,983	–	–	–	9,983	–	–	–	–	–
Athalie Williams	15,052	–	12,763	6,358	21,457	–	–	–	–	–
Jimmy Wilson ⁽²⁾	116,091	–	52,995	26,323	142,763	59,301	–	–	–	59,301
Non-executive Directors										
Malcolm Brinded	–	–	–	–	–	12,000	48,000	–	–	60,000
Malcolm Broomhead	9,000	10,000	–	–	19,000	–	–	–	–	–
John Buchanan ⁽²⁾	–	–	–	–	–	20,000	–	–	–	20,000
Carlos Cordeiro ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	6,550	–	–	–	6,550	–	–	–	–	–
Pat Davies	–	–	–	–	–	27,170	–	–	–	27,170
Anita Frew ⁽⁴⁾	–	–	–	–	–	9,000	–	–	–	9,000
Carolyn Hewson	14,000	5,000	–	–	19,000	–	–	–	–	–
Lindsay Maxsted	11,500	6,500	–	–	18,000	–	–	–	–	–
Wayne Murdy ⁽³⁾	8,000	–	–	–	8,000	24,000	–	–	–	24,000
Jac Nasser ⁽³⁾	20,400	–	–	–	20,400	81,200	–	–	–	81,200
John Schubert	23,675	–	–	–	23,675	–	–	–	–	–
Shriti Vadera	–	–	–	–	–	9,000	16,000	–	–	25,000

- (1) The opening balance of ordinary shares for Andrew Mackenzie has been corrected to exclude 41 shares that were previously double-counted.
- (2) The closing balances for John Buchanan, Carlos Cordeiro, Tony Cudmore, Tim Cutt, Dean Dalla Valle and Jimmy Wilson reflect their shareholdings on the date that each ceased being KMP.
- (3) The following BHP Billiton Limited shares and BHP Billiton Plc shares are held in the form of American Depositary Shares: Tim Cutt (470 BHP Billiton Limited), Carlos Cordeiro (3,275 BHP Billiton Limited), Wayne Murdy (4,000 BHP Billiton Limited; 12,000 BHP Billiton Plc), Jac Nasser (5,200 BHP Billiton Limited; 40,600 BHP Billiton Plc), Steve Pastor (1,574 BHP Billiton Limited).
- (4) The opening balance shown for Steve Pastor and Anita Frew reflects their holdings on the date each became KMP.

3.4.24 Payments to past Directors

UK regulations require the inclusion in the Remuneration Report of payments to past Directors⁽¹⁾ and payments made for loss of office. There is nothing to disclose for FY2016.

- (1) The Remuneration Committee has adopted a de minimis threshold of US\$7,500 for disclosure of payments to past Directors under UK requirements.

3.4.25 Relative importance of spend on pay

The table below sets out the total spend on employee remuneration during FY2016 (and the prior year) compared with other significant expenditure items. The table includes items as prescribed in the UK requirements. BHP Billiton has included tax payments and purchases of property, plant and equipment being the most significant other outgoings in monetary terms.

US\$ million	FY2016	FY2015
Aggregate employee benefits expense <i>Section 5.1.6 Note 4.</i>	3,788	5,100
Dividends paid to BHP Billiton shareholders <i>Section 5.1.4.</i>	4,130	6,498
Share buy-backs <i>Section 5.1.4.</i>	–	–
Income tax paid and royalty-related taxation paid (net of refunds) <i>Section 5.1.4.</i>	1,645	4,025
Purchases of property, plant and equipment <i>Section 5.1.4.</i>	6,946	11,947

3.4.26 Retirement disclosures for the Non-executive Directors

The following table sets out the accrued retirement benefits under the now-closed Retirement Plan of BHP Billiton Limited. The Retirement Plan was closed on 24 October 2003 and entitlements that had accumulated in respect of each of the participants were frozen. These will be paid on retirement. An earnings rate equal to the five-year Australian Government Bond Rate is being applied to the frozen entitlements from that date.

US\$(‘000)	Completed service at 30 June 2016 (years)	Change in lump sum entitlement during the year ⁽¹⁾	Lump sum entitlement at	
			30 June 2016	30 June 2015
John Schubert	16	7	266	259

⁽¹⁾ No further entitlements have accrued since the closure of the Retirement Plan in 2003. The movement reflects the application of the earnings rate and foreign exchange rate (the translation from Australian dollars to US dollars for the Remuneration Report) to the lump sum entitlement at the date of closure.

3.4.27 Transactions with KMP

During the financial year, there were no purchases by KMP (including their related parties) from the Group (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$ nil).

There are no amounts payable at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil).

Loans with KMP

There are US\$ nil loans (2015: US\$ nil) with KMP (including their related parties).

Transactions with personally related entities

A number of Directors of the Group hold or have held positions in other companies, where it is considered they control or significantly influence the financial or operating policies of those entities. There have been no transactions with those entities and no amounts were owed by the Group to personally related entities or any other related parties (2015: US\$ nil).

This Remuneration Report was approved by the Board on 8 September 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Carolyn Hewson
Chairman, Remuneration Committee
8 September 2016

4 Directors' Report

The information presented by the Directors in this Directors' Report relates to BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc and their respective subsidiaries. Section 1 'Strategic Report' (which includes the Chairman's Review in section 1.1 and the Chief Executive Officer's Report in section 1.2, and incorporates the operating and financial review), section 2 'Governance at BHP Billiton', section 3 'Remuneration Report', section 5.5 'Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration' and section 7 'Shareholder information' are each incorporated by reference into, and form part of, this Directors' Report. In addition, for the purposes of UK law, the Strategic Report in section 1 and the Remuneration Report in section 3 form separate reports and have been separately approved by the Board for that purpose.

For the purpose of the UK Listing Authority's (UKLA) Listing Rule 9.8.4C R, the applicable information required to be disclosed in accordance with UKLA Listing Rule 9.8.4 R is set out in the sections below.

Applicable information required by UKLA Listing Rule 9.8.4 R	Section in this Annual Report
(1) Interest capitalised by group	Section 5, note 20
(5) Arrangements to waive emoluments from the Company or subsidiary undertakings	Section 3.4.5
(6) Waiver of future emoluments	Section 3.4.5
(12) Shareholder waivers of dividends	Section 5, note 23
(13) Shareholder waivers of future dividends	Section 5, note 23

Paragraphs (2), (4), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (14) of Listing Rule 9.8.4 R are not applicable.

The Directors confirm, on the advice of the Risk and Audit Committee, that they consider the Annual Report (including the Financial Statements), taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position, performance, business model and strategy.

4.1 Review of operations, principal activities and state of affairs

A review of the operations of the Company during FY2016, the results of those operations during FY2016 and the expected results of those operations in future financial years are set out in section 1, in particular in sections 1.1 to 1.6, 1.13 and 1.14 and other material in this Annual Report. Information on the development of the Company and likely developments in future years also appears in those sections.

Our principal activities during FY2016 were the exploration, development, production, processing and marketing of minerals (in respect of iron ore, metallurgical and energy coal, copper and uranium), and exploration, development, production and marketing of conventional and unconventional oil and gas. No significant changes in the nature of the Company's principal activities occurred during FY2016.

There were no significant changes in the Company's state of affairs that occurred during FY2016 and no significant post-balance date events other than as disclosed in section 1.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of FY2016 that has significantly affected or is expected to significantly affect the operations, the results of operations or state of affairs of the Company in future years.

4.2 Share capital and buy-back programs

At the Annual General Meetings held in 2014 and 2015, shareholders authorised BHP Billiton Plc to make on-market purchases of up to 211,207,180 of its ordinary shares, representing 10 per cent of BHP Billiton Plc's issued share capital at that time. During FY2016, we did not make any on-market or off-market purchases of BHP Billiton Limited shares or BHP Billiton Plc shares under any share buy-back program. As at the date of this Directors' Report, there were no current on-market buy-backs.

Shareholders will be asked at the 2016 Annual General Meetings to renew this authority. As at the date of this Directors' Report, the Directors have no present intention to exercise this authority, if granted.

Some of our executives receive rights over BHP Billiton shares as part of their remuneration arrangements. Entitlements may be satisfied by the transfer of existing shares, which are acquired on-market by the Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) Trusts or, in respect of some entitlements, by the issue of shares.

The number of shares referred to in column 'A' below were purchased to satisfy awards made under the various BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc employee share schemes during FY2016.

Period	A Total number of shares purchased	B Average price paid per share ⁽¹⁾ US\$	C Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	D Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs	
				BHP Billiton Limited ⁽²⁾	BHP Billiton Plc
1 Jul 2015 to 31 Jul 2015	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Aug 2015 to 31 Aug 2015	3,722,223	\$ 18.59	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Sep 2015 to 30 Sep 2015	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Oct 2015 to 31 Oct 2015	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Nov 2015 to 30 Nov 2015	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Dec 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Jan 2016 to 31 Jan 2016	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Feb 2016 to 28 Feb 2016	328,017	\$ 11.37	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Mar 2016 to 31 Mar 2016	2,421,588	\$ 13.26	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Apr 2016 to 30 Apr 2016	73,576	\$ 12.87	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 May 2016 to 31 May 2016	10,000	\$ 13.50	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
1 Jun 2016 to 30 Jun 2016	–	–	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾
Total	6,555,404	\$ 16.18	–	–	211,207,180 ⁽³⁾

(1) The shares were purchased in the currency of the stock exchange on which the purchase took place, and the sale price has been converted into US dollars at the exchange rate on the day of purchase.

(2) BHP Billiton Limited is able to buy-back and cancel BHP Billiton Limited shares within the '10/12 limit' without shareholder approval in accordance with section 257B of the Australian Corporations Act 2001. Any future on-market share buy-back program will be conducted in accordance with the Australian Corporations Act 2001 and with the ASX Listing Rules.

(3) At the Annual General Meetings held during 2014 and 2015, shareholders authorised BHP Billiton Plc to make on-market purchases of up to 211,207,180 of its ordinary shares, representing 10 per cent of BHP Billiton Plc's issued capital at the time.

4.3 Results, financial instruments and going concern

Information about the Group's financial position and financial results is included in the Financial Statements in this Annual Report. The Consolidated Income Statement shows loss attributable to BHP Billiton members of US\$6.4 billion in FY2016, compared with a profit of US\$1.9 billion in FY2015.

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are discussed in section 1. In addition, sections 1.5 to 1.9 and 2.14, and note 21 'Financial risk management' to the Financial Statements detail the Company's capital management objectives, its approach to financial risk management and exposure to financial risks, liquidity and borrowing facilities.

The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual Financial Statements.

4.4 Directors

The Directors who served at any time during FY2016 or up until the date of this Directors' Report were Jac Nasser, Andrew Mackenzie, Malcolm Brinded, Malcolm Broomhead, Sir John Buchanan, Carlos Cordeiro, Pat Davies, Anita Frew, Carolyn Hewson, Lindsay Maxsted, Wayne Murdy, John Schubert and Shriti Vadera. Further details of the current Directors of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are set out in section 2.2. These details include the period for which each Director held office up to the date of this Directors' Report, their qualifications, experience and particular responsibilities, the directorships held in other listed companies since 1 July 2013 and the period for which each directorship has been held.

Sir John Buchanan served as a Non-executive Director of BHP Billiton from February 2003 up until his death on 13 July 2015. Sir John was the Senior Independent Director of BHP Billiton Plc. Shriti Vadera was appointed the Senior Independent Director for BHP Billiton Plc with effect from 14 August 2015.

Carlos Cordeiro served as a Non-executive Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc from February 2005 until his retirement on 19 November 2015.

Anita Frew was appointed as a Non-executive Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc with effect from 15 September 2015. In accordance with the BHP Billiton Limited Constitution and the BHP Billiton Plc Articles of Association, she stood for election, and was elected, at the 2015 Annual General Meetings.

Ken MacKenzie was appointed as a Non-executive Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc with effect from 22 September 2016. In accordance with the BHP Billiton Limited Constitution and the BHP Billiton Plc Articles of Association, he will seek election at the 2016 Annual General Meetings.

The number of meetings of the Board and its Committees held during the year and each Director's attendance at those meetings are set out in section 2.11.

4.5 Remuneration and share interests

4.5.1 Remuneration

The policy for determining the nature and amount of emoluments of members of the Operations Management Committee (OMC) (including the Executive Director) and the Non-executive Directors, and information about the relationship between that policy and the Company's performance, are set out in sections 3.3 and 3.4.

The remuneration tables contained in section 3.4 set out the remuneration of members of the OMC (including the Executive Director) and the Non-executive Directors.

4.5.2 Directors

Section 3.4.23 sets out the relevant interests in shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc of the Directors who held office during FY2016, at the beginning and end of FY2016. No rights or options over shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are held by any of the Non-executive Directors. Interests held by the Executive Director

under employee equity plans as at 30 June 2016 are set out in the tables showing interests in incentive plans contained in section 3.4. Except for Andrew Mackenzie and Anita Frew, as at the date of this Directors' Report, the information pertaining to shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc held directly, indirectly or beneficially by Directors is the same as set out in the table in section 3.4. Where applicable, the information includes shares held in the name of a spouse, superannuation fund, nominee and/or other controlled entities.

As at the date of this Directors' Report, Andrew Mackenzie holds:

- (either directly, indirectly or beneficially) 266,205 shares in BHP Billiton Plc and 55,200 shares in BHP Billiton Limited; and
- rights and options over 309,899 shares in BHP Billiton Plc and 921,406 shares in BHP Billiton Limited.

As at the date of this Directors' Report, Anita Frew indirectly holds 15,000 shares in BHP Billiton Plc.

We have not made available to any Director any interest in a registered scheme.

The former Directors of BHP Limited participated in a retirement plan under which they were entitled to receive a payment on retirement calculated by reference to years of service. This plan was closed on 24 October 2003, and benefits accrued to that date are held by BHP Billiton Limited and will be paid on retirement. For more information about this plan and its closure, refer to section 3.4.26.

4.5.3 Operations Management Committee members

All references to OMC should be read to include members of the Group Management Committee during the period from 1 July 2015 to 29 February 2016 and members of the OMC from 1 March 2016.

Section 3.4.23 sets out the relevant interests in shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc held directly, indirectly or beneficially at the beginning and end of FY2016 by those senior executives who were members of the OMC (other than the Executive Director) during FY2016. Where applicable, the information includes shares held in the name of a spouse, superannuation fund, nominee and/or other controlled entities. Interests held by members of the OMC under employee equity plans as at 30 June 2016 are set out in the tables contained in section 3.4.

The table below sets out the relevant interests in shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc held directly, indirectly or beneficially, as at the date of this Directors' Report by those senior executives who were members of the OMC (other than the Executive Director) on that date. Where applicable, the information also includes shares held in the name of a spouse, superannuation fund, nominee and/or other controlled entities.

OMC member	BHP Billiton entity	As at date of Directors' Report
Peter Beaven	BHP Billiton Limited	266,359
	BHP Billiton Plc	–
Geoff Healy	BHP Billiton Limited	26,536
	BHP Billiton Plc	–
Mike Henry	BHP Billiton Limited	65,278
	BHP Billiton Plc	196,262
Daniel Malchuk	BHP Billiton Limited	126,530
	BHP Billiton Plc	–
Steve Pastor	BHP Billiton Limited	27,681
	BHP Billiton Plc	–
Athalie Williams	BHP Billiton Limited	28,907
	BHP Billiton Plc	–

4.6 Secretaries

Margaret Taylor is the Group Company Secretary. Details of her qualifications and experience are set out in section 2.2. The following people also act, or have acted during FY2016, as company secretaries of BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc or both (as indicated): Rachel Agnew, BComm (Economics), LLB (Hons) (BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc), Kathryn Griffiths, BA, LLB (Hons), GDipACG, FCIS, FGIA, GAICD (BHP Billiton Limited), Megan Pepper, BA (Hons), LLB (Hons), GDipACG, FCIS, FGIA, GAICD (BHP Billiton Limited), Geof Stapledon, BEc, LLB (Hons), DPhil, FCIS (BHP Billiton Plc) and Elizabeth Hobley, BA (Hons), ACIS (BHP Billiton Plc) (resigned 30 June 2016). Each such individual has experience in a company secretariat role or other relevant fields arising from time spent in such roles within BHP Billiton, large listed companies or other relevant entities.

4.7 Indemnities and insurance

Rule 146 of the BHP Billiton Limited Constitution and Article 146 of the BHP Billiton Plc Articles of Association require each Company to indemnify, to the extent permitted by law, each Officer of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc, respectively, against liability incurred in, or arising out of, the conduct of the business of the Company or the discharge of the duties of the Officer. The Directors named in section 2.2, the Company Secretaries and other Officers of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc have the benefit of this requirement, as do individuals who formerly held one of those positions.

In accordance with this requirement, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc have entered into Deeds of Indemnity, Access and Insurance (Deeds of Indemnity) with each of their respective Directors. The Deeds of Indemnity are qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the purposes of the UK Companies Act 2006 and each of these qualifying third party indemnities was in force as at the date of this Directors' Report.

We have a policy that BHP Billiton will, as a general rule, support and hold harmless an employee, including an employee appointed as a Director of a subsidiary who, while acting in good faith, incurs personal liability to others as a result of working for BHP Billiton.

In addition, as part of the arrangements to effect the demerger of South32, we agreed to indemnify certain former Officers of BHP Billiton who transitioned to South32 from certain claims and liabilities incurred in their capacity as Directors or Officers of South32.

From time to time, we engage our External Auditor, KPMG, to conduct non-statutory audit work and provide other services in accordance with our policy on the provision of other services by the External Auditor. The terms of engagement in the United Kingdom include that we must compensate and reimburse KPMG LLP for, and protect KPMG LLP against, any loss, damage, expense, or liability incurred by KPMG LLP in respect of third party claims arising from a breach by the Company of any obligation under the engagement terms.

We have insured against amounts that we may be liable to pay to Directors, Company Secretaries or certain employees (including former Officers) pursuant to Rule 146 of the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited and Article 146 of the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc or that we otherwise agree to pay by way of indemnity. The insurance policy also insures Directors, Company Secretaries and some employees (including former Officers) against certain liabilities (including legal costs) they may incur in carrying out their duties. For this Directors' and Officers' insurance, we paid premiums of US\$2,088,352 net during FY2016.

No indemnity in favour of a current or former officer of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc, or in favour of the External Auditor, was called on during FY2016.

4.8 Employee policies

Our people are fundamental to our success. We are committed to shaping a culture where our employees are provided with opportunities to develop, are valued and are encouraged to contribute towards making work safer, simpler and more productive. We strongly believe that having employees who are engaged and connected to our organisation reinforces our shared purpose aligned to *Our BHP Billiton Charter* and will result in a more harmonious workplace.

For more information on employee engagement and employee policies, including communications and regarding disabilities, refer to section 1.10.

4.9 Corporate governance

The UK Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rules (DTR 7.2) require that certain information be included in a corporate governance statement set out in the Directors' Report. BHP Billiton has an existing practice of issuing a separate corporate governance statement as part of our Annual Report. The information required by the Disclosure and Transparency Rules and the UK Financial Conduct Authority's Listing Rules (LR 9.8.6) is located in section 2, with the exception of the information referred to in LR 9.8.6 (1), (3) and (4) and DTR 7.2.6, which is located in sections 4.2, 4.3, 4.5.2 and 4.18.

4.10 Dividends

A final dividend of 14 US cents per share will be paid on 20 September 2016, resulting in total dividends determined in respect of FY2016 of 30 US cents per share. Details of the dividends paid are set out in note 15 'Share capital' and note 17 'Dividends' to the Financial Statements and details of the Group's dividend policy are set out in sections 1.6.3 and 7.7.

4.11 Auditors

A resolution to reappoint KPMG LLP as the auditor of BHP Billiton Plc will be proposed at the 2016 Annual General Meetings in accordance with section 489 of the UK Companies Act 2006.

During FY2016, Lindsay Maxsted was the only officer of BHP Billiton who previously held the role of director or partner of the Company's External Auditor at a time when the Company's External Auditor conducted an audit of the Company. His prior relationship with KPMG is outlined in section 2.9. Lindsay Maxsted was not part of the KPMG audit practice after 1980 and, while at KPMG, was not in any way involved in, or able to influence, any audit activity associated with BHP Billiton.

Each person who held the office of Director at the date the Board approved this Directors' Report made the following statements:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's External Auditor is unaware;
- the Director has taken all steps that he or she ought to have taken as a Director to make him or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's External Auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given pursuant to section 418 of the UK Companies Act 2006 and should be interpreted in accordance with, and subject to, those provisions.

4.12 Non-audit services

Details of the non-audit services undertaken by the Company's External Auditor, including the amounts paid for non-audit services, are set out in note 35 'Auditor's remuneration' to the Financial Statements. All non-audit

services were approved in accordance with the process set out in the Policy on Provision of Audit and Other Services by the External Auditor. No non-audit services were carried out that were specifically excluded by the Policy on Provision of Audit and Other Services by the External Auditor. Based on advice provided by the Risk and Audit Committee, the Directors have formed the view that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors, and that the nature of non-audit services means that auditor independence was not compromised. For more information about our policy in relation to the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, refer to section 2.13.1.

4.13 Political donations

No political contributions/donations for political purposes were made by the Company to any political party, politician, elected official or candidate for public office during FY2016.⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Note that Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) disclosure requirements are broad, such that amounts that are not political donations can be reportable for AEC purposes. For example, where a political party or organisation owns shares in BHP Billiton, the AEC filing requires the political party or organisation to disclose the dividend payments received in respect of their shareholding.

4.14 Exploration, research and development

Companies within the Group carry out exploration and research and development necessary to support their activities. Further details are provided in sections 1.12 to 1.14 and 6.3.

4.15 ASIC Instrument 2016/191

BHP Billiton Limited is an entity to which Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 dated 24 March 2016 applies. Amounts in this Directors' Report and the Financial Statements, except estimates of future expenditure or where otherwise indicated, have been rounded to the nearest million dollars in accordance with ASIC Instrument 2016/191.

4.16 Proceedings on behalf of BHP Billiton Limited

No proceedings have been brought on behalf of BHP Billiton Limited, nor has any application been made, under section 237 of the Australian Corporations Act 2001.

4.17 Performance in relation to environmental regulation

BHP Billiton seeks to be compliant with all applicable environmental laws and regulations relevant to its operations. We monitor compliance on a regular basis, including through external and internal means, to ensure that the risk of non-compliance is minimised. For more information on the Company's performance in relation to health, safety and the environment, refer to section 1.11.

Fines and prosecutions

For the purposes of section 299 (1)(f) of the Australian Corporations Act 2001, in FY2016, BHP Billiton received three fines in relation to Australian environmental laws and regulations at our operated assets, the total amount payable being US\$60,609.

One fine of US\$42,483 was received in respect of the Mt Arthur Coal open-cut energy coal mine blast fume prosecution. BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance received two fines of US\$9,063 each. Both incidents were related to the unauthorised release of mine-affected water at the Norwich Park mine.

Greenhouse gas emissions

The UK Companies Act 2006 requires the Company, to the extent practicable, to obtain relevant information on the Company's annual quantity of greenhouse gas emissions, which is reported in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent. The Company's total FY2016 greenhouse gas emissions and intensity are set out in sections 1.7 and 1.11.2.

For more information on environmental performance, including environmental regulation, refer to section 1.11 and the Sustainability Report 2016 which is available online at www.bhpbilliton.com.

4.18 Share capital, restrictions on transfer of shares and other additional information

Information relating to BHP Billiton Plc's share capital structure, restrictions on the holding or transfer of its securities or on the exercise of voting rights attaching to such securities, certain agreements triggered on a change of control and the existence of branches of BHP Billiton outside of the United Kingdom, is set out in the following sections:

- Section 1.5.4 (BHP Billiton locations)
- Section 4.2 (Share capital and buy-back programs)
- Section 7.3 (Organisational structure)
- Section 7.4 (Material contracts)
- Section 7.5 (Constitution)
- Section 7.6 (Share ownership)
- Section 7.11 (Government regulations)
- Note 15 'Share capital' and note 23 'Employee share ownership plans' to the Financial Statements.

As at the date of this Directors' Report, there were 15,767,488 unvested equity awards outstanding in relation to BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares and 1,389,974 unvested equity awards outstanding in relation to BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares. The expiry dates of these unvested equity awards range between September 2016 and August 2023 and there is no exercise price. No options over unissued shares or unissued interests in the Company have been granted since the end of FY2016 and no shares or interests were issued as a result of the exercise of an option over unissued shares or interests since the end of FY2016. Further details are set out in note 23 'Employee share ownership plans' to the Financial Statements. Details of movements in share capital during and since the end of FY2016 are set out in note 15 'Share capital' to the Financial Statements.

The Directors' Report is approved in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Jac Nasser AO
Chairman
Dated: 8 September 2016

Andrew Mackenzie
Chief Executive Officer

5 Financial Statements

Refer to the pages beginning on page F-1 in this annual report.

6 Additional Information

6.1 Information on mining operations

Minerals Australia

Copper mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our mining operations. This table should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserve table (refer to section 6.3.2).

<u>Mine & location</u>	<u>Means of access</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Title, leases or options</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Mine type & mineralisation style</u>	<u>Power source</u>	<u>Facilities, use & condition</u>
Olympic Dam 560 km northwest of Adelaide, South Australia	Public road Copper cathode trucked to ports Uranium oxide transported by road to ports	100%	BHP Billiton	Mining lease granted by South Australian Government expires in 2036 Right of extension for 50 years (subject to remaining mine life)	Acquired in 2005 as part of WMC acquisition Copper production began in 1988 Nominal milling capacity raised to 9 Mtpa in 1999 Optimisation project completed in 2002 New copper solvent extraction plant commissioned in 2004	Underground Large poly-metallic deposit of iron oxide-copper-uranium-gold mineralisation	Supplied via 275 kV power line from Port Augusta, transmitted by ElectraNet	Underground automated train and trucking network feeding crushing, storage and ore hoisting facilities 2 grinding circuits Nominal milling capacity: 10.3 Mtpa Flash furnace produces copper anodes, then refined to produce copper cathodes Electrowon copper cathode and uranium oxide concentrate produced by leaching and solvent extracting flotation tailings

Iron ore mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our operations. This table should be read in conjunction with the production (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserve tables (refer to section 6.3.2).

Mine & location W/AIO	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Mt Newman joint venture Pilbara region, Western Australia	Private road	BHP Billiton Minerals 85%	BHP Billiton	Mineral lease granted and held under the Iron Ore (Mt Newman) Agreement Act 1964 expires in 2030 with right to successive renewals of 21 years	Production began at Mt Whaleback in 1969	Open-cut Bedded ore types classified as per host	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yarmima power station.	Newman Hub: primary and secondary crushing and screening plants (nominal capacity 63 Mtpa); heavy media beneficiation plant, stockyard blending facility, single cell rotary car dumper, train-loading facility
Mt Whaleback Orebodies 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 35	Ore transported by Mt Newman JV owned rail to Port Hedland (427 km)	Mitsui-ITOCHU Iron 10% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 5%			Production from Orebodies 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 35 complements production from Mt Whaleback	Archaean or Proterozoic iron formation, which are Brookman and Marra Mamba	Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta	Orebody 25: primary and secondary crushing and screening plant (nominal capacity 13 Mtpa)

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Yandi joint venture Pilbara region, Western Australia	Private road	BHP Billiton Minerals 85% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 8% Yandi JV's railway spur links Yandi hub to Mt Newman JV main line	BHP Billiton	Mining lease granted pursuant to the Iron Ore (Marillana Creek) Agreement Act 1991 expires in 2033 with one renewal right to a further 21 years	Production began at the Yandi mine in 1992 Capacity of Yandi hub expanded between 1994 and 2013	Open-cut Channel Iron Deposits are Cainozoic fluvial sediments	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yamina power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta.	Three processing plants, primary crusher and overland conveyor (nominal capacity 80 Mtpa) Ore delivered to two train-loading facilities
JW4 joint venture Pilbara region, Western Australia	Private road	BHP Billiton Minerals 68% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 6.4% Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation 5.6% JFE Steel Australia 20%	BHP Billiton	Sublease over part of the Yandi mining lease that expires on the earlier of termination of the Yandi mining lease or end of the JW4 JV	Production began in April 2006 JW4 JV sells all ore to the Yandi JV at the Yandi hub	Open-cut Channel Iron Deposits are Cainozoic fluvial sediments	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yamina power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta	JW4 JV sells ore to Yandi JV which is then processed at the Yandi hub

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Jimblebar operation * Pilbara region, Western Australia	Private road Ore is transported via overland conveyor (6 km)	BHP Billiton Minerals 85% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 8% Mitsui & Co. Iron Ore Exploration & Mining 7%	BHP Billiton	Mining lease granted pursuant to the Iron Ore (McCahey's Monster) Agreement Authorisation Act 1972 expires in 2030 with rights to successive renewals of 21 years	Production began in March 1989 From 2004, production was transferred to Wheelarra JV as part of the Wheelarra sublease agreement Ore was first produced from the newly commissioned Jimblebar hub in late 2013 Jimblebar sells ore to the Newman JV proximate to the Jimblebar hub	Open-cut Bedded ore types classified as per host Archean or Proterozoic banded iron formation, which are Brockman and Marra Mamba	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yarrima power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta	Two primary and secondary crushers, ore handling plant, stockyards and supporting mining hub infrastructure (nominal capacity 55 Mtpa)

* Jimblebar is an "incorporated" venture, with the above companies holding A Class Shares in BHP Iron Ore Jimblebar Pty Ltd (BHPJO).

BHP Billiton Minerals holds 100% of the B Class Shares, which has rights to all other BHPJO assets

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Wheclarra joint venture Pilbara region, Western Australia	Private road Ore is transported via overland conveyor (6 km)	BHP Billiton Minerals 51% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 4.8% Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation 4.2% Maanshan Iron & Steel Australia 10% Shagang Australia 10% Hebei Iron & Steel Australia 10% Wugang Australia 10%	BHP Billiton	Sublease over part of the Jimblebar mining lease that expires on the earlier of termination of the mining lease or end of the Wheclarra Joint Venture.	Production began in 2004. Wheclarra JV sells all ore to the Mt Newman JV at the Jimblebar hub	Open-cut Bedded ore types classified as per host Archaean or Proterozoic banded iron formation, which is Brockman	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yarnima power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta	Wheclarra JV processes all ore at the Jimblebar hub

<u>Mine & location</u>	<u>Means of access</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Title, leases or options</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Mine type & mineralisation style</u>	<u>Power source</u>	<u>Facilities, use & condition</u>
Mt Goldsworthy joint venture Pilbara region, Western Australia Area C Yarrie Nimgingarra	Private road Yarrie and Nimgingarra iron ore transported by Mt Goldsworthy JV owned rail to Port Hedland (218 km) Area C iron ore transported by Mt Newman JV-owned rail to Port Hedland (360 km)	BHP Billiton Minerals 85% Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation 7% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 8%	BHP Billiton	Three mineral leases granted under the Iron Ore (Mt Goldsworthy) Agreement Act 1964 and one mineral lease and one mining lease both granted pursuant to the Iron Ore (Goldsworthy – Nimgingarra) Agreement Act 1972, expire between 2014 and 2028, with rights to successive renewals of 21 years	Operations commenced at Mt Goldsworthy in 1966 and at Shay Gap in 1973 Original Goldsworthy mine closed in 1982 Associated Shay Gap mine closed in 1993 Mining at Nimgingarra ceased in 2007, then continued from adjacent Yarrie area Production commenced at Area C mine in 2003 Yarrie mine operations were suspended in February 2014	Area C, Yarrie and Nimgingarra all open-cut Bedded ore types classified as per host Archaean or Proterozoic iron formation, which are Brockman, Marra Mamba and Nimgingarra	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yarrima power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta.	Ore processing plant, primary crusher and overland conveyor (nominal capacity 60 Mtpa)
POSMAC joint venture Pilbara Region, Western Australia	Private road POSMAC JV sells ore to Mt Goldsworthy JV at Area C	BHP Billiton Minerals 65% ITOCHU Minerals and Energy of Australia 8%, Mitsui Iron Ore Corporation 7% POS-Ore 20%	BHP Billiton	Sublease over part of Mt Goldsworthy Mining Area C mineral lease that expires on the earlier of termination of the mineral lease or the end of the POSMAC JV	Production commenced in October 2003 POSMAC JV sells all ore to Mt Goldsworthy JV at Area C	Open-cut Bedded ore types classified as per host Archaean or Proterozoic iron formation, which is Marra Mamba	Power for all mine operations both in the Central and Eastern Pilbara is supplied by BHP Billiton's Yarrima power station. Power consumed in port operations is supplied via a contract with Alinta.	POSMAC sells all ore to Mt Goldsworthy JV which is then processed at Area C

Coal mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our mining operations. The tables should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserves table (refer to section 6.3.2).

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Central Queensland Coal Associates joint venture								
Bowen Basin, Queensland, Australia	Public road	BHP Billiton 50%	BMA	Mining leases, including undeveloped tenements, expire between 2017 and 2043, renewable for further periods as Queensland Government legislation allows	Goonyella mine commenced in 1971, merged with adjoining Riverside mine in 1989	All open-cut except Broadmeadow: longwall underground	Queensland electricity grid connection is under long-term contracts and power source is under 5-year contracts	On-site beneficiation processing facilities
Goonyella Riverside, Broadmeadow	Coal transported by rail to Hay Point, Gladstone, Dalrymple Bay and Abbot Point ports	Mitsubishi Development 50%			Operates as Goonyella Riverside	Bituminous coal is mined from the Permian Moranbah and Rangal Coal measures		Combined nominal capacity: in excess of 65 Mtpa
Caval Ridge Peak Downs Saraji	Distances between the mines and port are between 160 km and 315 km				Production commenced at: Peak Downs in 1972 Saraji in 1974 Norwich Park in 1979	Products range from premium quality, low volatile, high vitrinite, hard coking coal to medium volatile hard coking coal, to weak coking coal, some pulverised coal		
Blackwater and Norwich Park mines					Blackwater in 1967 Broadmeadow (longwall operations) in 2005	Injection (PCI) coal and medium ash thermal coal as a secondary product		
				Mining is permitted to continue under the legislation during the renewal application period	Production at Norwich Park ceased in May 2012			

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Gregory joint venture Bowen Basin, Queensland, Australia	Public road	BHP Billiton 50%	BMA	Mining leases, including undeveloped tenements, expire between 2018 and 2035, renewable for further periods as Queensland Government legislation allows	Production commenced at: Gregory in 1979 Crimnum mine (longwall) commenced in 1997 Production at Gregory open-cut mine ceased in October 2012 Production at Crinum underground mine ceased in November 2015	Gregory: open-cut Crimnum: longwall underground Bituminous coal is mined from the Permian German Creek Coal measures Product is a high volatile, low ash hard coking coal	Queensland electricity grid connection is under long-term contracts and power source is under 5-year contracts	On-site beneficiation processing facility Facilities under care and maintenance
Gregory and Crinum mines	Coal transported by rail to Hay Point and Gladstone ports	Mitsubishi Development 50%						
	Distances between the mines and port are between 310 km and 370 km							

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal Bowen Basin, Queensland, Australia	Public road	BHP Billiton 80% Mitsui and Co 20%	BMC	Mining leases, including undeveloped tenements expire between 2020 and 2034, and are renewable for further periods as Queensland Government legislation allows	South Walker Creek commenced in 1996	Open-cut Bituminous coal is mined from the Permian Rangal Coal measures	Queensland electricity grid	South Walker Creek coal beneficiated on-site
South Walker Creek and Poitrel mines	Coal transported by rail to Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay ports				Poitrel commenced in 2006	Produces a range of coking coal and pulverised coal injection (PCI) coal.		Nominal capacity: in excess of 5 Mtpa
	Distances between the mines and port are between 135 km and 165 km							Poitrel mine has Red Mountain joint venture with adjacent Millennium Coal mine to share processing and rail loading facilities
				Mining is permitted to continue under the legislation during the renewal application period				Nominal capacity: in excess of 3 Mtpa

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
New South Wales Energy Coal								
Mt Arthur Coal								
Approximately 126 km northwest of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia	Public road Domestic coal transported by conveyor to Bayswater Power Station	100%	BHP Billiton	Various mining leases and licences expire between 2022 and 2036 Renewal is being sought for expired mining leases The original approvals permit mining and other activities to continue during renewal application	Production commenced in 2002 Government approval permits extraction of up to 36 Mtpa of run of mine coal from underground and open-cut operations; with open-cut extraction limited to 32 Mtpa	Open-cut Produces a medium rank bituminous thermal coal (non-coking)	Local energy providers	Beneficiation facilities: coal handling, preparation, washing plants Nominal capacity: in excess of 23 Mtpa

Other operations (Refer to section I.14.4 for more information on the proposed divestment of BHP Billiton's interest in IndoMet Coal)

IndoMet Coal								
Haju mine, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia	Public road Coal transported by truck to river port and then transported by barge to vessel anchorage (total distance approximately 61.5 km)	BHP Billiton 75% PT Alam Tri Abadi 25%	BHP Billiton	Mining leases expire in 2044 and are renewable for further periods as Indonesian government approval allows	Production commenced in August 2015	Open-cut mine Produces semi soft coking coal and thermal coal	Power is sourced from on-site generators	Beneficiation facilities: crushing facility located at the Muara Tuhup river port Nominal capacity: 1 Mtpa

Nickel smelters, refineries and processing plants

	Location	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Product	Nominal production capacity	Power source
Smelter, refinery or Processing Plant Nickel West							
Kambalda Nickel concentrator	56 km south of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia	100%	BHP Billiton	Mining leases granted by Western Australia Government Key leases expire in 2028	Concentrate containing approximately 13% nickel	1.6 Mtpa ore Ore sourced through tolling and concentrate purchase arrangements with third parties in Kambalda region	On-site third party gas-fired turbines supplemented by access to grid power Contracts expire in December 2023
Kalgoorlie Nickel smelter	Kalgoorlie, Western Australia	100%	BHP Billiton	Freehold title over the property	Matte containing approximately 65% nickel	110 ktpa matte	On-site third party gas-fired turbines supplemented by access to grid power Contracts expire in December 2023
Kwinana Nickel refinery	30 km south of Perth, Western Australia	100%	BHP Billiton	Freehold title over the property	LME grade nickel briquettes, nickel powder Also intermediate products, including copper sulphide, cobalt-nickel-sulphide, ammonium-sulphate	72 ktpa nickel matte	Power is sourced from the local grid, which is supplied under a retail contract

Minerals Americas

Copper mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our mining operations. This table should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserve table (refer to section 6.3.2).

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Escondida Atacama Desert 170 km southeast of Antofagasta, Chile	Private road available for public use Copper cathode transported by privately owned rail to ports at Antofagasta and Mejillones	BHP Billiton 57.5% of Minera Escondida Limitada (MEL) Rio Tinto 30% JECO Corporation comprising Mitsubishi, JX Nippon Mining and Metals 10% JECO Ltd 2.5%	BHP Billiton	Mining concession from Chilean Government valid indefinitely (subject to payment of annual fees)	Original construction completed in 1990 Sulphide leach copper production commenced in 2006	2 open-cut pits: Escondida and Escondida Norte Escondida and Escondida Norte mineral deposits are adjacent but distinct supergene enriched porphyry copper deposits	Escondida-owned transmission lines connect to Chile's northern power grid Electricity purchased under contracts expiring 2016 and 2029. From second half CY2016, power will begin to be sourced from the Kelar gas-fired power plant, which is currently under construction	3 concentrator plants extract copper concentrate from sulphide ore by flotation extraction process 2 solvent extraction plants produce copper cathode Nominal capacity: 153.7 Mtpa (nominal milling capacity) and 350 ktpa copper cathode (nominal capacity of tank house) Two 168 km concentrate pipelines 167 km water pipeline Port facilities at Coloso, Antofagasta

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Pampa Norte Spence Atacama Desert 162 km northeast of Antofagasta, Chile	Public road Copper cathode transported by rail to ports at Mejillones and Antofagasta	100%	BHP Billiton	Mining concession from Chilean Government indefinitely (subject to payment of annual fees)	Development cost of US\$1.1 billion approved in 2004 First copper produced in 2006	Open-cut Enriched and oxidised porphyry copper deposit containing in situ copper oxide mineralisation that overlies a near-horizontal sequence of supergene sulphides, transitional sulphides, and finally primary (hypogene) sulphide mineralisation	Spence-owned transmission lines connect to Chile's northern power grid Electricity purchased under contract	Processing and crushing facilities, separate dynamic (on-off) leach pads, solvent extraction plant, electrowinning plant Nominal capacity of tank house: 200 ktpa copper cathode
Pampa Norte Cerro Colorado Atacama Desert 120 km east of Iquique, Chile	Public road Copper cathode trucked to port at Iquique	100%	BHP Billiton	Mining concession from Chilean Government valid indefinitely (subject to payment of annual fees)	Commercial production commenced in 1994 Expansions in 1996 and 1998	Open-cut Enriched and oxidised porphyry copper deposit containing in situ copper oxide mineralisation that overlies a near-horizontal sequence of supergene sulphides, transitional sulphides, and finally primary (hypogene) sulphide mineralisation	Long-term contracts with northern Chile power grid	2 primary, secondary and tertiary crushers, leaching pads, solvent extraction plant, electrowinning plant Nominal capacity of tank house: 102 ktpa copper cathode

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Antamina Andes mountain range 270 km north of Lima, north central Peru	Public road Copper and zinc concentrates transported by pipeline to port of Huarmey Molybdenum and lead/bismuth concentrates transported by truck	BHP Billiton 33.75% of Compañía Minera Antamina S.A. Glencore 33.75% Teck 22.5% Mitsubishi 10%	Compañía Minera Antamina S.A.	Mining rights from Peruvian Government held indefinitely, subject to payment of annual fees and supply of information on investment and production	Commercial production commenced in 2001 Capital cost, US\$2.3 billion (100%)	Open-cut Zoned porphyry and skarn deposit with central copper dominated ores and an outer band of copper-zinc dominated ores	Long-term contracts with individual power producers	Primary crusher, concentrator, copper and zinc flotation circuits, bismuth/moly cleaning circuit Nominal milling capacity 53 Mtpa 300 km concentrate pipeline Port facilities at Huarmey

Iron ore mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our mining operations. This table should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserve table (refer to section 6.3.2).

Mine & location	Means of access	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	History	Mine type & mineralisation style	Power source	Facilities, use & condition
Samarco Southeast Brazil	Public road Conveyor belts were used to transport iron ore to beneficiation plant Three slurry pipelines used to transport concentrate to pellet plants on coast Iron pellets were exported via port facilities	BHP Billiton 50% of Samarco Mineração S.A. Vale S.A. 50%	Samarco	The mining facilities are currently under administrative embargoes and judicial injunction given the Fundão dam failure	Production began at Germano mine in 1977 and at Alegria complex in 1992 Second pellet plant built in 1997 Third pellet plant, second concentrator and second pipeline built in 2008 Fourth pellet plant, third concentrator and third pipeline built in 2014	Open-cut Itabirites (metamorphic quartz-hematite rock) and friable hematite ores	Samarco holds interests in 2 hydroelectric power plants which supply part of its electricity Power supply contract with Cemig Geracao e Transmissao expires in 2022	Samarco mining activities are currently suspended after the failure of Fundão dam The beneficiation plants, pipelines, pellet plants and port facilities are intact

Coal mining operations

The following table contains additional details of our mining operations. The tables should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.1) and reserves table (refer to section 6.3.2).

<u>Mine & location</u>	<u>Means of access</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Title, leases or options</u>	<u>History</u>	<u>Mine type & mineralisation style</u>	<u>Power source</u>	<u>Facilities, use & condition</u>
Navajo 40 km southwest of Farmington, New Mexico, United States	Public road Coal transported by rail to Four Corners Power Plant	BHP Billiton 0% Navajo Transitional Energy Company 100%	BHP Billiton	Lease held by Navajo Transitional Energy Company	Production commenced in 1963 Divested in FY2014	Open-cut Produces a medium rank bituminous thermal coal (non-coking suitable for the domestic market only)	Four Corners Power Plant	Stackers and reclaimers used to size and blend coal to meet contract quantities and specification
Cerrejón La Guajira province, Colombia	Public road Coal exported by company-owned rail to Puerto Bolívar (150 km)	BHP Billiton 33.33% Anglo American 33.33% Glencore 33.33%	Cerrejón	Mining leases expire in 2034	Original mine began producing in 1976 BHP Billiton interest acquired in 2000	Open-cut Produces a medium rank bituminous thermal coal (non-coking, suitable for the export market)	Local Colombian power system	Beneficiation facilities: crushing plant with capacity of 35 Mtpa and washing plant Nominal capacity in excess 3 Mtpa

Petroleum

Petroleum operations

The following table contains additional details of our production operations. This table should be read in conjunction with the production table (refer to section 6.2.2) and reserve table (refer to section 6.3.1).

Operation & location	Product	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Nominal production capacity	Facilities, use & condition
United States						
Offshore Gulf of Mexico						
Neptune (Green Canyon 613)						
Offshore deepwater Gulf of Mexico (1,300m)	Oil and gas	BHP Billion 35% EnVen Energy 30% W&T Offshore 20% Maxus US Exploration 15%	BHP Billion	Lease from US Government as long as oil and gas produced in paying quantities	50 Mbbl/d oil 50 MMcf/d gas	Stand-alone tension leg platform (TLP)
Shenzi (Green Canyon 653)						
Offshore deepwater Gulf of Mexico (1,310m)	Oil and gas	BHP Billion 44% Hess Shenzi LLC 28% Repsol 28%	BHP Billion	Lease from US Government as long as oil and gas produced in paying quantities	100 Mbbl/d oil 50 MMcf/d gas	Stand-alone TLP Genghis Khan field (part of same geological structure) tied back to Marco Polo TLP
Atlantis (Green Canyon 743)						
Offshore deepwater Gulf of Mexico (2,155m)	Oil and gas	BHP Billion 44% BP 56%	BP	Lease from US Government as long as oil and gas produced in paying quantities	200 Mbbl/d oil 180 MMcf/d gas	Moored semi-submersible platform
Mad Dog (Green Canyon 782)						
Offshore deepwater Gulf of Mexico (1,310m)	Oil and gas	BHP Billion 23.9% BP 60.5% Chevron 15.6%	BP	Lease from US Government as long as oil and gas produced in paying quantities	80 Mbbl/d oil 60 MMcf/d gas	Moored integrated truss spar facilities for simultaneous production and drilling operations

Operation & location	Product	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Nominal production capacity	Facilities, use & condition
Genesis (Green Canyon 205) Offshore deepwater Gulf of Mexico (approximately 790m)	Oil and gas	BHP Billiton 4.95% Chevron 56.67% ExxonMobil 38.38%	Chevron	Lease from US Government as long as oil and gas produced in paying quantities	55 Mbbl/d oil 72 MMcf/d gas	Floating cylindrical hull (spar) moored to seabed with integrated drilling facilities
Onshore US						
Eagle Ford Black Hawk/Hawkville southern Texas	Condensate, gas and NGL	BHP Billiton working interest in wells ranges from less than 1% to 100% BHP Billiton average net working interest is approximately 64% Largest partners include Devon Energy and EF Non OP LLC	BHP Billiton operated approximately 39% of approximately 1,441 gross wells	We currently own leasehold interests in approximately 252 thousand net acres Leases associated with producing wells remain in place as long as oil and gas is produced in paying quantities	Average daily production during FY2016 262 MMcf/d gas 73 Mbbl/d condensate 38 Mbbl/d NGL	Producing condensate and gas wells and associated pipeline and compression facilities
Permian Permian western Texas	Oil, condensate, gas and NGL	BHP Billiton working interest in wells range from less than 1% to 100% BHP Billiton average net working interest is approximately 91% Residual ownership held by multiple partners	BHP Billiton operated approximately 91% of approximately 118 gross wells	We currently own leasehold interests in approximately 93 thousand net acres Leases associated with producing wells remain in place as long as oil and gas is produced in paying quantities	Average daily production during FY2016 40 MMcf/d gas 16 Mbbl/d oil 4 Mbbl/d NGL	Producing oil and gas wells with associated gathering systems to third party processing plant and compression facilities
Haynesville Haynesville northern Louisiana and eastern Texas	Gas	BHP Billiton working interest in wells range from less than 1% to 100% BHP Billiton average net working interest is approximately 37% Largest partners include Chesapeake Energy and QEP Energy	BHP Billiton operated approximately 35% of approximately 1,112 gross wells	We currently own leasehold interests in approximately 206 thousand net acres Leases associated with producing wells remain in place as long as gas is produced in paying quantities	Average daily production during FY2016 374 MMcf/d gas	Producing gas wells with an associated pipeline owned by a third party and compression infrastructure

Operation & location	Product	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Nominal production capacity	Facilities, use & condition
Fayetteville Fayetteville northern central Arkansas	Gas	BHP Billiton working interest in wells range from less than 1% to 100%	BHP Billiton operated approximately 20% of approximately 5,016 gross wells	We currently own leasehold interests in approximately 287 thousand net acres	Average daily production during FY2016 322 MMcf/d gas	Producing gas wells with associated pipeline and compression infrastructure
Australia		BHP Billiton average net working interest is approximately 22% Largest partners include Southwestern Energy and Exxon Mobil		Leases associated with producing wells remain in place as long as gas is produced in paying quantities		
Bass Strait Offshore and onshore Victoria	Oil and gas	Gippsland Basin joint venture (GBJV): BHP Billiton 50% Esso Australia (Exxon Mobil subsidiary) 50% Oil Basins Ltd 2.5% royalty interest in 19 production licences Kipper Unit joint venture (KUJV): BHP Billiton 32.5% Esso Australia 32.5% MEPAU A Pty Ltd 35%	Esso Australia	20 production licences and 2 retention leases issued by Australian Government Expire between 2016 and end of life of field One production licence held with MEPAU A Pty Ltd	200 Mbbbl/d oil 1,075 MMcf/d gas 5,150 tpd LPG 850 tpd ethane	20 producing fields with 23 offshore developments (15 steel jacket platforms, 4 subsea developments, 2 steel gravity based mono towers, 2 concrete gravity based platforms) Onshore infrastructure: – Longford facility (3 gas plants, liquid processing facilities) – Interconnecting pipelines – Long Island Point LPG and oil storage facilities – Ethane pipeline

Operation & location	Product	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Nominal production capacity	Facilities, use & condition
North West Shelf Offshore and onshore Western Australia	Domestic gas, LPG, condensate, LNG	North West Shelf Project is an unincorporated JV	Woodside Petroleum Ltd	9 production licences issued by Australian Government	North Rankin Complex: 2,500 MMcf/d gas 60 Mbbl/d condensate	Production from North Rankin and Perseus processed through the interconnected North Rankin A and North Rankin B platforms
North Rankin Goodyrn Perseus Angel and Searipple fields		BHP Billiton: 8.33% of original domestic gas JV, will ultimately increase to 16.67% 16.67% of Incremental Pipeline Gas (IPG) domestic gas JV 16.67% of original LNG JV 12.5% of China LNG JV 16.67% of LPG JV		6 expire in 2022 and 3 expire 5 years from end of production	Goodyrn A platform: 1,450 MMcf/d gas 110 Mbbl/d condensate	Production from Goodyrn and Searipple processed through Goodyrn A platform
		Other participants: subsidiaries of Woodside, Chevron, BP, Shell, Mitsubishi/Mitsui and China National Offshore Oil Corporation			Angel platform: 960 MMcf/d gas 50 Mbbl/d condensate	4 subsea wells in Perseus field tied into Goodyrn A platform
					Withnell Bay gas plant: 600 MMcf/d gas	Onshore gas treatment plant at Withnell Bay processes gas for domestic market
					5-train LNG plant: 52,000 tpd LNG	5-train LNG plant
North West Shelf Offshore	Oil	BHP Billiton 16.67% Woodside 33.34%, BP, Chevron, Japan Australia LNG (MIMJ) 16.67% each	Woodside Petroleum Ltd	3 production licences issued by Australian Government in September 2014 expire in 2018, 2033 and 2035 respectively	Production: 60 Mbbl/d Storage: 1 MMBbl	FPSO unit
Western Australia Wanaea Cossack Lambert and Hermes fields						

Operation & location	Product	Ownership	Operator	Title, leases or options	Nominal production capacity	Facilities, use & condition
Pyrenees Offshore Western Australia	Oil	WA-42-L permit: BHP Billiton 71.43%	BHP Billiton	Production licence issued by Australian Government expires 5 years after production ceases	Production: 96 Mbbl/d oil Storage: 920 Mbbl	26 subsea well completions (21 producers, 4 water injectors, 1 gas injector), FPSO
Crosby Moondyne Wild Bull Tanglehead Stickle and Ravenstworth fields		WA-43-L permit: BHP Billiton 39.9999%				
		Quadrant PVG P/L 28.57%				
		Quadrant PVG P/L 31.501%				
		Impex Alpha Ltd 28.5%				
Macedon Offshore and onshore Western Australia	Gas and condensate	WA-42-L permit BHP Billiton 71.43% Quadrant PVG P/L 28.57%	BHP Billiton	Production licence issued by Australian Government expires 5 years after production ceases	Production: 200 MMcf/d gas 20 bbl/d condensate	4 well completions Single flow line transports gas to onshore gas processing facility
						Gas plant located approximately 17 km southwest of Onslow
Minerva Offshore and onshore Victoria	Gas and condensate	BHP Billiton 90% Santos (BOL) 10%	BHP Billiton	Production licence issued by Australian Government expires 5 years after production ceases	150 TJ/d gas 600 bbl/d condensate	2 subsea well completions (1 producing well) Single flow line transports gas to onshore gas processing facility
						Gas plant located approximately 4 km inland from Port Campbell

<u>Operation & location</u> <u>Other production</u> <u>operations</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Title, leases or options</u>	<u>Nominal production</u> <u>capacity</u>	<u>Facilities, use &</u> <u>condition</u>
Trinidad and Tobago						
Greater Angostura Offshore Trinidad and Tobago	Oil and gas	BHP Billiton 45% National Gas Company 30% Chaoyang 25%	BHP Billiton	Production sharing contract with the Trinidad and Tobago Government entitles us to operate Greater Angostura until 2026	100 Mbbbl/d oil 280 MMcf/d gas	Integrated oil and gas development: central processing platform connected to the Kairi-2 platform and gas export platform 31 subsea well completions (17 oil producers, 4 gas producers and 7 gas injectors) 3 gas producers completed in FY2016 and with production planned for Q1 FY2017
Algeria						
ROD Integrated Development Onshore Berkine Basin 900 km southeast of Algiers, Algeria	Oil	BHP Billiton 45% interest in 401a/402a production sharing contract ENI 55% BHP Billiton effective 38% interest in ROD unitised integrated development ENI 62%	Joint Sonatrach/ENI entity	Production sharing contract with Sonatrach (title holder) BHP Billiton and Eni are pursuing a 10-year PSC extension with Sonatrach, which is subject to regulatory approval. Current PSC expires in 2016.	Approximately 80 Mbbbl/d oil	Development and production of 6 oil fields 2 largest fields (ROD and SFNE) extend into neighbouring blocks 403a, 403d Production through dedicated processing train on block 403
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<u>Operation & location</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Operator</u>	<u>Title, leases or options</u>	<u>Nominal production capacity</u>	<u>Facilities, use & condition</u>
United Kingdom						
Bruce/Keith						
Offshore North Sea, UK	Oil and gas	Bruce: BHP Billiton 16% BP 37% Total SA 43.25% Marubeni 3.75%	Bruce – BP	3 production licences issued by UK Government expire in 2018, 2046 and end of life of field	920 MMcf/d gas	Integrated oil and gas platform Keith developed as tie-back to Bruce facilities
		Keith: BHP Billiton 31.83% BP 34.84% Total SA 25% Marubeni 8.33%	Keith – BP			
Pakistan (BHP Billiton's interest in Pakistan was divested 31 December 2015)						
Zamzama						
Onshore Sindh Province, Pakistan	Gas and condensate	BHP Billiton 38.5% ENI Pakistan 17.75% PKP Exploration 9.375% PKP Exploration 2 9.375% Government Holdings 25%	BHP Billiton	20-year development and production lease from the Pakistan Government expires in 2022 (option to extend 5 years)	500 MMcf/d gas 3,350 bbl/d condensate	10 production wells 4 process trains 2 front end compression trains
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6.2 Production

6.2.1 Minerals

The table below details our mineral and derivative product production for all operations (except Petroleum) for the three years ended 30 June 2016, 2015 and 2014. Unless otherwise stated, the production numbers represent our share of production and include BHP Billiton's share of production from which profit is derived from our equity accounted investments. Production information for equity accounted investments is included to provide insight into the operational performance of these entities. For discussion of minerals pricing during the past three years, refer to section 1.8.1.

	BHP Billiton Group interest %	BHP Billiton Group share of production ⁽¹⁾ Year ended 30 June		
		2016	2015	2014
Copper ⁽²⁾				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Escondida, Chile ⁽³⁾	57.5	648.9	916.1	844.7
Antamina, Peru ⁽⁴⁾	33.75	146.4	107.7	143.5
Pinto Valley, United States ⁽⁵⁾	100	–	–	12.5
Total copper concentrate		795.3	1,023.8	1,000.7
Copper cathode ('000 tonnes)				
Escondida, Chile ⁽³⁾	57.5	330.3	310.4	308.0
Pampa Norte, Chile ⁽⁶⁾	100	251.4	249.6	233.1
Pinto Valley, United States ⁽⁵⁾	100	–	–	0.9
Olympic Dam, Australia	100	202.8	124.5	184.4
Total copper cathode		784.5	684.5	726.4
Total copper concentrate and cathode		1,579.8	1,708.3	1,727.1
Lead				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Antamina, Peru ⁽⁴⁾	33.75	3.7	2.1	1.5
Total lead		3.7	2.1	1.5
Zinc				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Antamina, Peru ⁽⁴⁾	33.75	55.4	66.4	52.0
Total zinc		55.4	66.4	52.0
Gold				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)</i>				
Escondida, Chile ⁽³⁾	57.5	109	81.5	72.9
Pinto Valley, United States ⁽⁵⁾	100	–	–	0.1
Olympic Dam, Australia (refined gold)	100	117.7	104.8	121.3
Total gold		226.7	186.3	194.3
Silver				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)</i>				
Escondida, Chile ⁽³⁾	57.5	5,561	4,786	4,271
Antamina, Peru ⁽⁴⁾	33.75	6,711	3,826	4,359
Pinto Valley, United States ⁽⁵⁾	100	–	–	41
Olympic Dam, Australia (refined silver)	100	917	724	972
Total silver		13,189	9,336	9,643
Uranium				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</i>				
Olympic Dam, Australia	100	4,363	3,144	3,988
Total uranium		4,363	3,144	3,988

	BHP Billiton Group interest %	BHP Billiton Group share of production ⁽¹⁾ Year ended 30 June		
		2016	2015	2014
Molybdenum				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate (tonnes)</i>				
Antamina, Peru ⁽⁴⁾	33.75	1,113	472	1,201
Total molybdenum		1,113	472	1,201
Iron ore				
Western Australia Iron Ore				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes) ⁽⁷⁾</i>				
Newman, Australia	85	65,941	63,697	56,915
Yarrie, Australia ⁽⁸⁾	85	–	–	836
Area C Joint Venture, Australia	85	46,799	49,994	46,960
Yandi Joint Venture, Australia	85	67,375	68,551	68,518
Jimblebar, Australia ⁽⁹⁾	85	18,890	16,759	8,863
Wheelarra, Australia ⁽¹⁰⁾	85	22,549	18,994	10,553
Total Western Australia Iron Ore		221,554	217,995	192,645
Samarco, Brazil ⁽⁴⁾	50	5,404	14,513	10,919
Total iron ore		226,958	232,508	203,564
Coal				
Metallurgical coal				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes) ⁽¹¹⁾</i>				
Blackwater, Australia	50	7,626	6,994	6,730
Goonyella Riverside, Australia	50	8,996	8,510	7,330
Peak Downs, Australia	50	5,031	5,111	4,909
Saraji, Australia	50	4,206	4,506	4,558
Gregory Joint Venture, Australia	50	1,329	3,294	2,965
Daunia, Australia	50	2,624	2,383	2,201
Caval Ridge, Australia ⁽¹²⁾	50	3,601	3,064	563
Total BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance		33,413	33,862	29,256
South Walker Creek, Australia ⁽¹³⁾	80	5,436	5,293	5,246
Poitrel, Australia ⁽¹³⁾	80	3,462	3,466	3,063
Total BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal		8,898	8,759	8,309
Total Queensland Coal		42,311	42,621	37,565
IndoMet, Haju, Indonesia	100	529	–	–
Total metallurgical coal		42,840	42,621	37,565
Energy coal				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Navajo, United States ⁽¹⁴⁾	100	3,999	4,858	5,127
San Juan, United States	100	3,053	5,165	5,685
Total New Mexico Coal		7,052	10,023	10,812
New South Wales Energy Coal, Australia	100	17,101	19,698	19,964
Cerrejón, Colombia ⁽⁴⁾	33.3	10,094	11,291	12,332
Total energy coal		34,247	41,012	43,108

	BHP Billiton Group interest %	BHP Billiton Group share of production ⁽¹⁾ Year ended 30 June		
		2016	2015	2014
Other assets				
Nickel				
<i>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Nickel West, Australia	100	80.7	89.9	98.9
Total nickel		80.7	89.9	98.9
Discontinued operations ⁽¹⁵⁾				
Lead				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Cannington, Australia	100	–	151.6	186.5
Total lead		–	151.6	186.5
Zinc				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Cannington, Australia	100	–	60.0	57.9
Total zinc		–	60.0	57.9
Silver				
<i>Payable metal in concentrate ('000 ounces)</i>				
Cannington, Australia	100	–	18,718	25,161
Total silver		–	18,718	25,161
Metallurgical coal				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Illawarra Coal, Australia	100	–	7,216	7,513
Total metallurgical coal		–	7,216	7,513
Energy coal				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Energy Coal South Africa, South Africa ⁽¹⁶⁾	90	–	28,677	30,384
Total energy coal		–	28,677	30,384
Nickel				
<i>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Cerro Matoso, Columbia	99.9	–	33.7	44.3
Total nickel		–	33.7	44.3
Alumina				
<i>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Worsley, Australia	86	–	3,181	3,916
Alumar, Brazil	36	–	1,103	1,262
Total alumina		–	4,284	5,178
Aluminium				
<i>Production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Hillside, South Africa	100	–	581	715
Bayside, South Africa ⁽¹⁷⁾	100	–	–	89
Alumar, Brazil	40	–	40	104
Mozal, Mozambique	47	–	222	266
Total aluminium		–	843	1,174

	BHP Billiton Group interest %	BHP Billiton Group share of production ⁽¹⁾ Year ended 30 June		
		2016	2015	2014
Manganese ores				
<i>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Hotazel Manganese Mines, South Africa ⁽¹⁸⁾	44.4	–	3,138	3,526
GEMCO, Australia ⁽¹⁸⁾	60	–	4,086	4,776
Total manganese ores		–	7,224	8,302
Manganese alloys				
<i>Saleable production ('000 tonnes)</i>				
Metalloys, South Africa ^{(18) (19)}	60	–	379	377
TEMCO, Australia ⁽¹⁸⁾	60	–	233	269
Total manganese alloys		–	612	646

- (1) BHP Billiton Group share of production includes the Group's share of production for which profit is derived from our equity accounted investments, unless otherwise stated.
- (2) Metal production is reported on the basis of payable metal.
- (3) Shown on 100 per cent basis following the application of IFRS 10, which came into effect from 1 July 2013. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 57.5 per cent.
- (4) For statutory financial reporting purposes, this is an equity accounted investment. We have included production numbers from our equity accounted investments as the level of production and operating performance from these operations impacts Underlying EBITDA of the Group. Our use of Underlying EBITDA is explained in section 1.13. Samarco operations are currently suspended following the Samarco dam failure as explained in section 1.4.
- (5) On 11 October 2013, BHP Billiton completed the sale of its Pinto Valley operations.
- (6) Includes Cerro Colorado and Spence.
- (7) Iron ore production is reported on a wet tonnes basis.
- (8) Yarrie ceased production on 25 February 2014.
- (9) Shown on 100 per cent basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 85 per cent.
- (10) All production from Wheelarra is now processed via the Jimblebar processing hub.
- (11) Metallurgical coal production is reported on the basis of saleable product. Production figures include some thermal coal.
- (12) Caval Ridge achieved first production in the June 2014 quarter.
- (13) Shown on 100 per cent basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 80 per cent.
- (14) BHP Billiton completed the sale of Navajo Mine on 30 December 2013. As BHP Billiton will retain control of the mine until full consideration is received, production will continue to be reported by the Group.
- (15) Production shown from 1 July 2014 to 30 April 2015. Refer to note 26 'Discontinued operations' to the Financial Statements for more information on the demerger of assets to form South32.
- (16) Shown on 100 per cent basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 90 per cent.
- (17) Aluminium smelting at Bayside ceased with the closure of the final potline in June 2014.
- (18) Shown on 100 per cent basis. BHP Billiton interest in saleable production is 60 per cent, except Hotazel Manganese Mines which is 44.4 per cent.
- (19) Production includes medium-carbon ferromanganese.

6.2.2 Petroleum

The table below details Petroleum's historical net crude oil and condensate, natural gas and natural gas liquids production, primarily by geographic segment, for each of the three years ended 30 June 2016, 2015 and 2014. We have shown volumes of marketable production after deduction of applicable royalties, fuel and flare. We have included in the table average production costs per unit of production and average sales prices for oil and condensate and natural gas for each of those periods.

	BHP Billiton Group share of production		
	Year ended 30 June		
	2016	2015	2014
Production volumes			
Crude oil and condensate ('000 of barrels)			
Australia	20,304	21,397	23,645
United States	65,560	71,626	53,964
Other ⁽⁵⁾	4,715	5,559	6,452
Total crude oil and condensate	90,579	98,582	84,061
Natural gas (billion cubic feet)			
Australia	325.7	294.8	287.5
United States	375.8	431.7	460.2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	43.2	60.1	91.6
Total natural gas	744.7	786.6	839.3
Natural Gas Liquids⁽¹⁾ ('000 of barrels)			
Australia	7,645	7,214	8,448
United States	17,772	18,681	13,620
Other ⁽⁵⁾	43	101	18
Total NGL⁽¹⁾	25,460	25,996	22,086
Total production of petroleum products (million barrels of oil equivalent)⁽²⁾			
Australia	82.23	77.74	80.01
United States	145.96	162.26	144.28
Other ⁽⁵⁾	11.95	15.68	21.74
Total production of petroleum products	240.14	255.68	246.03
Average sales price			
Crude oil and condensate (US\$ per barrel)			
Australia	43.55	76.30	111.88
United States	38.11	64.77	97.57
Other ⁽⁵⁾	41.00	72.90	108.13
Total crude oil and condensate	39.48	67.68	102.47
Natural gas (US\$ per thousand cubic feet)			
Australia	3.90	4.88	5.20
United States	2.16	3.27	4.10
Other ⁽⁵⁾	3.20	4.00	3.92
Total natural gas	2.83	3.77	4.35
Natural Gas Liquids (US\$ per barrel)			
Australia	40.15	63.26	63.12
United States	11.23	18.35	30.28
Other ⁽⁵⁾	20.90	29.55	32.00
Total NGL	28.54	44.72	42.28
Total average production cost (US\$ per barrel of oil equivalent)⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾			
Australia	6.12	7.08	8.18
United States	6.08	7.73	7.80
Other ⁽⁵⁾	13.29	13.32	9.58
Total average production cost	6.46	7.88	8.08

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- (1) LPG and ethane are reported as Natural Gas Liquids (NGL).
 - (2) Total barrels of oil equivalent (boe) conversion is based on the following: 6,000 standard cubic feet (scf) of natural gas equals one boe.
 - (3) Average production costs include direct and indirect costs relating to the production of hydrocarbons and the foreign exchange effect of translating local currency denominated costs into US dollars, but excludes ad valorem and severance taxes.
 - (4) Total average production costs reported here do not include the costs to transport our produced hydrocarbons to the point of sale. Total production costs, including transportation costs, but excluding ad valorem and severance taxes, were US\$9.73 per boe, US\$11.09 per boe, and US\$11.70 per boe for the years ended 30 June 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.
 - (5) Other comprises Algeria, Pakistan (divested 31 December 2015), Trinidad and Tobago, and the United Kingdom.

6.3 Reserves

6.3.1 Petroleum reserves

Estimates of oil and gas reserves involve some degree of uncertainty, are inherently imprecise, require the application of judgement and are subject to future revision. Accordingly, financial and accounting measures (such as the standardised measure of discounted cash flows, depreciation, depletion and amortisation charges, the assessment of impairments and the assessment of valuation allowances against deferred tax assets) that are based on reserve estimates are also subject to change.

How we estimate and report reserves

Petroleum's reserves are estimated as of 30 June 2016.

Our proved reserves are estimated and reported according to US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations and have been determined in accordance with SEC Rule 4-10(a) of Regulation S-X.

Proved oil and gas reserves

Proved oil and gas reserves are those quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL) that, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible from a given date forward from known reservoirs and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, operating contracts and government regulations. Unless evidence indicates that renewal of existing operating contracts is reasonably certain, estimates of economically producible reserves reflect only the period before the contracts expire. The project to extract the hydrocarbons must have commenced or the operator must be reasonably certain that it will commence within a reasonable time. As specified in SEC Rule 4-10(a) of Regulation S-X, oil and gas prices are taken as the unweighted average of the corresponding first day of the month prices for the 12 months prior to the ending date of the period covered.

Proved reserves were estimated by reference to available well and reservoir information, including but not limited to well logs, well test data, core data, production and pressure data, geologic data, seismic data and in some cases, to similar data from analogous, producing reservoirs. A wide range of engineering and geoscience methods, including performance analysis, well analogues and geologic studies were used to estimate high confidence proved developed and undeveloped reserves in accordance with SEC regulations.

Proved reserve estimates were attributed to future development projects only where there is a significant commitment to project funding and execution and for which applicable government and regulatory approvals

have been secured or are reasonably certain to be secured. Furthermore, estimates of proved reserves include only volumes for which access to market is assured with reasonable certainty. All proved reserve estimates are subject to revision (either upward or downward) based on new information, such as from development drilling and production activities or from changes in economic factors, including product prices, contract terms or development plans.

Developed oil and gas reserves

Proved developed oil and gas reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through:

- existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods;
- installed extraction equipment and infrastructure operational at the time of the reserve estimate if the extraction is by means not involving a well.

Performance-derived reserve assessments for producing wells were primarily based in the following manner:

- for our conventional operations, reserves were estimated using rate and pressure decline methods, including material balance, supplemented by reservoir simulation models where appropriate;
- for our Onshore US shale operations, rate-transient analysis and decline curve analysis methods;
- for wells that lacked sufficient production history, reserves were estimated using performance-based type curves and offset location analogues with similar geologic and reservoir characteristics.

Proved undeveloped reserves

Proved undeveloped oil and gas reserves are reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage where commitment has been made to commence development within five years from first reporting or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion.

A combination of geologic and engineering data and where appropriate, statistical analysis was used to support the assignment of proved undeveloped reserves when assessing planned drilling locations. Performance data along with log and core data was used to delineate consistent, continuous reservoir characteristics in core areas of the development. Proved undeveloped locations were included in core areas between known data and adjacent to productive wells using performance-based type curves and offset location analogues with similar geologic and reservoir characteristics. Locations where a high degree of certainty could not be demonstrated using the above technologies and techniques were not categorised as proved.

Methodology used to estimate reserves

Reserve estimates have been estimated with deterministic methodology, with the exception of the North West Shelf gas operation in Australia, where probabilistic methodology has been used to estimate and aggregate reserves for the reservoirs dedicated to the gas project only. The probabilistic based portion of these reserves totals 39 million barrels of oil equivalent (MMboe) (total boe conversion is based on the following: 6,000 standard cubic feet (scf) of natural gas equals 1 boe) and represents approximately three per cent of our total reported proved reserves. Aggregation of proved reserves beyond the field/project level has been performed by arithmetic summation. Due to portfolio effects, aggregates of proved reserves may be conservative. The custody transfer point(s) or point(s) of sale applicable for each field or project are the reference point for reserves. The reserves replacement ratio is the reserves change during the year before production, divided by the production during the year stated as a percentage.

Governance

The Petroleum Reserves Group (PRG) is a dedicated group that provides oversight of the reserves' assessment and reporting processes. It is independent of the various operation teams directly responsible for development

and production activities. The PRG is staffed by individuals averaging more than 20 years' experience in the oil and gas industry. The manager of the PRG, Abhijit Gadgil, is a full-time employee of BHP Billiton and is responsible for overseeing the preparation of the reserve estimates and compiling the information for inclusion in this Annual Report. He has an advanced degree in engineering and more than 30 years of diversified industry experience in reservoir engineering, reserves assessment, field development and technical management. He is a 30-year member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). He has also served on the Society of Petroleum Engineers Oil and Gas Reserves Committee. Mr Gadgil has the qualifications and experience required to act as a qualified petroleum reserves evaluator under the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules. The estimates of petroleum reserves are based on and fairly represent information and supporting documentation prepared under the supervision of Mr Gadgil. He has reviewed and agrees with the information included in section 6.3.1 and has given his prior written consent for its publication. No part of the individual compensation for members of the PRG is dependent on reported reserves.

Reserve assessments for all Petroleum operations were conducted by technical staff within the operating organisation. These individuals meet the professional qualifications outlined by the SPE, are trained in the fundamentals of SEC reserves reporting and the reserves processes and are endorsed by the PRG. Each reserve assessment is reviewed annually by the PRG to ensure technical quality, adherence to internally published Petroleum guidelines and compliance with SEC reporting requirements. Once endorsed by the PRG, all reserves receive final endorsement by senior management and the Risk and Audit Committee prior to public reporting. Our internal Group Risk Assessment and Assurance function provides secondary assurance of the oil and gas reserve reporting processes through annual audits.

FY2016 reserves

Production for FY2016 totalled 240 MMboe in sales, which is a decrease of 16 MMboe from FY2015. There was an additional 5 MMboe in non-sales production, primarily for fuel consumed in our Petroleum operations. The combined sales and non-sales production totalled 245 MMboe. The natural decline of production, primarily in mature fields, coupled with the significant reductions in our North American Shale drilling program in the current challenging economic environment, were the primary reasons for the lower amount produced.

As of 30 June 2016, our proved reserves of 1,303 MMboe reflect a net reduction of 360 MMboe (after total production) from the 1,908 MMboe reported at FY2015. This reduction was primarily the result of low product prices experienced during the reporting period, reductions in unconventional drilling activity that has deferred drilling beyond five years and the reclassification of reserves that are not economic in the current price environment. In accordance with applicable SEC regulations, the related volumes have been reclassified to non-proven reserves and resource categories. As of 30 June 2016, approximately 77 per cent of our proved reserves were in conventional fields, while about 23 per cent of our proved reserves were in unconventional fields.

Discoveries and extensions

Discoveries and extensions added 14 MMboe to proved reserves during FY2016. This comprised 11 MMboe of extensions related to drilling in our US shale operations and 3 MMboe of discoveries in the Turrum field, which is located offshore Western Australia.

Revisions

Overall net revisions reduced proved reserves by 362 MMboe during FY2016. Of this, the impact of commodity prices using the required SEC price-basis represented a reduction of 342 MMboe, or approximately 95 per cent of the overall revisions. Virtually all the price-related reductions, or 337 MMboe, occurred in our North American Shale fields. In addition to the price-related revisions, a further net reduction of 20 MMboe occurred due to positive and negative performance revisions and data updates in numerous fields worldwide.

In our US operations, the overall reduction in proved reserves through revisions totalled 398 MMboe, including downward revisions of 401 MMboe for our onshore unconventional operations that were partially offset by additions of 9 MMboe for better than expected performance in the Shenzi and Mad Dog fields in our Gulf of Mexico operations. Price-related reductions of 5 MMboe occurred in our US conventional fields, while data updates and revised assessments in numerous fields represented the balance of the revisions. As previously noted, the downward revisions in our onshore unconventional operations were primarily related to price impact on economic productive life, deferral of development drilling beyond the required five-year development window in the Eagle Ford, Permian, Haynesville and Fayetteville fields and represented a total of 337 MMboe. There were also reductions of 64 MMboe related to new information and other development program revisions and data updates.

In our Australian operations, continued strong performance of the Pyrenees, North West Shelf and Bass Strait fields added a total of 18 MMboe through revisions. Operations outside of Australia and the United States also added 9 MMboe for the extension of our production sharing agreement in Algeria for the ROD field. The ROD field also added 3 MMboe for better than expected performance.

Sales

The sale of the Zamzama conventional operations in Pakistan accounted for 12 MMboe of the net reduction. There were no purchases during FY2016.

These results are summarised in the following tables, which detail estimated oil, condensate, NGL and natural gas reserves at 30 June 2016, 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014, with a reconciliation of the changes in each year. Reserves have been calculated using the economic interest method and represent net interest volumes after deduction of applicable royalty. Reserves of 78 MMboe are in two production and risk-sharing arrangements that involve the Company in upstream risks and rewards without transfer of ownership of the products. At 30 June 2016, approximately six per cent of the proved reserves were attributable to such arrangements.

Millions of barrels	Australia	United States	Other ^(b)	Total
Proved developed and undeveloped oil and condensate reserves^(a)				
Reserves at 30 June 2013	145.7	459.6	30.1	635.4
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	14.2	(50.0)	(0.4)	(36.1)
Extensions and discoveries	–	99.0	0.3	99.3
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(0.4)	(3.5)	(3.9)
Production	(23.6)	(54.0)	(6.5)	(84.1)
Total changes	(9.4)	(4.5)	(10.0)	(24.8)
Reserves at 30 June 2014	136.2	454.2	20.1	610.5
Improved recovery	–	3.4	0.1	3.5
Revisions of previous estimates	3.2	(53.7)	2.4	(48.1)
Extensions and discoveries	5.9	52.0	–	58.0
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(1.0)	–	(1.0)
Production	(21.4)	(71.6)	(5.6)	(98.5)
Total changes	(12.2)	(70.9)	(3.1)	(86.2)
Reserves at 30 June 2015	124.0	383.3	17.1	524.3
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	9.1	(67.0)	14.4	(43.5)
Extensions and discoveries	0.4	2.9	–	3.4
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	–	(0.3)	(0.3)
Production	(20.3)	(65.6)	(4.7)	(90.6)
Total changes	(10.8)	(129.6)	9.4	(130.9)
Reserves at 30 June 2016	113.2	253.7	26.5	393.4
Developed				
Proved developed oil and condensate reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	105.0	209.5	27.7	342.2
as of 30 June 2014	96.5	237.8	14.7	349.0
as of 30 June 2015	81.2	225.4	11.7	318.3
Developed reserves as of 30 June 2016	82.2	187.3	20.0	289.5
Undeveloped				
Proved undeveloped oil and condensate reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	40.5	250.1	2.5	293.2
as of 30 June 2014	39.7	216.4	5.4	261.5
as of 30 June 2015	42.7	157.9	5.4	206.0
Undeveloped reserves as of 30 June 2016	31.0	66.4	6.5	103.9

(a) Small differences are due to rounding to first decimal place.

(b) 'Other' comprises Algeria, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Millions of barrels	Australia	United States	Other (c)	Total
Proved developed and undeveloped NGL reserves^(a)				
Reserves at 30 June 2013	90.9	148.9^(d)	0.2	239.9^(d)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	(0.3)	(25.3)	(0.1)	(25.7)
Extensions and discoveries	–	46.9	–	46.9
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
Production ^(b)	(8.5)	(13.6)	–	(22.1)
Total changes	(8.8)	7.7	(0.1)	(1.2)
Reserves at 30 June 2014	82.1	156.6^(d)	–	238.7^(d)
Improved recovery	–	0.3	–	0.3
Revisions of previous estimates	0.6	(62.4)	0.1	(61.7)
Extensions and discoveries	1.1	33.1	–	34.2
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
Production ^(b)	(7.2)	(18.7)	(0.1)	(26.0)
Total changes	(5.5)	(48.0)	–	(53.5)
Reserves at 30 June 2015	76.6	108.6^(d)	–	185.2^(d)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	1.8	(57.0)	–	(55.2)
Extensions and discoveries	0.6	1.8	–	2.4
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	–	–	–
Production ^(b)	(7.6)	(17.8)	–	(25.5)
Total changes	(5.3)	(73.0)	–	(78.2)
Reserves at 30 June 2016	71.3	35.6^(d)	–	107.0^(d)
Developed				
Proved developed NGL reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	54.7	54.1	0.2	108.9
as of 30 June 2014	46.0	75.0	–	121.0
as of 30 June 2015	40.1	59.7	–	99.8
Developed reserves as of 30 June 2016	38.0	30.7	–	68.7
Undeveloped				
Proved undeveloped NGL reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	36.2	94.8	–	131.0
as of 30 June 2014	36.1	81.5	–	117.7
as of 30 June 2015	36.5	48.9	–	85.4
Undeveloped reserves as of 30 June 2016	33.3	4.9	–	38.2

(a) Small differences are due to rounding to first decimal place.

(b) Production includes volumes consumed in operations.

(c) ‘Other’ comprises Algeria, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

(d) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 4.0, 3.9, 4.2 and 0.2 million barrels respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in the United States.

Billions of cubic feet	Australia ^(c)	United States	Other ^(d)	Total
Proved developed and undeveloped natural gas reserves ^(a)				
Reserves at 30 June 2013	3,602.6 ^(c)	6,055.9 ^(f)	471.0 ^(g)	10,129.5 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	207.9	(1,174.3)	3.4	(962.9)
Extensions and discoveries	–	1,205.9	123.6	1,329.5
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(1.5)	(58.4)	(59.9)
Production ^(b)	(315.2)	(462.7)	(96.9)	(874.8)
Total changes	(107.2)	(432.4)	(28.4)	(568.0)
Reserves at 30 June 2014	3,495.4 ^(c)	5,623.5 ^(f)	442.6 ^(g)	9,561.5 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	0.8	–	0.8
Revisions of previous estimates	124.3	(2,207.6)	32.8	(2,050.5)
Extensions and discoveries	185.4	509.7	–	695.1
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(195.6)	–	(195.6)
Production ^(b)	(321.8)	(434.6)	(64.8)	(821.1)
Total changes	(12.0)	(2,327.3)	(32.0)	(2,371.3)
Reserves at 30 June 2015	3,483.4 ^(c)	3,296.1 ^(f)	410.6 ^(g)	7,190.2 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	48.9	(1,643.9)	17.4	(1,577.6)
Extensions and discoveries	9.7	37.3	–	47.0
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	–	(71.3)	(71.3)
Production ^(b)	(350.0)	(378.5)	(45.9)	(774.4)
Total changes	(291.4)	(1,985.0)	(99.8)	(2,376.4)
Reserves at 30 June 2016	3,192.0 ^(c)	1,311.1 ^(f)	310.8 ^(g)	4,813.8 ^(h)
Developed				
Proved developed natural gas reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	2,674.4	3,094.3	471.0	6,239.7
as of 30 June 2014	2,553.7	3,208.3	315.5	6,077.5
as of 30 June 2015	2,400.7	2,499.0	281.1	5,180.7
Developed reserves as of 30 June 2016	2,204.6	1,268.1	182.9	3,655.6
Undeveloped				
Proved undeveloped natural gas reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	928.2	2,961.6	–	3,889.8
as of 30 June 2014	941.7	2,415.2	127.1	3,484.0
as of 30 June 2015	1,082.7	797.1	129.6	2,009.4
Undeveloped reserves as of 30 June 2016	987.4	43.0	127.8	1,158.2

(a) Small differences are due to rounding to first decimal place.

(b) Production includes volumes consumed by operations.

(c) Production for Australia includes gas sold as LNG.

(d) ‘Other’ comprises Algeria, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

(e) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 387, 360, 343 and 321 billion cubic feet respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in Australia.

(f) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 91, 185, 154 and 75 billion cubic feet respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in the United States.

(g) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 49, 30, 27 and 17 billion cubic feet respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in Other areas.

(h) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 527, 575, 524 and 413 billion cubic feet respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations.

Millions of barrels of oil equivalent ^(a)	Australia	United States	Other ^(d)	Total
Proved developed and undeveloped oil, condensate, natural gas and NGL reserves ^(b)				
Reserves at 30 June 2013	837.0 ^(e)	1,617.7 ^(f)	108.8 ^(g)	2,563.5 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	48.6	(271.0)	0.1	(222.4)
Extensions and discoveries	–	346.8	20.9	367.7
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(0.9)	(13.2)	(14.1)
Production ^(c)	(84.6)	(144.7)	(22.6)	(251.9)
Total changes	(36.1)	(69.7)	(14.9)	(120.6)
Reserves at 30 June 2014	800.9 ^(e)	1,548.0 ^(f)	93.9 ^(g)	2,442.8 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	3.8	0.1	3.9
Revisions of previous estimates	24.6	(484.0)	7.9	(451.5)
Extensions and discoveries	37.9	170.0	–	208.0
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	(33.8)	–	(33.8)
Production ^(c)	(82.2)	(162.7)	(16.5)	(261.4)
Total changes	(19.8)	(506.7)	(8.4)	(534.9)
Reserves at 30 June 2015	781.1 ^(e)	1,041.3 ^(f)	85.5 ^(g)	1,907.9 ^(h)
Improved recovery	–	–	–	–
Revisions of previous estimates	19.0	(397.9)	17.3	(361.6)
Extensions and discoveries	2.7	10.9	–	13.6
Purchase/sales of reserves	–	–	(12.2)	(12.2)
Production ^(c)	(86.3)	(146.4)	(12.4)	(245.1)
Total changes	(64.6)	(533.4)	(7.3)	(605.2)
Reserves at 30 June 2016	716.5 ^(e)	507.9 ^(f)	78.2 ^(g)	1,302.7 ^(h)
Developed				
Proved developed oil, condensate, natural gas and NGL reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	605.5	779.2	106.3	1,491.0
as of 30 June 2014	568.1	847.6	67.3	1,483.0
as of 30 June 2015	521.5	701.6	58.5	1,281.6
Developed reserves as of 30 June 2016	487.6	429.4	50.5	967.5
Undeveloped				
Proved undeveloped oil, condensate, natural gas and NGL reserves				
as of 30 June 2013	231.5	838.5	2.5	1,072.5
as of 30 June 2014	232.8	700.4	26.6	959.8
as of 30 June 2015	259.6	339.7	27.0	626.3
Undeveloped reserves as of 30 June 2016	228.9	78.5	27.8	335.2

(a) Barrel oil equivalent conversion based on 6,000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe.

(b) Small differences are due to rounding to first decimal place.

(c) Production includes volumes consumed by operations.

(d) ‘Other’ comprises Algeria, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

(e) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 64, 60, 57 and 53 million barrels equivalent respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in Australia.

- (f) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 19, 35, 30 and 13 million barrels equivalent respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in the United States.
- (g) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 8, 5, 4 and 3 million barrels equivalent respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations in Other areas.
- (h) For FY2013, FY2014, FY2015 and FY2016, amounts include 92, 100, 91 and 69 million barrels equivalent respectively, which are anticipated to be consumed in operations.

Proved undeveloped reserves

At 30 June 2016, Petroleum had 335 MMboe of proved undeveloped reserves, which represented 26 per cent of year-end 2016 proved reserves of 1,303 MMboe. Approximately 318 MMboe or 95 per cent of the proved undeveloped reserves resides primarily in our conventional offshore fields in Australia, the Gulf of Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago, while 18 MMboe or five per cent reside in our North American shale fields. The current proved undeveloped reserves reflect a net reduction of 291 MMboe from the 626 MMboe reported at 30 June 2015. This reduction was primarily the result of development activities that converted 94 MMboe of proved undeveloped to proved developed reserves and downward proved undeveloped reserves revisions of 198 MMboe primarily driven by the decline in product prices in FY2016. Development drilling related extensions in the Turrum field in Australia added 3 MMboe while the sale of the Zamzama field in Pakistan reduced proved undeveloped by 1 MMboe.

The Onshore US portion of these reductions totalled 235 MMboe and include 43 MMboe moved to proved developed for wells that were drilled and completed. Due to the very challenging price environment, 192 MMboe has been reclassified out of proved undeveloped for the Group's North American Shale fields, leaving 18 MMboe of proved undeveloped reserves at 30 June 2016. The remaining 18 MMboe of proved undeveloped reserves are in the Black Hawk field and have been drilled and are expected to be completed and brought on production within five years.

Of the 335 MMboe currently classified as proved undeveloped at 30 June 2016, 214 MMboe has been reported for five or more years. All of these reserves are in our offshore conventional fields that are currently producing, have significant development in place and are scheduled to start producing within the next five years. The largest component of this is 122 MMboe in the Kipper-Tuna-Turrum project in Bass Strait, Australia. This project is expected to be on production later in 2016 when a gas conditioning plant is completed. The Atlantis field in the Gulf of Mexico contains 26 MMboe, while the Mad Dog field contains 15 MMboe, both of which are actively being drilled. The remainder resides in other Australian offshore fields that have active development plans. Our North American shale fields do not contain any undrilled proved undeveloped reserves due to the very challenging economic climate. During FY2016, Petroleum continued active development of our inventory of proved undeveloped projects by converting 94 MMboe to proved developed reserves. Over the past three years, the conversion of proved undeveloped to developed has totalled 405 MMboe, averaging 135 MMboe per year. In currently producing conventional fields, the remaining proved undeveloped reserves will be developed and brought on stream in a phased manner to best optimise the use of production facilities and to meet sales commitments. During FY2016, Petroleum spent US\$1.9 billion on development activities worldwide.

6.3.2 Ore Reserves

Ore Reserves are estimates of the amount of ore that can be economically and legally extracted and processed from our mining properties. In order to estimate reserves, assumptions are required about a range of geological, technical and economic factors, including quantities, qualities, production techniques, recovery rates, production costs, transport costs, commodity demand, commodity prices and exchange rates. Estimating the quantity and/or grade of Ore Reserves requires the size, shape and depth of ore bodies to be determined by analysing geological data such as drilling samples. Economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change from period to period and as additional geological and operational data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of reserves may change from period to period. All of the Ore Reserves presented are reported in 100 per cent terms and represent estimates at 30 June 2016 (unless otherwise stated). All tonnes and grade information has been rounded, hence small differences may be present in the totals. Tonnes are reported as dry metric tonnes (unless otherwise stated).

Our mineral leases are of sufficient duration (or convey a legal right to renew for sufficient duration) to enable all Ore Reserves on the leased properties to be mined in accordance with current production schedules. Our Ore Reserves may include areas where some additional approvals remain outstanding but where, based on the technical investigations we carry out as part of our mine planning process, and our knowledge and experience of the approvals process, we expect that such approvals will be obtained as part of the normal course of business and within the timeframe required by the current life of mine schedule.

The reported Ore Reserves contained in this document do not exceed the quantities that we estimate and could be extracted economically if future prices for each commodity were equal to the average historical prices for the three years to 31 December 2015, using current operating costs. In some cases where commodities are produced as by-products (or co-products) with other metals, we use the three-year average historical prices for the combination of commodities produced at the relevant mine in order to verify that each Ore Reserve is economic. The three-year historical average prices used for each traded commodity to test for impairment of the Ore Reserves contained in this Annual Report are as follows:

Commodity Price ⁽¹⁾	US\$
Copper	2.98/lb
Gold	1,279/oz
Nickel	6.61/lb
Silver	19.54/oz
Lead	0.91/lb
Zinc	0.91/lb
Uranium	35.96/lb
Iron Ore – Fines	88.17/dmt
Iron Ore – Lump	101.29/dmt
Metallurgical Hard Coking Coal	116.72/t
Metallurgical Weak Coking Coal	83.58/t
Thermal Coal Newcastle ⁽²⁾	71.05/t
Thermal Coal Colombia ⁽²⁾	63.08/t

⁽¹⁾ Some commodities are traded on a contractual basis for which we are unable to disclose prices due to commercial sensitivity.

⁽²⁾ Thermal coal prices reported are sourced from the McCloskey Report FOB by region. Newcastle and Columbia 6000 kcal/tonne Net As Received. These are comparable to realised prices used to test for impairment.

The reported Ore Reserves may differ in some respects from the Ore Reserves we report in our home jurisdictions of Australia and the UK. Those jurisdictions require the use of the Australasian Code for reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, December 2012 (the JORC Code), which provides guidance on the use of reasonable investment assumptions in calculating Ore Reserves estimates.

Copper

Ore Reserves in accordance with Industry Guide 7

Commodity Deposit (ID)(3)(4)	Ore Type	As at 30 June 2016										As at 30 June 2015													
		Proven Reserves					Probable Reserves					Total Reserves					BHP		Total Reserves					Reserve Life	
		Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Reserve Life (years)	Interest %	Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Mt	%TCu	%SCu	Reserve Life (years)			
Copper Escondida (5)	Oxide	103	0.76	-	197	0.61	-	300	0.66	-	58	57.5	147	0.76	-	54									
	Sulphide	3,590	0.74	-	2,080	0.56	-	5,670	0.67	-	5,610	0.67	-	-	-										
	Sulphide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-										
Cerro Colorado (6)	Leach	1,820	0.44	-	677	0.38	-	2,500	0.43	-	7.2	100	2,640	0.45	-	7.9									
	Oxide	27	0.56	0.40	63	0.55	0.38	90	0.55	0.39	99	0.56	0.40	-	-										
	Supergene Sulphide	15	0.63	0.11	32	0.64	0.11	47	0.64	0.11	54	0.63	0.12	-	-										
Spence (7)	Oxide	33	0.72	0.50	1.8	0.79	0.63	35	0.72	0.51	8.0	100	41	0.68	0.49	8.9									
	Low Oxide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-										
	Solubility	15	0.86	0.39	9.0	0.58	0.24	24	0.76	0.33	26	0.73	0.31	-	-										
Copper Uranium Gold Olympic Dam (8)	Supergene Sulphide	100	0.87	0.11	25	0.62	0.11	125	0.82	0.11	135	0.86	0.12	-	-										
	Low-grade	7.1	1.04	0.36	13	0.42	0.11	13	0.42	0.11	55	0.37	0.08	-	-										
	Sulphide	151	2.04	0.62	354	1.93	0.57	505	1.96	0.58	484	1.95	0.59	0.74	4										
Copper Zinc Antamina	Sulphide	112	1.05	0.15	8	0.35	0.48	120	1.03	0.35	111	1.00	0.37	0.51	2										
	Cu-only Sulphide	58	1.08	2.15	17	0.90	1.99	75	1.03	2.03	62	0.99	2.11	14	80										
	Cu-Zn	58	1.08	2.15	17	0.90	1.99	75	1.03	2.03	62	0.99	2.11	14	80										

(1) Cut-off criteria:

Deposit	Ore Type	Ore Reserves
Escondida	Oxide Sulphide	≥ 0.20% SCu ≥ 0.30% TCu and greater than variable cut-off (V _{COG}). Sulphide ore is processed in the concentrator plants as a result of optimised mine plans with consideration of technical and economical parameters in order to maximise Net Present Value. ≥ 0.30% TCu and lower than V _{COG} applied. Sulphide Leach ore is processed in the dump leaching plant as an alternative to the concentrator process.
Cerro Colorado Spence	Sulphide Leach	≥ 0.30% TCu
Olympic Dam	Oxide & Supergene Sulphide Oxide Oxide Low Solubility Supergene Sulphide ROM	≥ 0.30% TCu ≥ 0.30% TCu ≥ 0.30% TCu ≥ 0.10% TCu
Antamina	Sulphide Low-grade Sulphide Cu only	Variable between 0.90% Cu and 1.40% Cu ≥ 0.18% Cu
	Sulphide Cu-Zn	Net value per concentrator hour incorporating all material revenue and cost factors and includes metallurgical recovery (see footnote 4 for averages). Mineralisation at the US\$6,000/hr limit averages 0.23% Cu , 5.5g/ tAg , 10ppm Mo and 6,700g/hr mill throughput. Net value per concentrator hour incorporating all material revenue and cost factors and includes metallurgical recovery (see footnote 4 for averages). Mineralisation at the US\$6,000/hr limit averages 0.13% Cu , 0.75% Zn , 7.6g/ tAg and 6,500g/hr mill throughput.

Antamina – All metals used in net value calculations for the Antamina reserves were recovered into concentrate (see footnote 4 for averages) and sold.

(2) Approximate drill hole spacings used to classify the reserves were:

Deposit	Proven Reserves	Probable Reserves
Escondida	Oxide: 30m x 30m Sulphide: 50m x 50m Sulphide Leach: 60m x 60m	Oxide: 45m x 45m Sulphide: 90m x 90m Sulphide Leach: 115m x 115m
Cerro Colorado Spence	45m to 55m	120m
Olympic Dam Antamina	Oxide & Oxide Low Solubility: maximum 50m x 50m Supergene Sulphide: maximum 70m x 70m 20m to 30m 25m to 40m	Maximum 100m x 100m 30m to 70m 40m to 75m

(3) Ore delivered to process plant:

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(4) Metallurgical recoveries for the operations were:

Deposit	Metallurgical Recovery
Escondida	Oxide: 65% Sulphide: 83% Sulphide Leach: 28% Oxide & Supergene Sulphide: 72% Oxide: 80% Oxide Low Solubility: 80% Supergene Sulphide: 82% ROM: 30% Cu 94%, U ₃ O ₈ 72%, Au 70%, Ag 64% Sulphide Cu only: Cu 93%, Zn 0%, Ag 80%, Mo 65% Sulphide Cu-Zn: Cu 78%, Zn 80%, Ag 66%, Mo 0%
Cerro Colorado Spence	
Olympic Dam Antamina	
(5)	Escondida – Oxide reserves have increased due to improved performance in the Oxide heap leach process. The decrease in Sulphide Leach reserves was mainly driven by preferentially scheduling Sulphide ore to concentrators for processing. Inherent within the Reserve Life calculation were Oxide and Sulphide Leach, which have a Reserve Life of 15 years and 51 years respectively.
(6)	Cerro Colorado – Ore type previously reported as Sulphide was redefined as Supergene Sulphide. The environmental operating permit was approved in FY2016 and is in effect until December 2023.
(7)	Spence – The ROM decrease in reserves was mainly due to simplification of the heap leach process.
(8)	Olympic Dam – Ore type previously reported as SP was redefined as Low-grade.

Iron Ore

Ore Reserves in accordance with Industry Guide 7

Commodity	Deposit (tZones)	Ore Type	As at 30 June 2016													As at 30 June 2015													
			Proven Reserves						Probable Reserves						Total Reserves						Reserve Life (years)	BHP Billiton Interest %	Total Reserves						Reserve Life (years)
			Mt	%Fe	%P	%SiO ₂	%Al ₂ O ₃	%LOI	Mt	%Fe	%P	%SiO ₂	%Al ₂ O ₃	%LOI	Mt	%Fe	%P	%SiO ₂	%Al ₂ O ₃	%LOI			Mt	%Fe	%P	%SiO ₂	%Al ₂ O ₃	%LOI	
Australia																													
	WAI0 (6/7/8/9)	BKM	860	63.1	0.11	3.1	2.1	3.9	1,700	61.3	0.13	4.2	2.4	5.0	2,600	61.9	0.12	3.8	2.3	4.7	14	89	2,400	62.2	0.12	3.8	2.2	4.6	15
		BKM Bene	20	57.8	0.11	10.3	3.2	2.0	30	57.0	0.10	12.0	3.0	1.9	50	57.4	0.10	11.3	3.1	1.9			170	61.2	0.12	6.5	2.7	1.7	
		CID	580	56.4	0.05	6.3	1.8	10.8	90	56.8	0.04	6.3	1.6	10.3	670	56.5	0.05	6.3	1.8	10.7			740	56.5	0.05	6.2	1.7	10.8	
		MM	230	62.3	0.07	2.9	1.7	5.8	430	60.2	0.07	4.5	2.2	6.4	660	60.9	0.07	4.0	2.0	6.2			610	61.2	0.07	3.6	2.0	6.1	
Brazil																													
	Samarco JV ⁽¹⁰⁾	ROM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	2,900	39.6	0.05	-	-	-	38

(1) Approximate drill hole spacings used to classify the reserves were:

- | Deposit | 50m x 50m | | | | | | 150m x 50m | | | | | |
|----------|--|--|--|-------------------|--|--|-----------------|--|--|-------------------|--|--|
| | Proven Reserves | | | Probable Reserves | | | Proven Reserves | | | Probable Reserves | | |
| (2) WAI0 | WAI0 recovery was 100%, except for BKM Bene, where Whaleback beneficiation plant recovery was 72% (tonnage basis). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | The reserve grades listed refer to in situ mass percentage on a dry weight basis. WAI0 tonnages represent wet tonnes based on the following moisture contents: BKM – Brockman 3%, BKM Bene – 3%, CID – Channel Iron Deposits 8%, MM – Marra Mamba 4%. Iron ore is marketed for WAI0 as Lump (direct blast furnace feed) and Fines (sinter plant feed). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) | Cut-off grades: WAI0 50–58% Fe for all material types. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) | Ore delivered to process plant. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) | WAI0 reserves are reported on a Pilbara basis by ore type to align with our production of the Newman Blend lump product which comprises of BKM, BKM Bene and MM ore types, in addition to other lump and fines products including CID. This also reflects our single logistics chain and associated management system. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | WAI0 BHP Billiton interest is reported as Pilbara reserve tonnes weighted average across all Joint Ventures. BHP Billiton ownership varies between 85% and 100%. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) | WAI0 reserves are all located on State Agreement mining leases that guarantee the right to mine. Across WAI0, State Government approvals (including environmental and heritage clearances) are required before commencing mining operations in a particular area. Included in the reserves are select areas where one or more approvals remain outstanding, but where, based on the technical investigations carried out as part of the mine planning process and company knowledge and experience of the approvals process, it is expected that such approvals will be obtained as part of the normal course of business and within the time frame required by the current mine schedule. | | | | | | | | | | | |

- (9) WAIO – Revised economic criteria within the mine plan has significantly reduced tonnage to the beneficiation plant. Some BKM Bene reserves have been reclassified as BKM. The decrease in Reserve Life was due to an increase in nominated production rate from 264Mt to 275Mt.
- (10) Samarco JV – Following the failure of the Fundão tailings dam in November 2015 and the shutdown of its operations, Samarco is reviewing the operation's reserves. Under these circumstances, BHP Billiton is currently not in a position to report reserves for Samarco as of 30 June 2016. However, developments in the future may provide additional information and operating approvals for which a different conclusion might be reached.

Metallurgical Coal

Coal Reserves in accordance with Industry Guide 7

Commodity Deposit (1)(2)(3)(4)(5) Metallurgical Coal Queensland Coal CQCA JV	Mining Method	Coal Type	As at 30 June 2016												As at 30 June 2015															
			Proven Reserves		Probable Reserves		Total Reserves		Proven Marketable			Probable Marketable			Total Marketable			BHP Billiton Reserve Life		Total Marketable Reserves		Reserve Life								
			Mt	%	Mt	%	Mt	%	Mt	Ash %	VM %	%S	Mt	Ash %	VM %	%S	Mt	Ash %	VM %	%S	(years)	(years)	Mt	Ash %	VM %	%S	(years)	(years)		
Goonyella Riverside Broadmeadow (6)	OC	Met	581	19	600	455	9.1	22.8	0.53	14	10.9	23.1	0.57	469	9.2	22.8	0.53	42	50	483	9.2	22.8	0.53	33	50	483	9.2	22.8	0.53	
Peak Downs (7)	UG	Met	73	119	192	53	8.0	23.6	0.53	76	9.8	23.5	0.55	129	9.1	23.5	0.54	29	50	601	10.5	22.1	0.60	33	50	601	10.5	22.1	0.60	
Caval Ridge (7)	OC	Met	446	339	785	275	10.6	22.3	0.60	208	10.6	22.7	0.65	483	10.6	22.5	0.62	29	50	601	10.5	22.1	0.60	33	50	601	10.5	22.1	0.60	
Saraji (8)	OC	Met	294	95	389	176	11.0	22.4	0.57	52	11.0	22.0	0.58	228	11.0	22.3	0.58	35	50	322	10.6	18.1	0.63	30	50	322	10.6	18.1	0.63	
Norwich Park (8)(9)	OC	Met	301	93	394	183	10.2	17.9	0.60	51	10.2	18.6	0.77	234	10.2	18.0	0.64	23	50	322	10.6	18.1	0.63	30	50	322	10.6	18.1	0.63	
Blackwater (8)(10)	OC	Met	79	22	101	58	10.3	16.9	0.68	15	10.3	16.5	0.69	73	10.3	16.8	0.68	29	50	166	10.3	16.9	0.70	66	50	166	10.3	16.9	0.70	
Daunia	OC	Met/Th	101	255	356	98	7.9	27.0	0.44	227	9.3	26.1	0.44	325	8.9	26.4	0.44	21	50	451	8.8	26.3	0.40	29	50	451	8.8	26.3	0.40	
Gregory JV	OC	Met	80	53	133	66	8.0	20.8	0.35	45	9.1	19.9	0.34	111	8.4	20.4	0.35	24	50	116	8.4	20.4	0.35	25	50	116	8.4	20.4	0.35	
Gregory Crinum (8)(11)	OC	Met	3.1	-	3.1	2.6	7.4	36.3	0.59	-	-	-	-	2.6	7.4	36.3	0.59	1.0	50	5.6	7.0	34.8	0.60	4.0	50	5.6	7.0	34.8	0.60	
BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal	UG	Met	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.2	7.2	34.2	0.57	-	-	2.2	7.2	34.2	0.57	
South Walker Creek (12)	OC	Met	106	31	137	84	9.2	13.3	0.29	24	9.2	12.9	0.29	108	9.2	13.2	0.29	17	80	77	9.2	12.7	0.32	14	80	77	9.2	12.7	0.32	
Poitrel (8)(13)	OC	Met	30	7.6	38	24	8.9	23.1	0.33	6.3	8.7	22.2	0.34	30	8.8	22.9	0.33	7.7	80	67	9.0	23.7	0.31	20	80	67	9.0	23.7	0.31	
Indonesia																														
IndoMet Coal (14)	OC	Met	3.9	0.1	4.0	3.9	6.1	38.5	0.93	0.1	9.3	37.4	0.94	4.0	6.1	38.5	0.93	4.4	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	-	-	
Haju	OC	Th	0.4	-	0.4	0.4	9.2	37.9	1.68	-	-	-	-	0.4	9.2	37.9	1.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

- (1) Cut-off criteria applied were: Goonyella Riverside, Peak Downs, Caval Ridge, Saraji, Norwich Park, Blackwater, Gregory, South Walker Creek, Poitrel $\geq 0.5m$ seam thickness; Daunia $\geq 0.3m$ seam thickness; Broadmeadow $\geq 2.5m$ seam thickness; Crinum $\geq 2.0m$ seam thickness; Haju Met $< 2.5\%$ sulphur and $< 20\%$ ash, Haju Th $\geq 2.5\%$ sulphur and $\geq 20\%$ ash.
- (2) Only geophysically logged, fully analysed cored holes with greater than 95% recovery (except for Haju where the recovery was 85%) were used to classify the reserves. Drill hole spacings vary between seams and geological domains and were determined in conjunction with geostatistical analyses where applicable. Approximate drill hole spacings were:

Deposit	Proven Reserves			Probable Reserves		
	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Goonyella Riverside Broadmeadow	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Peak Downs	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Caval Ridge	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Saraji	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Norwich Park	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Blackwater	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m
Daunia	900m to 1,300m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	950m	900m	1,750m to 2,400m	1,750m	1,800m

Deposit	Proven Reserves	Probable Reserves
Gregory Crinum	850m plus 3D seismic coverage for UG	850m to 1,700m
South Walker Creek	500m to 800m	1,000m to 1,500m
Poitrel	300m to 950m	550m to 1,850m
Haju	< 500m	500m to 1,000m

(3) Product recoveries for the operations were:

Deposit	Product Recovery
Goonnyella Riverside Broadmeadow	76%
Peak Downs	61%
Caval Ridge	58%
Saraji	63%
Norwich Park	71%
Blackwater	88%
Daunia	83%
Gregory Crinum	81%
South Walker Creek	79%
Poitrel	77%
Haju	100%

- (4) Total Coal Reserves were at the moisture content when mined (4% COCA JV, Gregory JV, BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal; 7% Haju). Total Marketable Coal Reserves were at a product specific moisture content (9.5-10% Goonyella Riverside Broadmeadow; 9.5% Peak Downs; 10% Caval Ridge; 10% Saraji; 7.5-11% Blackwater; 9.5-10% Daunia; 10-11% Norwich Park; 8.5% Gregory Crinum; 9% South Walker Creek; 9.5-12% Poitrel; 7% Haju) and at an air-dried quality basis, for sale after beneficiation of the Total Coal Reserves.
- (5) Coal delivered to wash plant, except for Haju where coal is not washed.
- (6) Goonyella Riverside Broadmeadow – The increase in Reserve Life was due to a decrease in nominated production rate from 25Mt to 19Mt.
- (7) Caval Ridge Coal Reserves have been excised from Peak Downs and are reported separately in FY2016.
- (8) Saraji, Norwich Park, Blackwater, Gregory, Poitrel – The Total Marketable Coal Reserves decreased due to being uneconomic after testing with the 3 year average historical coal price.
- (9) Norwich Park remains on care and maintenance.
- (10) Blackwater – The increase in Reserve Life was due to a decrease in nominated production rate from 17.7Mt to 16.6Mt.
- (11) Crinum UG Coal Reserves were depleted in FY2016 while Gregory OC mine remains on care and maintenance.
- (12) South Walker Creek – The Coal Reserves increased due to inclusion of new areas in the mine plan. Increased yield from 71% to 79% delivered increased Marketable Coal Reserves.
- (13) Poitrel – The Coal Reserves decrease was a result of pending environmental and capital approvals.
- (14) Haju – Maiden Coal Reserves reported following the granting of the operations permit in FY2016. Divestment of IndoMet Coal is in progress.

Energy Coal

Coal Reserves in accordance with Industry Guide 7

	As at 30 June 2016											As at 30 June 2015																												
	Proven Reserves	Probable Reserves	Total Reserves	Proven Marketable Reserves	Probable Marketable Reserves	Total Marketable Reserves	Reserve Life (years)	BHP Billion Interest %	Total Marketable Reserves	Reserve Life (years)	Proven Reserves	Probable Reserves	Total Reserves	Proven Marketable Reserves	Probable Marketable Reserves	Total Marketable Reserves	Reserve Life (years)	BHP Billion Interest %	Total Marketable Reserves	Reserve Life (years)																				
	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	%	%	Mt	%	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	%	%	Mt	%	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	Mt	%	%	Mt	%	Mt	%	Mt	%					
				Ash %	VM %	%S	CV	KCal/kg				Ash %	VM %	%S	CV	KCal/kg			Ash %	VM %	%S	CV	KCal/kg				Life (years)				Life (years)				Life (years)					
Commodity Deposit (V2)(B)(W)(S)																																								
Energy Coal																																								
Australia																																								
Mt Arthur Coal	496	479	975	387	16.8	30.7	0.57	6,430	371	17.0	29.8	0.50	6,470	758	16.9	30.3	0.54	6,450	30	100	785	17.4	30.1	0.53	6,400	31														
Colombia																																								
Cerrejón ⁽⁶⁾	518	96	614	507	8.7	32.8	0.60	6,080	91	8.2	33.0	0.50	6,160	599	8.7	32.8	0.58	6,090	16	33.33	633	9.0	32.8	0.60	6,070	17														
New Mexico																																								
San Juan ⁽⁷⁾																																								
Navajo ⁽⁸⁾	10	-	10	10	21.8	-	0.76	4,900	-	-	-	-	-	10	21.8	-	0.76	4,900	2.0	-	-	-	15	17.2	-	0.99	5,640	2.5												
Navajo ⁽⁹⁾																																								
(1) Cut-off criteria:																																								
																					Coal Reserves																			
Deposit																																								
Mt Arthur Coal																					≥ 0.3m seam thickness, ≤ 26.5% ash, ≥ 40% coal washery yield																			
Cerrejón																					≥ 0.65m seam thickness																			
Navajo																					≥ 0.6m seam thickness																			
(2) Approximate drill hole spacings used to classify the reserves were:																																								
Deposit											Proven Reserves										Probable Reserves																			
Mt Arthur Coal											< 500m > 6 drill holes per 100ha										500m to 1,000m 2 to 6 drill holes per 100ha																			
Cerrejón											< 500m (250m radius from drill hole)										500m to 1,000m (250m to 500m radius from drill hole)																			
Navajo																																								
(3) Product recoveries for the operations were:																																								
Deposit																					Product Recovery																			
Mt Arthur Coal																					70%																			
Cerrejón																					98%																			
Navajo																					100%																			
(4) Total Coal Reserves were at the moisture content when mined (13.0% Navajo; 8.6% Mt Arthur Coal; 13.0% Cerrejón). Total Marketable Coal Reserves were at a product specific moisture content (13.0% Navajo; 9.6% Mt Arthur Coal; 13.1% Cerrejón) and at an air-dried quality basis, for sale after the beneficiation of the Total Coal Reserves.																																								
(5) Coal delivered to wash plant, except for Navajo, where coal is not washed.																																								
(6) Cerrejón – BHP Billiton is monitoring recent developments regarding local community legal challenges that have resulted in the temporary suspension of certain Cerrejón permits.																																								
(7) San Juan – Divestment was completed on 31 January 2016.																																								
(8) Navajo – Divestment completed in December 2013. BHP Billiton will remain the mine manager and operator until 31 December 2016 and therefore reserves have been reported. Volatile matter was not estimated because %VM is not a quality requirement in the current sales contract.																																								

Other assets

Ore Reserves in accordance with Industry Guide 7

As at 30 June 2016												As at 30 June 2015			
		Proven Reserves				Probable Reserves				Reserve Life (years)	BHP Billiton Interest %	Total Reserves		Reserve Life (years)	
		Mt	%Ni	Mt	%Ni	Mt	%Ni	Mt	%Ni						
Commodity Deposit (1)(2)(3)(4)															
Nickel West Operations															
Leinster ⁽⁵⁾	OC	2.5	1.2	0.21	0.90	2.7	1.2	2.2	100	-	-	-			
	SP	0.15	1.1	-	-	0.15	1.1	4.2	100	-	-	-			
	OC	36	0.61	2.1	0.60	38	0.61	4.2	100	47	0.6	5.0			
Mt Keith	SP	3.6	0.48	3.7	0.45	7.2	0.47	6.7	0.5	-	-	-			
	<p>(1) Cut-off grades – Leinster: $\geq 0.60\%$ Ni and Mt Keith: variable ranging from 0.35-0.40% Ni and $\geq 0.18\%$ recoverable Ni.</p> <p>(2) Approximate drill hole spacings used to classify the reserves were:</p>														
	<p>(3) Ore delivered to process plant.</p> <p>(4) Metallurgical recoveries for the operations were:</p>														
Deposit															
Leinster	25m x 25m	Proven Reserves				Probable Reserves									
Mt Keith	60m x 40m									Metallurgical Recovery					
Leinster										82%					
Mt Keith										64%					
<p>(5) Leinster – Ore Reserves were reported due to higher realised nickel prices.</p>															

6.4 Major projects

At the end of FY2016, BHP Billiton had four major projects BHP in progress with a combined budget of US\$6.9 billion.

During FY2016, we approved an investment of US\$314 million for the North West Shelf Greater Western Flank-B petroleum project. This follows the delivery of first production from the North West Shelf Greater Western Flank-A project during the period.

BHP Billiton's share of capital and exploration expenditure declined by 42 per cent during FY2016 to US\$6.4 billion and is expected to decrease further to US\$5 billion in FY2017. On a cash basis, capital and exploration expenditure in FY2016 was US\$7.7 billion and is forecast to decline to US\$5.4 billion in FY2017.

Projects which delivered first production during FY2016

Business	Project and ownership	Capacity ⁽¹⁾	Date of initial production		Capital expenditure (US\$M) ⁽¹⁾
			Actual	Target	Budget
Petroleum	North West Shelf Greater Western Flank-A (Australia) 16.67% (non-operator)	To maintain LNG plant throughput from the North West Shelf operations	Q4 CY2015	CY2016	400

Projects in execution at the end of FY2016

Business	Project and ownership	Capacity ⁽¹⁾	Date of initial production		Capital expenditure (US\$M) ⁽¹⁾
			Target		Budget
Petroleum	Bass Strait Longford Gas Conditioning Plant (Australia) 50% (non-operator)	Designed to process approximately 400 million cubic feet per day of high CO ₂ gas	CY2016		520
Petroleum	North West Shelf Greater Western Flank-B (Australia) 16.67% (non-operator)	To maintain LNG plant throughput from the North West Shelf operations	CY2019		314
Copper	Escondida Water Supply (Chile) 57.5%	New desalination facility to ensure continued water supply to Escondida	CY2017		3,430
					4,264

Other projects in progress at the end of FY2016

Business	Project and ownership	Scope	Capital expenditure (US\$M) ⁽¹⁾
Projects under development			Budget
Potash	Jansen Potash (Canada) 100%	Investment to finish the excavation and lining of the production and service shafts, and to continue the installation of essential surface infrastructure and utilities	2,600
			6,864

⁽¹⁾ Unless noted otherwise, references to capacity are on a 100 per cent basis, references to capital expenditure from subsidiaries are reported on a 100 per cent basis and references to capital expenditure from joint operations reflect BHP Billiton's share.

6.5 Legal proceedings

We are involved from time to time in legal proceedings and governmental investigations of a character normally incidental to our business, including claims and pending actions against us seeking damages or clarification of legal rights and regulatory inquiries regarding business practices. In many cases, insurance or other indemnification protection afforded to us relates to such claims and may offset the financial impact on the Group of a successful claim.

This section summarises the significant legal proceedings and investigations and associated matters in which we are currently involved or have finalised since the last Annual Report.

Legal proceedings relating to the failure of the Fundão tailings dam at the iron ore operations of Samarco in Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo (Samarco dam failure)

BHP Billiton Brasil is engaged in numerous legal proceedings relating to the Samarco dam failure. All of these proceedings are in early stages and it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil. The most significant of these proceedings are summarised below. As described below, many of these proceedings involve claims for compensation for the similar or possibly the same damages. There are numerous additional lawsuits against Samarco relating to the Samarco dam failure in which BHP Billiton Brasil is not a party.

Public civil claim commenced by the Federal Government of Brazil, states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and other authorities

On 30 November 2015, the Federal Government of Brazil, states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and other public authorities collectively filed a public civil claim against Samarco and its shareholders, BHP Billiton Brasil and Vale, seeking the establishment of a fund of up to R\$20 billion (approximately US\$6.2 billion) in aggregate for clean-up costs and damages.

The plaintiffs also requested certain interim injunctions in connection with the public civil claim. On 18 December 2015, the Federal Court granted the injunctions and, among other things, ordered Samarco to deposit R\$2 billion (approximately US\$620 million) in to a court-managed bank account for use towards community and environmental rehabilitation. Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil immediately appealed against the injunction. On 17 August 2016, the Federal Court of Appeals in Brasilia dismissed Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil's appeals against the injunction.

On 2 March 2016, the plaintiffs (Federal Government of Brazil, states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and other authorities) and Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil entered into an agreement for the restoration of the environment and communities affected by the dam failure (Framework Agreement). The Framework Agreement outlines a comprehensive set of actions, measures and programs, including 17 environmental and 22 socio-economic programs to restore and compensate the communities and environment affected by the dam failure. A private foundation named Fundação Renova, incorporated by BHP Billiton Brasil, Vale and Samarco will manage and implement all projects and measures within the scope of programs.

The Framework Agreement has a term of 15 years, renewable for periods of one year successively until all the obligations under the Framework Agreement have been performed.

Under the Framework Agreement, Samarco is responsible for funding the Fundação Renova with calendar year contributions as follows:

- R\$2 billion (approximately US\$620 million) in 2016, less the amount of funds already spent on, or allocated to, remediation;
- R\$1.2 billion (approximately US\$370 million) in 2017;

- R\$1.2 billion (approximately US\$370 million) in 2018;
- R\$500 million (approximately US\$156 million) for a special project to be spent on sewage treatment and landfill works from 2016 to 2018.

Annual contributions for each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be in the range of R\$800 million (approximately US\$250 million) and R\$1.6 billion (approximately US\$500 million), depending on the remediation and compensation projects which are to be undertaken in the particular year. Annual contributions may be reviewed under the Framework Agreement.

To the extent that Samarco does not meet its funding obligations under the Framework Agreement, each of Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil has potential funding obligations under the Framework Agreement in proportion to its 50 per cent shareholding in Samarco.

As a formal suspension of the public civil claim, the Framework Agreement is subject to Court ratification. On 5 May 2016, the Framework Agreement was ratified by the Conciliation Chamber of the Federal Court of Appeals in Brasilia suspending this public civil claim. The Federal Prosecutor's Office appealed the ratification of the Framework Agreement and on 30 June 2016, the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil issued a preliminary order (Interim Order) suspending the 5 May 2016 ratification decision of the Federal Court of Appeals, and reinstating this public civil claim before the first instance court, including the R\$2 billion injunction. Samarco, Vale, BHP Billiton Brasil and the Federal Government appealed the Interim Order.

Public civil claim commenced by the Federal Public Prosecution Service

On 3 May 2016, the Federal Public Prosecution Service filed a public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil – as well as 18 other public entities – seeking R\$155 billion (approximately US\$48 billion) for reparation, compensation and collective moral damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure.

In addition, the claim includes a number of preliminary injunction requests, seeking orders that Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil deposit R\$7.7 billion (approximately US\$2.4 billion) in a special company account and provide guarantees equivalent to R\$155 billion (approximately US\$48 billion). The injunctions also seek to prohibit Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil from distributing dividends and selling certain assets (among other things).

BHP Billiton Brasil has filed two petitions to the 12th Federal Court of Belo Horizonte requesting the dismissal of the injunction requests made by the Federal Public Prosecution Service. On 7 July 2016, a first decision was made by the Court which, among other issues, ordered Samarco to present, within 30 days, its plan and measures regarding tailings containment, and scheduled a hearing for conciliation for 13 September 2016.

On 13 September 2016, the Federal Prosecutors' Office, Samarco, BHP Billiton Brasil, Vale, the Federal Government and the State of Minas Gerais participated in a hearing for conciliation. The parties discussed issues concerning progress on remediation, the impacts to the people affected by the dam failure, public participation and expert examination of the damages and remediation measures being taken by Samarco. The parties agreed on a schedule of meetings to agree on experts and public hearings and to discuss the injunction requests.

Public civil claims commenced by the State Prosecutors' Office in the state of Minas Gerais

On 10 December 2015, the State Prosecutors' Office in the state of Minas Gerais filed a public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil before the State Court in Mariana claiming indemnification (amount not specified) for moral and material damages to an unspecified group of individuals affected by the Samarco dam failure, including the payment of costs for housing and social and economic assistance.

The State Prosecutors' Office also requested certain interim injunctions in connection with this claim, including orders for Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil to provide housing, health care, financial assistance and

education facilities to the people affected by the Samarco dam failure. The plaintiff also sought an order to freeze R\$300 million (approximately US\$94 million) in Samarco's bank accounts. The Court granted the injunction freezing R\$300 million in Samarco's bank accounts for use towards the compensation and remediation measures requested under this public civil claim. At a Court hearing on 23 December 2015, the parties agreed that Samarco should unilaterally provide:

- flexible housing solutions for 271 displaced families;
- monthly salaries to the displaced families for at least 12 months;
- a R\$20,000 (approximately US\$6,000) payment to each displaced family;
- a R\$100,000 (approximately US\$30,000) payment to each of the families of those deceased, as advance compensation.

On 2 February 2016, the State Prosecutors' Office in the state of Minas Gerais filed another public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil before the State Court in Ponte Nova claiming compensation of R\$7.5 billion (approximately US\$2.2 billion) for moral and material damages suffered by 1,350 individuals in Ponte Nova and collective moral damages allegedly suffered by the community in Ponte Nova. The claim also sought a number of preliminary injunctions, including orders to:

- freeze R\$1 billion (approximately US\$310 million) of cash in the defendants' bank accounts in order to secure the compensation requested under the public civil claim;
- require the defendants to pay minimum wages and basic food supplies to the families in Ponte Nova affected by the Samarco dam failure;
- require the defendants to pay R\$30,000 (approximately US\$9,000) per affected family and compensation to provide dignified and adequate housing for the affected families.

On 5 February 2016, the Court granted an injunction to freeze R\$475 million from bank accounts of Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil and ordered them to pay preliminary amounts to families in Ponte Nova affected by the Samarco dam failure.

Public civil claims commenced by the Public Defender Department in Minas Gerais

On 25 April 2016, the Public Defender Department filed a public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil in the State Court in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil claiming R\$10 billion (approximately US\$3.1 billion) for collective moral damages to be deposited in the State Human Rights Defense Fund. The Public Defender Department is also seeking a number of social and environmental remediation measures in relation to the Samarco dam failure, including orders requiring the reparation of the environmental damage and the reconstruction of properties and populations, including historical, religious, cultural, social, environmental and immaterial heritages affected by the dam failure.

Public civil claims commenced by the State Prosecutors' Office in the state of Espírito Santo

On 15 January 2016, the State Prosecutors' Office of Espírito Santo filed a public civil claim before the State Court in Espírito Santo against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil seeking compensation for collective moral damages in relation to the suspension of the water supply of the Municipality of Colatina as a result of the Samarco dam failure. As part of the public civil claim, the State Prosecutors' Office sought a number of injunctions, including an order to freeze R\$2 billion (approximately US\$620 million) in the defendants' bank accounts in order to secure the requested compensation. On 11 February 2016, the judge denied all of the injunction requests made by the State Prosecutors' Office. The State Prosecutors' Office appealed the decision and in a decision dated 2 August 2016 the State Court of Appeal remitted the lawsuit to the 12th Federal Court in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais.

Public civil claim commenced by the state of Espírito Santo

On 8 January 2016, the state of Espírito Santo filed a public civil claim against Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil before the State Court in Colatina (later remitted to the Federal Court in Belo Horizonte) seeking the remediation and restoration of the water supply of the residents of Baixo Guandu, Linhares, Colatina and Marilândia. In addition, the claim sought injunctions ordering, among other things, the execution of several works and improvements in public equipment in order to repair and upgrade the sewage system and water network in Colatina and Linhares, and an order to freeze R\$1 billion (approximately US\$310 million) of the defendants' assets. On 4 February 2016, the Court ordered Samarco to deposit approximately R\$7 million in a fund of the state of Espírito Santo to be created and granted certain injunctions relating to remediation measures; however, it denied the injunction to freeze R\$1 billion (approximately US\$310 million) of the defendants' assets. Samarco appealed the decision and the Court of Appeal suspended the lawsuit until the appeal is reviewed.

Public civil claim commenced by the Association for the Defense of Collective Interests – ADIC

On 17 November 2015, ADIC, a NGO in Brazil, filed a public civil claim against Samarco before the 12th Federal Court in Belo Horizonte claiming at least R\$10 billion (approximately US\$2.85 billion) for environmental and social damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure, in addition to collective moral damages and reparation measures. The NGO also requested preliminary injunctions ordering the deposit of R\$1 billion (approximately US\$284 million) and prohibiting Samarco from distributing dividends to its shareholders. On 18 November 2015, the Court denied the NGO's application for preliminary injunctions.

Other proceedings

As noted above, BHP Billiton Brasil has been named as a defendant in numerous other lawsuits that are at early stages of proceedings. The lawsuits seek various remedies, including rehabilitation costs, compensation to injured individuals and families of the deceased, recovery of personal and property losses and injunctive relief. In addition, government inquiries and investigations relating to the Samarco dam failure have been commenced by numerous agencies of the Brazilian Government, including criminal investigations by the federal and state police, and by federal prosecutors.

Our potential liabilities, if any, resulting from other pending and future claims, lawsuits and enforcement actions relating to the Samarco dam failure, together with the potential cost of implementing remedies sought in the various proceedings, cannot be reliably estimated at this time and therefore a provision has not been recognised and nor has any contingent liability been quantified for these matters. Ultimately these could have a material adverse impact on BHP Billiton's business, competitive position, cash flows, prospects, liquidity and shareholder returns. For more information on the Samarco dam failure, refer to section 1.4.

Samarco has been named as a defendant in more than 23,000 small claims, in which individual damages claimed range from R\$1,000 to R\$10,000 (approximately US\$300 to US\$3,000). Such damages have generally been awarded to people that had their water service interrupted for between five and seven days. Given the number of people affected by the Samarco dam failure, the number of potential claimants may continue to increase. BHP Billiton Brasil is a defendant in approximately 5,000 of these cases.

US class action

In February 2016, a putative class action complaint (Complaint) was filed in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of purchasers of American Depositary Receipts of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc between 25 September 2014 and 30 November 2015 against BHP Billiton Ltd and Plc and certain of its current and former executive officers and Directors. The Complaint asserts claims under US federal securities laws and indicates that the plaintiff will seek certification to proceed as a class action.

The amount of damages sought by the plaintiff on behalf of the putative class is unspecified. Given the preliminary status of this matter, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures to BHP Billiton.

Tax and royalty matters

The Group presently has unresolved tax and royalty matters for which the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain. For details of those matters, refer to note 5 'Income tax expense' to the Financial Statements.

Anti-corruption investigations

In May 2015, the Group announced the resolution of the previously disclosed investigation by the SEC into potential breaches of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. The US Department of Justice has also completed its investigation into BHP Billiton without taking any action.

The matter was resolved with the SEC pursuant to an administrative order, which imposed a US\$25 million civil penalty. Under the SEC order, BHP Billiton was also required to self-report on its compliance program to the SEC for a period of 12 months following the date of the SEC order (20 May 2015). This obligation has now been satisfied.

As previously disclosed, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) announced an investigation in 2013 which relates to Division 70 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code. The investigation is ongoing and the Group continues to co-operate. In light of the continuing nature of the AFP investigation, it is not appropriate at this stage for BHP Billiton to predict outcomes.

6.6 Glossary

6.6.1 Mining, oil and gas-related terms

Term	Definition
2D	Two dimensional.
3D	Three dimensional.
Beneficiation	The process of physically separating ore from gangue (waste material) prior to subsequent processing of the beneficiated ore.
Brownfield	An exploration or development project located within an existing mineral province, which can share infrastructure and management with an existing operation.
Butane	A component of natural gas that occurs in two isomeric forms. Where sold separately, is largely butane gas that has been liquefied through pressurisation. One tonne of butane is approximately equivalent to 14 thousand cubic feet of gas.
Coal Reserves	The same meaning as Ore Reserves, but specifically concerning coal.
Coking coal	Used in the manufacture of coke, which is used in the steelmaking process by virtue of its carbonisation properties. Coking coal may also be referred to as metallurgical coal.
Condensate	A mixture of hydrocarbons that exist in gaseous form in natural underground reservoirs, but which condense to form a liquid at atmospheric conditions.
Conventional Petroleum Resources	Hydrocarbon accumulations that can be produced by a well drilled into a geologic formation in which the reservoir and fluid characteristics permit the hydrocarbons to readily flow to the wellbore without the use of specialised extraction technologies.

Term	Definition
Copper cathode	Electrolytically refined copper that has been deposited on the cathode of an electrolytic bath of acidified copper sulphate solution. The refined copper may also be produced through leaching and electrowinning.
Crude oil	A mixture of hydrocarbons that exist in liquid form in natural underground reservoirs, and remain liquid at atmospheric pressure after being produced at the well head and passing through surface separating facilities.
Cut-off grade	A nominated grade above which is defined an Ore Reserve. For example, the lowest grade of mineralised material that qualifies as economic for estimating an Ore Reserve.
Dated Brent	A benchmark price assessment of the spot market value of physical cargoes of North Sea light sweet crude oil.
Electrowinning/electrowon	An electrochemical process in which metal is recovered by dissolving a metal within an electrolyte and plating it onto an electrode.
Energy coal	Used as a fuel source in electrical power generation, cement manufacture and various industrial applications. Energy coal may also be referred to as steaming or thermal coal.
Ethane	A component of natural gas. Where sold separately, is largely ethane gas that has been liquefied through pressurisation. One tonne of ethane is approximately equivalent to 28 thousand cubic feet of gas.
Field	An area consisting of a single reservoir or multiple reservoirs all grouped on or related to the same individual geological structural feature and/or stratigraphic condition. There may be two or more reservoirs in a field that are separated vertically by intervening impervious strata, or laterally by local geologic barriers, or by both. Reservoirs that are associated by being in overlapping or adjacent fields may be treated as a single or common operational field. The geological terms 'structural feature' and 'stratigraphic condition' are intended to identify localised geological features as opposed to the broader terms of basins, trends, provinces, plays, areas-of-interest, etc. (per SEC Regulation S-X, Rule 4-10).
Flotation	A method of selectively recovering minerals from finely ground ore using a froth created in water by specific reagents. In the flotation process, certain mineral particles are induced to float by becoming attached to bubbles of froth and the unwanted mineral particles sink.
FPSO (Floating, production, storage and off-take)	A floating vessel used by the offshore oil and gas industry for the processing of hydrocarbons and for storage of oil. An FPSO vessel is designed to receive hydrocarbons produced from nearby platforms or subsea templates, process them and store oil until it can be offloaded onto a tanker.
Grade or Quality	Any physical or chemical measurement of the characteristics of the material of interest in samples or product.

Term	Definition
Greenfield	The development or exploration located outside the area of influence of existing mine operations/infrastructure.
Heap leach(ing)	A process used for the recovery of metals such as copper, nickel, uranium and gold from low-grade ores. The crushed material is laid on a slightly sloping, impermeable pad and leached by uniformly trickling (gravity fed) a chemical solution through the beds to ponds. The metals are recovered from the solution.
Hypogene Sulphide	Hypogene mineralisation is formed by fluids at high temperature and pressure derived from magmatic activity. Hypogene sulphide consists predominantly of chalcopyrite and is not amenable to leaching technology.
International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)	ICSID is an autonomous international institution that provides facilities and services to support conciliation and arbitration of international investment disputes between investors and States. ICSID was established under the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States (the ICSID Convention), with over 140 member States.
Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Code	A set of minimum standards, recommendations and guidelines for public reporting in Australasia of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. The guidelines are defined by the Australasian Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC), which is sponsored by the Australian mining industry and its professional organisations.
Leaching	The process by which a soluble metal can be economically recovered from minerals in ore by dissolution.
LNG (Liquefied natural gas)	Consists largely of methane that has been liquefied through chilling and pressurisation. One tonne of LNG is approximately equivalent to 46 thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
LOI (loss on ignition)	A measure of the percentage of volatile matter (liquid or gas) contained within a mineral or rock. LOI is determined to calculate loss in mass during pyroprocessing.
LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas)	Consists of propane and butane and a small amount (less than two per cent) of ethane that has been liquefied through pressurisation. One tonne of LPG is approximately equivalent to 12 barrels of oil.
Marketable Coal Reserves	Tonnes of coal available, at specified moisture content and air-dried qualities, for sale after beneficiation of Coal Reserves
Metallurgical coal	A broader term than coking coal, which includes all coals used in steelmaking, such as coal used for the pulverised coal injection process.
Metocean	A term that is commonly used in the offshore oil and gas industry to describe the physical environment and surrounds (i.e. an environment near an offshore oil and gas working platform).
Mineralisation	Any single mineral or combination of minerals occurring in a mass, or deposit, of economic interest.

Term	Definition
NGL (natural gas liquids)	Consists of propane, butane and ethane – individually or as a mixture.
Nominated production rate	The approved average production rate for the remainder of the life-of-asset plan or five-year plan production rate if significantly different to life-of-asset production rate.
OC/OP (open-cut/open-pit)	Surface working in which the working area is kept open to the sky.
Ore Reserves	That part of a mineral deposit that can be economically and legally extracted or produced at the time of the reserves determination. To establish this, studies appropriate to this type of mineral deposit involved have been carried out to estimate the quantity, grade and value of the ore mineral(s) present. In addition, technical studies have been completed to determine realistic assumptions for the extraction of minerals including estimates of mining, processing, economic, marketing, legal, environmental, social and governmental factors. The degree of these studies is sufficient to demonstrate the technical and economic feasibility of the project and depends on whether or not the project is an extension of an existing project or operation. The estimates of minerals to be produced include allowances for ore losses and the treatment of unmineralised materials which may occur as part of the mining and processing activities. Ore Reserves are sub-divided in order of increasing confidence into Probable Ore Reserves and Proven Ore Reserves.
Probable Ore Reserves	Ore Reserves for which quantity and grade and/or quality are estimated for information similar to that used for Proven Ore Reserves, that the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance, although lower than that for Proven Ore Reserves, is high enough to assume continuity between points of observation.
Propane	A component of natural gas. Where sold separately, is largely propane gas that has been liquefied through pressurisation. One tonne of propane is approximately equivalent to 19 thousand cubic feet of gas.
Proved oil and gas reserves	Those quantities of oil, gas and natural gas liquids, which by analysis of geoscience and engineering data can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible – from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations – prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain, regardless of whether deterministic or probabilistic methods are used for the estimation (from SEC Modernization of Oil and Gas Reporting, 2009, 17 CFR Parts 210, 211, 229 and 249).

Term	Definition
Proven Ore Reserves	Ore Reserves for which (a) quantity is estimated from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings or drill holes; grade and/or quality are computed from the results of detailed sampling and (b) the sites for inspection, sampling and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape, depth and mineral content of reserves are well established.
Qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluator	A qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluator, as defined in Chapter 19 of the ASX Listing Rules.
Reserve life	Current stated Ore Reserves estimate divided by the current approved nominated production rate as at the end of the financial year.
ROM (run of mine)	Run of mine product mined in the course of regular mining activities. Tonnes include allowances for diluting materials and for losses that occur when the material is mined.
Solvent extraction	A method of separating one or more metals from a leach solution by treating with a solvent that will extract the required metal, leaving the others. The metal is recovered from the solvent by further treatment.
SP (stockpile)	An accumulation of ore or mineral built up when demand slackens or when the treatment plant or beneficiation equipment is incomplete or temporarily unable to process the mine output; any heap of material formed to create a buffer for loading or other purposes or material dug and piled for future use.
Spud	Commence drilling of an oil or gas well.
Supergene Sulphide	Supergene is a term used to describe near-surface processes and their products, formed at low temperature and pressure by the activity of descending water. Supergene sulphide is mainly formed of chalcocite and covellite and is amenable to heap leaching.
Tailings	Those portions of washed or milled ore that are too poor to be treated further or remain after the required metals and minerals have been extracted.
TLP (tension leg platform)	A vertically moored floating facility for production of oil and gas.
Total Ore Reserves	Proven Ore Reserves plus Probable Ore Reserves.
UG (underground)	Below the surface mining activities.
Unconventional Petroleum Resources	Hydrocarbon accumulations which are generally pervasive in nature and may be continuous throughout a large area requiring specialised extraction technologies to produce or recover. Examples include, but are not limited to coalbed methane, basin-centred gas, shale gas, gas hydrates, natural bitumen (tar sands), and oil shale deposits. Examples of specialised technologies include: dewatering of coalbed methane, massive fracturing programs for shale gas, steam and/or solvents to mobilise bitumen for in situ recovery, and, in some cases, mining activities.

Term	Definition
WTI (West Texas Intermediate)	<p>A mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in liquid phase in natural underground reservoirs and remains liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface separating facilities. Crude oil is refined to produce a wide array of petroleum products, including heating oils; gasoline, diesel and jet fuels; lubricants; asphalt; ethane, propane, and butane; and many other products used for their energy or chemical content.</p> <p>West Texas Intermediate refers to a crude stream produced in Texas and southern Oklahoma that serves as a reference or ‘marker’ for pricing a number of other crude streams and which is traded in the domestic spot market at Cushing, Oklahoma.</p>

6.6.2 Other terms

Term	Definition
ADR (American Depositary Receipt)	An instrument evidencing American Depositary Shares or ADSs, which trades on a stock exchange in the United States.
ADS (American Depositary Share)	A share issued under a deposit agreement that has been created to permit US-resident investors to hold shares in non-US companies and trade them on the stock exchanges in the United States. ADSs are evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, or ADRs, which are the instruments that trade on a stock exchange in the United States.
ASIC (Australian Securities and Investments Commission)	The Australian Government agency that enforces laws relating to companies, securities, financial services and credit in order to protect consumers, investors and creditors.
Asset groups	Asset groups are a set of assets. Assets are grouped in order to drive collaboration, promote new technology adoption and to share best practices. Minerals assets are grouped under Minerals Australia or Minerals Americas based on their geographic location. Oil, gas and petroleum assets are grouped together as one global unit, reflecting the operating environment in that sector.
Assets	Assets are a set of one or more geographically proximate operations (including open-cut mines, underground mines, and onshore and offshore oil and gas production and production facilities). Assets develop and convert resources and are focused on safety, volume and cost.
ASX (Australian Securities Exchange)	ASX is a multi-asset class vertically integrated exchange group that functions as a market operator, clearing house and payments system facilitator. It oversees compliance with its operating rules, promotes standards of corporate governance among Australia’s listed companies and helps educate retail investors.
Australian Tax Treaty	A tax convention between Australia and the United States relating to the avoidance of double taxation.
BHP Billiton	Being both companies in the DLC structure, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc.
BHP Billiton Limited share	A fully paid ordinary share in the capital of BHP Billiton Limited.

Term	Definition
BHP Billiton Limited shareholders	The holders of BHP Billiton Limited shares.
BHP Billiton Limited Special Voting Share	A single voting share issued to facilitate joint voting by shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited on Joint Electorate Actions.
BHP Billiton Plc share	A fully paid ordinary share in the capital of BHP Billiton Plc.
BHP Billiton Plc shareholders	The holders of BHP Billiton Plc shares.
BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share	A single voting share issued to facilitate joint voting by shareholders of BHP Billiton Plc on Joint Electorate Actions.
Board	The Board of Directors of BHP Billiton.
Company	BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc (and their subsidiaries).
Continuing operations	Assets/operations/entities that are owned and/or operated by BHP Billiton and were not included in the demerger of South32.
Discontinued operations	Assets/operations/entities that were owned and/or operated by BHP Billiton during FY2015 and demerged into a new company (South32) on 25 May 2015.
Dividend record date	The date, determined by a company's board of directors, by when an investor must be recorded as an owner of shares in order to qualify for a forthcoming dividend.
DLC Dividend Share	A share to enable a dividend to be paid by BHP Billiton Plc to BHP Billiton Limited or by BHP Billiton Limited to BHP Billiton Plc (as applicable).
DLC (Dual Listed Company)	BHP Billiton's Dual Listed Company structure has two parent companies (BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc) operating as a single economic entity as a result of the DLC merger.
DLC merger	The Dual Listed Company merger between BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc on 29 June 2001.
EBIT	Earnings before net finance costs and taxation.
EBITDA	Earnings before depreciation, amortisation and impairments, net finance costs and taxation.
ELT (Executive Leadership Team)	The Executive Leadership Team directly reports to the Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Company and leading the delivery of our strategic objectives.
Equalisation DLC Dividend Share	A share that has been authorised to be issued to enable a distribution dividend to be made by the BHP Billiton Plc Group to the BHP Billiton Limited Group or by the BHP Billiton Limited Group to the BHP Billiton Plc Group (as applicable), should this be required under the terms of the DLC merger.
Functions	Our functions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Marketing and Supply – External Affairs – Finance – Human Resources – Technology.

Term	Definition
Gearing ratio	The ratio of net debt to net debt plus net assets.
GHG (Greenhouse gas)	For BHP Billiton reporting purposes, these are the aggregate anthropogenic carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of carbon dioxide (CO ₂), methane (CH ₄), nitrous oxide (N ₂ O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF ₆).
Group	BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc and their respective subsidiaries.
Henry Hub	A natural gas pipeline located in Erath, Louisiana that serves as the official delivery location for futures contracts on the New York Mercantile Exchange.
IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards)	Accounting standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.
KMP (Key Management Personnel)	Persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly. For BHP Billiton, it includes the Non-executive Directors, the CEO and Executive Director, up to 29 February 2016, the other members of the GMC, and from 1 March 2016, the other members of the OMC (which replaced the GMC).
KPI (Key Performance Indicator)	Used to measure the performance of the Group, individual businesses and executives in any one year.
LME (London Metal Exchange)	A major futures exchange for the trading of industrial metals.
Major capital projects	Projects where the investment commitment exceeds the Group approval threshold or complexity, or associated reputational risk or exposure necessitates review at a Group level (and within the Group investment process).
Marketing	Refers to the BHP Billiton staff, processes and activities that provide marketing services to the whole organisation. Marketing secures sales of BHP Billiton products and manages associated risks; purchases major raw materials that are used by assets; manages the supply chains from resources to markets; and analyses commodity markets.
Minerals Americas	A group of assets located in Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Peru and the United States (see 'Asset groups') focusing on copper, zinc concentrate, iron ore, thermal coal and potash.
Minerals Australia	A group of assets located in Australia (see 'Asset groups'). Minerals Australia includes operations in Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia, focusing on iron ore, copper, metallurgical, and energy coal and nickel.
Occupational illness	An illness that occurs as a consequence of work-related activities or exposure. It includes acute or chronic illnesses or diseases, which may be caused by inhalation, absorption, ingestion or direct contact.
OMC (Operations Management Committee)	The Operations Management Committee has responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company,

Term	Definition
	including key Company strategic, investment and operational decisions, and recommendations to the Board.
	Members of the OMC are the Chief Executive Officer; the Chief Financial Officer; the Chief External Affairs Officer; the Chief People Officer; the President, Operations, Minerals Australia; the President, Operations, Minerals Americas; and the President Operations, Petroleum.
Operating Model	The Operating Model outlines how the Company is organised, works and measures performance and includes mandatory performance requirements and common systems, processes and planning. In February 2016, the Operating Model was simplified and BHP Billiton is organised by assets, asset groups, Marketing and functions.
Operations	Open-cut mines, underground mines, onshore and offshore oil and gas production and processing facilities.
Our Requirements	The standards that give effect to the mandatory requirements arising from the BHP Billiton Operating Model as approved by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). They describe the mandatory minimum performance requirements and accountabilities for definitive business obligations, processes, functions and activities across BHP Billiton. Previously called Group Level Documents (GLDs), Our Requirements reflect a simpler organisation with the purpose of being more user-friendly and easier to read.
Petroleum asset group	A group of conventional and non-conventional oil and gas assets (see ‘Asset groups’). Petroleum’s core production operations are located in the US Gulf of Mexico, Australia, Trinidad and Tobago and onshore United States. Petroleum produces crude oil and condensate, gas and natural gas liquids.
Platts	Platts is a global provider of energy, petrochemicals, metals and agriculture information and a premier source of benchmark price assessments for those commodity markets.
Quoted	In the context of American Depositary Shares (ADS) and listed investments, the term ‘quoted’ means ‘traded’ on the relevant exchange.
SEC (United States Securities and Exchange Commission)	United States regulatory commission that aims to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly and efficient markets and facilitate capital formation.
Senior manager	An employee who has responsibility for planning, directing or controlling the activities of the entity or a strategically significant part of it. In the Strategic Report, senior manager includes senior leaders and any persons who are directors of any subsidiary company even if they are not senior leaders.
Shareplus	All-employee share purchase plan.
Social investment	Voluntary contributions to support communities through cash donations to community programs and associated administrative

Term	Definition
	costs. BHP Billiton's targeted level of contribution is one per cent of pre-tax profit calculated on the average of the previous three years' pre-tax profit as reported.
South32	During FY2015, BHP Billiton demerged a selection of our alumina, aluminium, coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc assets into a new company – South32 Limited.
Strate	South Africa's Central Securities Depository for the electronic settlement of financial instruments.
TRIF (Total recordable injury frequency)	The sum of (fatalities + lost-time cases + restricted work cases + medical treatment cases) x 1,000,000 ÷ actual hours worked. Stated in units of per million hours worked. BHP Billiton adopts the US Government Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines for the recording and reporting of occupational injury and illnesses. TRIF statistics exclude non-operated assets.
TSR (Total shareholder return)	TSR measures the return delivered to shareholders over a certain period through the change in share price and any dividends paid. It is the measure used to compare BHP Billiton's performance to that of other relevant companies under the Long-Term Incentive Plan.
UKLA (United Kingdom Listing Authority)	Term used when the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) acts as the competent authority under Part VI of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act (FSMA).
Underlying attributable profit	(Loss)/profit after taxation attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group less exceptional items as described in note 2 'Exceptional items' to the Financial Statements and excludes Discontinued operations. Refer to section 1.13 for additional information.
Underlying EBIT	Calculated as Underlying EBITDA, including depreciation, amortisation and impairments. Refer to section 1.13 for further information.
Underlying EBITDA	Calculated as earnings before net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments, taxation expense, Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Refer to section 1.13 for further information.

6.6.3 Terms used in reserves

Term	Definition
Ag	silver
Al ₂ O ₃	alumina
Ash	inorganic material remaining after combustion
Au	gold
Cu	copper
CV	calorific value
Fe	iron
LOI	loss on ignition
Met	metallurgical coal
Mo	molybdenum
Ni	nickel
P	phosphorous
Pb	lead
Pc	phosphorous in concentrate
PPCc	LOI in concentrate
S	sulphur
SCu	soluble copper
SiO ₂	silica
TCu	total copper
Th	thermal coal
U ₃ O ₈	uranium oxide
VM	volatile matter
Yield	the percentage of material of interest that is extracted during mining and/or processing
Zn	zinc

6.6.4 Units of measure

Abbreviation	Description
%	percentage or per cent
bbl	barrel (containing 42 US gallons)
bbl/d	barrels per day
Bcf	billion cubic feet (measured at 60°F, 14.73 psia)
bcm	bank cubic metres
boe	barrels of oil equivalent – 6,000 scf of natural gas equals 1 boe
dmt	dry metric tonne
dmtu	dry metric tonne unit
g/t	grams per tonne
ha	hectare
kcal/kg	kilocalories per kilogram
kdwt	thousand deadweight tonnes
kg/tonne or kg/t	kilograms per tonne
km	kilometre
kt	kilotonnes
ktpa	kilotonnes per annum
ktpd	kilotonnes per day
kV	kilovolt
m	metre
Mbbl/d	thousand barrels per day

Abbreviation	Description
ML	megalitre
mm	millimetre
MMbbl/d	million barrels per day
MMboe	million barrels of oil equivalent
MMBtu	million British thermal units – 1 scf of natural gas equals 1,010 Btu
MMcf/d	million cubic feet per day
MMcm/d	million cubic metres per day
Mscf	thousand standard cubic feet
Mt	million tonnes
Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
MW	megawatt
ppm	parts per million
psi	pounds per square inch
scf	standard cubic feet
t	tonne
TJ	terajoule
TJ/d	terajoules per day
tpa	tonnes per annum
tpd	tonnes per day
tph	tonnes per hour
wmt	wet metric tonnes

7 Shareholder information

7.1 History and development

BHP Billiton Limited (formerly BHP Limited and, before that, The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited) was incorporated in 1885 and is registered in Australia with ABN 49 004 028 077. BHP Billiton Plc (formerly Billiton Plc) was incorporated in 1996 and is registered in England and Wales with registration number 3196209. Successive predecessor entities to BHP Billiton Plc have operated since 1860.

We have operated under a DLC structure since 29 June 2001. Under the DLC structure, the two parent companies, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc, operate as a single economic entity, run by a unified Board and senior executive management team. More details of the DLC structure can be found in section 7.3.

7.2 Markets

As at the date of this Annual Report, BHP Billiton Limited has a primary listing on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) in Australia and BHP Billiton Plc has a premium listing on the UK Listing Authority's Official List and its ordinary shares are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange (LSE). BHP Billiton Plc also has a secondary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) in South Africa.

In addition, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in the United States. Trading on the NYSE is via American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) evidencing American Depositary Shares (ADSs), with each ADS representing two ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc. Citibank N.A. (Citibank) is the Depositary for both ADS programs. BHP Billiton Limited's ADSs have been listed for trading on the NYSE (ticker BHP) since 28 May 1987 and BHP Billiton Plc's since 25 June 2003 (ticker BBL).

7.3 Organisational structure

7.3.1 General

The BHP Billiton Group consists of the BHP Billiton Limited Group and the BHP Billiton Plc Group, operating as a single unified economic entity, following the completion of the DLC merger in June 2001. Refer to Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries for a full list of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc subsidiaries.

7.3.2 DLC structure

BHP Billiton shareholders approved the DLC merger in 2001, which was designed to place ordinary shareholders of both companies in a position where they have economic and voting interests in a single group.

The principles of the BHP Billiton DLC structure are reflected in the DLC Structure Sharing Agreement and include the following:

- The two companies must operate as if they are a single unified economic entity, through Boards of Directors that comprise the same individuals and a unified senior executive management team.
- The Directors of both companies will, in addition to their duties to the company concerned, have regard to the interests of the ordinary shareholders in the two companies as if the two companies were a single unified economic entity and, for that purpose, the Directors of each company take into account in the exercise of their powers the interests of the shareholders of the other.
- Certain DLC equalisation principles must be observed. These are designed to ensure that for so long as the Equalisation Ratio between a BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share and a BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share is 1:1, the economic and voting interests resulting from holding of one BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share and one BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share are, so far as practicable, equivalent. Further details are set out in the sub-section 'Equalisation of economic and voting rights'.

Australian Foreign Investment Review Board conditions

The Treasurer of Australia approved the DLC merger subject to certain conditions, the effect of which was to require that, among other things, BHP Billiton Limited continues to:

- be an Australian company, which is headquartered in Australia;
- ultimately manage and control the companies that conducted the businesses that were conducted by its subsidiaries at the time of the DLC merger for as long as those businesses form part of the BHP Billiton Group.

The conditions also require the global headquarters of the BHP Billiton Group to be in Australia.

The conditions have effect indefinitely, subject to amendment of the Australian Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (FATA) or any revocation or amendment by the Treasurer of Australia. If BHP Billiton Limited no longer wishes to comply with these conditions, it must obtain the prior approval of the Treasurer. Failure to comply with the conditions results in substantial penalties under the FATA.

Equalisation of economic and voting rights

The economic and voting interests attached to each BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share relative to each BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share are determined by a ratio known as the Equalisation Ratio.

The Equalisation Ratio is currently 1:1, meaning one BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share currently has the same economic and voting interests as one BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share.

The Equalisation Ratio governs the proportions in which dividends and capital distributions are paid on the ordinary shares in each company relative to the other. Given the current Equalisation Ratio of 1:1, the amount of any cash dividend paid by BHP Billiton Limited on each BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share must be matched by an equivalent cash dividend by BHP Billiton Plc on each BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share, and vice versa. If one company is prohibited by applicable law or is otherwise unable to pay a matching dividend, the DLC Structure Sharing Agreement requires that BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc will, as far as practicable, enter into such transactions with each other as their Boards agree to be necessary or desirable to enable both companies to pay matching dividends at the same time. These transactions may include BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc making a payment to the other company or paying a dividend on the DLC Dividend Share held by the other company (or a subsidiary of it). The DLC Dividend Share may be used to ensure that the need to trigger the matching dividend mechanism does not arise. BHP Billiton Limited issued a DLC Dividend Share on 23 February 2016. No DLC Dividend Share has been issued by BHP Billiton Plc. Further details about the DLC Dividend Share are set out in the sub-section titled 'DLC Dividend Share' and section 7.5.

The Equalisation Ratio may be adjusted to maintain economic equivalence between an ordinary share in each of the two companies where, broadly speaking (and subject to certain exceptions):

- a distribution or action affecting the amount or nature of issued share capital is proposed by one of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc and that distribution or action would result in the ratio of economic returns on, or voting rights in relation to Joint Electorate Actions of, a BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share to a BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share not being the same, or would benefit the holders of ordinary shares in one company relative to the holders of ordinary shares in the other company;
- no 'matching action' is taken by the other company. A matching action is a distribution or action affecting the amount or nature of issued share capital in relation to the holders of ordinary shares in the other company which ensures that the economic and voting rights of a BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share and BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share are maintained in proportion to the Equalisation Ratio.

For example, an adjustment would be required if there were to be a capital issue or distribution by one company to its ordinary shareholders that does not give equivalent value (before tax) on a per share basis to the ordinary shareholders of the other company and no matching action was undertaken. Since the establishment of the DLC structure in 2001, no adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio has ever been made.

DLC Dividend Share

Each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc is authorised to issue a DLC Dividend Share to the other company or a wholly owned subsidiary of it. In effect, only that other company or a wholly owned subsidiary of it may be the holder of the share. The share is redeemable.

The holder of the share is entitled to be paid such dividends as the Board may decide to pay on that DLC Dividend Share provided that:

- the amount of the dividend does not exceed the cap mentioned below;
- the Board of the issuing company in good faith considers paying the dividend to be in furtherance of any of the DLC principles, including the principle of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc operating as a single unified economic entity.

The amounts that may be paid as dividends on a DLC Dividend Share are capped. Broadly speaking, the cap is the total amount of the preceding ordinary cash dividend (whether interim or final) paid on BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares or BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares, whichever is greater. The cap will not apply to any dividend paid on a DLC Dividend Share if the proceeds of that dividend are to be used to pay a special cash dividend on ordinary shares.

A DLC Dividend Share otherwise has limited rights and does not carry a right to vote. DLC Dividend Shares cannot be used to transfer funds outside of the BHP Billiton Group as the terms of issue contain structural safeguards to ensure that a DLC Dividend Share may only be used to pay dividends within the Group. Further information about the rights attaching to DLC Dividend Shares is set out in section 7.5. The detailed rights attaching to and terms of DLC Dividend Shares are set out in the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited and the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc.

Joint Electorate Actions

Under the terms of the DLC agreements, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc have implemented special voting arrangements so that the ordinary shareholders of both companies vote together as a single decision-making body on matters that affect the ordinary shareholders of each company in similar ways. These are referred to as Joint Electorate Actions. For so long as the Equalisation Ratio remains 1:1, each BHP Billiton Limited ordinary share will effectively have the same voting rights as each BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share on Joint Electorate Actions.

A Joint Electorate Action requires approval by ordinary resolution (or special resolution if required by statute, regulation, applicable listing rules or other applicable requirements) of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc. Both the BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shareholders and the holder of the BHP Billiton Limited Special Voting Share vote as a single class and, in the case of BHP Billiton Plc, the BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shareholders and the holder of the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share vote as a single class.

Class Rights Actions

Matters on which ordinary shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited may have divergent interests from the ordinary shareholders of BHP Billiton Plc are referred to as Class Rights Actions. The company wishing to carry out the Class Rights Action requires the prior approval of the ordinary shareholders in the other company voting

separately and, where appropriate, the approval of its own ordinary shareholders voting separately. Depending on the type of Class Rights Action undertaken, the approval required is either an ordinary or special resolution of the relevant company.

The Joint Electorate Action and Class Rights Action voting arrangements are secured through the constitutional documents of the two companies, the DLC Structure Sharing Agreement, the BHP Billiton Special Voting Shares Deed and rights attaching to a specially created Special Voting Share issued by each company and held in each case by a Special Voting Company. The shares in the Special Voting Companies are held legally and beneficially by Law Debenture Trust Corporation Plc.

Cross guarantees

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc have each executed a Deed Poll Guarantee in favour of the creditors of the other company. Under the Deed Poll Guarantees, each company has guaranteed certain contractual obligations of the other company. This means that creditors entitled to the benefit of the BHP Billiton Limited Deed Poll Guarantee and the BHP Billiton Plc Deed Poll Guarantee will, to the extent possible, be placed in the same position as if the relevant debts were owed by both BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc on a combined basis.

Restrictions on takeovers of one company only

The BHP Billiton Limited Constitution and the BHP Billiton Plc Articles of Association have been drafted to ensure that, except with the consent of the Board, a person cannot gain control of one company without having made an equivalent offer to the ordinary shareholders of both companies on equivalent terms. Sanctions for breach of these provisions would include withholding of dividends, voting restrictions and the compulsory divestment of shares to the extent a shareholder and its associates exceed the relevant threshold.

7.4 Material contracts

DLC agreements

BHP Billiton Limited (then known as BHP Limited) and BHP Billiton Plc (then known as Billiton Plc) merged by way of a DLC structure on 29 June 2001. To effect the DLC structure, BHP Limited and Billiton Plc (as they were then known) entered into the following contractual agreements:

- BHP Billiton DLC Structure Sharing Agreement
- BHP Billiton Special Voting Shares Deed
- BHP Billiton Limited Deed Poll Guarantee
- BHP Billiton Plc Deed Poll Guarantee.

The effect of each of these agreements is described in section 7.3.

Demerger Implementation Deed

BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc and South32 Limited entered into an Implementation Deed on 17 March 2015 to facilitate the demerger of South32 Limited from the BHP Billiton Group.

The Implementation Deed sets out:

- the conditions to the demerger;
- certain steps required to be taken by each of BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc and South32 Limited to implement the demerger.

Implementation of the demerger was completed on 25 May 2015 and resulted in the formation of an independent listed company, South32 Limited, with a portfolio of assets producing alumina, aluminium, coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc.

In accordance with the Implementation Deed, the demerger was effected through a distribution of South32 shares to eligible shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc by way of an in-specie dividend by each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc. Each eligible shareholder of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc received one South32 share for each share in BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc (as applicable) that it held as at the applicable record date for the demerger.

Framework Agreement

On 2 March 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil Limitada, together with Samarco Mineração S.A. and Vale S.A. entered into a Framework Agreement (Framework Agreement) with the Federal Attorney General of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and certain other public authorities to establish a Foundation that will develop and execute environmental and socio-economic programs to remediate and provide compensation for damage caused by the Samarco dam failure. For further details of the Framework Agreement refer to sections 1.4 and 6.5 and note 3 ‘Significant events – Samarco dam failure’ to the Financial Statements.

7.5 Constitution

This section sets out a summary of the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited and the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc. Where the term ‘BHP Billiton’ is used in this section, it can mean either BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc.

Provisions of the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited and the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc can be amended only where such amendment is approved by special resolution either:

- by approval as a Class Rights Action, where the amendment results in a change to an ‘Entrenched Provision’; or
- otherwise, as a Joint Electorate Action.

In 2015, shareholders approved a number of amendments to our constitutional documents to amend the terms of the Equalisation Shares (which were renamed as DLC Dividend Shares) and to facilitate the more streamlined conduct of simultaneous general meetings.

A description of Joint Electorate Actions and Class Rights Actions is contained under the heading ‘Equalisation of economic and voting rights’ in section 7.3.2.

7.5.1 Directors

The Board of Directors may exercise all powers of BHP Billiton, other than those that are reserved for BHP Billiton shareholders to exercise in a general meeting.

7.5.2 Power to issue securities

Under the Constitution and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors has the power to issue any BHP Billiton shares or other securities (including redeemable shares) with preferred, deferred or other special rights, obligations or restrictions. The Board may issue shares on any terms it considers appropriate, provided that:

- the issue does not affect any special rights of shareholders;
- if required, the issue is approved by shareholders; and
- if the issue is of a class other than ordinary shares, the rights attaching to the class are expressed at the date of issue.

7.5.3 Restrictions on voting by Directors

A Director may not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which they have a material personal interest except in certain prescribed circumstances, including (subject to applicable laws) where the material personal interest:

- arises because the Director is a shareholder of BHP Billiton and is held in common with the other shareholders of BHP Billiton;
- arises in relation to the Director's remuneration as a Director of BHP Billiton;
- relates to a contract BHP Billiton is proposing to enter into that is subject to approval by the shareholders and will not impose any obligation on BHP Billiton if it is not approved by the shareholders;
- arises merely because the Director is a guarantor or has given an indemnity or security for all or part of a loan, or proposed loan, to BHP Billiton;
- arises merely because the Director has a right of subrogation in relation to a guarantee or indemnity referred to above;
- relates to a contract that insures, or would insure, the Director against liabilities the Director incurs as an officer of BHP Billiton, but only if the contract does not make BHP Billiton or a related body corporate the insurer;
- relates to any payment by BHP Billiton or a related body corporate in respect of an indemnity permitted by law, or any contract relating to such an indemnity; or
- is in a contract, or proposed contract with, or for the benefit of, or on behalf of, a related body corporate and arises merely because the Director is a director of a related body corporate.

If a Director has a material personal interest and is not entitled to vote on a proposal, they will not be counted in the quorum for any vote on a resolution concerning the material personal interest.

In addition, under the UK Companies Act 2006, a Director has a duty to avoid conflicts of interest between their interests and the interests of the company. The duty is not breached if, among other things, the conflict of interest is authorised by non-interested Directors. The Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc enable the Board to authorise a matter that might otherwise involve a Director breaching their duty to avoid conflicts of interest. An interested Director may not vote or be counted towards a quorum for a resolution authorising a conflict of interest. Where the Board authorises a conflict of interest, the Board may prohibit the relevant Director from voting on any matter relating to the conflict. The Board has adopted procedures to manage these voting restrictions.

7.5.4 Loans by Directors

Any Director may lend money to BHP Billiton at interest with or without security or may, for a commission or profit, guarantee the repayment of any money borrowed by BHP Billiton and underwrite or guarantee the subscription of shares or securities of BHP Billiton or of any corporation in which BHP Billiton may be interested without being disqualified as a Director and without being liable to account to BHP Billiton for any commission or profit.

7.5.5 Appointment and retirement of Directors

Appointment of Directors

The Constitution and Articles of Association provide that a person may be appointed as a Director of BHP Billiton by the existing Directors of BHP Billiton or may be elected by the shareholders in a general meeting.

Any person appointed as a Director of BHP Billiton by the existing Directors will hold office only until the next general meeting that includes an election of Directors.

A person may be nominated by shareholders as a Director of BHP Billiton if:

- a shareholder provides a valid written notice of the nomination;
- the person nominated by the shareholder satisfies candidature for the office and consents in writing to his or her nomination as a Director,

in each case, at least 40 business days before the earlier of the date of the general meeting of BHP Billiton Plc and the corresponding general meeting of BHP Billiton Limited. The person nominated as a Director may be elected to the Board by ordinary resolution passed in a general meeting.

Under the Articles of Association, if a person is validly nominated for election as a Director at a general meeting of BHP Billiton Limited, the Directors of BHP Billiton Plc must nominate that person as a Director at the corresponding general meeting of BHP Billiton Plc. An equivalent requirement is included in the Constitution, which requires any person validly nominated for election as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc to be nominated as a Director of BHP Billiton Limited.

Retirement of Directors

The Board has a policy consistent with the UK Corporate Governance Code under which all Directors must, if they wish to remain on the Board, seek re-election by shareholders annually. This policy took effect from the 2011 Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and replaced the previous system that required Directors to submit themselves to shareholders for re-election at least every three years.

A Director may be removed by BHP Billiton in accordance with applicable law and must vacate his or her office as a Director in certain circumstances set out in the Constitution and Articles of Association. There is no requirement for a Director to retire on reaching a certain age.

7.5.6 Rights attaching to shares

Dividend rights

Under English law, dividends on shares may only be paid out of profits available for distribution. Under Australian law, dividends on shares may be paid only if the company's assets exceed its liabilities immediately before the dividend is determined and the excess is sufficient for payment of the dividend, the payment of the dividend is fair and reasonable to the company's shareholders as a whole and the payment of the dividend does not materially prejudice the company's ability to pay its creditors.

The Constitution and Articles of Association provide that payment of any dividend may be made in any manner, by any means and in any currency determined by the Board.

All unclaimed dividends may be invested or otherwise used by the Board for the benefit of whichever of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc determined that dividend, until claimed or, in the case of BHP Billiton Limited, otherwise disposed of according to law. BHP Billiton Limited is governed by the Victorian unclaimed monies legislation, which requires BHP Billiton Limited to pay to the State Revenue Office any unclaimed dividend payments of A\$20 or more that have remained unclaimed for over 12 months.

In the case of BHP Billiton Plc, any dividend unclaimed after a period of 12 years from the date the dividend was determined or became due for payment will be forfeited and returned to BHP Billiton Plc.

Voting rights

Voting at any general meeting of BHP Billiton Limited shareholders can, in the first instance, be conducted by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded in accordance with the Constitution or Articles of Association (as applicable) or is otherwise required (as outlined below).

Generally, matters considered by shareholders at an AGM of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc constitute Joint Electorate Actions or Class Rights Actions and must be decided on a poll and in the manner described under the headings 'Joint Electorate Actions' and 'Class Rights Actions' in section 7.3.2. This means that, in practice, most items of business at AGMs are decided by way of a poll.

In addition, at any general meeting a resolution, other than a procedural resolution, put to the vote of the meeting on which the holder of the relevant BHP Billiton Special Voting Share is entitled to vote must be decided on a poll.

For the purposes of determining which shareholders are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting of BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited, and how many votes such shareholder may cast, the Notice of Meeting will specify when a shareholder must be entered on the Register of Shareholders in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting. The specified time must be not more than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

Shareholders who wish to appoint a proxy to attend, vote or speak at a meeting of BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited (as appropriate) on their behalf must deposit the relevant form appointing a proxy so that it is received by that company not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

Rights to share in BHP Billiton Limited's profits

The rights attached to the ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited, as regards the participation in the profits available for distribution, are as follows:

- The holders of any preference shares will be entitled, in priority to any payment of dividend to the holders of any other class of shares, to a preferred right to participate as regards dividends up to but not beyond a specified amount in distribution.
- Subject to the special rights attaching to any preference shares, but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of shares, the holder of the DLC Dividend Share (if any) will be entitled to be paid such non-cumulative dividends as the Board may, subject to the cap referred to in section 7.3 and the DLC Dividend Share being held by BHP Billiton Plc or a wholly owned member of its group, decide to pay on that DLC Dividend Share.
- Any surplus remaining after payment of the distributions above will be payable to the holders of BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares and the BHP Billiton Limited Special Voting Share in equal amounts per share.

Rights to share in BHP Billiton Plc's profits

The rights attached to the ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc, in relation to the participation in the profits available for distribution, are as follows:

- The holders of the cumulative preference shares will be entitled, in priority to any payment of dividend to the holders of any other class of shares, to be paid a fixed cumulative preferential dividend (Preferential Dividend) at a rate of 5.5 per cent per annum, to be paid annually in arrears on 31 July in each year or, if any such date will be a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England, on the first business day following such date in each year. Payments of Preferential Dividends will be made to holders on the register at any date selected by the Directors up to 42 days prior to the relevant fixed dividend date.
- Subject to the rights attaching to the cumulative preference shares, but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of shares, the holder of the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share will be entitled to be paid a fixed dividend of US\$0.01 per annum, payable annually in arrears on 31 July.
- Subject to the rights attaching to the cumulative preference shares and the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share, but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of shares, the holder of the DLC Dividend Share will be entitled to be paid such non-cumulative dividends as the Board may, subject to the cap referred to in section 7.3 and the DLC Dividend Share being held by BHP Billiton Limited or a wholly owned member of its group, decide to pay on that DLC Dividend Share.

- Any surplus remaining after payment of the distributions above will be payable to the holders of the BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in equal amounts per BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share.

DLC Dividend Share

As set out in section 7.3.2, each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc is authorised to issue a DLC Dividend Share to the other company or a wholly owned subsidiary of it.

The dividend rights attaching to a DLC Dividend Share are described above and in section 7.3. The DLC Dividend Share issued by BHP Billiton Limited (BHP Billiton Limited DLC Dividend Share) and the DLC Dividend Share that may be issued by BHP Billiton Plc (BHP Billiton Plc DLC Dividend Share) have no voting rights and, as set out in sub-section 7.5.7 below, very limited rights to a return of capital on a winding-up. A DLC Dividend Share may be redeemed at any time, and must be redeemed if a person other than:

- in the case of the BHP Billiton Limited DLC Dividend Share, BHP Billiton Plc or a wholly owned member of its group;
- in the case of the BHP Billiton Plc DLC Dividend Share, BHP Billiton Limited or a wholly owned member of its group,

becomes the beneficial owner of the DLC Dividend Share.

7.5.7 Rights on a return of assets on liquidation

Under the DLC structure, special provisions designed to ensure that, as far as practicable, the holders of ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited and holders of ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc are treated equitably having regard to the Equalisation Ratio, which would apply in the event of an insolvency of either or both companies.

On a return of assets on liquidation of BHP Billiton Limited, the assets of BHP Billiton Limited remaining available for distribution among shareholders after the payment of all prior ranking amounts owed to all creditors and holders of preference shares, and to all prior ranking statutory entitlements, are to be applied subject to the special provisions referred to above in paying to the holders of the BHP Billiton Limited Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share of an amount of up to A\$2.00 on each such share, on an equal priority with any amount paid to the holders of BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares, and any surplus remaining is to be applied in making payments solely to the holders of BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares in accordance with their entitlements.

On a return of assets on liquidation of BHP Billiton Plc, subject to the payment of all amounts payable under the special provisions referred to above, prior ranking amounts owed to the creditors of BHP Billiton Plc and to all prior ranking statutory entitlements, the assets of BHP Billiton Plc to be distributed on a winding-up are to be distributed to the holders of shares in the following order of priority:

- To the holders of the cumulative preference shares, the repayment of a sum equal to the nominal capital paid up or credited as paid up on the cumulative preference shares held by them and any accrued Preferential Dividend, whether or not such dividend has been earned or declared, calculated up to the date of commencement of the winding-up.
- To the holders of the BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares and to the holders of the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share, the payment out of surplus, if any, remaining after the distribution above of an equal amount for each BHP Billiton Plc ordinary share, the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share subject to a maximum in the case of the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share of the nominal capital paid up on such shares.

7.5.8 Redemption of preferences shares

If BHP Billiton Limited at any time proposes to create and issue any preference shares, the terms of the preference shares may give either or both BHP Billiton Limited and the holder the right to redeem the preference shares.

The preference shares terms may also give the holder the right to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares.

Under the Constitution, the preference shares must give the holders:

- the right (on redemption and on a winding-up) to payment in cash in priority to any other class of shares of (i) the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on each of the preference shares; and (ii) the amount, if any, equal to the aggregate of any dividends accrued but unpaid and of any arrears of dividends;
- the right, in priority to any payment of dividend on any other class of shares, to the preferential dividend.

There is no equivalent provision in the Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc, although as noted above in section 7.5.2, BHP Billiton can issue preference shares that are subject to a right of redemption on terms the Board considers appropriate.

7.5.9 Capital calls

Subject to the terms on which any shares may have been issued, the Board may make calls on the shareholders in respect of all monies unpaid on their shares. BHP Billiton has a lien on every partly paid share for all amounts payable in respect of that share. Each shareholder is liable to pay the amount of each call in the manner, at the time and at the place specified by the Board (subject to receiving at least 14 days' notice specifying the time and place for payment). A call is considered to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed.

7.5.10 Borrowing powers

Subject to relevant law, the Directors may exercise all powers of BHP Billiton to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, assets (both present and future) and all uncalled capital or any part or parts thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of BHP Billiton or of any third party.

7.5.11 Changes to rights of shareholders

Rights attached to any class of shares issued by either BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc can only be varied (whether as a Joint Electorate Action or a Class Rights Action) where such variation is approved by:

- the company that issued the relevant shares, as a special resolution; and
- the holders of the issued shares of the affected class, either by a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of the class affected, or with the written consent of members with at least 75 per cent of the votes of that class.

7.5.12 Conditions governing general meetings

The Board may, and must on requisition in accordance with applicable laws, call a general meeting of the shareholders at the time and place or places and in the manner determined by the Board. No shareholder may convene a general meeting of BHP Billiton except where entitled under law to do so. Any Director may convene a general meeting whenever the Director thinks fit. General meetings can also be cancelled, postponed or adjourned, where permitted by law or the Constitution or Articles of Association. Notice of a general meeting must be given to each shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting and such notice of meeting must be given in the

form and manner in which the Board thinks fit. Five shareholders of the relevant company present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum for a meeting. A shareholder who is entitled to attend and cast a vote at a general meeting of BHP Billiton may appoint a person as a proxy to attend and vote for the shareholder in accordance with applicable law. All provisions relating to general meetings apply with any necessary modifications to any special meeting of any class of shareholders that may be held.

7.5.13 Limitations of rights to own securities

There are no limitations under the Constitution or the Articles of Association restricting the right to own BHP Billiton shares other than restrictions that reflect the takeovers codes under relevant Australian and English law. In addition, the Australian Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 imposes a number of conditions that restrict foreign ownership of Australian-based companies.

Share control limits imposed by the Constitution and the Articles of Association, as well as relevant laws, are described in sections 7.11.3 and 7.3.2.

7.5.14 Documents on display

Documents filed by BHP Billiton Limited on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) are available at www.asx.com.au and documents filed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) by BHP Billiton Plc are available at [www.morningstar.co.uk/NSM](http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM). Documents filed on the ASX, or on the LSE are not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report. The documents referred to in this Annual Report as being available on our website, www.bhpbilliton.com, are not incorporated by reference and do not form part of this Annual Report.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc both file Annual Reports and other reports and information with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These filings are available on the SEC website at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document that either BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc files at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 or access the SEC website at www.sec.gov for further information on the public reference room.

7.6 Share ownership

Share capital

The details of the share capital for both BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are presented in note 15 'Share capital' to the Financial Statements and remain current as at 12 August 2016.

Major shareholders

The tables in section 3.4.23 and the information set out in section 4.18 present information pertaining to the shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc held by Directors and members of the Operations Management Committee (OMC).

Neither BHP Billiton Limited nor BHP Billiton Plc is directly or indirectly controlled by another corporation or by any government. Other than as described in section 7.3.2, no major shareholder possesses voting rights that differ from those attaching to all of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc's voting securities.

Substantial shareholders in BHP Billiton Limited

As at 12 August 2016, there were no substantial shareholders in BHP Billiton Limited. A substantial shareholder is a person who (together with associates) has a relevant interest in five per cent or more of voting rights conferred by ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited. Notifications to BHP Billiton Limited under section 671B of the Corporations Act 2001 indicate that no person (together with their associates) beneficially owned more than five per cent of BHP Billiton Limited's voting securities.

Substantial shareholders in BHP Billiton Plc

The following table shows holdings of three per cent or more of voting rights conferred by BHP Billiton Plc's ordinary shares as notified to BHP Billiton Plc under the UK Disclosure and Transparency Rule 5 as at 30 June 2016. ⁽¹⁾

Title of class	Identity of person or group	Date of last notice		Number owned	Percentage of total voting rights ⁽²⁾		
		Date received	Date of change		2016	2015	2014
Ordinary shares	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited	8 October 2015	7 October 2015	103,108,283	4.88%	6.06%	6.34%
Ordinary shares	BlackRock, Inc.	3 December 2009	1 December 2009	213,014,043	10.08%	10.08%	10.08%

(1) No changes in the holdings of three per cent or more of the voting rights in BHP Billiton Plc's shares have been notified to BHP Billiton Plc between 1 July 2016 and 12 August 2016.

(2) The percentages quoted are based on the total voting rights conferred by ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc as at 12 August 2016 of 2,112,071,796.

Twenty largest shareholders as at 12 August 2016 (as named on the Register of Shareholders) ⁽¹⁾

BHP Billiton Limited		Number of fully paid shares	% of issued capital
1.	HSBC Australia Nominees P/L	639,750,740	19.92
2.	JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	454,398,834	14.15
3.	National Nominees Ltd	206,630,417	6.43
4.	Citicorp Nominees Pty Ltd	181,277,380	5.64
5.	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited <Citibank NY ADR DEP A/C>	169,453,030	5.28
6.	BNP Paribas NOMS Pty Ltd	66,041,956	2.06
7.	Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited <Colonial First State Inv A/C>	30,939,540	0.96
8.	BNP Paribas Nominees Pty Ltd <Agency Lending DRP A/C>	23,964,819	0.75
9.	Aust Mutual Prov Society	16,542,870	0.52
10.	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited <NT- Comnwlth Super Corp A/C>	15,084,727	0.47
11.	Australian Foundation Invest	13,990,941	0.44
12.	Computershare Nominees CI Ltd <ASX Shareplus Control A/C>	12,262,311	0.38
13.	Argo Investments Limited	8,428,904	0.26
14.	HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited <Euroclear Bank SA NV A/C>	7,168,329	0.22
15.	RBC Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Limited <BKCUST A/C>	5,881,948	0.18
16.	Navigator Australia Ltd <MLC Investment Sett A/C>	5,166,136	0.16
17.	Computershare Trustees Jey Ltd <RE 3000101 A/C>	4,380,484	0.14
18.	RBC Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Limited <BKCUST A/C>	4,353,968	0.14
19.	IOOF Investment Management Limited <IPS Super A/C>	3,975,063	0.12
20.	Bond Street Custodians Limited	3,846,360	0.12
		<u>1,873,538,757</u>	<u>58.33</u>

BHP Billiton Plc		Number of fully paid shares	% of issued capital
1.	PLC Nominees (Proprietary) Limited ⁽²⁾	331,280,556	15.69
2.	Chase Nominees Limited	140,840,217	6.67
3.	National City Nominees Limited	106,698,037	5.05
4.	State Street Nominees Limited <OM02>	101,159,454	4.79
5.	Nortrust Nominees Limited	51,486,322	2.44
6.	State Street Nominees Limited <OM04>	50,832,288	2.41
7.	Lynchwood Nominees Limited <2006420>	49,136,235	2.33
8.	The Bank of New York (Nominees) Limited	47,994,299	2.27
9.	State Street Nominees Limited <OD64>	45,798,401	2.17
10.	Government Employees Pension Fund – PIC	40,961,160	1.94
11.	Vidacos Nominees Limited <13559>	39,864,705	1.89
12.	Vidacos Nominees Limited <CLRLUX2>	34,543,044	1.64
13.	Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa	33,804,582	1.60
14.	HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited <357206>	32,425,250	1.54
15.	BNY Mellon Nominees Limited <BSDTGUSD>	25,860,615	1.22
16.	Nutraco Nominees Limited <492762>	25,165,035	1.19
17.	Nutraco Nominees Limited <781221>	24,200,000	1.15
18.	Chase Nominees Limited <BBHLEND>	23,374,720	1.11
19.	Vidacos Nominees Limited <CLRLUX>	23,369,058	1.11
20.	Vidacos Nominees Limited <FGN>	22,289,497	1.06
		<u>1,251,083,475</u>	<u>59.27</u>

(1) Many of the 20 largest shareholders shown for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc hold shares as a nominee or custodian. In accordance with the reporting requirements, the tables reflect the legal ownership of shares and not the details of the underlying beneficial holders.

(2) The largest holder on the South African register of BHP Billiton Plc is the Strate nominee in which the majority of shares in South Africa (including some of the shareholders included in this list) are held in dematerialised form.

US share ownership as at 12 August 2016

Classification of holder	BHP Billiton Limited				BHP Billiton Plc			
	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%
Registered holders of								
voting securities	1,680	0.28	4,490,384	0.14	75	0.33	128,052	0.01
ADR holders	1,340	0.22	168,822,634 ⁽¹⁾	5.26	236	1.02	106,698,036 ⁽²⁾	5.05

(1) These shares translate to 84,411,317 ADRs.

(2) These shares translate to 53,349,018 ADRs.

Geographical distribution of shareholders and shareholdings as at 12 August 2016

	BHP Billiton Limited				BHP Billiton Plc			
	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%
Registered address								
Australia	577,079	96.63	3,142,333,123	97.84	1,750	7.59	2,630,806	0.12
New Zealand	11,496	1.93	29,603,367	0.92	36	0.16	113,581	0.01
United Kingdom	2,879	0.48	8,210,289	0.26	17,259	74.89	1,754,887,719	83.09
United States	1,680	0.28	4,490,384	0.14	75	0.33	128,052	0.01
South Africa	139	0.02	270,211	0.01	2,350	10.19	350,492,591	16.59
Other	3,942	0.66	26,783,731	0.83	1,577	6.84	3,819,047	0.18
Total	597,215	100.00	3,211,691,105	100.00	23,047	100.00	2,112,071,796	100.00

Distribution of shareholdings by size as at 12 August 2016

	BHP Billiton Limited				BHP Billiton Plc			
	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares ⁽¹⁾	%	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares ⁽¹⁾	%
Size of holding								
1 – 500 ⁽²⁾	255,346	42.76	58,203,279	1.81	12,007	52.10	2,827,728	0.13
501 – 1,000	117,364	19.65	90,815,229	2.83	4,904	21.28	3,623,681	0.17
1,001 – 5,000	175,471	29.38	395,434,291	12.31	4,298	18.65	8,545,527	0.40
5,001 – 10,000	28,815	4.82	204,112,248	6.36	428	1.86	3,032,567	0.14
10,001 – 25,000	15,179	2.54	228,801,166	7.12	359	1.56	5,726,000	0.27
25,001 – 50,000	3,290	0.55	112,610,426	3.51	171	0.74	6,280,968	0.30
50,001 – 100,000	1,152	0.19	78,795,807	2.45	186	0.81	13,589,563	0.64
100,001 – 250,000	442	0.07	63,747,093	1.98	230	1.00	36,884,244	1.75
250,001 – 500,000	78	0.01	26,237,267	0.82	140	0.60	49,780,948	2.36
500,001 – 1,000,000	25	0.00	17,917,754	0.56	116	0.50	82,710,384	3.92
1,000,001 and over	53	0.01	1,935,016,545	60.25	208	0.90	1,899,070,186	89.92
Total	597,215	100.00	3,211,691,105	100.00	23,047	100.00	2,112,071,796	100.00

⁽¹⁾ One ordinary share entitles the holder to one vote.

⁽²⁾ The number of BHP Billiton Limited shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel (A\$500) based on the market price of A\$20.68 as at 12 August 2016 was 13,494.

	BHP Billiton Limited				BHP Billiton Plc			
	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%	Number of Shareholders	%	Number of shares	%
Classification of holder								
Corporate	166,933	27.95	2,213,775,272	68.93	11,908	51.67	2,099,243,742	99.39
Private	430,282	72.05	997,915,833	31.07	11,139	48.33	12,828,054	0.61
Total	597,215	100.00	3,211,691,105	100.00	23,047	100.00	2,112,071,796	100.00

7.7 Dividends

Policy

The Company adopted a dividend policy in February 2016 that provides for a minimum 50 per cent payout of Underlying attributable profit at every reporting period. For information on Underlying attributable profit for FY2016, refer to section 1.13.2.

The Board will assess, at every reporting period, the ability to pay amounts additional to the minimum payment, in accordance with the capital allocation framework, as described in section 1.6.3.

In FY2016, we determined our dividends and other distributions in US dollars as it is our main functional currency. BHP Billiton Limited paid its dividends in Australian dollars, UK pounds sterling, New Zealand dollars and US dollars. BHP Billiton Plc paid its dividends in UK pounds sterling (or US dollars, if elected) to shareholders registered on its principal register in the United Kingdom and in South African rand to shareholders registered on its branch register in South Africa.

Currency conversions are based on the foreign currency exchange rates on the record date, except for the conversion into South African rand, which takes place one week before the record date. Aligning the currency conversion date with the record date (for all currencies except the conversion into South African rand, which takes place one week before the record date as explained above) enables a high level of certainty around the currency required to pay the dividend and helps to eliminate the Company's exposure to movements in exchange rates since the number of shares on which dividends are payable (and the elected currency) is final at close of business on the record date.

Aligning the final date to receive currency elections (currency election date) with the record date further simplifies the process.

Payments

BHP Billiton Limited shareholders may currently have their cash dividends paid directly into their bank account in Australian dollars, UK pounds sterling, New Zealand dollars or US dollars, provided they have submitted direct credit details and if required, a valid currency election nominating a financial institution to the BHP Billiton Share Registrar in Australia no later than close of business on the dividend record date. BHP Billiton Limited shareholders who do not provide their direct credit details will receive dividend payments by way of a cheque in Australian dollars.

BHP Billiton Plc shareholders on the UK register who wish to receive their dividends in US dollars must complete the appropriate election form and return it to the BHP Billiton Share Registrar in the United Kingdom no later than close of business on the dividend record date. BHP Billiton Plc shareholders may have their cash dividends paid directly into a bank or building society by completing a dividend mandate form, which is available from the BHP Billiton Share Registrar in the United Kingdom or South Africa.

7.8 Share price information

The following tables show the share prices for the period indicated for ordinary shares and ADSs for each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc. The share prices are the highest and lowest closing market quotations for ordinary shares reported on the Daily Official List of the ASX and LSE respectively, and the highest and lowest closing prices for ADSs quoted on the NYSE, adjusted to reflect stock dividends.

BHP Billiton Limited

BHP Billiton Limited	Ordinary shares		American Depositary Shares ⁽¹⁾	
	High A\$	Low A\$	High US\$	Low US\$
FY2012	44.95	30.60	96.80	60.87
FY2013	39.00	30.18	80.46	57.38
FY2014	39.38	30.94	72.81	56.32
FY2015				
First quarter	39.68	33.72	73.50	58.88
Second quarter	34.68	27.42	59.88	45.15
Third quarter	34.12	26.90	52.55	44.16
Fourth quarter	33.35	26.95	52.27	40.71
FY2016				
First quarter	27.10	21.61	41.29	30.48
Second quarter	25.60	16.27	37.76	23.62
Third quarter	18.55	14.20	29.17	19.38
Fourth quarter	21.05	15.98	32.53	23.92

BHP Billiton Limited	Ordinary shares		American Depositary Shares ⁽¹⁾	
	High A\$	Low A\$	High US\$	Low US\$
Month of January 2016	17.80	14.20	25.48	19.38
Month of February 2016	17.63	14.27	25.29	20.33
Month of March 2016	18.55	16.03	29.17	23.46
Month of April 2016	21.05	15.98	32.53	23.92
Month of May 2016	20.92	17.83	31.17	26.26
Month of June 2016	19.78	17.54	29.65	26.21
Month of July 2016	20.58	18.71	30.95	27.78
Month of August 2016	21.42	19.09	32.69	29.21

⁽¹⁾ Each ADS represents the right to receive two BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares.

The total market capitalisation of BHP Billiton Limited at 12 August 2016 was A\$66.4 billion (US\$51.0 billion equivalent), which represented approximately 2.12 per cent of the total market capitalisation of the ASX All Ordinaries Index. The closing price for BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares on the ASX on that date was A\$20.68.

BHP Billiton Plc

BHP Billiton Plc	Ordinary shares		American Depositary Shares ⁽¹⁾	
	High UK pence	Low UK pence	High US\$	Low US\$
FY2012	2,521.50	1,667.00	80.69	51.30
FY2013	2,236.00	1,673.00	72.07	51.27
FY2014	1,995.00	1,666.50	66.73	62.35
FY2015				
First quarter	2,096.00	1,715.00	71.02	55.53
Second quarter	1,690.50	1,276.00	54.84	39.88
Third quarter	1,643.50	1,285.00	51.13	39.66
Fourth quarter	1,610.50	1,249.00	49.27	39.56
FY2016				
First quarter	1,272.50	964.10	39.87	29.44
Second quarter	1,194.50	669.30	36.44	20.72
Third quarter	897.80	580.90	25.80	17.07
Fourth quarter	997.00	727.50	29.13	20.68

BHP Billiton Plc	Ordinary shares		American Depositary Shares ⁽¹⁾	
	High UK pence	Low UK pence	High US\$	Low US\$
Month of January 2016	746.00	580.90	22.25	17.07
Month of February 2016	795.00	632.40	22.55	18.27
Month of March 2016	897.80	740.40	25.80	20.81
Month of April 2016	997.00	727.50	29.13	20.68
Month of May 2016	933.10	793.30	27.56	23.17
Month of June 2016	942.80	789.70	26.46	22.71
Month of July 2016	1,003.50	921.10	26.82	24.18
Month of August 2016	1,080.00	937.40	28.37	25.30

⁽¹⁾ Each ADS represents the right to receive two BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares.

The total market capitalisation of BHP Billiton Plc at 12 August 2016 was £21.97 billion (US\$28.41 billion equivalent), which represented approximately 0.99 per cent of the total market capitalisation of the FTSE All-Share Index. The closing price for BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares on the LSE on that date was £10.40.

7.9 American Depositary Receipts fees and charges

We have American Depositary Receipts (ADR) programs for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc.

Depositary fees

Citibank serves as the depositary bank for both of our ADR programs. ADR holders agree to the terms in the deposit agreement filed with the SEC for depositing ADSs or surrendering the ADSs for cancellation and for certain services as provided by Citibank. Holders are required to pay all fees for general depositary services provided by Citibank in each of our ADR programs, as set forth in the tables below.

Standard depositary fees:

Depositary service	Fee payable by the ADR holders
Issuance of ADSs upon deposit of shares	Up to US\$5.00 per 100 ADSs (or fraction thereof) issued
Delivery of Deposited Securities against surrender of ADSs	Up to US\$5.00 per 100 ADSs (or fraction thereof) surrendered
Distribution of Cash Distributions	No fee

Corporate actions depositary fees:

<u>Depositary service</u>	<u>Fee payable by the ADR holders</u>
Cash Distributions (i.e. sale of rights, other entitlements, return of capital)	Up to US\$2.00 per 100 ADSs (or fraction thereof) held
Distribution of ADSs pursuant to exercise of rights to purchase additional ADSs. Excludes stock dividends and stock splits	Up to US\$5.00 per 100 ADSs (or fraction thereof) held
Distribution of securities other than ADSs or rights to purchase additional ADSs (i.e. spin-off shares)	Up to US\$5.00 per 100 ADSs (or fraction thereof) held
Distribution of ADSs pursuant to an ADR ratio change in which shares are not distributed	No fee

Fees payable by the Depositary to the Issuer

Citibank has provided BHP Billiton net reimbursement of US\$2.1 million in FY2016 for ADR program-related expenses for both of BHP Billiton's ADR programs (FY2015 US\$1.7 million). ADR program-related expenses include legal and accounting fees, listing fees, expenses related to investor relations in the United States, fees payable to service providers for the distribution of material to ADR holders, expenses of Citibank as administrator of the ADS Direct Plan and expenses to remain in compliance with applicable laws.

Citibank has further agreed to waive other ADR program-related expenses for FY2016, amounting to less than US\$0.03 million, which are associated with the administration of the ADR programs (FY2015 less than US\$0.03 million).

Our ADR programs trade on the NYSE under the stock tickers BHP and BBL for the BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc programs, respectively. As of 12 August 2016, there were 84,411,317 ADRs on issue and outstanding in the BHP Billiton Limited ADR program and 53,349,018 ADRs on issue and outstanding in the BHP Billiton Plc ADR program. Both of the ADR programs have a 2:1 ordinary shares to ADR ratio.

7.10 Taxation

The taxation discussion below describes the material Australian, UK and US federal income tax consequences to a US holder of owning BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares or ADSs or BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares or ADSs. The discussion below also outlines the potential South African tax issues for US holders of BHP Billiton Plc shares that are listed on the JSE.

The following discussion is not relevant to non-US holders of BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares or ADSs or BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares or ADSs. By its nature, the commentary below is of a general nature and we recommend that holders of ordinary shares or ADSs consult their own tax advisers regarding the Australian, UK, South African and US federal, state and local tax and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of ordinary shares and ADSs in their particular circumstances.

For purposes of this commentary, a US holder is a beneficial owner of ordinary shares or ADSs who is, for US federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or resident alien of the US;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for US federal income tax purposes) that is created or organised under the laws of the US or any political subdivision thereof;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to US federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

- a trust:
 - (a) if a court within the US is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more US persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions; or
 - (b) that has made a valid election to be treated as a US person for tax purposes.

This discussion of material tax consequences for US holders is based on the Australian, UK, US and South African laws currently in effect, the published practice of tax authorities in those jurisdictions and the double taxation treaties and conventions currently in existence. These laws are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis.

US holders in BHP Billiton Limited

(a) Australian taxation

Dividends

Dividends (including other distributions treated as dividends for Australian tax purposes) paid by BHP Billiton Limited to a US holder that is not an Australian resident for Australian tax purposes will generally not be subject to Australian withholding tax if they are fully franked (broadly, where a dividend is franked, tax paid by BHP Billiton Limited is imputed to the shareholders).

Dividends paid to such US holders, which are not fully franked, will generally be subject to Australian withholding tax not exceeding 15 per cent only to the extent (if any) that the dividend is neither:

- franked; nor
- declared by BHP Billiton Limited to be conduit foreign income. (Broadly, this means that the relevant part of the dividend is declared to have been paid out of foreign source amounts received by BHP Billiton Limited that are not subject to tax in Australia, such as dividends remitted to Australia by foreign subsidiaries).

The Australian withholding tax outcome described above applies to US holders who are eligible for benefits under the Tax Convention between Australia and the US as to the Avoidance of Double Taxation (the Australian Tax Treaty). Otherwise, the rate of Australian withholding tax may be 30 per cent.

In contrast, dividends (including other distributions treated as dividends for Australian tax purposes) paid by BHP Billiton Limited to a US holder may instead be taxed by assessment in Australia if the US holder:

- is an Australian resident for Australian tax purposes (although the tax will generally not exceed 15 per cent where the US holder is eligible for benefits under the Australian Tax Treaty as a treaty resident of the US and any franking credits may be creditable against their Australian income tax liability); or
- carries on business through a permanent establishment in Australia and the dividend is effectively connected with that permanent establishment (in which case any franking credits may be creditable against their Australian income tax liability); or
- performs independent personal services from a 'fixed base' situated in Australia and the dividend is effectively connected with that 'fixed base'.

Sale of ordinary shares and ADSs

Gains made by US holders on the sale of ordinary shares or ADSs will generally not be taxed in Australia.

However, the precise Australian tax treatment of gains made by US holders on the sale of ordinary shares or ADSs generally depends on whether or not the gain is an Australian sourced gain of an income nature for Australian income tax purposes.

Where the gain is Australian sourced and of an income nature, a US holder will generally only be liable to Australian income tax on an assessment basis (whether or not they are also an Australian resident for Australian tax purposes) if:

- they are not eligible for benefits under the Australian Tax Treaty; or
- they are eligible for benefits under the Australian Tax Treaty but the gain constitutes any of the following:
 - business profits of an enterprise attributable to a permanent establishment situated in Australia through which the enterprise carries on business in Australia; or
 - income or gains from the alienation of property that form part of the business property of a permanent establishment of an enterprise that the US holder has in Australia, or pertain to a fixed base available to the US holder in Australia for the purpose of performing independent personal services; or
 - income derived from the disposition of shares in a company, the assets of which consist wholly or principally of real property (which includes rights to exploit or to explore for natural resources) situated in Australia, whether such assets are held directly or indirectly through one or more interposed entities.

Where the gain is either not Australian sourced or is not of an income nature, the US holder will generally only be liable to Australian capital gains tax on an assessment basis if they acquired (or are deemed to have acquired) their shares or ADSs after 19 September 1985 and one or more of the following applies:

- the US holder is an Australian resident for Australian tax purposes; or
- the ordinary shares or ADSs have been used by the US holder in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia; or
- the US holder (either alone or together with associates) directly or indirectly owns or owned 10 per cent or more of the issued share capital of BHP Billiton Limited at the time of the disposal or throughout a 12-month period during the two years prior to the time of disposal and, at the time of the disposal, the sum of the market values of BHP Billiton Limited's assets that are taxable Australian real property (held directly or through interposed entities) exceeds the sum of the market values of BHP Billiton Limited's assets (held directly or through interposed entities) that are not taxable Australian real property at that time (which, for these purposes currently includes mining, quarrying or prospecting rights in respect of minerals, petroleum or quarry materials situated in Australia – and may be extended to associated information and goodwill); or
- the US holder is an individual who is not eligible for benefits under the Australian Tax Treaty as a treaty resident of the US and elected on becoming a non-resident of Australia to continue to have the ordinary shares or ADSs subject to Australian capital gains tax.

In certain circumstances, the purchaser may be required to withhold under the new non-resident CGT withholding regime an amount equal to 10 per cent of the purchase price if the acquisition is undertaken by way of an off-market transfer. Affected US holders should seek their own advice in relation to how this new withholding regime may apply to them.

The comments above on the sale of ordinary shares and ADSs do not apply:

- to temporary residents of Australia who should seek advice that is specific to their circumstances;
- if the Investment Management Regime (IMR) applies to the US holder, which exempts from Australian income tax and capital gains tax gains made on disposals by certain categories of non-resident funds – called IMR entities – of (relevantly) portfolio interests in Australian public companies (subject to a number of conditions). The IMR exemptions broadly apply to widely held IMR entities in relation to their direct investments and indirect investments made through an independent Australian fund manager. The exemptions apply to gains made by IMR entities that are treated as companies for Australian tax purposes as

well as gains made by non-resident investors in IMR entities that are treated as trusts and partnerships for Australian tax purposes. The IMR exemptions will apply for the 2015-16 income year and later income years (but an entity may choose for the provisions to apply to certain earlier income years).

Stamp duty, gift, estate and inheritance tax

Australia does not impose any stamp duty, gift, estate or inheritance taxes in relation to transfers or gifts of shares or ADSs or upon the death of a shareholder.

(b) US taxation

This section describes the material US federal income tax consequences to a US holder of owning ordinary shares or ADSs. It applies only to ordinary shares or ADSs that are held as capital assets for tax purposes. This section does not apply to a holder of ordinary shares or ADSs that is a member of a special class of holders subject to special rules, including a dealer in securities, a trader in securities that elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for its securities holdings, a tax-exempt organisation, a life insurance company, a person liable for alternative minimum tax, a person who actually or constructively owns 10 per cent or more of the voting stock of BHP Billiton Limited, a person that holds ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction, a person that purchases or sells ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a wash sale for tax purposes, or a person whose functional currency is not the US dollar.

If a partnership holds the ordinary shares or ADSs, the US federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend on the status of the partner and the tax treatment of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding the ordinary shares or ADSs should consult its tax adviser with regard to the US federal income tax treatment of an investment in the ordinary shares or ADSs.

This section is in part based on the representations of the Depositary and the assumption that each obligation in the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms.

In general, for US federal income tax purposes, a holder of ADSs will be treated as the owner of the ordinary shares represented by those ADSs. Exchanges of ordinary shares for ADSs, and ADSs for ordinary shares, generally will not be subject to US federal income tax.

Dividends

Under US federal income tax laws and subject to the Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC) rules discussed below, a US holder must include in its gross income the amount of any dividend paid by BHP Billiton Limited out of its current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for US federal income tax purposes) plus any Australian tax withheld from the dividend payment even though the holder does not receive it. The dividend is taxable to the holder when the holder, in the case of ordinary shares, or the Depositary, in the case of ADSs, actually or constructively receives the dividend.

Dividends paid to a non-corporate US holder on shares or ADSs will be taxable at the preferential rates applicable to long-term capital gains provided the US holder holds the shares or ADSs for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date and does not enter into certain risk reduction transactions with respect to the shares or ADSs during the abovementioned holding period. However, a non-corporate US holder that elects to treat the dividend income as 'investment income' pursuant to Section 163(d)(4) of the US Internal Revenue Code will not be eligible for such preferential rates. In the case of a corporate US holder, dividends on shares and ADSs are taxed as ordinary income and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to US corporations in respect of dividends received from other US corporations.

Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for US federal income tax purposes, will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the holder's tax basis, determined in US dollars, in the ordinary shares or ADSs and thereafter as a capital gain.

The amount of any cash distribution paid in any foreign currency will be equal to the US dollar value of such currency, calculated by reference to the spot rate in effect on the date such distribution is received by the US holder or, in the case of ADSs, by the Depository, regardless of whether and when the foreign currency is in fact converted into US dollars. If the foreign currency is converted into US dollars on the date received, the US holder generally should not recognise foreign currency gain or loss on such conversion. If the foreign currency is not converted into US dollars on the date received, the US holder will have a basis in the foreign currency equal to its US dollar value on the date received, and generally will recognise foreign currency gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposal of such currency. Such foreign currency gain or loss generally will be treated as US source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Subject to certain limitations, Australian tax withheld in accordance with the Australian Treaty and paid over to Australia will be creditable against an individual's US federal income tax liability. Special rules apply in determining the foreign tax credit limitation with respect to dividends that are taxed at the preferential rates applicable to long-term capital gains. To the extent a refund of the tax withheld is available to a US holder under Australian law or under the Australian Treaty, the amount of tax withheld that is refundable will not be eligible for credit against the holder's US federal income tax liability. A US holder that does not elect to claim a US foreign tax credit may instead claim a deduction for Australian income tax withheld, but only for a taxable year in which the US holder elects to do so with respect to all foreign income taxes paid or accrued in such taxable year.

Dividends will be income from sources outside the US, and generally will be 'passive category' income or, for certain taxpayers, 'general category' income, which are treated separately from each other for the purpose of computing the foreign tax credit allowable to a US holder. In general, a taxpayer's ability to use foreign tax credits may be limited and is dependent on the particular circumstances. US holders should consult their tax advisers with respect to these matters.

Sale of ordinary shares and ADSs

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, a US holder who sells or otherwise disposes of ordinary shares or ADSs will recognise a capital gain or loss for US federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between the US dollar value of the amount realised and the holder's tax basis, determined in US dollars, in those ordinary shares or ADSs. The gain or loss will generally be income or loss from sources within the US for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. The capital gain of a non-corporate US holder is generally taxed at preferential rates where the holder has a holding period greater than 12 months in the shares or ADSs sold. There are limitations on the deductibility of capital losses.

The US dollar value of any foreign currency received upon a sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs will be calculated by reference to the spot rate in effect on the date of sale or other disposal (or, in the case of a cash basis or electing accrual basis taxpayer, on the settlement date). A US holder will have a tax basis in the foreign currency received equal to that US dollar amount, and generally will recognise foreign currency gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposal of the foreign currency. This foreign currency gain or loss generally will be treated as US source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Passive Foreign Investment Company rules

We do not believe that the BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares or ADSs will be treated as stock of a PFIC for US federal income tax purposes, but this conclusion is a factual determination that is made annually at the end of the year and thus may be subject to change. If BHP Billiton Limited were treated as a PFIC, any gain realised on

the sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs would in general not be treated as a capital gain. Instead, a US holder would be treated as if it had realised such gain and certain ‘excess distributions’ ratably over its holding period for the ordinary shares or ADSs and would be taxed at the highest tax rate in effect for each such year to which the gain was allocated, together with an interest charge in respect of the tax attributable to each such year. In addition, dividends received with respect to ordinary shares or ADSs would not be eligible for the special tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income if BHP Billiton Limited were a PFIC either in the taxable year of the distribution or the preceding taxable year, but instead would be taxable at rates applicable to ordinary income. Assuming the shares or ADSs are ‘marketable stock’, a US holder may mitigate the adverse tax consequences described above by electing to be taxed annually on a mark-to-market basis with respect to such shares or ADSs.

US holders in BHP Billiton Plc

(a) UK taxation

Dividends

Under UK law, no UK tax is required to be withheld at source from dividends paid on ordinary shares or ADSs.

Sale of ordinary shares and ADSs

US holders will not be liable for UK tax on capital gains realised on disposal of ordinary shares or ADSs unless:

- they are resident in the UK; or
- they carry on a trade, profession or vocation in the UK through a branch or agency for the year in which the disposal occurs and the shares or ADSs have been used, held or acquired for the purposes of such trade (or profession or vocation), branch or agency. In the case of a trade, the term ‘branch’ includes a permanent establishment.

An individual who ceases to be a resident in the UK for tax purposes while owning shares or ADSs and then disposes of those shares or ADSs while not a UK resident may become subject to UK tax on capital gains if he/she:

- had sole UK residence in the UK tax year preceding his/her departure from the UK;
- had sole UK residence at any time during at least four of the seven UK tax years preceding his/her year of departure from the UK; and
- subsequently becomes treated as having sole UK residence again before five complete UK tax years of non-UK residence have elapsed from the date he/she left the UK.

In this situation US holders will generally be entitled to claim US tax paid on such a disposition as a credit against any corresponding UK tax payable.

UK inheritance tax

Under the current UK–US Inheritance and Gift Tax Treaty, ordinary shares or ADSs held by a US holder who is domiciled for the purposes of the UK–US Inheritance and Gift Tax Treaty in the US, and is not for the purposes of the UK–US Inheritance and Gift Tax Treaty a national of the UK, will generally not be subject to UK inheritance tax on the individual’s death or on a chargeable gift of the ordinary shares or ADSs during the individual’s lifetime, provided that any applicable US federal gift or estate tax liability is paid, unless the ordinary shares or ADSs are part of the business property of a permanent establishment of the individual in the UK or, in the case of a shareholder who performs independent personal services, pertain to a fixed base situated in the UK. Where the ordinary shares or ADSs have been placed in trust by a settlor who, at the time of settlement, was a US resident shareholder, the ordinary shares or ADSs will generally not be subject to UK inheritance tax unless the settlor, at the

time of settlement, was not domiciled in the US and was a UK national. In the exceptional case where the ordinary shares or ADSs are subject to both UK inheritance tax and US federal gift or estate tax, the UK–US Inheritance and Gift Tax Treaty generally provides for double taxation to be relieved by means of credit relief.

UK stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax

Under applicable legislation, UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax (SDRT) is, subject to certain exemptions, payable on any issue or transfer of shares to the Depository or their nominee where those shares are for inclusion in the ADR program at a rate of 1.5 per cent of their price (if issued), the amount of any consideration provided (if transferred on sale) or their value (if transferred for no consideration). However, from 1 October 2009, this 1.5 per cent charge has generally ceased to apply to issues of shares into European Union (EU) depository receipt systems and into EU clearance systems. Further, the First-tier Tribunal has held that the 1.5 per cent SDRT charge on a transfer of shares to an issuer of ADRs (as an integral part of a fresh capital raising) was incompatible with EU law. Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs has confirmed that it will no longer seek to impose the 1.5 per cent SDRT charge on the issue of shares (or, where it is integral to the raising of new capital, the transfer of shares) to a depository receipt issuer or a clearance service, wherever located. The law in this area may still be susceptible to change. We recommend advice should be sought in relation to paying the 1.5 per cent SDRT or stamp duty charge in any circumstances.

No SDRT would be payable on the transfer of an ADS. No UK stamp duty should be payable on the transfer of an ADS provided that the instrument of transfer is executed and remains at all times outside the UK. Transfers of ordinary shares to persons other than the Depository or their nominee will give rise to stamp duty or SDRT at the time of transfer. The relevant rate is currently 0.5 per cent of the amount payable for the shares. The purchaser normally pays the stamp duty or SDRT.

Special rules apply to transactions involving intermediaries and stock lending.

(b) US taxation

This section describes the material US federal income tax consequences to a US holder of owning ordinary shares or ADSs. It applies only to ordinary shares or ADSs that are held as capital assets for tax purposes. This section does not apply to a holder of ordinary shares or ADSs that is a member of a special class of holders subject to special rules, including a dealer in securities, a trader in securities who elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for its securities holdings, a tax-exempt organisation, a life insurance company, a person liable for alternative minimum tax, a person who actually or constructively owns 10 per cent or more of the voting stock of BHP Billiton Plc, a person that holds ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction, a person that purchases or sells ordinary shares or ADSs as part of a wash sale for tax purposes, or a person whose functional currency is not the US dollar.

If a partnership holds the ordinary shares or ADSs, the US federal income tax treatment of a partner generally will depend on the status of the partner and the tax treatment of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding the ordinary shares or ADSs should consult its tax adviser with regard to the US federal income tax treatment of an investment in the ordinary shares or ADSs.

This section is in part based on the representations of the Depository and the assumption that each obligation in the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms.

In general, for US federal income tax purposes, a holder of ADSs will be treated as the owner of the ordinary shares represented by those ADSs. Exchanges of ordinary shares for ADSs, and ADSs for ordinary shares, generally will not be subject to US federal income tax.

Dividends

Under US federal income tax laws and subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, a US holder must include in its gross income the gross amount of any dividend paid by BHP Billiton Plc out of its current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for US federal income tax purposes). The dividend is taxable to the holder when the holder, in the case of ordinary shares, or the Depositary, in the case of ADSs, actually or constructively receives the dividend.

Dividends paid to a non-corporate US holder on shares or ADSs will be taxable at the preferential rates applicable to long-term capital gains provided that the US holder holds the shares or ADSs for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date and does not enter into certain risk reduction transactions with respect to the shares or ADSs during the abovementioned holding period. However, a non-corporate US holder that elects to treat the dividend income as 'investment income' pursuant to Section 163(d)(4) of the US Internal Revenue Code will not be eligible for such preferential rates. In the case of a corporate US holder, dividends on shares and ADSs are taxed as ordinary income and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to US corporations in respect of dividends received from other US corporations.

Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for US federal income tax purposes, will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the holder's tax basis, determined in US dollars, in the ordinary shares or ADSs and thereafter as a capital gain.

The amount of any cash distribution paid in any foreign currency will be equal to the US dollar value of such currency, calculated by reference to the spot rate in effect on the date such distribution is received by the US holder or, in the case of ADSs, by the Depositary, regardless of whether and when the foreign currency is in fact converted into US dollars. If the foreign currency is converted into US dollars on the date received, the US holder generally should not recognise foreign currency gain or loss on such conversion. If the foreign currency is not converted into US dollars on the date received, the US holder will have a basis in the foreign currency equal to its US dollar value on the date received, and generally will recognise foreign currency gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposal of such currency. Such foreign currency gain or loss generally will be treated as US source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Dividends will be income from sources outside the US, and generally will be 'passive category' income or, for certain taxpayers, 'general category' income, which are treated separately from each other for the purpose of computing the foreign tax credit allowable to a US holder. In general, a taxpayer's ability to use foreign tax credits may be limited and is dependent on the particular circumstances. US holders should consult their tax advisers with respect to these matters.

Sale of ordinary shares and ADSs

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, a US holder who sells or otherwise disposes of ordinary shares or ADSs will recognise a capital gain or loss for US federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between the US dollar value of the amount realised and the holder's tax basis, determined in US dollars, in those ordinary shares or ADSs. The gain or loss will generally be income or loss from sources within the US for foreign tax credit limitation purposes. The capital gain of a non-corporate US holder is generally taxed at preferential rates where the holder has a holding period greater than 12 months in the shares or ADSs sold. There are limitations on the deductibility of capital losses.

The US dollar value of any foreign currency received upon a sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs will be calculated by reference to the spot rate in effect on the date of sale or other disposal (or, in the case of a cash basis or electing accrual basis taxpayer, on the settlement date). A US holder will have a tax basis in the foreign currency received equal to that US dollar amount, and generally will recognise foreign currency gain or loss on a subsequent conversion or other disposal of the foreign currency. This foreign currency gain or loss generally will be treated as US source ordinary income or loss for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

Passive Foreign Investment Company rules

We do not believe that the BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares or ADSs will be treated as stock of a PFIC for US federal income tax purposes, but this conclusion is a factual determination that is made annually at the end of the year and thus may be subject to change. If BHP Billiton Plc were treated as a PFIC, any gain realised on the sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs would in general not be treated as a capital gain. Instead, a US holder would be treated as if it had realised such gain and certain 'excess distributions' ratably over its holding period for the ordinary shares or ADSs and would be taxed at the highest tax rate in effect for each such year to which the gain was allocated, together with an interest charge in respect of the tax attributable to each such year. In addition, dividends received with respect to ordinary shares or ADSs would not be eligible for the special tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income if BHP Billiton Plc were a PFIC either in the taxable year of the distribution or the preceding taxable year, but instead would be taxable at rates applicable to ordinary income. Assuming the shares or ADSs are 'marketable stock', a US holder may mitigate the adverse tax consequences described above by electing to be taxed annually on a mark-to-market basis with respect to such shares or ADSs.

(c) South African taxation

Dividends

South Africa imposes a 15 per cent withholding tax on dividends (South African Dividends Tax) paid in respect of shares in foreign companies if the shares are listed on a South African exchange.

Accordingly, it is possible that US holders of BHP Billiton Plc shares may be subject to South African Dividends Tax on any dividends received in respect of the BHP Billiton Plc shares listed on the JSE. The South African Dividends Tax would be withheld from the gross amount of the dividend paid to the shareholder, but the beneficial owner of the dividend is liable for the South African Dividends Tax on a cash dividend.

No South African Dividends Tax is required to be withheld from cash dividends provided the dividends are paid to, inter alia, South African tax resident corporate shareholders (including South African companies, pension, provident, retirement annuity and benefit funds). However, these dividends will only be exempt from South African Dividends Tax if these types of shareholders provide the requisite exemption declarations and undertakings to the regulated intermediaries making the cash dividend payments before they are paid.

South African tax resident shareholders who are natural persons (individuals) or trusts, other than closure rehabilitation trusts, do not qualify for an exemption from South African Dividends Tax. Shareholders that are not South African tax residents also do not qualify for an exemption from South African Dividends Tax. However, South Africa is a party to Double Taxation Agreements that may provide full or partial relief from South African Dividends Tax, if the requisite reduced rate declarations and undertakings are provided to the regulated intermediaries making the cash dividend payments before they are paid.

Except for certain exclusions, generally speaking such dividends paid to South African tax resident natural persons or trusts are exempt from South African income tax and, as such, the South African Dividends Tax may be considered as a final and non-creditable levy.

Sale of ordinary shares and ADSs

A US holder who or which is tax resident in South Africa would be liable for income tax on any profit on disposal of BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs, or capital gains tax on any gain on disposal of BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs, depending on whether the BHP Billiton Plc shares and ADSs are held on revenue or capital account.

Income tax is payable on any profit on disposal of BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs held by a US holder who or which is tax resident in the US, where the profit is of a revenue nature and sourced in South Africa, unless relief

is afforded under the Double Tax Agreement concluded between South Africa and the US. In such a case, the profit would only be taxed in South Africa if it is attributable to a permanent establishment of that US holder in South Africa.

Where the BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs are not held on revenue account, US holders will not be liable for South African tax on capital gains realised on the disposal of BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs unless:

- such US holders are tax resident in South Africa;
- 80 per cent or more of the market value of the BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs is attributable (at the time of disposal of those BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs) directly or indirectly to immovable property situated in South Africa, held otherwise than as trading stock, and the US holder in question directly or indirectly holds 20 per cent of such BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs; or
- the US holder's BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs form part of the business property of a permanent establishment which an enterprise of the US holder has in South Africa.

For a US holder who will recognise a capital gain or loss for South African income tax purposes on a disposal of BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs, such gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the Rand value of the amount realised and the holder's tax basis, determined in Rand, in those BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs. The holder's tax basis will generally be equal to the cost that was incurred to acquire the BHP Billiton Plc shares or ADSs, if such shares or ADSs were acquired after 1 October 2001. South African capital gains tax is levied at an effective rate of 22.4 per cent for companies, 16.4 per cent for individuals, and 32.8 per cent for trusts.

Securities Transfer Tax

South African Securities Transfer Tax is levied at 0.25 per cent in respect of the transfer of shares in a foreign company that are listed on the JSE. Accordingly, a transfer of those BHP Billiton Plc shares listed on the JSE will be subject to this tax. The tax is levied on the amount of consideration at which the BHP Billiton Plc share is transferred or, where no amount/value is declared or if the amount so declared is less than the lowest price of the BHP Billiton Plc share, the closing price of the BHP Billiton Plc share. The tax is ultimately borne by the person to whom that BHP Billiton Plc share is transferred.

7.11 Government regulations

Our operations are subject to a broad range of laws and regulations imposed by governments and regulatory bodies. These regulations touch all aspects of our operations, including how we extract, process and explore for minerals, oil and natural gas and how we operate as a company, including regulations governing matters such as environmental protection, land rehabilitation, occupational health and safety, the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples, competition, foreign investment, export and taxes.

The ability to extract minerals, oil and natural gas is fundamental to BHP Billiton. In most jurisdictions, the rights to extract mineral or petroleum deposits are owned by the state. We obtain the right to access the land and extract the product by entering into licenses or leases with the government that owns the mineral, oil or natural gas deposit. The terms of the lease or licence, including the time period of the lease or licence, vary depending on the laws of the relevant government. Generally, we own the product we extract and we are required to pay royalties or similar taxes to the government.

In certain jurisdictions where we have operations, such as Trinidad and Tobago, a production sharing contract (PSC) governs the relationship between the government and companies concerning how much of the oil and gas extracted from the country each will receive. In PSCs, the government awards rights for the execution of exploration, development and production activities to the company. The company bears the financial risk of the initiative and explores, develops and ultimately produces the field as required. When successful, the company is permitted to use the money from a certain set percentage of produced oil and gas to recover its capital and

operational expenditures, known as ‘cost oil’. The remaining production is known as ‘profit oil’ and is split between the government and the company at a rate determined by the government and set out in the PSC.

Related to our ability to extract is our ability to process the extracted minerals, oil or natural gas. Again, we rely on governments to grant the rights necessary to transport and treat the extracted material to prepare it for sale.

The rights to explore for minerals, oil and natural gas are granted to us by the government that owns the natural resources we wish to explore. Usually, the right to explore carries with it the obligation to spend a defined amount of money on the exploration, or to undertake particular exploration activities.

Although onshore oil and gas rights in the United States can be owned by the government (state and federal), they are primarily owned by private property owners, which is the case for our onshore oil and gas rights. Oil and gas rights primarily take the form of a lease, but can also be owned onshore outright in fee. If the rights granted are by lease, we are granted the right to access, explore, extract, produce and market the oil and gas for a specified period of time, but may be extended if we continue to produce oil or gas or operate on the leased land.

Environmental protection, land rehabilitation and occupational health and safety are principally regulated by governments and to a lesser degree, if applicable, by lease contracts with the landowners. These obligations often require us to make substantial expenditures to minimise or remediate the environmental impact of our operations and to ensure the safety of our employees and contractors. For more information on these types of obligations, refer to sections 1.8.2 and 1.11 of this Annual Report.

From time-to-time, certain trade sanctions are adopted by the United Nations (UN) Security Council and/or various governments, including in the United Kingdom, the United States, the European Union (EU) and Australia against certain countries, entities or individuals, that may restrict our ability to sell extracted minerals, oil or natural gas and/or our ability to purchase goods or services.

7.11.1 Disclosure of Iran-related activities pursuant to section 13(r) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 added Section 13(r) to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). Section 13(r) requires an issuer to disclose in its annual reports, whether it or any of its affiliates knowingly engaged in certain activities, transactions or dealings relating to Iran. Disclosure is required even where the activities, transactions or dealings are conducted outside the United States by non-U.S. persons in compliance with applicable law, and whether or not the activities are sanctionable under U.S. law. Provided in this section is certain information concerning activities of certain affiliates of BHP Billiton that took place in FY2016. BHP Billiton believes that these activities are not sanctionable and are within the scope of a specific license issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). BHP Billiton is making this disclosure in the interests of transparency.

BHP Billiton Petroleum Great Britain Ltd (BHP Billiton GB), a wholly-owned affiliate of BHP Billiton, holds a non-operating 16 per cent interest in the Bruce oil and gas field located offshore United Kingdom, together with co-venturers BP Exploration Operating Company Limited (BP) (operator and 37 per cent interest holder), Marubeni Oil & Gas (North Sea) Limited (3.75 per cent interest holder) and Total E&P UK Limited (43.25 per cent interest holder).

The Bruce platform provides transportation and processing services to the nearby Rhum gas field pursuant to a contract between the Bruce owners and Rhum owners (the Bruce-Rhum Agreement). According to BP, the Rhum field is operated by BP and owned under a 50:50 unincorporated joint arrangement between BP and Iranian Oil Company (U.K.) Limited (IOC). IOC is an indirect subsidiary of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which is a corporation owned by the Government of Iran. As a Bruce owner, BHP Billiton GB is party to the Bruce-Rhum Agreement, and BHP Billiton believes the activities thereunder are authorised by the U.S. Department of the Treasury under OFAC licence No. IA-2013-302799-4.

In FY2016, BHP Billiton GB has received income in the amount of US\$3.5 million from BP and the UK government (in its capacity as temporary manager of IOC's interest in the Rhum field pursuant to UK Regulations 3 and 5 of the Hydrocarbons (Temporary Management Scheme) Regulations 2013) in accordance with the terms of the Bruce-Rhum Agreement. This revenue is 0.05 per cent of Petroleum's gross revenue. Our net profit generated under the Bruce-Rhum Agreement in FY2016 was insignificant.

BHP Billiton intends to continue the activities in connection with the Bruce-Rhum Agreement, provided such activities remain subject to a continuing OFAC licence or are otherwise authorised or in compliance with applicable sanctions.

7.11.2 Uranium production in Australia

To mine, process, transport and sell uranium from within Australia, we are required to hold possession and export permissions, which are also subject to regulation by the Australian Government or bodies that report to the Australian Government.

To possess nuclear material, such as uranium, in Australia, a Permit to Possess Nuclear Materials (Possession Permit) must be held pursuant to the Australian Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 (Non-Proliferation Act). A Possession Permit is issued by the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office, an office established under the Non-Proliferation Act, which administers Australia's domestic nuclear safeguards requirements and reports to the Australian Government.

To export uranium from Australia, a Permit to Export Natural Uranium (Export Permit) must be held pursuant to the Australian Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958. The Export Permit is issued by the Minister with responsibility for Resources and Energy.

A special permit to transport nuclear material is required under the Non-Proliferation Act by a party that transports nuclear material from one specified location to another specified location. As we engage service providers to transport uranium, each of those service providers is required to hold a permit to transport nuclear material issued by the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office.

7.11.3 Exchange controls and shareholding limits

BHP Billiton Plc

There are no laws or regulations currently in force in the United Kingdom that restrict the export or import of capital or the payment of dividends to non-resident holders of BHP Billiton Plc's shares, although the Group does operate in some other jurisdictions where the payment of dividends could be affected by exchange control approvals.

From time to time, certain sanctions are adopted by the UN Security Council and/or various governments, including in the United Kingdom, the United States, the EU and Australia against certain countries, entities or individuals that may restrict the export or import of capital or the remittance of dividends to certain non-resident holders of BHP Billiton Plc's shares.

There are no restrictions under BHP Billiton Plc's Articles of Association or (subject to the effect of any sanctions) under English law that limit the right of non-resident or foreign owners to hold or vote BHP Billiton Plc's shares.

There are certain restrictions on shareholding levels under BHP Billiton Plc's Articles of Association described under the heading 'BHP Billiton Limited' below.

BHP Billiton Limited

Under current Australian legislation, the payment of any dividends, interest or other payments by BHP Billiton Limited to non-resident holders of BHP Billiton Limited's shares is not restricted by exchange controls or other

limitations, except that, in certain circumstances, BHP Billiton may be required to withhold Australian taxes.

From time-to-time, certain sanctions are adopted by the UN Security Council and/or various governments including in the United Kingdom, the United States, the EU and Australia. Those sanctions prohibit or, in some cases, impose certain approval and reporting requirements on transactions involving sanctioned countries, entities and individuals and/or assets controlled or owned by them. Certain transfers into or out of Australia of amounts greater than A\$10,000 in any currency may also be subject to reporting requirements.

The Australian Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (the FATA) restricts certain acquisitions of interests in shares in Australian companies, including BHP Billiton Limited. Generally, under the FATA, the prior approval of the Australian Treasurer must be obtained for proposals by a foreign person (either alone or together with its associates) to acquire 20 per cent or more of the voting power or issued shares in an Australian company (changed from the previous threshold of 15 per cent as a result of amendments to the FATA which came into effect on 1 December 2015). A lower approval threshold (generally 10 per cent) applies where the foreign person is a foreign government investor for the purposes of the FATA.

The FATA also empowers the Treasurer to make certain orders prohibiting acquisitions by foreign persons in Australian companies, including BHP Billiton Limited (and requiring divestiture if the acquisition has occurred) where he considers the acquisition to be contrary to the national interest. Such orders may also be made in respect of acquisitions by foreign persons where two or more foreign persons (and their associates) in aggregate already control 40 per cent or more of the issued shares or voting power in an Australian company, including BHP Billiton Limited.

The restrictions in the FATA on share acquisitions in BHP Billiton Limited described above apply equally to share acquisitions in BHP Billiton Plc because BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are dual listed entities.

There are certain other statutory restrictions and restrictions under BHP Billiton Limited's Constitution and BHP Billiton Plc's Articles of Association that apply generally to acquisitions of shares in BHP Billiton (i.e. the restrictions are not targeted at foreign persons only). These include restrictions on a person (and associates) breaching a voting power threshold of:

- above 20 per cent in relation to BHP Billiton Limited on a 'stand-alone' basis (i.e. calculated as if there were no Special Voting Share and only counting BHP Billiton Limited's ordinary shares);
- 30 per cent of BHP Billiton Plc. This is the threshold for a mandatory offer under Rule 9 of the UK takeover code and this threshold applies to all voting rights of BHP Billiton Plc (therefore including voting rights attached to the BHP Billiton Plc Special Voting Share);
- 30 per cent in relation to BHP Billiton Plc on a 'stand-alone' basis (i.e. calculated as if there were no Special Voting Share and only counting BHP Billiton Plc's ordinary shares);
- above 20 per cent in relation to the BHP Billiton Company, calculated having regard to all the voting power on a joint electorate basis (i.e. calculated on the aggregate of BHP Billiton Limited's and BHP Billiton Plc's ordinary shares).

Under BHP Billiton Limited's Constitution and BHP Billiton Plc's Articles of Association, sanctions for breach of any of these thresholds, other than by means of certain 'permitted acquisitions', include withholding of dividends, voting restrictions and compulsory divestment of shares to the extent a shareholder and its associates exceed the relevant threshold.

Except for the restrictions under the FATA, there are no limitations, either under Australian law or under the Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited, on the right of non-residents to hold or vote BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares.

7.12 Ancillary information for our shareholders

This Annual Report provides the detailed financial data and information on the BHP Billiton Group's performance required to comply with the reporting regimes in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc will receive a copy of the Annual Report if they have requested a copy. ADR holders may view all documents online at www.bhpbilliton.com or opt to receive a hard copy by accessing citibank.ar.wilink.com or calling Citibank Shareholder Services during normal business hours using the details listed within the Corporate Directory on the following pages.

Change of shareholder details and enquiries

Shareholders wishing to contact BHP Billiton on any matter relating to their shares or ADR holdings are invited to telephone the appropriate office of the BHP Billiton Share Registrar or Transfer Office listed within the Corporate Directory on the following pages.

Any change in shareholding details should be notified by the shareholder to the relevant Registrar in a timely manner.

Shareholders can also access their current shareholding details and change many of those details online at www.bhpbilliton.com. The website requires shareholders to quote their Shareholder Reference Number (SRN) or Holder Identification Number (HIN) in order to access this information.

Alternative access to the Annual Report

We offer an alternative for all shareholders who wish to be advised of the availability of the Annual Report through our website via an email notification. By providing an email address through our website, shareholders will be notified by email when the Annual Report has been released. Shareholders will also receive notification of other major BHP Billiton announcements by email. Shareholders requiring further information or wishing to make use of this service should visit our website www.bhpbilliton.com.

ADR holders wishing to receive a hard copy of the Annual Report 2016 can do so by accessing citibank.ar.wilink.com or calling Citibank Shareholder Services during normal business hours. ADR holders may also contact the adviser that administers their investments. Holders of BHP Billiton Plc shares dematerialised into Strate should liaise directly with their Central Securities Depository Participant (CSDP) or broker.

Key dates for shareholders

The following table sets out future dates in the next financial and calendar year of interest to our shareholders. If there are any changes to these dates, all relevant stock exchanges (see section 7.2) will be notified.

Date	Event
20 September 2016	Final dividend payment date
20 October 2016	BHP Billiton Plc Annual General Meeting in London Venue: The QE II Centre Broad Sanctuary Westminster London SW1P 3EE United Kingdom Time: 12 noon (local time) Details of the business of the meeting are contained in the separate Notice of Meeting
17 November 2016	BHP Billiton Limited Annual General Meeting in Brisbane Venue: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre Corner of Merivale and Glenelg Streets Southbank, Brisbane QLD 4101 Australia Time: 11.00am (local time) Details of the business of the meeting are contained in the separate Notice of Meeting
21 February 2017	Interim results announced
10 March 2017	Interim dividend record date
28 March 2017	Interim dividend payment date

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8 Exhibits

Exhibits marked “*” have been filed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 20-F. Remaining exhibits have been incorporated by reference as indicated.

Exhibit 1 Constitution

- *1.1 Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited, incorporating the amendments approved by shareholders at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of BHP Billiton Limited on 19 November 2015
- *1.2 Memorandum and Articles of Association of BHP Billiton Plc, incorporating the amendments approved by shareholders at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of BHP Billiton Plc on 22 October 2015

Exhibit 4 Material Contracts

- *4.1 DLC Structure Sharing Agreement, dated 29 June 2001, between BHP Limited and Billiton Plc “incorporating the amendments approved by shareholders at the 2015 Annual General Meeting of BHP Billiton Limited on 19 November 2015 and the Annual General Meeting of BHP Billiton Plc on 22 October 2015.
- 4.2 SVC Special Voting Shares Deed, dated 29 June 2001, among BHP Limited, BHP SVC Pty Limited, Billiton Plc, Billiton SVC Limited and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. ⁽¹⁾
- 4.3 SVC Special Voting Shares Amendment Deed, dated 13 August 2001, among BHP Limited, BHP SVC Pty Limited, Billiton Plc, Billiton SVC Limited and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. ⁽¹⁾
- 4.4 Deed Poll Guarantee, dated 29 June 2001, of BHP Limited ⁽¹⁾
- 4.5 Deed Poll Guarantee, dated 29 June 2001, of Billiton Plc ⁽¹⁾
- 4.6 Form of Service Agreement for Specified Executive (referred to in this Annual Report as the Key Management Personnel) ⁽²⁾
- 4.7 BHP Billiton Ltd Group Incentive Scheme Rules 2004, dated August 2008 ⁽³⁾
- 4.8 BHP Billiton Ltd Long Term Incentive Plan Rules, dated November 2010 ⁽¹⁾
- 4.9 BHP Billiton Plc Group Incentive Scheme Rules 2004, dated August 2008 ⁽³⁾
- 4.10 BHP Billiton Plc Long Term Incentive Plan Rules, dated November 2010 ⁽¹⁾
- 4.11 Implementation Deed entered into on 17 March 2015 between BHP Billiton Ltd, BHP Billiton Plc and South32 Limited⁽⁴⁾
- *4.12 Framework Agreement entered into on 2 March 2016 between Samarco Mineração S.A., Vale S.A. and BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda., the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Espirito Santo and Minas Gerais and certain other public authorities in Brazil.

Exhibit 8 List of Subsidiaries

- *8.1 List of subsidiaries of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Exhibit 12 Certifications (section 302)

- *12.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Mackenzie, dated 21 September 2016
- *12.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer, Mr Peter Beaven, dated 21 September 2016

Exhibit 13 Certifications (section 906)

*13.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrew Mackenzie, dated 21 September 2016

*13.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer, Mr Peter Beaven, dated 21 September 2016

Exhibit 15 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

*15.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms KPMG and KPMG Audit Plc for incorporation by reference of audit reports in registration statements on Form F-3 and Form S-8

Exhibit 95 Mine Safety Health Administration

*95.1 Disclosure of Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”) Safety Data.

Footnotes

- (1) Previously filed as an exhibit to BHP Billiton’s annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 30 June 2001 on 19 November 2001.
- (2) Previously filed as an exhibit to BHP Billiton’s annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 30 June 2013 on 25 September 2013.
- (3) Previously filed as an exhibit to BHP Billiton’s annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 30 June 2008 on 15 September 2008.
- (4) Previously filed as an exhibit to BHP Billiton’s annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended 30 June 2015 on 23 September 2015.

SIGNATURE

The registrants hereby certify that they meet all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that they have duly caused and authorised the undersigned to sign this annual report on their behalf.

BHP Billiton Limited
BHP Billiton Plc

/s/ Peter Beaven
Peter Beaven
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 21 September 2016

5 Financial Statements

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About these Financial Statements

Reporting entity

In 2001, BHP Billiton Limited (previously known as BHP Limited), an Australian-listed company, and BHP Billiton Plc (previously known as Billiton Plc), a UK listed company, 'the Companies', entered into a Dual Listed Company (DLC) merger. The Companies and their subsidiaries operate together as a single for-profit economic entity (referred to as 'the Group') with a common Board of Directors, unified management structure and joint objectives. In effect, the DLC structure provides the same voting rights and dividend entitlements from the Group irrespective of whether investors hold shares in BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc.

Group and related party information is presented in note 30 'Related party transactions' detailing the Group's subsidiaries, associates, joint arrangements and the nature of transactions between these and other related parties. The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the segment information (refer to note 1 'Segment reporting').

Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements

A review has been undertaken to identify opportunities to make the Financial Statements more user friendly, simpler and easier to understand, while complying with the financial reporting obligations.

This review included:

- focusing disclosures on material items and important information;
- reorganisation of the notes to the Financial Statements into sections that will assist users in understanding the Group's financial performance and financial position;
- integration of relevant accounting policies and information on key judgements within the notes to accompanying the financial information to enhance users understanding of key financial line items;
- use of simplified language and explanations.

BHP Billiton's Directors have included information in this report they deem to be material and relevant to the understanding of the Financial Statements. Disclosure may be considered material and relevant if the dollar amount is significant due to size or nature, or the information is important to understand the:

- Group's current year results;
- impact of significant changes in BHP Billiton's business; or
- aspects of the Group's operations that are important to future performance.

These Consolidated Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8 September 2016. The Directors have the authority to amend the Financial Statements after issuance.

5.1 Consolidated Financial Statements

5.1.1 Consolidated Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2014</u> US\$M
Continuing operations				
Revenue	1	30,912	44,636	56,762
Other income	4	444	496	1,225
Expenses excluding net finance costs	4	(35,487)	(37,010)	(36,523)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	28	(2,104)	548	1,185
(Loss)/profit from operations		(6,235)	8,670	22,649
Financial expenses		(1,161)	(702)	(995)
Financial income		137	88	81
Net finance costs	20	(1,024)	(614)	(914)
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(7,259)	8,056	21,735
Income tax benefit/(expense)		1,297	(2,762)	(6,266)
Royalty-related taxation (net of income tax benefit)		(245)	(904)	(514)
Total taxation benefit/(expense)	5	1,052	(3,666)	(6,780)
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing operations		(6,207)	4,390	14,955
Discontinued operations				
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Discontinued operations	26	–	(1,512)	269
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing and Discontinued operations		(6,207)	2,878	15,224
Attributable to non-controlling interests		178	968	1,392
Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group		(6,385)	1,910	13,832
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (cents)	6	(120.0)	35.9	260.0
Diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (cents)	6	(120.0)	35.8	259.1
Basic (loss)/earnings from Continuing operations per ordinary share (cents)	6	(120.0)	65.5	256.5
Diluted (loss)/earnings from Continuing operations per ordinary share (cents)	6	(120.0)	65.3	255.7
Dividends per ordinary share – paid during the period (cents)	17	78.0	124.0	118.0
Dividends per ordinary share – determined in respect of the period (cents)	17	30.0	124.0	121.0

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

5.1.2 Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2016

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
		US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
(Loss)/profit after taxation from Continuing and Discontinued operations		(6,207)	2,878	15,224
Other comprehensive income				
<u>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement:</u>				
Available for sale investments:				
Net valuation gains/(losses) taken to equity		2	(21)	(15)
Net valuation losses/(gains) transferred to the income statement		1	(115)	(14)
Cash flow hedges:				
(Losses)/gains taken to equity		(566)	(1,797)	681
Losses/(gains) transferred to the income statement		664	1,815	(678)
Exchange fluctuations on translation of foreign operations taken to equity		(1)	(2)	(1)
Exchange fluctuations on translation of foreign operations transferred to income statement		(10)	–	–
Tax recognised within other comprehensive income	5	(30)	29	3
Total items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement		60	(91)	(24)
<u>Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:</u>				
Remeasurement (losses)/gains on pension and medical schemes		(20)	(28)	57
Tax recognised within other comprehensive income	5	(17)	(17)	12
Total items that will not be reclassified to the income statement		(37)	(45)	69
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)		23	(136)	45
Total comprehensive (loss)/income		(6,184)	2,742	15,269
Attributable to non-controlling interests		176	973	1,392
Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group		(6,360)	1,769	13,877

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

5.1.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	19	10,319	6,753
Trade and other receivables	7	3,155	4,321
Other financial assets	21	121	83
Inventories	9	3,411	4,292
Current tax assets		567	658
Other		141	262
Total current assets		17,714	16,369
Non-current assets			
Trade and other receivables	7	867	1,499
Other financial assets	21	2,680	1,159
Inventories	9	764	466
Property, plant and equipment	10	83,975	94,072
Intangible assets	11	4,119	4,292
Investments accounted for using the equity method	28	2,575	3,712
Deferred tax assets	13	6,147	2,861
Other		112	150
Total non-current assets		101,239	108,211
Total assets		118,953	124,580
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	5,389	7,389
Interest bearing liabilities	19	4,653	3,201
Other financial liabilities	21	5	251
Current tax payable		451	207
Provisions	3, 14, 18, 24	1,765	1,676
Deferred income		77	129
Total current liabilities		12,340	12,853
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	13	29
Interest bearing liabilities	19	31,768	27,969
Other financial liabilities	21	1,778	1,031
Deferred tax liabilities	13	4,324	4,542
Provisions	3, 14, 18, 24	8,381	7,306
Deferred income		278	305
Total non-current liabilities		46,542	41,182
Total liabilities		58,882	54,035
Net assets		60,071	70,545
EQUITY			
Share capital – BHP Billiton Limited		1,186	1,186
Share capital – BHP Billiton Plc		1,057	1,057
Treasury shares		(33)	(76)
Reserves	16	2,538	2,557
Retained earnings		49,542	60,044
Total equity attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group		54,290	64,768
Non-controlling interests	16	5,781	5,777
Total equity		60,071	70,545

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8 September 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

Jac Nasser AO
Chairman

Andrew Mackenzie
Chief Executive Officer

5.1.4 Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M	2014 US\$M
Operating activities				
(Loss)/profit before taxation from Continuing operations		(7,259)	8,056	21,735
Adjustments for:				
Non-cash or non-operating exceptional items		9,645	3,196	(551)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		8,661	9,158	7,716
Impairments of property, plant and equipment, financial assets and intangibles		210	828	478
Net finance costs		1,024	614	914
Share of operating profit of equity accounted investments		(276)	(548)	(1,185)
Other		459	503	95
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Trade and other receivables		1,714	1,431	(349)
Inventories		527	151	(158)
Trade and other payables		(1,661)	(990)	238
Provisions and other assets and liabilities		(373)	(779)	385
Cash generated from operations		12,671	21,620	29,318
Dividends received		301	740	1,264
Interest received		128	86	120
Interest paid		(830)	(627)	(915)
Net income tax and royalty-related taxation refunded		641	348	1,064
Net income tax and royalty-related taxation paid		(2,286)	(4,373)	(7,211)
Net operating cash flows from Continuing operations		10,625	17,794	23,640
Net operating cash flows from Discontinued operations	26	–	1,502	1,724
Net operating cash flows		10,625	19,296	25,364
Investing activities				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(6,946)	(11,947)	(15,224)
Exploration expenditure		(765)	(816)	(986)
Exploration expenditure expensed and included in operating cash flows		430	670	698
Net investment and funding of equity accounted investments		40	117	(29)
Proceeds from sale of assets		107	74	66
Proceeds from divestment of subsidiaries, operations and joint operations, net of their cash	34	166	256	812
Other investing		(277)	144	(471)
Net investing cash flows from Continuing operations		(7,245)	(11,502)	(15,134)
Net investing cash flows from Discontinued operations	26	–	(1,066)	(700)
Cash disposed on demerger of South32	26	–	(586)	–
Net investing cash flows		(7,245)	(13,154)	(15,834)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from interest bearing liabilities		7,239	3,440	6,000
Proceeds/(settlements) from debt related instruments		156	(33)	37
Repayment of interest bearing liabilities		(2,788)	(4,135)	(7,048)
Proceeds from ordinary shares		–	9	14
Contributions from non-controlling interests		–	53	1,435
Purchase of shares by Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) Trusts		(106)	(355)	(368)
Dividends paid		(4,130)	(6,498)	(6,387)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(87)	(554)	(119)
Net financing cash flows from Continuing operations		284	(8,073)	(6,436)
Net financing cash flows from Discontinued operations	26	–	(203)	(32)
Net financing cash flows		284	(8,276)	(6,468)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from Continuing operations		3,664	(1,781)	2,070
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents from Discontinued operations	26	–	233	992
Cash and cash equivalents, net of overdrafts, at the beginning of the financial year		6,613	8,752	5,667
Cash disposed on demerger of South32	26	–	(586)	–
Foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(1)	(5)	23
Cash and cash equivalents, net of overdrafts, at the end of the financial year	19	10,276	6,613	8,752

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

5.1.5 Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2016

US\$M	Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group							Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital		Treasury shares		Reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group		
	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc					
Balance as at 1 July 2015	1,186	1,057	(19)	(57)	2,557	60,044	64,768	5,777	70,545
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	60	(6,420)	(6,360)	176	(6,184)
Transactions with owners:									
Purchase of shares by ESOP									
Trusts	-	-	(106)	-	-	-	(106)	-	(106)
Employee share awards exercised net of employee contributions	-	-	118	31	(193)	46	2	-	2
Employee share awards forfeited	-	-	-	-	(26)	26	-	-	-
Accrued employee entitlement for unexercised awards	-	-	-	-	140	-	140	-	140
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(4,154)	(4,154)	(172)	(4,326)
Balance as at 30 June 2016	1,186	1,057	(7)	(26)	2,538	49,542	54,290	5,781	60,071

Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group

US\$M	Share capital		Treasury shares		Reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc					
Balance as at 1 July 2014	1,186	1,069	(51)	(536)	2,927	74,548	79,143	6,239	85,382
Total comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	(96)	1,865	1,769	973	2,742
Transactions with owners:									
Shares cancelled	–	(12)	–	501	12	(501)	–	–	–
Purchase of shares by ESOP Trusts	–	–	(232)	(123)	–	–	(355)	–	(355)
Employee share awards exercised net of employee contributions and other adjustments	–	–	264	99	(461)	101	3	–	3
Employee share awards forfeited	–	–	–	–	(13)	13	–	–	–
Accrued employee entitlement for unexercised awards	–	–	–	–	247	–	247	–	247
Distribution to option holders	–	–	–	–	(1)	–	(1)	(1)	(2)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(6,596)	(6,596)	(639)	(7,235)
In-specie dividend on demerger – refer to note 26 ‘Discontinued operations’	–	–	–	–	–	(9,445)	(9,445)	–	(9,445)
Equity contributed	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	52	53
Transfers within equity on demerger	–	–	–	–	(59)	59	–	–	–
Conversion of controlled entities to equity accounted investments	–	–	–	2	–	–	2	(847)	(845)
Balance as at 30 June 2015	1,186	1,057	(19)	(57)	2,557	60,044	64,768	5,777	70,545

Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group

US\$M	Share capital		Treasury shares		Reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc					
Balance as at 1 July 2013	1,186	1,069	(8)	(532)	1,970	66,982	70,667	4,624	75,291
Total comprehensive income	–	–	–	–	(24)	13,901	13,877	1,392	15,269
Transactions with owners:									
Purchase of shares by ESOP									
Trusts	–	–	(290)	(78)	–	–	(368)	–	(368)
Employee share awards exercised net of employee contributions	–	–	247	74	(221)	(91)	9	–	9
Employee share awards forfeited	–	–	–	–	(32)	32	–	–	–
Accrued employee entitlement for unexercised awards	–	–	–	–	247	–	247	–	247
Distribution to option holders	–	–	–	–	(2)	–	(2)	(2)	(4)
Dividends	–	–	–	–	–	(6,276)	(6,276)	(252)	(6,528)
Equity contributed	–	–	–	–	989	–	989	477	1,466
Balance as at 30 June 2014	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>(51)</u>	<u>(536)</u>	<u>2,927</u>	<u>74,548</u>	<u>79,143</u>	<u>6,239</u>	<u>85,382</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements.

Basis of preparation

The Group's financial report as at and for the year ended 30 June 2016:

- is a consolidated general purpose financial report;
- has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the:
 - Australian Corporations Act 2001;
 - UK Companies Act 2006;
- has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and interpretations collectively referred to as 'IFRS' in this report, which encompass the:
 - International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;
 - Australian Accounting Standards, being Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB);
 - International Financial Reporting Standards and interpretations adopted by the European Union (EU);
- is prepared on a going concern basis;
- measures items on the basis of historical cost principles, except for the following items:
 - derivative financial instruments and certain other financial assets, which are carried at fair value;
 - non-current assets or disposal groups that are classified as held-for-sale or held-for-distribution, which are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less cost to dispose;
- includes significant accounting policies in the notes to the Financial Statements that summarise the recognition and measurement basis used and are relevant to an understanding of the Financial Statements;
- applies a presentation currency of US dollars, consistent with the predominant functional currency of the Group's operations. Amounts are rounded to the nearest million dollars, unless otherwise stated, in accordance with ASIC (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191;
- presents reclassified comparative information where required for consistency with the current year's presentation;
- adopts all new and amended standards and interpretations under IFRS issued by the relevant bodies (listed above), that are mandatory for application beginning on or after 1 July 2015. None had a significant impact on the Financial Statements;
- has not early adopted any standards and interpretations that have been issued or amended but are not yet effective.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied by all entities included in the Financial Statements and are consistent with those applied in all prior years presented.

Principles of consolidation

In preparing the Financial Statements the effects of all intragroup balances and transactions have been eliminated.

A list of significant entities in the Group, including subsidiaries, joint arrangements and associates at year-end is contained in note 27 'Subsidiaries', note 28 'Investments accounted for using the equity method' and note 29 'Interests in joint operations'.

Subsidiaries: The Financial Statements of the Group include the consolidation of BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc and their respective subsidiaries being the entities controlled by the parent entities during the year. Control exists where the Group is:

- exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity;
- has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity.

The ability to approve the operating and capital budget of a subsidiary and the ability to appoint key management personnel are decisions that demonstrate that the Group has the existing rights to direct the relevant activities of a subsidiary. Where the Group's interest is less than 100 per cent, the interest attributable to outside shareholders is reflected in non-controlling interests. The Financial Statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Group, using consistent accounting policies. The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for the Group's business combinations.

Joint arrangements: The Group undertakes a number of business activities through joint arrangements, which exist when two or more parties have joint control. Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures, based on the contractual rights and obligations between the parties to the arrangement.

The Group has two types of joint arrangements:

- **Joint operations:** A joint operation is an arrangement in which the Group shares joint control, primarily via contractual arrangements with other parties. In a joint operation, the Group has rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement. This includes situations where the parties benefit from the joint activity through a share of the output, rather than by receiving a share of the results of trading. In relation to the Group's interest in a joint operation, the Group recognises: its share of assets and liabilities; revenue from the sale of its share of the output and its share of any revenue generated from the sale of the output by the joint operation; and its share of expenses. All such amounts are measured in accordance with the terms of the arrangement, which is usually in proportion to the Group's interest in the joint operation.
- **Joint ventures:** A joint venture is a joint arrangement in which the parties that share joint control have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. A separate vehicle, not the parties, will have the rights to the assets and obligations to the liabilities relating to the arrangement. More than an insignificant share of output from a joint venture is sold to third parties, which indicates the joint venture is not dependent on the parties to the arrangement for funding, nor do the parties have an obligation for the liabilities of the arrangement. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity accounting method.

Associates: The Group accounts for investments in associates using the equity accounting method. An entity is considered an associate where the Group is deemed to have significant influence but not control or joint control. Significant influence is presumed to exist where the Group:

- has over 20 per cent of the voting rights of an entity, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this is not the case;
- holds less than 20 per cent of the voting rights of an entity; however, has the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions affecting the entity.

The Group uses the term 'equity accounted investments' to refer to joint ventures and associates collectively.

Foreign currencies

Transactions related to the Group's worldwide operations are conducted in a number of foreign currencies. The majority of operations have assessed US dollars as the functional currency; however, some subsidiaries, joint arrangements and associates have functional currencies other than US dollars.

Monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into US dollars as follows:

Foreign currency item	Applicable exchange rate
Transactions	Date of underlying transaction
Monetary assets and liabilities	Period-end rate

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from translation are recognised in the income statement, except for qualifying cash flow hedges (which are deferred to equity) and foreign exchange gains or losses on foreign currency provisions for site closure and rehabilitation costs (which are capitalised in property, plant and equipment for operating sites).

On consolidation, the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of non-US dollar denominated functional operations are translated into US dollars using the following applicable exchange rates:

Foreign currency amount	Applicable exchange rate
Income and expenses	Date of underlying transaction
Assets and liabilities	Period-end rate
Equity	Historical date
Reserves	Historical and period-end rate

Foreign exchange differences resulting from translation are initially recognised in the foreign currency translation reserve and subsequently transferred to the income statement on disposal of a foreign operation.

Critical accounting policies, judgements and estimates

The Group has identified a number of critical accounting policies under which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ for these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. This may materially affect financial results and the financial position to be reported in future.

These critical accounting policies are embedded within the following notes:

Note	
5	Taxation
9	Inventories
10	Exploration and evaluation
10	Development expenditure
10	Overburden removal costs
10	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment
10, 11 and 12	Property, plant and equipment, Intangible assets and Impairments of non-current assets – recoverable amount
14	Closure and rehabilitation provisions
39	Reserve estimates

5.1.6 Notes to Financial Statements

Performance

1. Segment reporting

Reportable segments

The Group operated four reportable segments during FY2016 aligned with the commodities that are extracted and marketed, reflecting the structure used by the Group's management to assess the performance of the Group.

Reportable segment	Principal activities
Petroleum	Exploration, development and production of oil and gas
Copper	Mining of copper, silver, lead, zinc, molybdenum, uranium and gold
Iron Ore	Mining of iron ore
Coal	Mining of metallurgical coal and thermal (energy) coal

The segment reporting information for comparative periods has been presented on a Continuing operations basis to exclude the contribution from assets that were demerged with South32.

Group and unallocated items includes functions, other unallocated operations including Potash (previously disclosed in the former Petroleum and Potash reportable segment), Nickel West and consolidation adjustments. Comparative information for the years ended 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014 have been restated for the effects of the change in reporting related to Potash. Revenue not attributable to reportable segments comprises the sale of freight and fuel to third parties, as well as revenues from unallocated operations. Exploration and technology activities are recognised within relevant segments.

Year ended 30 June 2016					Group and unallocated items/ eliminations	BHP Billiton Group
US\$M	Petroleum	Copper	Iron Ore	Coal		
Revenue	6,776	8,249	10,516	4,518	853	30,912
Inter-segment revenue	118	–	22	–	(140)	–
Total revenue	6,894	8,249	10,538	4,518	713	30,912
Underlying EBITDA	3,658	2,619	5,599	635	(171)	12,340
Depreciation and amortisation	(4,147)	(1,560)	(1,817)	(890)	(247)	(8,661)
Impairment losses	(48)	(17)	(42)	(94)	(9)	(210)
Underlying EBIT	(537)	1,042	3,740	(349)	(427)	3,469
Exceptional items	(7,184)	–	(2,388)	–	(132)	(9,704)
Net finance costs						(1,024)
(Loss)/profit before taxation						(7,259)
Capital expenditure (cash basis)	2,517	2,786	1,061	298	284	6,946
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	(7)	155	(2,244)	(9)	1	(2,104)
Investments accounted for using the equity method	280	1,388	–	901	6	2,575
Total assets	30,476	26,143	24,330	12,754	25,250	118,953
Total liabilities	5,308	2,299	3,789	2,103	45,383	58,882

Year ended 30 June 2015						
US\$M						
Restated	Petroleum	Copper	Iron Ore	Coal	Group and unallocated items/ eliminations	BHP Billiton Group
Revenue	11,180	11,453	14,649	5,885	1,469	44,636
Inter-segment revenue	267	–	104	–	(371)	–
Total revenue	11,447	11,453	14,753	5,885	1,098	44,636
Underlying EBITDA	7,201	5,205	8,648	1,242	(444)	21,852
Depreciation and amortisation	(4,738)	(1,545)	(1,698)	(875)	(302)	(9,158)
Impairment losses	(477)	(307)	(18)	(19)	(7)	(828)
Underlying EBIT	1,986	3,353	6,932	348	(753)	11,866
Exceptional items	(2,787)	–	–	–	(409)	(3,196)
Net finance costs						(614)
Profit before taxation						8,056
Capital expenditure (cash basis)	5,023	3,822	1,930	729	443	11,947
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	–	175	371	1	1	548
Investments accounted for using the equity method	287	1,422	1,044	956	3	3,712
Total assets	40,325	26,340	26,808	14,182	16,925	124,580
Total liabilities	6,722	2,639	2,854	2,413	39,407	54,035

Year ended 30 June 2014						
US\$M						
Restated	Petroleum	Copper	Iron Ore	Coal	Group and unallocated items/ eliminations	BHP Billiton Group
Revenue	14,571	12,789	21,143	6,563	1,696	56,762
Inter-segment revenue	262	–	213	–	(475)	–
Total revenue	14,833	12,789	21,356	6,563	1,221	56,762
Underlying EBITDA	9,826	6,127	13,531	1,258	(450)	30,292
Depreciation and amortisation	(3,945)	(1,371)	(1,464)	(683)	(253)	(7,716)
Impairment (losses)/reversals	(309)	(88)	35	–	(116)	(478)
Underlying EBIT	5,572	4,668	12,102	575	(819)	22,098
Exceptional items	–	551	–	–	–	551
Net finance costs						(914)
Profit before taxation						21,735
Capital expenditure (cash basis)	5,879	3,697	2,949	1,971	728	15,224
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	(4)	438	607	140	4	1,185
Investments accounted for using the equity method	115	1,386	1,069	1,079	15	3,664
Total assets	44,576	24,255	27,412	14,919	40,251	151,413
Total liabilities	7,317	2,258	4,022	3,010	49,424	66,031

Geographical information

	Revenue by location of customer		
	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Australia	1,846	2,205	3,106
Europe	1,161	2,465	3,436
China	13,177	16,337	21,873
Japan	2,941	4,863	6,305
India	1,478	1,680	2,009
South Korea	1,919	2,688	4,104
Rest of Asia	2,833	4,734	3,816
North America	4,470	7,990	9,607
South America	899	1,342	1,994
Rest of world	188	332	512
	30,912	44,636	56,762

	Non-current assets by location of assets		
	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Australia	49,465	52,109	60,408
North America	23,943	33,091	35,845
South America	15,965	15,831	15,926
Rest of world ^(a)	3,038	3,160	8,193
Unallocated assets ^(b)	8,828	4,020	8,745
	101,239	108,211	129,117

(a) FY2014 includes US\$4,570 million of Southern Africa non-current assets predominantly disposed as part of the South32 demerger.

(b) Unallocated assets comprise deferred tax assets and other financial assets.

Underlying EBITDA

Underlying EBITDA is earnings before net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments, taxation expense, Discontinued operations and any exceptional items. Underlying EBITDA includes BHP Billiton's share of (loss)/profit from investments accounted for using the equity method including net finance costs, depreciation, amortisation and impairments and taxation expense.

Underlying EBITDA is the key non-IFRS measure that management uses internally to assess the performance of the Group's segments and make decisions on the allocation of resources and, in the Group's view is more relevant to capital intensive industries with long-life assets. In past periods, the Group has reported Underlying EBIT as a key non-IFRS measure of operating results. Management believes focusing on Underlying EBITDA more closely reflects the operating cash generative capacity and hence the underlying performance of the Group's business. Management also uses this measure because financing structures and tax regimes differ across the Group's assets and substantial components of the Group's tax and interest charges are levied at a Group level rather than an operational level. We exclude exceptional items from Underlying EBITDA in order to enhance the comparability of the measure from period-to-period and provide clarity to the underlying performance of the Group's operations. Management monitors exceptional items separately.

Segment assets and liabilities

Total segment assets and liabilities of reportable segments represents operating assets net of operating liabilities, including the carrying amount of equity accounted investments and predominantly excludes cash balances, loans to associates, interest bearing liabilities and deferred tax balances. The carrying value of investments accounted for using the equity method represents the balance of the Group's investment in equity accounted investments, with no adjustment for any cash balances, interest bearing liabilities and deferred tax balances of the equity accounted investment.

Recognition and measurement

Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Sale of products

Revenue is recognised when the risk and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer based on agreed delivery terms and it can be measured reliably. Depending on customer terms this can be based on issuance of a bill of lading or when delivery is completed as per the agreement with the Group's customers.

Provisionally priced sales

Revenue on provisionally priced sales is initially recognised at the estimated fair value of consideration receivable with reference to the relevant forward and/or contractual price and the determined mineral or hydrocarbon specifications. Subsequently, provisionally priced sales are marked to market at each reporting period up until when final pricing and settlement is confirmed with the fair value adjustment recognised in revenue in the period identified. Refer to note 21 'Financial risk management' for details of provisionally priced sales open at reporting period-end. The period between provisional pricing and final invoicing is typically between 60 and 120 days.

2. Exceptional items

Exceptional items are those items where their nature and amount is considered material to the Financial Statements. Such items included within the Group's loss for the year are detailed below:

Year ended 30 June 2016	Gross	Tax	Net
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Samarco dam failure	(2,450)	253	(2,197)
Impairment of Onshore US assets ^(a)	(7,184)	2,300	(4,884)
Global taxation matters	(70)	(500)	(570)
Total	(9,704)	2,053	(7,651)

^(a) Includes amounts attributable to non-controlling interests of US\$(51) million after tax benefit.

Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) dam failure

The exceptional loss of US\$2,450 million (before tax) related to the Samarco dam failure in November 2015 comprises the following:

Year ended 30 June 2016	US\$M
Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure	(655)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco	(525)
Samarco dam failure provision	(1,200)
Costs incurred directly by BHP Billiton in relation to the Samarco dam failure	(70)
Loss from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses ^(a)	(2,450)

(a) BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment), recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement and together with other BHP Billiton entities incurred US\$(70) million of direct costs in relation to the Samarco dam failure. US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense. Refer to note 3 'Significant events – Samarco dam failure' for further information.

Impairment of Onshore US assets

The Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$4,884 million (after tax benefit) against the carrying value of its Onshore US assets in the year ended 30 June 2016. The impairment reflects changes to price assumptions, discount rates and development plans. This follows significant volatility and much weaker prices experienced in the oil and gas industry, which have more than offset the Group's substantial productivity improvements.

Global taxation matters

Global taxation matters include amounts provided for unresolved tax matters and other claims for which the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain.

Year ended 30 June 2015	Gross US\$M	Tax US\$M	Net US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Impairment of Onshore US assets	(2,787)	829	(1,958)
Impairment of Nickel West assets	(409)	119	(290)
Repeal of Minerals Resource Rent Tax legislation ^(a)	–	(698)	(698)
Total	(3,196)	250	(2,946)

(a) Includes amounts attributable to non-controlling interests of US\$(12) million.

Impairment of Onshore US assets

The Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$1,958 million (after tax benefit) in relation to its Onshore US assets. The gas-focused Hawkville field accounts for the substantial majority of this charge reflecting its geological complexity, product mix, acreage relinquishments and amended development plans. The remainder relates to the impairment of goodwill associated with the Petrohawk acquisition.

Impairment of Nickel West assets

The Group announced on 12 November 2014 that the review of its Nickel West business was complete and the preferred option, the sale of the business, was not achieved on an acceptable basis. As a result of operational decisions made subsequent to the conclusion of this process, an impairment charge of US\$290 million (after tax benefit) was recognised in the year ended 30 June 2015.

Repeal of Minerals Resource Rent Tax legislation

The legislation to repeal the Minerals Resource Rent Tax (MRRT) in Australia took effect on 30 September 2014. As a result, the Group derecognised a MRRT deferred tax asset of US\$809 million and corresponding taxation charges of US\$698 million related to Continuing operations and US\$111 million related to Discontinued operations were recognised in the year ended 30 June 2015.

Year ended 30 June 2014	Gross	Tax	Net
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Exceptional items by category			
Sale of Pinto Valley	551	(166)	385
Total	551	(166)	385

Sale of Pinto Valley

The Group announced on 11 October 2013 that it had completed the sale of its Pinto Valley mining operation for a cash consideration of US\$653 million, after working capital adjustments. A gain on sale of US\$385 million (after tax expense) was recognised in the year ended 30 June 2014.

3. Significant events – Samarco dam failure

On 5 November 2015, the Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) iron ore operation in Minas Gerais, Brazil, experienced a tailings dam failure that resulted in a release of mine tailings, flooding the community of Bento Rodrigues and impacting other communities downstream (Samarco dam failure). Refer to section 1.4 'Samarco'.

Samarco is jointly owned by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (BHP Billiton Brasil) and Vale S.A. (Vale). BHP Billiton Brasil's 50 per cent interest is accounted for as an equity accounted joint venture investment. BHP Billiton Brasil does not separately recognise its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of Samarco, but instead records the investment as one line on the balance sheet. Each period, BHP Billiton Brasil recognises its 50 per cent share of Samarco's profit or loss and adjusts the carrying value of the investment in Samarco accordingly. Such adjustment continues until the investment carrying value is reduced to US\$ nil, with any additional share of Samarco losses only recognised to the extent that BHP Billiton Brasil has an obligation to fund the losses, or when future investment funding is provided. After applying equity accounting, any remaining carrying value of the investment is tested for impairment.

Any charges relating to the Samarco dam failure incurred directly by BHP Billiton Brasil or other BHP Billiton entities are recognised 100 per cent in the Group's results.

The financial impacts of the Samarco dam failure on the Group's income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2016 are shown in the table below and have been treated as an exceptional item. The table below does not include BHP Billiton Brasil's share of the results of Samarco prior to the Samarco dam failure, which is disclosed in note 28 'Investments accounted for using the equity method', along with the summary financial information related to Samarco as at 30 June 2016.

Financial impacts of Samarco dam failure
Year ended 30 June 2016

	US\$M
Income statement	
Expenses excluding net finance costs	
– Costs incurred directly by BHP Billiton Brasil and other BHP Billiton entities in relation to the Samarco dam failure ^(a)	(70)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	
– Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure ^(b)	(655)
– Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco ^(b)	(525)
– Samarco dam failure provision ^(b)	(1,200)
Loss before taxation	(2,450)
Income tax benefit	253
Loss after taxation	(2,197)
Balance sheet movement	
Trade and other payables	(11)
Investments accounted for using the equity method	(1,180)
Deferred tax assets	(158)
Provisions	(1,200)
Deferred tax liabilities	411
Net liabilities	(2,138)
Cash flow statement	
Loss before taxation	(2,450)
<i>Comprising:</i>	
Costs incurred directly by BHP Billiton Brasil and other BHP Billiton entities in relation to the Samarco dam failure ^(a)	(70)
Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure ^(b)	(655)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco ^(b)	(525)
Samarco dam failure provision ^(b)	(1,200)
Non-cash items	2,391
Net operating cash flows	(59)

^(a) Includes legal and advisor costs incurred.

^(b) BHP Billiton Brasil has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment) and recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement (defined on page F-20). US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense.

Equity accounted investment in Samarco

The following table details the movement in the carrying value of BHP Billiton Brasil's equity accounted investment in Samarco:

Year ended 30 June 2016

	US\$M
At the beginning of the financial year	1,044
Share of operating profit prior to the Samarco dam failure	136
Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure ^(a)	(655)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco ^(a)	(525)
Samarco dam failure provision ^(a)	(1,200)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	(2,244)
Loss and expenses recognised as a provision for Samarco dam failure ^(b)	1,200
Dividends received ^(c)	-
Investment	-
At the end of the financial year	-

^(a) BHP Billiton Brasil has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment) and recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement (defined below). US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense.

^(b) As the investment carrying value has been adjusted to US\$ nil, additional share of Samarco losses US\$(572) million and Samarco dam failure provision expense US\$(628) million are included in the provision for Samarco dam failure. This reflects BHP Billiton Brasil's US\$(1,200) million potential legal funding obligation to the Foundation as a result of the Framework Agreement (defined below).

^(c) Samarco currently does not have profits available for distribution and is legally prevented from paying previously declared and unpaid dividends.

At the half year ended 31 December 2015, the Group assessed the recoverability of its investment in light of uncertainties surrounding the nature and timing of ongoing future operations. As a result, an impairment charge of US\$525 million was recognised, reducing the investment balance to US\$ nil.

As described below, the Group has recognised a provision of US\$1,200 million at 30 June 2016 in respect of BHP Billiton Brasil's potential obligation under the Framework Agreement (defined below). This reflects the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the nature and timing of a potential restart of Samarco's operations. In doing so, the Group has recognised BHP Billiton Brasil's share of all losses recognised by Samarco to 30 June 2016.

Provision for Samarco dam failure

Year ended 30 June 2016

	US\$M
At the beginning of the financial year	–
Provision recognition, comprising:	
– Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure	572
– Samarco dam failure provision expense	628
At the end of the financial year	1,200
Comprising:	
Current	300
Non-current	900

Dam failure provisions and contingencies

As at 30 June 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil has identified provisions and contingent liabilities arising as a consequence of the Samarco dam failure as follows:

Environment and socio-economic remediation

Framework Agreement

On 2 March 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil, together with Samarco and Vale, entered into a Framework Agreement (Agreement) with the Federal Attorney General of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and certain other public authorities to establish a Foundation that will develop and execute environmental and socio-economic programs to remediate and provide compensation for damage caused by the Samarco dam failure. On 5 May 2016, the Agreement was ratified by the Federal Court of Appeal suspending the public civil claim disclosed below.

The Federal Prosecutor's Office appealed the ratification of the Agreement and on 30 June 2016, the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil issued a preliminary order (Interim Order) suspending the 5 May 2016 ratification of the Agreement.

Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil have appealed the Interim Order before the Superior Court of Justice.

The term of the Agreement is 15 years, renewable for periods of one year successively until all obligations under the Agreement have been performed. Under the Agreement, Samarco is responsible for funding the Foundation with calendar year contributions as follows:

- R\$2 billion (approximately US\$620 million) in 2016, less the amount of funds already spent on, or allocated to, remediation and compensation activity;
- R\$1.2 billion (approximately US\$370 million) in 2017;
- R\$1.2 billion (approximately US\$370 million) in 2018;
- R\$500 million (approximately US\$155 million) for a special project to be spent on sewage treatment and landfill works from 2016 to 2018.

Annual contributions for each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be in the range of R\$800 million (approximately US\$250 million) and R\$1.6 billion (approximately US\$500 million), depending on the remediation and compensation projects which are to be undertaken in the particular year. Annual contributions may be reviewed under the Agreement. To the extent that Samarco does not meet its funding obligations under the Agreement, each of Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil has potential funding obligations under the Agreement in proportion to its 50 per cent shareholding in Samarco.

Mining and processing operations remain suspended following the dam failure. Samarco is currently progressing plans to resume operations, however significant uncertainties surrounding the nature and timing of ongoing future operations remain. In light of these uncertainties and based on currently available information, BHP Billiton Brasil has recognised a provision of US\$1,200 million before tax and after discounting at 30 June 2016, in respect of its potential obligations under the Agreement.

The measurement of the provision requires the use of estimates and assumptions and may be affected by, amongst other factors, potential changes in scope of work required under the Agreement including further technical analysis, costs incurred in respect of programs delivered, resolution of uncertainty in respect of operational restart, updates to discount and foreign exchange rates, resolution of existing and potential legal claims and the status of the Agreement. As a result, future actual expenditures may differ from the amounts currently provided and changes to key assumptions and estimates could result in a material impact to the amount of the provision in future reporting periods.

On 28 July 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil approved US\$134 million to support the Foundation, in the event that Samarco does not meet its funding obligations under the Agreement. Any support to the Foundation provided by BHP Billiton Brasil will be offset against the provision for the Samarco dam failure recognised at 30 June 2016.

Legal

The following matters are disclosed as contingent liabilities:

BHP Billiton Brasil is among the companies named as defendants in a number of legal proceedings initiated by individuals, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), corporations and governmental entities in Brazilian federal and state courts following the Samarco dam failure. The other defendants include Vale and Samarco. The lawsuits include claims for compensation, environmental rehabilitation and violations of Brazilian environmental and other laws, among other matters. The lawsuits seek various remedies, including rehabilitation costs, compensation to injured individuals and families of the deceased, recovery of personal and property losses, moral damages and injunctive relief. These legal proceedings include civil public actions filed by state prosecutors in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$7.5 billion, US\$2.3 billion), public defenders in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$10 billion, US\$3.1 billion) and state prosecutors in Espírito Santo (claiming damages of approximately R\$2 billion, US\$620 million). Given the preliminary status of all these proceedings, and the duplicative nature of the damages sought in these proceedings and the R\$20 billion (US\$6.2 billion) and R\$155 billion (US\$48 billion) claims noted below, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil.

In addition, government inquiries and investigations relating to the Samarco dam failure have been commenced by numerous agencies of the Brazilian government and are ongoing.

Public civil claim

Among the claims brought against BHP Billiton Brasil, is a public civil claim commenced by the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo, Minas Gerais and other public authorities on 30 November 2015, seeking the establishment of a fund of up to R\$20 billion (approximately US\$6.2 billion) in aggregate for clean-up costs and damages.

On 2 March 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil, together with Samarco and Vale, entered into the Agreement. Ratification of the Agreement by the Federal Court of Appeal on 5 May 2016 suspended this public civil claim. However, it was reinstated on 30 June 2016 upon issue of the Interim Order by the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil. As noted above, BHP Billiton Brasil has recognised a provision as of 30 June 2016 of US\$1,200 million after tax and discounting in respect of its potential obligations under the Agreement. While an appeal has been commenced against the Interim Order, given the status of the appeal it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil in relation to the R\$20 billion (approximately US\$6.2 billion) claim.

Federal Public Prosecution Office claim

BHP Billiton Brasil is among the defendants named in a claim brought by the Federal Public Prosecution Office on 3 May 2016, seeking R\$155 billion (approximately US\$48 billion) for reparation, compensation and moral damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure. Given the preliminary status of these proceedings, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for BHP Billiton Brasil.

Class action complaint

In February 2016, a putative class action complaint (Complaint) was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of purchasers of American Depository Receipts of BHP Billiton Ltd and Plc between 25 September 2014 and 30 November 2015 against BHP Billiton Ltd and Plc and certain of its current and former executive officers and directors. The Complaint asserts claims under U.S. federal securities laws and indicates that the plaintiff will seek certification to proceed as a class action.

The amount of damages sought by the plaintiff on behalf of the putative class is unspecified. Given the preliminary status of this matter, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures to BHP Billiton.

Other claims

Additional lawsuits and government investigations relating to the Samarco dam failure may be brought against BHP Billiton Brasil and possibly other BHP Billiton entities in Brazil or other jurisdictions.

BHP Billiton's potential liabilities, if any, resulting from other pending and future claims, lawsuits and enforcement actions relating to the Samarco dam failure, together with the potential cost of implementing remedies sought in the various proceedings, cannot be reliably estimated at this time and therefore a provision has not been recognised and nor has any contingent liability been quantified for such matters.

Ultimately, all the legal matters disclosed as contingent liabilities could have a material adverse impact on BHP Billiton's business, competitive position, cash flows, prospects, liquidity and shareholder returns.

BHP Billiton Insurance

BHP Billiton has third party liability insurance for claims related to the Samarco dam failure made directly against BHP Billiton Brasil or other BHP Billiton entities. Such claims may be externally insured up to US\$360 million (when adjusted for BHP Billiton Brasil's interest in Samarco). External insurers have been advised of the Samarco dam failure although no formal claim has currently been made under the policy. At 30 June 2016, an insurance receivable has not been recognised for any potential recoveries under insurance arrangements.

Commitments

Under the terms of the Samarco joint venture agreement, BHP Billiton Brasil does not have an existing obligation to fund Samarco.

On 28 July 2016, BHP Billiton Brasil made available a short-term facility to Samarco of up to US\$116 million to carry out remediation and stabilisation work and support Samarco's operations. Funds will be released to Samarco only as required and subject to the achievement of key milestones.

Any additional requests for funding or future investment provided would be subject to a future decision, accounted for at that time.

The following section includes disclosure required by IFRS of Samarco Mineração S.A.'s provisions, contingencies and other matters arising from the dam failure.

Samarco

Dam failure related provisions and contingencies

As at 30 June 2016 Samarco has identified provisions and contingent liabilities arising as a consequence of the Samarco dam failure as follows:

Environment and socio-economic remediation

Framework Agreement

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The Federal Prosecutor's Office appealed the ratification of the Agreement and on 30 June 2016, the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil issued a preliminary order (Interim Order) suspending the 5 May 2016 ratification of the Agreement.

Samarco, Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil have appealed the Interim Order before the Superior Court of Justice.

The term of the Agreement is 15 years, renewable for periods of one year successively until all obligations under the Agreement have been performed. Under the Agreement, Samarco is responsible for funding the Foundation with calendar year contributions as follows:

- R\$2 billion (approximately US\$620 million) in 2016, less the amount of funds already spent on, or allocated to, remediation and compensation activity;
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- R\$1.2 billion (approximately US\$370 million) in 2018;
- R\$500 million (approximately US\$155 million) for a special project to be spent on sewage treatment and landfill works from 2016 to 2018.

Annual contributions for each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be in the range of R\$800 million (approximately US\$250 million) and R\$1.6 billion (approximately US\$500 million), depending on the remediation and compensation projects which are to be undertaken in the particular year. Annual contributions may be reviewed under the Agreement.

As at 30 June 2016, Samarco has a provision of US\$2,400 million before tax and after discounting, in relation to its obligations under the Agreement based on currently available information. The measurement of the provision requires the use of estimates and assumptions and may be affected by, amongst other factors, potential changes in scope of work required under the Agreement including further technical analysis, costs incurred in respect of programs delivered, resolution of uncertainty in respect of operational restart, updates to discount and foreign exchange rates, resolution of existing and potential legal claims and the status of the Agreement. As a result, future actual expenditures may differ from the amounts currently provided and changes to key assumptions and estimates could result in a material impact to the amount of the provision in future reporting periods.

Other

As at 30 June 2016, Samarco has recognised provisions of US\$172 million, in addition to its obligations under the Agreement, based on currently available information. The magnitude, scope and timing of these additional costs are subject to a high degree of uncertainty and Samarco has indicated that it anticipates that it will incur future costs beyond those provided. These uncertainties are likely to continue for a significant period and changes to key assumptions could result in a material change to the amount of the provision in future reporting periods. Any such unrecognised obligations are therefore contingent liabilities and, at present, it is not practicable to estimate their magnitude or possible timing of payment. Accordingly, it is also not possible to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of total potential future exposures at this time.

Legal

Samarco has been named as defendant in a number of legal proceedings initiated by individuals, NGOs, corporations and governmental entities in Brazilian federal and state courts following the Samarco dam failure. These lawsuits include claims for compensation, environmental rehabilitation and violations of Brazilian environmental and other laws, among other matters. The lawsuits seek various remedies, including rehabilitation costs, compensation to injured individuals and families of the deceased, recovery of personal and property losses, moral damages and injunctive relief. These legal proceedings include civil public actions filed by state prosecutors in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$7.5 billion, US\$2.3 billion), public defenders in Minas Gerais (claiming damages of approximately R\$10 billion, US\$3.1 billion), and state prosecutors in Espírito Santo (claiming damages of approximately R\$2 billion, US\$620 million). Given the preliminary status of all these proceedings, and the duplicative nature of the damages sought in these proceedings and the R\$20 billion (US\$6.2 billion) and R\$155 billion (US\$48 billion) claims noted below, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for Samarco.

In addition, government investigations of the Samarco dam failure by numerous agencies of the Brazilian government have commenced and are ongoing.

Public civil claim

Among the claims brought against Samarco, is a public civil claim commenced by the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Espírito Santo, Minas Gerais and other public authorities on 30 November 2015, seeking the establishment of a fund of up to R\$20 billion (approximately US\$6.2 billion) in aggregate for clean-up costs and damages.

On 2 March 2016, Samarco, together with Vale and BHP Billiton Brasil, entered into the Agreement. Ratification of the Agreement by the Federal Court of Appeal on 5 May 2016 suspended this public civil claim. However, it was reinstated on 30 June 2016 upon issue of the Interim Order by the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil. As noted above, Samarco has recognised a provision as of 30 June 2016 of US\$2,400 million before tax and discounting in respect of its potential obligations under the Agreement. While an appeal has been commenced against the Interim Order, given the status of the appeal it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for Samarco in relation to the R\$20 billion (approximately US\$6.2 billion) claim.

Federal Public Prosecution Office claim

Samarco is among the defendants named in a claim brought by the Federal Public Prosecution Office on 3 May 2016, seeking R\$155 billion (approximately US\$48 billion) for reparation, compensation and moral damages in relation to the Samarco dam failure. Given the preliminary status of these proceedings, it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures for Samarco.

Other claims

Other pending lawsuits and investigations are at the early stages of proceedings. Until further facts are developed; court rulings clarify the issues in dispute, liability and damages; trial activity nears, or other actions such as possible settlements occur, it is not possible to arrive at a range of outcomes or a reliable estimate of Samarco's obligations arising from these matters and therefore Samarco has not recognised a provision or quantified a contingent liability.

Additional claims may be brought against Samarco. A provision has not been made by Samarco for claims yet to be filed. Given the significant uncertainties surrounding possible outcomes it is not possible for Samarco to arrive at a range of outcomes or a reliable estimate of the liability for any unfiled claims.

Samarco Insurance

Samarco has standalone insurance policies in place with Brazilian and global insurers. Samarco has notified insurers including those covering property, project and liability risks. Insurers have appointed loss adjusters or claims representatives to investigate and assist with the claims process. The respective adjustment processes for these policies continues. An insurance receivable has not been recognised by Samarco for any recoveries under insurance arrangements at 30 June 2016.

Samarco Commitments

At 30 June 2016, Samarco has commitments of US\$1,482 million (2015: US\$2,544 million). Following the dam failure Samarco invoked force majeure clauses in a number of long-term contracts with suppliers and service providers to suspend contractual obligations.

Samarco non-dam failure related contingent liabilities

The following non-dam failure related contingent liabilities pre-date and are unrelated to the Samarco dam failure. Samarco is currently contesting both of these matters in the Brazilian courts. Given the status of the proceedings, the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain. BHP Billiton entities have no legal obligation related to these matters.

Brazilian Social Contribution Levy

Samarco has received tax assessments for the alleged non-payment of Brazilian Social Contribution Levy for the calendar years 2008 to 2014 totalling approximately R\$3.9 billion (approximately US\$1.2 billion).

Brazilian corporate income tax rate

Samarco has received tax assessments for alleged incorrect calculation of Corporate Income Tax (IRPJ) in respect of the 2000 to 2002 and 2007 to 2014 income years totalling approximately R\$3.3 billion (approximately US\$1.0 billion).

4. Expenses and other income

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Employee benefits expense:			
Wages, salaries and redundancies	3,414	4,537	4,799
Employee share awards	140	203	214
Social security costs	2	2	3
Pension and other post-retirement obligations	232	358	529
Less employee benefits expense classified as exploration and evaluation expenditure	(86)	(129)	(132)
Raw materials and consumables used	4,063	4,667	5,540
Freight and transportation	2,226	2,644	3,119
External services	4,984	6,284	6,780
Third party commodity purchases	1,013	1,165	1,702
Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(153)	(469)	168
Government royalties paid and payable	1,349	1,708	2,412
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8,661	9,158	7,716
Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred and expensed in the current period	430	670	698
Net impairments:			
Property, plant and equipment	7,377	3,445	455
Goodwill and other intangible assets	17	570	17
Available for sale financial assets	–	9	6
Operating lease rentals	528	636	665
All other operating expenses	1,290	1,552	1,832
Total expenses	35,487	37,010	36,523
Gains on divestment of subsidiaries and operations	(14)	(15)	(673)
Other income	(430)	(481)	(552)
Total other income	(444)	(496)	(1,225)

Other income is generally income earned from transactions outside the course of the Group's ordinary activities and may include certain management fees from non-controlling interests and joint venture arrangements, dividends income, royalties, commission income and gains or losses on sale of property, plant and equipment.

Recognition and measurement

Income is recognised where it is probable that the economic benefits associated with a transaction will flow to the Group and they can be reliably measured. Dividends are recognised upon declaration.

5. Income tax expense

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Total taxation (benefit)/expense comprises:			
Current tax expense	2,456	3,168	6,353
Deferred tax (benefit)/expense	<u>(3,508)</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>427</u>
	<u>(1,052)</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>6,780</u>
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Factors affecting income tax expense for the year			
Income tax expense differs to the standard rate of corporation tax as follows:			
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(7,259)	8,056	21,735
Tax on (loss)/profit at Australian prima facie tax rate of 30 per cent	(2,178)	2,417	6,521
Impact of tax rates applicable outside of Australia	(620)	(301)	49
Tax on remitted and unremitted foreign earnings	(376)	58	169
Recognition of previously unrecognised tax assets	(36)	(212)	(45)
Investment and development allowance	(36)	(190)	(223)
Amounts (over)/under provided in prior years	(28)	138	(147)
Tax rate changes	14	137	20
Foreign exchange adjustments	125	339	(34)
Tax effect of (loss)/profits from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses ^(a)	631	(164)	(356)
Non-tax effected operating losses and capital gains	671	143	11
Other	536	397	301
Income tax (benefit)/expense	<u>(1,297)</u>	<u>2,762</u>	<u>6,266</u>
Royalty-related taxation (net of income tax benefit)	<u>245</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>514</u>
Total taxation (benefit)/expense	<u>(1,052)</u>	<u>3,666</u>	<u>6,780</u>

^(a) The (loss)/profits from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses is net of income tax. This item removes the prima facie tax effect on such profits, related impairments and expenses.

Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income is as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Income tax effect of:			
<u>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement:</u>			
Available for sale investments:			
Net valuation gains/(losses) taken to equity	(1)	1	2
Net valuation gains transferred to the income statement	–	34	2
Cash flow hedges:			
(Losses)/gains taken to equity	170	539	(204)
Losses/(gains) transferred to the income statement	(199)	(545)	203
Income tax (charge)/credit relating to items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement	<u>(30)</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement:</u>			
Remeasurement (losses)/gains on pension and medical schemes	5	14	(6)
Employee share awards transferred to retained earnings on exercise	(22)	(31)	18
Income tax (charge)/credit relating to items that will not be reclassified to the income statement	<u>(17)</u>	<u>(17)</u>	<u>12</u>
Total income tax (charge)/credit relating to components of other comprehensive income ^(a)	<u>(47)</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>

^(a) Included within total income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income is US\$(25) million relating to deferred taxes and US\$(22) million relating to current taxes (2015: US\$43 million and US\$(31) million; 2014: US\$(1) million and US\$16 million).

Recognition and measurement

Taxation on the (loss)/profit for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Taxation is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case the tax is recognised in equity.

Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in full, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Financial Statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax is not recognised for temporary differences relating to:

- initial recognition of goodwill;
- initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit;
- investment in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities where the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset and when the tax balances are related to taxes levied by the same tax authority and the Group intends to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Royalty-related taxation

Royalties and resource rent taxes are treated as taxation arrangements (impacting income tax expense/benefit) when they are imposed under government authority and the amount payable is calculated by reference to revenue derived (net of any allowable deductions) after adjustment for temporary differences. Obligations arising from royalty arrangements that do not satisfy these criteria are recognised as current provisions and included in expenses.

Uncertain tax and royalty matters

The Group operates across many tax jurisdictions. Application of tax law can be complex and requires judgement to assess risk and estimate outcomes, particularly in relation to the Group's cross-border operations and transactions. The evaluation of tax risks considers both amended assessments received and potential sources of challenge from tax authorities. The status of proceedings for these matters will impact the ability to determine the potential exposure and in some cases, it may not be possible to determine a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of the potential exposure.

The Group presently has unresolved tax and royalty matters for which the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain. Tax and royalty matters with uncertain outcomes arise in the normal course of business and occur due to changes in tax law, changes in interpretation of tax law, periodic challenges and disagreements with tax authorities, and legal proceedings.

Tax and royalty obligations assessed as having probable future economic outflows capable of reliable measurement are adequately provided for at 30 June 2016. Matters without a probable economic outflow and / or presently incapable of being measured reliably are contingent liabilities and disclosed in note 32 'Contingent liabilities'. Irrespective of whether the potential economic outflow of the matter has been assessed as probable or possible, individually significant matters are included below, to the extent that disclosure does not prejudice the Group.

Transfer pricing – Sales of commodities to BHP Billiton Marketing AG in Singapore

The Group is currently in dispute with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) regarding the price at which the Group's Australian entities sell commodities to the Group's principal marketing entity in Singapore, BHP Billiton Marketing AG.

In April 2014, the Group received amended assessments for 2003 to 2008 totalling US\$270 million (A\$362 million) (inclusive of interest and penalties). In May 2016, the Group received further amended assessments totalling US\$400 million (A\$537 million) (inclusive of interest and penalties) for 2009 to 2013.

As a consequence of the finalisation of the transfer pricing audit for 2009 to 2013, the Group also received an amended assessment in relation to its 2013 MRRT return totalling US\$87 million (A\$117 million).

The Group has formally objected to the amended assessments. The ATO has yet to advise its decision on the objections to these amended assessments.

The Group has made payments of approximately US\$221 million (A\$276 million) to the ATO in relation to the assessments under dispute pending resolution of the matter.

Controlled Foreign Companies dispute

The Group is currently in dispute with the ATO regarding whether profits earned globally by BHP Billiton's marketing organisation from the on-sale of commodities acquired from Australian subsidiaries of BHP Billiton Plc are subject to 'top-up tax' in Australia under the Controlled Foreign Companies rules.

The Group received amended assessments for 2006 to 2010 for primary tax of US\$76 million (A\$102 million), and interest of US\$24 million (A\$32 million) and penalties of US\$19 million (A\$26 million) on 7 June 2011 (2006 to 2008 income years) and 19 December 2014 (2009 and 2010 income years). The Group has objected to these amended assessments. On 30 June 2016, the Group received the ATO's decision relating to the Group's objection against amended assessments for the 2006 to 2010 income years. The objections were allowed in part by the ATO. The ATO also determined that the Group was not liable for any penalties for the 2006 to 2010 income years. As a result of the objections being determined, it is estimated the primary tax subject to dispute for the 2006 to 2010 income years will total US\$32 million (A\$43 million).

On 26 May 2016, the Group received amended assessments for primary tax of US\$12 million (A\$16 million) relating to the 2012 and 2013 income years, and interest of US\$2 million (A\$3 million) (with nil penalties).

Royalty reassessments dispute with Queensland Office of State Revenue	<p>The Group has lodged applications with the Supreme Court of Queensland pertaining to disputed royalty reassessments issued by the Queensland Office of State Revenue (OSR) in relation to its share of BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) coal.</p> <p>The dispute relates to the basis for calculating the value of coal for royalty purposes under Queensland law. The reassessments relate to the period of 1 July 2005 to 30 September 2015. The reassessments total US\$168 million (A\$225 million) in royalties and US\$78 million (A\$104 million) in interest (BHP Billiton share).</p>
Samarco tax assessments	<p>Details of uncertain tax and royalty matters relating to Samarco are disclosed in note 3 ‘Significant events – Samarco dam failure’.</p>

Key judgements and estimates

Income tax classification

The Group’s accounting policy for taxation, including royalty-related taxation, requires management’s judgement as to the types of arrangements considered to be a tax on income in contrast to an operating cost.

Deferred tax

Judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that are recognised based on the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits. The Group assesses the recoverability of recognised and unrecognised deferred taxes, including losses in Australia, the United States and Canada and the recognition of deferred tax assets of capital allowances in Australia, on a consistent basis, using assumptions and projected cash flows as applied in the Group impairment reviews for associated operations.

Deferred tax liabilities arising from temporary differences in investments, caused principally by retained earnings held in foreign tax jurisdictions, are recognised unless repatriation of retained earnings can be controlled and are not expected to occur in the foreseeable future.

Uncertain tax matters

Judgements are required about the application of income tax legislation and its interaction with income tax accounting principles. These judgements are subject to risk and uncertainty, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the balance sheet and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised.

Where the final tax outcomes are different from the amounts that were initially recorded, these differences impact the current and deferred tax provisions in the period in which the determination is made.

Measurement of uncertain tax and royalty matters considers a range of possible outcomes, including assessments received from tax authorities. Where management is of the view that potential liabilities have a low probability of crystallising, or it is not possible to quantify them reliably, they are disclosed as contingent liabilities (refer to note 32 ‘Contingent liabilities’).

6. Earnings per share

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
(Loss)/earnings attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group (US\$M)			
– Continuing operations	(6,385)	3,483	13,648
– Total	(6,385)	1,910	13,832
Weighted average number of shares (Million)			
– Basic	5,322	5,318	5,321
– Diluted	5,322	5,333	5,338
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (US cents)			
– Continuing operations	(120.0)	65.5	256.5
– Total	(120.0)	35.9	260.0
Diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (US cents)			
– Continuing operations	(120.0)	65.3	255.7
– Total	(120.0)	35.8	259.1

Refer to note 26 ‘Discontinued operations’ for basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for Discontinued operations.

Earnings on American Depositary Shares represent twice the earnings for BHP Billiton ordinary shares.

Recognition and measurement

Diluted earnings attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group are equal to the earnings attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group.

The calculation of the number of ordinary shares used in the computation of basic earnings per share is the aggregate of the weighted average number of ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc outstanding during the period after deduction of the number of shares held by the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Plan Trust and the BHP Billiton Limited Employee Equity Trust.

The conversion of options and share rights would decrease the loss per share for the year ended 30 June 2016 and therefore its impact has been excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation (2015: 160,116 antidilutive shares; 2014: 183,181 antidilutive shares).

For the purposes of calculating diluted earnings per share, the effect of 15 million of dilutive shares has been taken into account for the year ended 30 June 2015 and 17 million shares for the year ended 30 June 2014. The Group’s only potential dilutive ordinary shares are share awards granted under the employee share ownership plans for which terms and conditions are described in note 23 ‘Employee share ownership plans’.

Working capital

7. Trade and other receivables

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Trade receivables	1,730	2,982
Loans to equity accounted investments	897	995
Other receivables	1,395	1,843
Total	4,022	5,820
Comprising:		
Current	3,155	4,321
Non-current	867	1,499

Recognition and measurement

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for impairment.

The collectability of trade receivables is assessed continuously and at reporting date specific allowances are made for any doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at reporting period-end. Individual receivables are written off when management deems them unrecoverable. The net carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates their fair values.

Credit risk

Trade receivables generally have terms of less than 30 days. The Group has no material concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty and is not dominantly exposed to any individual industry.

Credit risk can arise from the non-performance by counterparties of their contractual financial obligations towards the Group. To manage credit risk, the Group maintains Group-wide procedures covering the application for credit approvals, granting and renewal of counterparty limits, proactive monitoring of exposures against these limits and requirements triggering secured payment terms. As part of these processes, the credit exposures with all counterparties are regularly monitored and assessed on a timely basis. The credit quality of the Group's customers is reviewed and assessed for impairment where indicators of such impairment exist. The solvency of each debtor and their ability to pay on the receivable is considered in assessing receivables for impairment.

Receivables are deemed to be past due or impaired in accordance with the Group's terms and conditions. These terms and conditions are determined on a case-by-case basis with reference to the customer's credit quality, payment performance and prevailing market conditions. At 30 June 2016, trade receivables are stated net of provisions for doubtful debts of US\$ nil (2015: US\$6 million). As of 30 June 2016, trade receivables of US\$12 million (2015: US\$10 million) were past due but not impaired. The majority of these receivables were less than 30 days overdue. As at the reporting date, there are no indications that the debtors will not meet their payment obligations.

8. Trade and other payables

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Trade creditors	3,662	4,857
Other creditors	1,740	2,561
Total	5,402	7,418
Comprising:		
Current	5,389	7,389
Non-current	13	29

9. Inventories

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	
Raw materials and consumables	1,394	1,683	Spares, consumables and other supplies yet to be utilised in the production process or in the rendering of services.
Work in progress	2,149	2,297	Commodities currently in the production process that require further processing by the Group to a saleable form.
Finished goods	632	778	Commodities held-for-sale and not requiring further processing by the Group.
Total (a)	4,175	4,758	
Comprising:			
Current	3,411	4,292	Inventories classified as non-current are not expected to be utilised or sold within 12 months after the reporting date.
Non-current	764	466	

(a) Inventory write-downs of US\$118 million were recognised during the year (2015: US\$182 million; 2014: US\$95 million). Inventory write-downs of US\$118 million made in previous periods were reversed during the year (2015: US\$42 million; 2014: US\$69 million).

Recognition and measurement

Regardless of the type of inventory and its stage in the production process, inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined primarily on the basis of average costs. For processed inventories, cost is derived on an absorption costing basis. Cost comprises costs of purchasing raw materials and costs of production, including attributable mining and manufacturing overheads taking into consideration normal operating capacity.

Minerals inventory quantities are assessed primarily through surveys and assays, while petroleum inventory quantities are derived through flow rate or tank volume measurement and the composition is derived via sample analysis.

Key judgements and estimates

Accounting for inventory involves the use of judgements and estimates, particularly related to the measurement and valuation of inventory on hand within the production process. Certain estimates, including expected metal recoveries and work in progress volumes, are calculated by engineers using available industry, engineering and scientific data. Estimates used are periodically reassessed by the Group taking into account technical analysis and historical performance. Changes in estimates are adjusted for on a prospective basis.

During the period, estimates of recoverable copper in the Escondida sulphide leach pad were increased to reflect higher than expected recovery as a result of operational improvements and enhanced information about pad performance. The impact on after tax profit for FY2016 is US\$269 million and is expected to be approximately US\$288 million in FY2017.

Resource assets

10. Property, plant and equipment

	<u>Land and buildings</u> US\$M	<u>Plant and equipment</u> US\$M	<u>Other mineral assets</u> US\$M	<u>Assets under construction</u> US\$M	<u>Exploration and evaluation</u> US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
Net book value – 30 June 2016						
At the beginning of the financial year	8,762	48,361	21,069	14,502	1,378	94,072
Additions ^(a)	4	(89)	750	5,337	344	6,346
Depreciation for the year	(574)	(6,780)	(1,090)	–	4	(8,440)
Impairments, net of reversals	(49)	(2,892)	(4,432)	–	(4)	(7,377)
Disposals	(15)	(64)	(8)	(13)	(10)	(110)
Divestment and demerger of subsidiaries and operations	(39)	(120)	(5)	(3)	–	(167)
Exchange variations taken to reserve	–	2	–	–	–	2
Transfers and other movements	916	9,348	(342)	(10,262)	(11)	(351)
At the end of the financial year	9,005	47,766	15,942	9,561	1,701	83,975
– Cost	12,425	98,688	30,924	9,562	2,612	154,211
– Accumulated depreciation and impairments	(3,420)	(50,922)	(14,982)	(1)	(911)	(70,236)
Net book value – 30 June 2015						
At the beginning of the financial year	9,981	57,426	24,710	15,311	1,359	108,787
Additions ^(a)	–	(563)	921	10,788	215	11,361
Depreciation for the year	(659)	(7,443)	(1,607)	–	(1)	(9,710)
Impairments, net of reversals	(76)	(2,632)	(1,328)	–	–	(4,036)
Disposals	(10)	(80)	–	–	(1)	(91)
Divestment and demerger of subsidiaries and operations	(1,459)	(7,703)	(1,564)	(1,001)	(40)	(11,767)
Exchange variations taken to reserve	–	(8)	–	–	–	(8)
Transfers and other movements	985	9,364	(63)	(10,596)	(154)	(464)
At the end of the financial year	8,762	48,361	21,069	14,502	1,378	94,072
– Cost	11,689	90,571	30,814	14,502	2,630	150,206
– Accumulated depreciation and impairments	(2,927)	(42,210)	(9,745)	–	(1,252)	(56,134)

^(a) Includes net foreign exchange gains/losses related to the closure and rehabilitation provisions. Refer to note 14 'Closure and rehabilitation provisions'.

Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment charges. Cost is the fair value of consideration given to acquire the asset at the time of its acquisition or construction and includes the direct costs of bringing the asset to the location and the condition necessary for operation and the estimated future costs of closure and rehabilitation of the facility.

Equipment leases

Assets held under lease, which result in the Group receiving substantially all of the risk and rewards of ownership are capitalised as property, plant and equipment at the lower of the fair value of the leased assets or the estimated present value of the minimum lease payments. Leased assets are depreciated on the same basis as owned assets or, where shorter, the lease term. The corresponding finance lease obligation is included within interest bearing liabilities. The interest component is charged to the income statement over the lease term to reflect a constant rate of interest over the remaining balance of the obligation.

Operating leases are not capitalised and rental payments are included in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Ongoing contracted commitments under finance and operations leases are disclosed within note 31 'Commitments'.

Exploration and evaluation

Exploration costs are incurred to discover mineral and petroleum resources. Evaluation costs are incurred to assess the technical feasibility and commercial viability of resources found.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure is charged to the income statement as incurred, except in the following circumstances in which case the expenditure may be capitalised:

In respect of minerals activities:

- the exploration and evaluation activity is within an area of interest that was previously acquired as an asset acquisition or in a business combination and measured at fair value on acquisition; or
- the existence of a commercially viable mineral deposit has been established.

In respect of petroleum activities:

- the exploration and evaluation activity is within an area of interest for which it is expected that the expenditure will be recouped by future exploitation or sale; or
- exploration and evaluation activity has not reached a stage that permits a reasonable assessment of the existence of commercially recoverable reserves.

Initial payments for the acquisition of intangible lease assets are capitalised and amortised over the term of the permit.

A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area. Capitalised costs are only carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recovered through the successful exploitation of the area of interest or alternatively by its sale. To the extent that capitalised expenditure is no longer expected to be recovered, it is charged to the income statement.

Key judgements and estimates

Exploration and evaluation expenditure results in certain items of expenditure being capitalised for an area of interest where it is considered likely to be recoverable by future exploitation or sale, or where the activities have not reached a stage that permits a reasonable assessment of the existence of reserves. This policy requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions as to future events and circumstances, in particular whether an economically viable extraction operation can be established. Any such estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having capitalised the expenditure under the policy, a judgement is made that recovery of the expenditure is unlikely, the relevant capitalised amount will be written off to the income statement.

Development expenditure

When proven mineral reserves are determined and development is sanctioned, capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is reclassified as assets under construction within property, plant and equipment (refer to the mineral reserves definition under note 39 'Reserve estimates'). All subsequent development expenditure is capitalised and classified as assets under construction, provided commercial viability conditions continue to be satisfied.

The Group may use funds sourced from external parties to finance the acquisition and development of assets and operations. Finance costs are expensed as incurred, except where they relate to the financing of construction or development of qualifying assets. Borrowing costs directly attributable to acquiring or constructing a qualifying asset are capitalised during the development phase. Development expenditure is net of proceeds from the saleable material extracted during the development phase. On completion of development, all assets included in assets under construction are reclassified as either plant and equipment or other mineral assets and depreciation commences.

Key judgements and estimates

Development activities commence after project sanctioning by the appropriate level of management. Judgement is applied by management in determining when a project is economically viable. In exercising this judgement, management is required to make certain estimates and assumptions as to future events and circumstances. Estimates and assumptions may change as new information becomes available. If, after having commenced the development activity, a judgement is made that a development asset is impaired, the appropriate amount will be written off to the income statement.

Other mineral assets

Other mineral assets comprise:

- capitalised exploration, evaluation and development expenditure for assets in production;
- mineral rights and petroleum interests acquired;
- capitalised development and production stripping costs.

Overburden removal costs

The process of removing overburden and other waste materials to access mineral deposits is referred to as stripping. Stripping is necessary to obtain access to mineral deposits and occurs throughout the life of an open-pit mine. Development and production stripping costs are classified as other mineral assets in property, plant and equipment.

Stripping costs are accounted for separately for individual components of an ore body. The determination of components is dependent on the mine plan and other factors, including the size, shape and geotechnical aspects of an ore body. The Group accounts for stripping activities as follows:

Development stripping costs

These are initial overburden removal costs incurred to obtain access to mineral deposits that will be commercially produced. These costs are capitalised when it is probable that future economic benefits (access to mineral ores) will flow to the Group and costs can be measured reliably.

Once the production phase begins, capitalised development stripping costs are depreciated using the units of production method based on the proven and probable reserves of the relevant identified component of the ore body to which the initial stripping activity benefits.

Production stripping costs

These are interburden removal costs incurred during the normal course of production activity, which commences after the first saleable minerals have been extracted from the component. Production stripping costs can give rise to two benefits, the accounting for which is outlined below:

	Production stripping activity	
Benefits of stripping activity	Extraction of ore (inventory) in current period.	Improved access to future ore extraction.
Period benefited	Current period	Future period(s)
Recognition and measurement criteria	When the benefits of stripping activities are realised in the form of inventory produced; the associated costs are recorded in accordance with the Group's inventory accounting policy.	When the benefits of stripping activities are improved access to future ore; production costs are capitalised when all the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the production stripping activity improves access to a specific component of the ore body and it is probable that economic benefit arising from the improved access to future ore production will be realised; – the component of the ore body for which access has been improved can be identified; – costs associated with that component can be measured reliably.
Allocation of costs	Production stripping costs are allocated between the inventory produced and the production stripping asset using a life-of-component waste-to-ore (or mineral contained) strip ratio. When the current strip ratio is greater than the estimated life-of-component ratio a portion of the stripping costs is capitalised to the production stripping asset.	

Production stripping activity

Asset recognised from stripping activity	Inventory	Other mineral assets within property, plant and equipment.
Depreciation basis	Not applicable	On a component-by-component basis using the units of production method based on proven and probable reserves.

Key judgements and estimates

The identification of components of an ore body, as well as estimation of stripping ratios and mineral reserves by component require critical accounting judgements and estimates to be made by management. Changes to estimates related to life-of-component waste-to-ore (or mineral contained) strip ratios and the expected ore production from identified components are accounted for prospectively and may affect depreciation rates and asset carrying values.

Where assets are dedicated to a mine or petroleum lease, the below useful lives are subject to the lesser of the asset category's useful life and the life of the mine or petroleum lease, unless those assets are readily transferable to another productive mine or lease.

Depreciation

The estimation of useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods require significant management judgement and are reviewed annually. Any changes to useful lives may affect prospective depreciation rates and asset carrying values.

Depreciation of assets, other than land, assets under construction and capitalised exploration and evaluation that are not depreciated, is calculated using either the straight-line (SL) method or units of production (UoP) method, net of residual values, over the estimated useful lives of specific assets. The depreciation method and rates applied to specific assets reflect the pattern in which the asset's benefits are expected to be used by the Group.

The table below summarises the principal depreciation methods and rates applied to major asset categories by the Group.

Category	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Mineral rights and petroleum interests	Capitalised exploration, evaluation and development expenditure
Typical depreciation methodology	SL	SL	UoP	UoP
Depreciation rate	25 to 50 years	3 to 30 years	Based on the rate of depletion of reserves	Based on the rate of depletion of reserves

11. Intangible assets

	2016			2015		
	<u>Goodwill</u> US\$M	<u>Other intangibles</u> US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M	<u>Goodwill</u> US\$M	<u>Other intangibles</u> US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
Net book value						
At the beginning of the financial year	3,274	1,018	4,292	4,034	1,405	5,439
Additions	–	78	78	–	82	82
Amortisation for the year	–	(221)	(221)	–	(243)	(243)
Impairments for the year	(1)	(16)	(17)	(542)	(28)	(570)
Disposals	–	(10)	(10)	–	(8)	(8)
Divestment and demerger of subsidiaries and operations	–	–	–	(218)	(190)	(408)
Other	–	(3)	(3)	–	–	–
At the end of the financial year	3,273	846	4,119	3,274	1,018	4,292
– Cost	3,273	1,813	5,086	3,274	2,262	5,536
– Accumulated amortisation and impairments	–	(967)	(967)	–	(1,244)	(1,244)

Recognition and measurement

Goodwill

Where the fair value of the consideration paid for a business acquisition exceeds the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired, the difference is treated as goodwill. Where consideration is less than the fair value of acquired net assets, the difference is recognised immediately in the income statement. Goodwill is not amortised and is measured at cost less any impairment losses.

Other intangibles

The Group capitalises amounts paid for the acquisition of identifiable intangible assets, such as software and licences where it is considered that they will contribute to future periods through revenue generation or reductions in cost. These assets, classified as finite life intangible assets, are carried in the balance sheet at the fair value of consideration paid less accumulated amortisation and impairment charges. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. The estimated useful lives are generally no greater than eight years.

12. Impairment of non-current assets

Year ended 30 June 2016					Year ended 30 June 2015				
Cash generating unit	Segment	Property, plant and equipment	Goodwill and other intangibles	Total	Cash generating unit	Segment	Property, plant and equipment	Goodwill and other intangibles	Total
		US\$M	US\$M	US\$M			US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Fayetteville	Petroleum	1,913	–	1,913	Onshore US	Petroleum	–	500	500
Haynesville	Petroleum	2,585	–	2,585	Hawksville	Petroleum	2,287	–	2,287
Black Hawk	Petroleum	1,861	–	1,861	Other	Petroleum	435	42	477
Hawksville	Petroleum	825	–	825			2,722	542	3,264
		7,184	–	7,184					
					Nickel West	Group and unallocated	409	–	409
Other	Various	193	17	210	Other	Various	318	28	346
Total impairment of non-current assets		7,377	17	7,394	Total impairment of non-current assets		3,449	570	4,019
Reversal of impairment		–	–	–	Reversal of impairment		(4)	–	(4)
Net impairment of non-current assets		7,377	17	7,394	Net impairment of non-current assets		3,445	570	4,015

Recognition and measurement

Impairment tests are carried out annually for goodwill. In addition, impairment tests for all assets are performed when there is an indication of impairment. If the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is impaired and an impairment loss is charged to the income statement so as to reduce the carrying amount in the balance sheet to its recoverable amount.

Previously impaired assets (excluding goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal of previous impairment at each reporting date. Impairment reversal cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset or CGU. There were no material reversals of impairment in the current or prior year.

How recoverable amount is calculated

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost of disposal (FVLCD) and value in use (VIU). For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units (CGUs)).

Valuation methods

Fair value less cost of disposal

FVLCD is an estimate of the amount that a market participant would pay for an asset or CGU, less the cost of disposal. Fair value for mineral and petroleum assets is generally determined using independent market assumptions to calculate the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continued use of the asset, including the anticipated cash flow effects of any capital expenditure to enhance production or reduce cost, and its eventual disposal where a market participant may take a consistent view. Cash flows are discounted using an appropriate post-tax market discount rate to arrive at a net present value of the asset which is compared against the asset's carrying value.

Value in use

VIU is determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continued use of the asset in its present form and its eventual disposal. VIU is determined by applying assumptions specific to the Group's continued use and cannot take into account future development. These assumptions are different to those used in calculating fair value and consequently the VIU calculation is likely to give a different result (usually lower) to a fair value calculation.

Impairment of non-current assets (excluding goodwill)

Petroleum

What has been recognised?

At 31 December 2015, the Group recognised an impairment charge of US\$7,184 million (US\$4,884 million after tax benefit) against the carrying value of individual Onshore US CGUs. There has been no further impairment relating to Onshore US CGUs in the six months to 30 June 2016.

What were the drivers of impairment?

As a result of significant volatility and weaker prices experienced in the oil and gas industry, management adjusted its medium-term and long-term price assumptions and discount rates, which had a significant flow through impact on asset valuations.

How were the valuations calculated?

Using these updated assumptions, valuations of the relevant Onshore US CGUs were calculated using FVLCD methodology, applying discounted cash flow techniques. The recoverable amount in each instance is equal to its estimated FVLCD. Future cash flow information is based upon the Group's latest budgets and project economic plans incorporating Level 3 fair value inputs as defined in note 21 'Financial risk management'.

What were the significant assumptions and estimates used in the valuations?

The valuations are most sensitive to changes in crude oil and natural gas prices, estimated future production volumes and discount rates. Key judgements and estimates used in determining FVLCD are disclosed below.

Impairment test for goodwill

The carrying amount of goodwill has been allocated to the CGUs, or groups of CGUs, as follows:

Cash generating units	2016	2015
	US\$M	US\$M
Onshore US	3,026	3,026
Other	247	248
	3,273	3,274

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill has been allocated to CGUs or groups of CGUs, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of previous business combinations, which represent the level at which management will monitor and manage goodwill. Onshore US goodwill is the most significant goodwill balance and has been tested for impairment after an assessment of the individual CGUs that it comprises.

Onshore US goodwill

Carrying value	US\$3,026 million (2015: \$3,026 million).
Impairment test conclusion as at 30 June 2016	No impairment charge is required as at 30 June 2016 (30 June 2015: \$500 million). The recoverable amount of Onshore US CGUs was determined to be US\$14,967 million (30 June 2015: US\$19,793 million).
How did the goodwill arise?	Goodwill arose on the Petrohawk acquisition in August 2011 and is attributable to synergies associated with the Group's US unconventional petroleum assets (Onshore US). This comprises the Permian, Haynesville, Fayetteville, Black Hawk and Hawkville group of CGUs, which includes the Group's natural gas and liquid reserves and resources, production wells and associated infrastructure, including gathering systems and processing facilities in Texas and Louisiana (US).
Segment	Onshore US is part of the Petroleum reportable segment.
How were the valuations calculated?	FVLCD methodology using discounted cash flow techniques has been applied in determining the recoverable value of the Onshore US business.
Level of fair value hierarchy	Calculations are based primarily on Level 3 inputs as defined in note 21 'Financial risk management'.
Significant assumptions and sensitivities	<p>The calculation of FVLCD for Onshore US is most sensitive to changes in crude oil and natural gas prices, production volumes and discount rates. Key accounting judgements and estimates used in forming the valuations are disclosed below. The assumptions used are consistent with those underpinning the property, plant and equipment impairment calculations for Onshore US CGUs.</p> <p>Reasonably possible changes in circumstances may affect significant assumptions and the estimated fair value. Isolated changes in these significant assumptions could result in the estimated recoverable amount being equal to the carrying amount of Onshore US, including goodwill. These reasonably possible changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A production volume decrease of 13.3 per cent from estimates contained in management's long-term plans;• A decrease in crude oil prices of 19.2 per cent from prices assumed in the valuations;• A decrease in natural gas prices of 37.9 per cent from prices assumed in the valuations. <p>Crude oil and natural gas price assumptions used in FVLCD impairment testing are within or lower than the range of prices published by market commentators, as set out within the following key judgements and estimates section.</p> <p>Typically changes in any one of the aforementioned assumptions (including operating performance) would be accompanied by a change in another assumption which may have an offsetting impact. Action is usually taken to respond to adverse changes in assumptions to mitigate the impact of any such change.</p>

Other goodwill

Goodwill held by other CGUs is US\$247 million (2015: US\$248 million). This represents less than one per cent of net assets at 30 June 2016 (2015: less than one per cent). This goodwill has been allocated across a number of CGUs in different reportable segments. There was no significant impairment of other goodwill in the year to 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil).

Key judgements and estimates

Recoverable amount testing

In determining the recoverable amount of assets, in the absence of quoted market prices, estimates are made regarding the present value of future cash flows. These estimates require significant management judgement and are subject to risk and uncertainty that may be beyond the control of the Group; hence, there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will materially alter projections, which may impact the recoverable amount of assets at each reporting date.

The most significant estimates impacting asset recoverable amount valuations for Onshore US assets, including goodwill are:

Crude oil and natural gas prices

Crude oil and natural gas prices used in valuations were either lower than or within the following range of prices published by market commentators:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
West Texas Intermediate crude oil price (US\$/bbl)	49.00 – 81.00	57.00 – 86.00
Henry Hub natural gas price (US\$/MMBtu)	2.74 – 5.55	3.54 – 5.80

Oil and gas prices were derived from consensus and long-term views of global supply and demand, built upon past experience of the industry and consistent with external sources. Prices are adjusted based upon premiums or discounts applied to global price markers based on the nature and quality produced at a field, or to take into account contracted oil and gas prices.

Future production volumes

Estimated production volumes were based on detailed data for the fields and took into account development plans for the fields established by management as part of the long-term planning process. Production volumes are dependent on variables, such as the recoverable quantities of hydrocarbons, the production profile of the hydrocarbons, the cost of the development of the infrastructure necessary to recover the hydrocarbons, the production costs and the contractual duration of the production leases. As each producing field has specific reservoir characteristics and economic circumstances, the cash flows of the fields were computed using appropriate individual economic models and key assumptions established by management. The production profiles used were consistent with management's long-term plans and the resource volumes approved as part of the Group's process for the estimation of proved reserves and total resources.

Impact of oil and gas Reserves and future anticipated production levels on testing for impairment

Production volumes and prices used in estimating FVLCD valuations may not be consistent with those disclosed as proved reserves under SEC regulations in section 6.3.1 'Petroleum reserves'. FVLCD requires the use of assumptions and estimates that a typical market participant would assume, which include having regard to future forecast oil and gas prices and anticipated field production estimates. This contrasts with SEC requirements to use unweighted 12-month average historical prices for reserve definitions.

Under SEC requirements, certain previously reported proved reserves may temporarily not meet the definition of proved reserves due to the decrease in price experienced in the last 12 months. This does not preclude these reserves from being reinstated as proved reserves in future periods when prices recover.

Short-term changes in SEC reported oil and gas reserves do not affect the Group's perspective on underlying project valuations due to the long lives of the assets and future forecast prices.

Discount rates

A real post-tax discount rate of 6.5 per cent (2015: 5.5 per cent) was applied to post-tax cash flows. The discount rate is derived using the weighted average cost of capital methodology and has increased from the prior year due to volatility in oil and gas markets.

13. Deferred tax balances

The movement for the year in the Group's net deferred tax position is as follows:

	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2014</u> US\$M
Net deferred tax asset/(liability)			
At the beginning of the financial year	(1,681)	(670)	(243)
Income tax credit/(charge) recorded in the income statement	3,508	(864)	(426)
Income tax (charge)/credit recorded directly in equity	(25)	9	(1)
Exchange variation and other movements ^(a)	21	(156)	–
At the end of the financial year	<u>1,823</u>	<u>(1,681)</u>	<u>(670)</u>

(a) Includes deferred tax assets divested as part of the demerger of South32 for the year ended 30 June 2015.

For recognition and measurement refer to note 5 'Income tax expense'.

The composition of the Group's net deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised in the balance sheet and the deferred tax expense charged/(credited) to the income statement is as follows:

Type of temporary difference	Deferred tax assets		Deferred tax liabilities		(Credited)/charged to the income statement		
	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2014</u> US\$M
Depreciation	(3,223)	(1,101)	1,259	5,689	(2,282)	204	495
Exploration expenditure	656	563	–	(91)	(3)	117	(4)
Employee benefits	342	279	(6)	(120)	56	58	(32)
Closure and rehabilitation	1,711	1,383	(177)	(584)	36	41	(353)
Resource rent tax	661	679	1,905	1,931	(8)	925	(506)
Other provisions	145	143	(1)	(12)	8	103	(411)
Deferred income	–	(51)	(11)	(13)	(49)	17	12
Deferred charges	(470)	(419)	372	362	62	66	226
Investments, including foreign tax credits	1,327	838	844	639	(284)	(58)	298
Foreign exchange gains and losses	(77)	(383)	156	160	(310)	210	(158)
Tax losses	5,006	1,069	–	(3,129)	(809)	(945)	605
Other	69	(139)	(17)	(290)	75	126	254
Total	<u>6,147</u>	<u>2,861</u>	<u>4,324</u>	<u>4,542</u>	<u>(3,508)</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>426</u>

The Group recognises the benefit of tax losses amounting to US\$5,006 million (2015: US\$4,198 million) only to the extent of anticipated future taxable income or gains in relevant jurisdictions. The amounts recognised in the Financial Statements in respect of each matter are derived from the Group's best judgements and estimates as described in note 5 'Income tax expense'.

The composition of the Group's unrecognised deferred tax assets and liabilities is as follows:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	US\$M	US\$M
Unrecognised deferred tax assets		
Tax losses and tax credits ^(a)	2,549	2,006
Investments in subsidiaries ^(b)	1,185	1,130
Deductible temporary differences relating to PRRT ^(c)	2,048	2,014
Mineral rights ^(d)	2,279	1,958
Other deductible temporary differences ^(e)	460	373
Total unrecognised deferred tax assets	<u>8,521</u>	<u>7,481</u>
Unrecognised deferred tax liabilities		
Investments in subsidiaries ^(b)	2,615	2,553
Taxable temporary differences relating to unrecognised deferred tax asset for PRRT ^(c)	614	604
Total unrecognised deferred tax liabilities	<u>3,229</u>	<u>3,157</u>

^(a) *Tax losses and tax credits*

At 30 June 2016, the Group had income and capital tax losses with a tax benefit of US\$1,781 million (2015: US\$1,501 million) and tax credits of US\$768 million (2015: US\$505 million), which are not recognised as deferred tax assets.

The gross amount of tax losses carried forward that have not been tax effected expire as follows:

<u>Year of expiry</u>	<u>Total</u>
	US\$M
Income tax losses	
Not later than one year	223
Later than one year and not later than two years	1,117
Later than two years and not later than five years	1,708
Later than five years and not later than 10 years	820
Later than 10 years and not later than 20 years	2,043
Unlimited	528
	<u>6,439</u>
Capital tax losses	
Later than two years and not later than five years	238
Unlimited	3,488
Gross amount of tax losses not recognised	<u>10,165</u>
Tax effect of total losses not recognised	<u>1,781</u>

Of the US\$768 million of tax credits, US\$471 million expires later than five years and not later than 10 years, US\$202 million expires later than 10 years and not later than 20 years. The remainder of the tax credits do not have an expiration date.

(b) *Temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries*

The Group had deferred tax assets of US\$1,185 million at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$1,130 million) and deferred tax liabilities of US\$2,615 million (2015: US\$2,553 million) associated with undistributed earnings of subsidiaries that have not been recognised because the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is not probable that these differences will reverse in the foreseeable future.

(c) *Temporary differences relating to PRRT*

The Group had US\$2,048 million of unrecognised deferred tax assets relating to Australian Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$2,014 million relating to Australian PRRT), with a corresponding unrecognised deferred tax liability for income tax purposes of US\$614 million (2015: US\$604 million). Recognition of a deferred tax asset for PRRT depends on benefits expected to be obtained from the deduction against PRRT liabilities.

(d) *Mineral rights*

The Group had deductible temporary differences relating to mineral rights for which deferred tax assets of US\$2,279 million at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$1,958 million) had not been recognised because it is not probable that future capital gains will be available, against which the Group can utilise the benefits. The deductible temporary differences do not expire under current tax legislation.

(e) *Other deductible temporary differences*

The Group had deductible temporary differences for which deferred tax assets of US\$460 million at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$373 million) had not been recognised because it is not probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits. The deductible temporary differences do not expire under current tax legislation.

14. Closure and rehabilitation provisions

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	US\$M	US\$M
At the beginning of the financial year	6,701	9,295
Capitalised amounts for operating sites:		
Change in estimate	(58)	276
Exchange translation	(112)	(1,009)
Adjustments to closed sites charged/(credited) to the income statement:		
Increases to existing and new provisions	18	74
Exchange translation	(8)	(104)
Released during the year	(81)	(93)
Other adjustments to the provision:		
Amortisation of discounting impacting net finance costs	305	442
Expenditure on closure and rehabilitation activities	(111)	(180)
Exchange variations impacting foreign currency translation reserve	(1)	(7)
Divestment and demerger of subsidiaries and operations	(138)	(1,993)
Transfers and other movements	(13)	–
At the end of the financial year	<u>6,502</u>	<u>6,701</u>
Comprising:		
Current	171	193
Non-current	6,331	6,508
Operating sites	5,241	5,655
Closed sites	1,261	1,046

BHP Billiton is required to rehabilitate sites and associated facilities at the end of, or in some cases, during the course of production, to a condition acceptable to the relevant authorities, specified in license requirements and the Group's environmental performance requirements as set out within *Our BHP Billiton Charter*.

The key components of closure and rehabilitation activities are:

- the removal of all unwanted infrastructure associated with an operation;
- the return of disturbed areas to a safe, stable, productive and self-sustaining condition, consistent with the agreed end land use.

Recognition and measurement

Provisions for closure and rehabilitation are recognised by the Group when:

- it has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation;
- the amount can be reliably estimated.

Initial recognition

Closure and rehabilitation provisions are initially recognised when an environmental disturbance first occurs. The individual site provisions are an estimate of the expected value of future cash flows required to rehabilitate the relevant site using current restoration standards and techniques and taking into account risks and uncertainties. Individual site provisions are discounted to their present value using country specific discount rates aligned to the estimated timing of cash outflows.

When provisions for closure and rehabilitation are initially recognised, the corresponding cost is capitalised as an asset, representing part of the cost of acquiring the future economic benefits of the operation.

Subsequent remeasurement

The closure and rehabilitation asset, recognised within property, plant and equipment, is depreciated over the life of the operations. The value of the provision is progressively increased over time as the effect of discounting unwinds, resulting in an expense recognised in net finance costs.

The closure and rehabilitation liability is reviewed at each reporting date to assess if the estimate continues to reflect the best estimate of the obligation. If necessary the provision is remeasured to account for factors, including:

- revisions to estimated reserves, resources and lives of operations;
- developments in technology;
- regulatory requirements and environmental management strategies;
- changes in the estimated extent and costs of anticipated activities, including the effects of inflation and movements in foreign exchange rates;
- movements in interest rates affecting the discount rate applied.

Changes to the closure and rehabilitation estimate are added to, or deducted from, the related asset and amortised on a prospective basis accordingly over the remaining life of the operation, generally applying the units of production method.

Costs arising from unforeseen circumstances, such as the contamination caused by unplanned discharges, are recognised as an expense and liability when the event gives rise to an obligation that is probable and capable of reliable estimation.

Closed sites

Where future economic benefits are no longer expected to be derived through operation, changes to the associated closure and remediation costs are charged to the income statement in the period identified. This amounted to US\$18 million in the year ended 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$74 million).

Key judgements and estimates

The recognition and measurement of closure and rehabilitation provisions requires the use of significant judgements and estimates, including, but not limited to:

- the extent (due to legal or constructive obligations) of potential activities required for the removal of infrastructure and rehabilitation activities;
- costs associated with future rehabilitation activities;
- applicable inflation and discount rates;
- the timing of cash flows and ultimate closure of operations.

Estimates can also be impacted by the emergence of new restoration techniques and experience at other operations. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditure differing from the amounts currently provided for in the balance sheet.

Capital structure

15. Share capital

	BHP Billiton Limited			BHP Billiton Plc		
	2016 shares	2015 shares	2014 Shares	2016 shares	2015 shares	2014 shares
Share capital issued						
Opening number of shares	3,211,691,105	3,211,691,105	3,211,691,105	2,112,071,796	2,136,185,454	2,136,185,454
Purchase of shares by ESOP Trusts	(6,538,404)	(6,798,803)	(8,621,160)	(17,000)	(3,623,582)	(2,563,735)
Employee share awards exercised following vesting	6,846,091	7,443,935	7,379,051	966,473	2,945,980	2,431,251
Movement in treasury shares under Employee Share Plans	(307,687)	(645,132)	1,242,109	(949,473)	677,602	132,484
Treasury shares cancelled ^(a)	–	–	–	–	(24,113,658)	–
Closing number of shares ^(b)	3,211,691,105	3,211,691,105	3,211,691,105	2,112,071,796	2,112,071,796	2,136,185,454
Comprising:						
Shares held by the public	3,211,159,695	3,210,852,008	3,210,206,876	2,111,283,256	2,110,333,783	2,110,945,784
Treasury shares	531,410	839,097	1,484,229	788,540	1,738,013	25,239,670
Other share classes						
Special Voting share of no par value	1	1	1	–	–	–
Special Voting share of US\$0.50 par value	–	–	–	1	1	1
5.5% Preference shares of £1 each	–	–	–	50,000	50,000	50,000
DLC Dividend share	1	–	–	–	–	–

(a) On 28 August 2014, BHP Billiton Plc cancelled 24,113,658 ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each held as treasury shares.

(b) During the period 1 July 2016 to 10 September 2016, no fully paid ordinary shares in BHP Billiton were issued on the exercise of Group Incentive Scheme awards.

Recognition and measurement

Share capital of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc is composed of the following classes of shares:

Ordinary shares fully paid

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares fully paid of US\$0.50 par value represent 99.99 per cent of the total number of shares. Any profit remaining after payment of preferred distributions is available for distribution to the holders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in equal amounts per share.

Special Voting shares

Each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc issued one Special Voting share to facilitate joint voting by shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc on Joint Electorate Actions. There has been no movement in these shares.

Preference shares

Preference shares have the right to repayment of the amount paid up on the nominal value and any unpaid dividends in priority to the holders of any other class of shares in BHP Billiton Plc on a return of capital or winding up. The holders of preference shares have limited voting rights if payment of the preference dividends are six months or more in arrears or a resolution is passed changing the rights of the preference shareholders. There has been no movement in these shares, all of which are held by JP Morgan Limited.

Equalisation share

An Equalisation share (US\$0.50 par value) has been authorised to be issued to enable a distribution to be made by BHP Billiton Plc Group to the BHP Billiton Limited Group should this be required under the terms of the DLC merger. The Directors have the ability to issue the Equalisation share if required under those terms. The Constitution of BHP Billiton Limited allows the Directors of that company to issue a similar Equalisation share. No shares have been issued.

DLC Dividend share

The DLC Dividend share supports the BHP Billiton Dual Listed Company (DLC) equalisation principles in place since the merger in 2001, including the requirement that ordinary shareholders of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited are paid equal cash dividends per share. This share enables efficient and flexible capital management across the DLC and was issued on 23 February 2016 at par value of US\$10. On 24 March 2016, BHP Billiton Limited paid a dividend of US\$1,990 million under the DLC dividend share arrangements. This dividend is eliminated on consolidation.

Treasury shares

Treasury shares are shares of parent entities and are held by the ESOP Trusts for the purpose of issuing shares to employees under the Group's Employee Share Plans. Treasury shares are recognised at cost and deducted from equity, net of any income tax effects. When the treasury shares are subsequently sold or reissued any consideration received, net of any directly attributable costs and income tax effects, is recognised as an increase in equity. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration, if reissued, is recognised in retained earnings.

16. Other equity

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Recognition and measurement</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	
Share premium account	518	518	518	The share premium account represents the premium paid on the issue of BHP Billiton Plc shares recognised in accordance with the UK Companies Act 2006.
Foreign currency translation reserve	41	52	54	The foreign currency translation reserve represents exchange differences arising from the translation of non-US dollar functional currency operations within the Group into US dollars.
Employee share awards reserve	293	372	599	The employee share awards reserve represents the accrued employee entitlements to share awards that have been charged to the income statement and have not yet been exercised. Once exercised, the difference between the accumulated fair value of the awards and their historical on-market purchase price is recognised in retained earnings.
Hedging reserve	210	141	129	The hedging reserve represents hedging gains and losses recognised on the effective portion of cash flow hedges. The cumulative deferred gain or loss on the hedge is recognised in the income statement when the hedged transaction impacts the income statement, or is recognised as an adjustment to the cost of non-financial hedged items. The hedging reserve records the portion of the gain or loss on a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge that is determined to be an effective hedge relationship.
Financial assets reserve	11	9	115	The financial assets reserve represents the revaluation of available for sale financial assets. Where a revalued financial asset is sold or impaired, the relevant portion of the reserve is transferred to the income statement.
Share buy-back reserve	177	177	165	The share buy-back reserve represents the par value of BHP Billiton Plc shares that were purchased and subsequently cancelled. The cancellation of the shares creates a non-distributable reserve.
Non-controlling interest contribution reserve	1,288	1,288	1,347	The non-controlling interest contribution reserve represents the excess of consideration received over the book value of net assets attributable to the equity instruments when acquired by non-controlling interests.
Total reserves	<u>2,538</u>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>2,927</u>	

Summarised financial information relating to each of the Group's subsidiaries with non-controlling interests (NCI) that are material to the Group before any intra-group eliminations is shown below:

US\$M	2016			2015		
	Minera Escondida Limitada	Other individually immaterial subsidiaries (incl intra-group eliminations)	Total	Minera Escondida Limitada	Other individually immaterial subsidiaries (incl intra-group eliminations)	Total
BHP Billiton share (per cent)	57.5			57.5		
Current assets	2,033			2,542		
Non-current assets	14,241			13,060		
Current liabilities	(2,240)			(1,973)		
Non-current liabilities	(2,316)			(2,209)		
Net assets	11,718			11,420		
Net assets attributable to NCI	4,980	801	5,781	4,854	923	5,777
Revenue	5,071			8,092		
Profit after taxation	505			2,194		
Other comprehensive income	(5)			–		
Total comprehensive income	500			2,194		
Profit after taxation attributable to NCI	214	(36)	178	932	36	968
Other comprehensive income attributable to NCI	(2)	–	(2)	–	5	5
Net operating cash flow	1,868			3,387		
Net investing cash flow	(2,268)			(3,273)		
Net financing cash flow	507			(596)		
Dividends paid to NCI ^(a)	–	87	87	536	103	639

(a) Includes US\$85 million dividends paid to NCI related to Discontinued operations for the year ended 30 June 2015.

While the Group controls these subsidiaries, the non-controlling interests hold certain protective rights that restrict the Group's ability to sell assets held by these subsidiaries, or use the assets in other subsidiaries and operations owned by the Group. These subsidiaries are also restricted from paying dividends without the approval of the non-controlling interests.

17. Dividends

	Year ended 30 June 2016		Year ended 30 June 2015		Year ended 30 June 2014	
	Per share	Total	Per share	Total	Per share	Total
	US cents	US\$M	US cents	US\$M	US cents	US\$M
Dividends paid during the period ^(a)						
Prior year final dividend	62.0	3,299	62.0	3,292	59.0	3,135
Interim dividend	16.0	855	62.0	3,304	59.0	3,141
	<u>78.0</u>	<u>4,154</u>	<u>124.0</u>	<u>6,596</u>	<u>118.0</u>	<u>6,276</u>

^(a) 5.5 per cent dividend on 50,000 preference shares of £1 each determined and paid annually (30 June 2015: 5.5 per cent; 30 June 2014: 5.5 per cent).

The Dual Listed Company merger terms require that ordinary shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are paid equal cash dividends on a per share basis. Each American Depositary Share (ADS) represents two ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc. Dividends determined on each ADS represent twice the dividend determined on BHP Billiton ordinary shares.

Dividends are determined after period-end and announced with the results for the period. Interim dividends are determined in February and paid in March. Final dividends are determined in August and paid in September. Dividends determined are not recorded as a liability at the end of the period to which they relate. Subsequent to year-end, on 16 August 2016, BHP Billiton determined a final dividend of 14.0 US cents per share (US\$746 million), which will be paid on 20 September 2016 (30 June 2015: final dividend of 62.0 US cents per share – US\$3,301 million; 30 June 2014: final dividend of 62.0 US cents per share – US\$3,301 million).

BHP Billiton Limited dividends for all periods presented are, or will be, fully franked based on a tax rate of 30 per cent.

	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Franking credits as at 30 June	9,640	11,295	13,419
Franking credits/(debits) arising from the payment /(refund) of current tax	81	(428)	(29)
Total franking credits available ^(a)	<u>9,721</u>	<u>10,867</u>	<u>13,390</u>

^(a) The payment of the final 2016 dividend determined after 30 June 2016 will reduce the franking account balance by US\$193 million.

18. Provisions for dividends and other liabilities

The disclosure below excludes closure and rehabilitation provisions (refer to note 14 ‘Closure and rehabilitation provisions’), employee benefits, restructuring and post-retirement employee benefits provisions (refer to note 24 ‘Employee benefits, restructuring and post-retirement employee benefits provisions’) and the Samarco dam failure provision (refer to note 3 ‘Significant events – Samarco dam failure’).

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Movement in provision for dividends and other liabilities		
At the beginning of the financial year	364	558
Dividends determined	4,154	6,596
Charge/(credit) for the year:		
Underlying	709	400
Discounting	–	1
Exchange variations	(28)	(131)
Released during the year	(82)	(138)
Utilisation	(141)	(359)
Divestments of subsidiaries and operations	–	(65)
Dividends paid	(4,130)	(6,498)
Transfers and other movements ^(a)	84	–
At the end of the financial year	<u>930</u>	<u>364</u>
Comprising:		
Current	306	159
Non-current	624	205

^(a) Includes unpaid dividend determined to non-controlling interest of US\$85 million.

Financial management

19. Net debt

The Group's corporate purpose is to own and operate large, long-life, low-cost, expandable, upstream assets diversified by commodity, geography and market. The Group will invest capital in assets where they fit its strategy.

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, being the ratio of net debt to net debt plus net assets.

US\$M	2016		2015	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Interest bearing liabilities				
Bank loans	1,240	796	664	931
Notes and debentures	3,280	30,515	2,205	26,520
Finance leases	40	306	94	344
Bank overdraft and short-term borrowings	43	–	140	–
Other	50	151	98	174
Total interest bearing liabilities	4,653	31,768	3,201	27,969
Less cash and cash equivalents				
Cash	491	–	931	–
Short-term deposits	9,828	–	5,822	–
Total cash and cash equivalents	10,319	–	6,753	–
Net debt		26,102		24,417
Net assets		60,071		70,545
Gearing		30.3%		25.7%

Cash and short-term deposits are disclosed in the cash flow statement net of bank overdrafts and interest bearing liabilities at call.

	2016	2015	2014
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Total cash and cash equivalents	10,319	6,753	8,803
Bank overdrafts and short-term borrowing	(43)	(140)	(51)
Total cash and cash equivalents, net of overdrafts	10,276	6,613	8,752

Recognition and measurement

Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and on hand and highly liquid cash deposits with short-term maturities and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. The Group considers that the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximate fair value due to their short term to maturity.

Cash and cash equivalents includes US\$248 million (2015: US\$493 million) restricted by legal or contractual arrangements.

Interest bearing liabilities and cash and cash equivalents include balances denominated in the following currencies:

	Interest bearing liabilities		Cash and cash equivalents	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
USD	19,600	16,563	10,083	6,553
EUR	10,419	8,926	–	–
GBP	3,886	3,023	37	33
AUD	1,870	2,011	38	17
CAD	646	647	89	58
Other	–	–	72	92
Total	36,421	31,170	10,319	6,753

Liquidity risk

The Group's liquidity risk arises from the possibility that it may not be able to settle or meet its obligations as they fall due and is managed as part of the portfolio risk management strategy. Operational, capital and regulatory requirements are considered in the management of liquidity risk, in conjunction with short-term and long-term forecast information.

Recognising the cyclical volatility of operating cash flows, the Group has defined minimum target cash and liquidity buffers to be maintained to mitigate liquidity risk and support operations through the cycle.

Additional liquidity risk arises on debt-related derivatives due to the possibility that a market for derivatives might not exist in some circumstances. To counter this risk the Group only uses derivatives in highly liquid markets.

The Group's strong credit profile, diversified funding sources, its minimum cash buffer and its committed credit facilities ensure that sufficient liquid funds are maintained to meet its daily cash requirements. The Group's policy on counterparty credit exposure ensures that only counterparties of an investment grade standing are used for the investment of any excess cash.

Moody's Investors Service lowered the Group's long-term credit rating to A3 during the year ended 30 June 2016 (the short-term credit rating is P-2). Standard & Poor's lowered the Group's long-term credit rating to A (the short-term credit rating is A-1) with a negative outlook.

There were no defaults on loans payable during the period.

Standby arrangements and unused credit facilities

The Group's committed revolving credit facility operates as a back-stop to the Group's uncommitted commercial paper program. The combined amount drawn under the facility or as commercial paper will not exceed US\$6.0 billion. As at 30 June 2016, US\$ nil commercial paper was drawn (2015: US\$ nil). The revolving credit facility has a five-year maturity ending 7 May 2021. A commitment fee is payable on the undrawn balance and an interest rate comprising an interbank rate plus a margin applies to any drawn balance. The agreed margins are typical for a credit facility extended to a company with the Group's credit rating.

Maturity profile of financial liabilities

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities based on the contractual amounts, taking into account the derivatives related to debt, is as follows:

2016 US\$M	Bank loans, debentures and other loans	Expected future interest payments	Derivatives related to net debt	Other derivatives	Obligations under finance leases	Trade and other payables	Total
Due for payment:							
In one year or less or on demand	4,568	826	118	5	49	5,125	10,691
In more than one year but not more than two years	938	1,151	409	3	66	1	2,568
In more than two years but not more than five years	9,447	3,014	837	7	155	5	13,465
In more than five years	18,847	7,250	1,997	–	115	7	28,216
Total	33,800	12,241	3,361	15	385	5,138	54,940
Carrying amount	36,075	–	1,768	15	346	5,138	43,342
2015 US\$M	Bank loans, debentures and other loans	Expected future interest payments	Derivatives related to net debt	Other derivatives	Obligations under finance leases	Trade and other payables	Total
Due for payment:							
In one year or less or on demand	3,070	664	214	8	105	6,807	10,868
In more than one year but not more than two years	3,385	865	44	3	61	20	4,378
In more than two years but not more than five years	6,485	2,149	850	3	157	7	9,651
In more than five years	16,952	7,092	1,495	1	165	2	25,707
Total	29,892	10,770	2,603	15	488	6,836	50,604
Carrying amount	30,732	–	1,267	15	438	6,836	39,288

20. Net finance costs

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Financial expenses			
Interest on bank loans, overdrafts and all other borrowings	971	526	668
Interest capitalised at 2.61% (2015: 1.94%; 2014: 1.82%) ^(a)	(123)	(148)	(182)
Discounting on provisions and other liabilities	313	333	338
Fair value change on hedged loans	1,444	372	328
Fair value change on hedging derivatives	(1,448)	(358)	(292)
Fair value change on non-hedging derivatives	–	–	101
Exchange variations on net debt	(24)	(63)	4
Other financial expenses	28	40	30
	<u>1,161</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>995</u>
Financial income			
Interest income	(137)	(88)	(81)
Net finance costs	<u>1,024</u>	<u>614</u>	<u>914</u>

^(a) Interest has been capitalised at the rate of interest applicable to the specific borrowings financing the assets under construction or, where financed through general borrowings, at a capitalisation rate representing the average interest rate on such borrowings. Tax relief for capitalised interest is approximately US\$37 million (2015: US\$42 million; 2014: US\$53 million).

Recognition and measurement

Interest income is accrued using the effective interest rate method. Finance costs are expensed as incurred except where they relate to the financing of construction or development of qualifying assets.

21. Financial risk management

Financial and capital risk management strategy

The financial risks arising from the Group's operations comprise market, liquidity and credit risk. These risks arise in the normal course of business and the Group manages its exposure to them in accordance with the Group's portfolio risk management strategy. The objective of the strategy is to support the delivery of the Group's financial targets, while protecting its future financial security and flexibility by taking advantage of the natural diversification provided by the scale, diversity and flexibility of the Group's operations and activities.

A Cash Flow at Risk (CFaR) framework is used to measure the aggregate and diversified impact of financial risks upon the Group's financial targets. The principal measurement of risk is CFaR measured on a portfolio basis, which is defined as the worst expected loss relative to projected business plan cash flows over a one-year horizon under normal market conditions at a confidence level of 90 per cent.

Market risk

The Group's activities expose it to market risks associated with movements in interest rates, foreign currencies and commodity prices. Under the strategy outlined above, the Group seeks to achieve financing costs, currency impacts, input costs and commodity prices on a floating or index basis. This strategy gives rise to a risk of variability in earnings, which is measured under the CFaR framework.

In executing the strategy, financial instruments are potentially employed in three distinct but related activities. The following table summarises these activities and the key risk management processes:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Key risk management processes</u>
<p>1 Risk mitigation</p> <p>On an exception basis, hedging for the purposes of mitigating risk related to specific and significant expenditure on investments or capital projects will be executed if necessary to support the Group's strategic objectives.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of transactions within approved mandates.
<p>2 Economic hedging of commodity sales, operating costs and debt instruments</p> <p>Where Group commodity production is sold to customers on pricing terms that deviate from the relevant index target and where a relevant derivatives market exists, financial instruments may be executed as an economic hedge to align the revenue price exposure with the index target.</p> <p>Where debt is issued in a currency other than the US dollar and/or at a fixed interest rate, fair value and cash flow hedges may be executed to align the debt exposure with the Group's functional currency of US dollars and/or to swap to a floating interest rate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring and reporting the exposure in customer commodity contracts and issued debt instruments. • Executing hedging derivatives to align the total group exposure to the index target.
<p>3 Strategic financial transactions</p> <p>Opportunistic transactions may be executed with financial instruments to capture value from perceived market over/under valuations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of transactions within approved mandates.

Primary responsibility for identification and control of financial risks, including authorising and monitoring the use of financial instruments for the above activities and stipulating policy thereon, rests with the Financial Risk Management Committee under authority delegated by the Chief Executive Officer.

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk on its outstanding borrowings and investments from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed interest rate financial instruments. Interest rate risk is managed as part of the portfolio risk management strategy.

The majority of the Group's debt is issued at fixed interest rates. The Group has entered into interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swaps to convert most of its fixed interest rate exposure to floating US dollar interest rate exposure. As at 30 June 2016, 91 per cent of the Group's borrowings were exposed to floating interest rates inclusive of the effect of swaps (2015: 89 per cent).

The fair value of interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swaps in hedge relationships used to hedge both interest rate and foreign currency risks are shown in the fair values section of this note.

Based on the net debt position as at 30 June 2016, taking into account interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swaps, it is estimated that a one percentage point increase in the US LIBOR interest rate will decrease the Group's equity and profit after taxation by US\$156 million (2015: decrease of US\$149 million).

This assumes that the change in interest rates is effective from the beginning of the financial year and the fixed/floating mix and balances are constant over the year. However, interest rates and the net debt profile of the Group may not remain constant over the coming financial year and therefore such sensitivity analysis should be used with care.

Currency risk

The US dollar is the predominant functional currency within the Group and as a result currency exposures arise from transactions and balances in currencies other than the US dollar. The Group's potential currency exposures comprise:

- translational exposure in respect of non-functional currency monetary items;
- transactional exposure in respect of non-functional currency expenditure and revenues.

The Group's foreign currency risk is managed as part of the portfolio risk management strategy.

Translational exposure in respect of non-functional currency monetary items

Monetary items, including financial assets and liabilities, denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of an operation are periodically restated to US dollar equivalents and the associated gain or loss is taken to the income statement. The exception is foreign exchange gains or losses on foreign currency denominated provisions for closure and rehabilitation at operating sites, which are capitalised in property, plant and equipment.

The principal non-functional currencies to which the Group is exposed are the Australian dollar and the Chilean peso; however 91 per cent (2015: 89 per cent) of the Group's net financial assets are denominated in US dollars. Based on the Group's net financial assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2016, a weakening of the US dollar against these currencies (1 cent strengthening in Australian dollar and 10 pesos strengthening in Chilean peso), with all other variables held constant, would decrease the Group's equity and profit after taxation by US\$15 million (2015: decrease of US\$19 million).

Transactional exposure in respect of non-functional currency expenditure and revenues

Certain operating and capital expenditure is incurred in currencies other than their functional currency. To a lesser extent, certain sales revenue is earned in currencies other than the functional currency of operations and certain exchange control restrictions may require that funds be maintained in currencies other than the functional currency of the operation. These currency risks are managed as part of the portfolio risk management strategy. The Group enters into forward exchange contracts when required under this strategy.

Commodity price risk

Contracts for the sale and physical delivery of commodities are executed whenever possible on a pricing basis intended to achieve a relevant index target. While the Group has succeeded in transitioning the majority of Group commodity production sales to market-based index pricing terms, derivative commodity contracts may from time to time be used to align realised prices with the relevant index. Due to the nature of the economic returns from our shale assets, from time to time the Group enters into natural gas futures contracts to manage price risk on gas production. Contracts for the physical delivery of commodities are not typically financial instruments and are carried in the balance sheet at cost (typically at US\$ nil); they are therefore excluded from the fair value and sensitivity analysis. Accordingly, the financial instrument exposures set out below do not represent all of the commodity price risks managed according to the Group's objectives. Movements in the fair value of contracts included are offset by movements in the fair value of the physical contracts; however, only the former movement is recognised in the Group's income statement prior to settlement. The risk associated with commodity prices is managed as part of the portfolio risk management strategy.

Financial instruments with commodity price risk are forward commodity and other derivative contracts with a net assets fair value of US\$229 million (2015: US\$212 million). Significant items are primarily derivatives embedded in physical commodity purchase and sales contracts of gas in Trinidad and Tobago with a net assets fair value of US\$220 million (2015:US\$206 million).

The potential effect of using reasonably possible alternative assumptions in these models, based on a change in the most significant input, such as commodity prices, by an increase (decrease) of 10 per cent while holding all other variables constant will increase (decrease) profit after taxation by US\$34 million (2015: US\$45 million).

Provisionally priced commodity sales and purchases contracts

Provisionally priced sales or purchases volumes are those for which price finalisation, referenced to the relevant index, is outstanding at the reporting date. Provisional pricing mechanisms embedded within these sales and purchases arrangements have the character of a commodity derivative and are carried at fair value through profit and loss as part of trade receivables or trade payables. The Group's exposure at 30 June 2016 to the impact of movements in commodity prices upon provisionally invoiced sales and purchases volumes was predominately around copper.

The Group had 277 thousand tonnes of copper exposure at 30 June 2016 (2015: 331 thousand tonnes) that was provisionally priced. The final price of these sales or purchases will be determined during the first half of FY2017. A 10 per cent change in the price of copper realised on the provisionally priced sales, with all other factors held constant, would increase or decrease profit after taxation by US\$98 million (2015: US\$155 million). The relationship between commodity prices and foreign currencies is complex and movements in foreign exchange rates can impact commodity prices. The sensitivities should therefore be used with care.

Liquidity risk

Refer to note 19 'Net debt' for details on the Group liquidity risk.

Credit risk

Refer to note 7 'Trade and other receivables' for details on the Group credit risk.

Financial assets and liabilities

The financial assets and liabilities are presented by class in the tables page F-66 at their carrying amounts, which generally approximate to fair value.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities, other than derivatives, are initially recognised at the fair value of consideration paid or received, net of transaction costs as appropriate, and subsequently carried at fair value or amortised cost. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date the contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value.

The Group classifies its financial assets and liabilities into:

- loans and receivables;
- available for sale securities;
- held at fair value through profit or loss;
- cash flow hedges;
- financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets and liabilities are held. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and include cash and cash equivalents and trade receivables. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting date, which are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are initially measured at fair value of consideration paid and subsequently carried at either fair value or amortised cost less impairment. At the end of each reporting period, loans and receivables are assessed for objective evidence that they are impaired. The amount of loss is measured as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of its estimated future cash flows. The loss is recognised in the income statement.

Available for sale securities

Available for sale financial assets are measured at fair value. Gains and losses on the remeasurement of trading investments are recognised directly in the income statement. Gains and losses on the remeasurement of available for sale securities and investments are recognised directly in equity and subsequently recognised in the income statement when realised by sale or redemption, or when a reduction in fair value is judged to represent an impairment.

Other financial liabilities at amortised cost

Trade and other payables represents amounts that are non-interest bearing. The carrying value approximates their fair value, which represents liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the reporting period and that are unpaid.

Interest bearing liabilities are initially recognised at fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Borrowings are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in the income statement as other income or finance costs.

The Group has finance lease liabilities in relation to certain items of property, plant and equipment. Finance lease liabilities are initially recognised at the fair value of the underlying assets or, if lower, the estimated present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost, and the finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period to reflect a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Derivatives and hedging

Derivatives, including embedded derivatives separated from the host contracts, are included within financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial instruments in this category are classified as current if they are expected to be settled within 12 months; otherwise they are classified as non-current.

The Group uses financial instruments to hedge its exposure to certain market risks arising from operational, financing and investing activities. At the start of the transaction, the Group documents:

- the type of hedge;
- the relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged items;
- its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions.

The documentation also demonstrates, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, that the hedge is expected to continue to be highly effective.

The Group has two types of hedges:

	Fair value hedges	Cash flow hedges
Exposure	As the majority of the Group's debt is issued at fixed interest rates, the Group has entered into interest rate swaps and cross currency interest rate swaps to mitigate its exposure to changes in the fair value of borrowings.	As a portion of the Group's debt is denominated in currencies other than US dollars, the Group has entered into cross currency interest rate swaps to mitigate currency exposures.
Recognition date	At the date the instrument is entered into.	
Measurement	Measured at fair value.	
Fair value approach	Based on internal valuations using standard valuation techniques with current market inputs, including interest and forward commodity; and exchange rates. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt instruments held.	
How are changes in fair value accounted for?	<p>The following changes in the fair value are recognised immediately in the income statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the gains or losses on both the derivative or financial instrument and hedged asset or liability attributable to the hedged risk; – the gain or loss relating to the effective portion of interest rate swaps, hedging fixed rate borrowings, together with the gain or loss in the fair value of the hedged fixed rate borrowings attributable to interest rate risk; – the gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion of the hedge. <p>If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged item for which the effective interest method is used is amortised to the income statement over the period to maturity using a recalculated effective interest rate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Changes in the fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are recognised directly in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity in the hedging reserve to the extent that the hedge is highly effective. – To the extent that the hedge is ineffective, changes in fair value are recognised immediately in the income statement. – Amounts accumulated in equity are transferred to the income statement or the balance sheet for a non-financial asset at the same time as the hedged item is recognised. – When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the underlying forecast transaction occurs. – When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to the income statement.

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the income statement.

Valuation hierarchy

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value is principally calculated based on inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for these financial assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e. as unquoted prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). Where no price information is available from a quoted market source, alternative market mechanisms or recent comparable transactions, fair value is estimated based on the Group’s views on relevant future prices, net of valuation allowances to accommodate liquidity, modelling and other risks implicit in such estimates.

The inputs used in fair value calculations are determined by the relevant segment or function. The functions support the assets and operate under a defined set of accountabilities authorised by the Executive Leadership Team. Movements in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities may be recognised through the income statement or in other comprehensive income.

For financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value, the Group uses the following to categorise the method used:

Fair value hierarchy	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Valuation method	Based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical financial assets and liabilities.	Based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the financial asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as unquoted prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).	Based on inputs not observable in the market using appropriate valuation models, including discounted cash flow modelling.

The financial assets and liabilities are presented by class in the tables below at their carrying amounts, which generally approximate to fair value. In the case of US\$3,020 million (2015: US\$3,321 million) of fixed rate debt not swapped to floating rate, the fair value at 30 June 2016 was US\$3,539 million (2015: US\$3,538 million).

2016 US\$M	Loans and receivables	Available for sale securities	Held at fair value through profit or loss	Cash flow hedges	Other financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost	Total
		Level 3	Levels 1, 2 & 3	Level 2		
<i>Fair value hierarchy ^(a)</i>						
Current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	43	–	–	43
Current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	42	–	–	42
Current available for sale shares and other investments	–	–	36	–	–	36
Non-current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	2,147	90	–	2,237
Non-current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	202	–	–	202
Non-current available for sale shares and other investments ^{(c) (d)}	–	25	216	–	–	241
Total other financial assets	–	25	2,686	90	–	2,801
Cash and cash equivalents	10,319	–	–	–	–	10,319
Trade and other receivables ^(e)	1,978	–	835	–	–	2,813
Loans to equity accounted investments	897	–	–	–	–	897
Total financial assets	13,194	25	3,521	90	–	16,830
Non-financial assets						102,123
Total assets						118,953
Current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	–	–	–	–
Current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	5	–	–	5
Non-current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	179	1,589	–	1,768
Non-current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	10	–	–	10
Total other financial liabilities	–	–	194	1,589	–	1,783
Trade and other payables ^(f)	–	–	256	–	4,882	5,138
Bank overdrafts and short-term borrowings ^(g)	–	–	–	–	43	43
Bank loans ^(g)	–	–	–	–	2,036	2,036
Notes and debentures ^(g)	–	–	–	–	33,795	33,795
Finance leases ^(g)	–	–	–	–	346	346
Other ^(g)	–	–	–	–	201	201
Total financial liabilities	–	–	450	1,589	41,303	43,342
Non-financial liabilities						15,540
Total liabilities						58,882

2015 US\$M	Loans and receivables	Available for sale securities	Held at fair value through profit or loss	Cash flow hedges	Other financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost	Total
<i>Fair value hierarchy</i> ^(a)		<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Levels 1, 2 & 3</i>	<i>Level 2</i>		
Current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	53	–	–	53
Current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	30	–	–	30
Non-current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	805	134	–	939
Non-current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	198	–	–	198
Non-current available for sale shares and other investments ^{(c) (d)}	–	22	–	–	–	22
Total other financial assets	–	22	1,086	134	–	1,242
Cash and cash equivalents	6,753	–	–	–	–	6,753
Trade and other receivables ^(e)	3,534	–	952	–	–	4,486
Loans to equity accounted investments	995	–	–	–	–	995
Total financial assets	11,282	22	2,038	134	–	13,476
Non-financial assets						111,104
Total assets						124,580
Current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	–	243	–	243
Current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	8	–	–	8
Non-current cross currency and interest rate swaps	–	–	(62)	1,086	–	1,024
Non-current other derivative contracts ^(b)	–	–	7	–	–	7
Total other financial liabilities	–	–	(47)	1,329	–	1,282
Trade and other payables ^(f)	–	–	176	–	6,660	6,836
Bank overdrafts and short-term borrowings ^(g)	–	–	–	–	140	140
Bank loans ^(g)	–	–	–	–	1,595	1,595
Notes and debentures ^(g)	–	–	–	–	28,725	28,725
Finance leases ^(g)	–	–	–	–	438	438
Other ^(g)	–	–	–	–	272	272
Total financial liabilities	–	–	129	1,329	37,830	39,288
Non-financial liabilities						14,747
Total liabilities						54,035

(a) All of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at fair value were valued using market observable inputs categorised as Level 2 with the exception of the specified items in the following footnotes.

(b) Includes other derivative contracts of US\$236 million (2015: US\$219 million) categorised as Level 3.

(c) Includes non-current other investments held at fair value through profit or loss (US Treasury Notes) of US\$54 million categorised as Level 1 (2015: US\$ nil).

- (d) Includes shares and other investments available for sale of US\$25 million (2015: US\$22 million) categorised as Level 3.
- (e) Excludes input taxes of US\$312 million (2015: US\$339 million) included in other receivables. Refer to note 7 ‘Trade and other receivables’.
- (f) Excludes input taxes of US\$264 million (2015: US\$582 million) included in other payables. Refer to note 8 ‘Trade and other payables’.
- (g) All interest bearing liabilities, excluding finance leases, are unsecured.

For financial instruments that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period. There were no transfers between categories during the period.

For financial instruments not valued at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group uses a method that can be categorised as Level 2.

Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

The Group enters into money market deposits and derivative transactions under International Swaps and Derivatives Association master netting agreements that do not meet the criteria for offsetting, but allow for the related amounts to be set-off in certain circumstances. The amounts set out as cross currency and interest rate swaps in the table above represent the derivative financial assets and liabilities of the Group that may be subject to the above arrangements and are presented on a gross basis.

Recognition and measurement

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet where the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Employee matters

22. Key management personnel

Key management personnel compensation comprises:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$	US\$	US\$
Short-term employee benefits	14,979,983	26,663,069	29,302,029
Post-employment benefits	2,356,594	2,920,007	3,176,079
Share-based payments	16,837,179	20,783,959	21,300,632
Total	34,173,756	50,367,035	53,778,740

Transactions and outstanding loans/amounts with key management personnel

There were no purchases by key management personnel from the Group during the financial year (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$ nil).

There were no amounts payable by key management personnel at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$ nil).

There were no loans receivable from or payable to key management personnel at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$ nil).

Transactions with personally related entities

A number of Directors of the Group hold or have held positions in other companies (personally related entities) where it is considered they control or significantly influence the financial or operating policies of those entities. There were no transactions with those entities and no amounts were owed by the Group to personally related entities at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$ nil).

For more information on remuneration and transactions with key management personnel, refer to the 'Remuneration Report' in section 3.

23. Employee share ownership plans

Awards, in the form of the right to receive ordinary shares in either BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc, were provided under the following employee share ownership plans for the year ended 30 June 2016: Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP), Short-Term Incentive Plan (STIP) (which replaced the Group Incentive Scheme (GIS)), Management Award Plan (MAP), Group Short-Term Incentive Plan (GSTIP), Transitional Operations Management Committee (OMC) awards and the all-employee share plan, Shareplus.

Some awards are eligible to receive a payment equal to the dividend amount that would have been earned on the underlying shares awarded to those participants (the Dividend Equivalent Payment, or DEP). The DEP is provided to the participants once the underlying shares are allocated or transferred to them. Awards under the plans do not confer any rights to participate in a share issue; however, there is discretion under each of the plans to adjust the awards in response to a variation of BHP Billiton's share capital.

A description of these plans is as follows:

Plan	STIP, GIS and GSTIP	LTIP and MAP	Transitional awards	Shareplus
Type	Short-term incentive.	Long-term incentive.	Long-term incentive.	All-employee share purchase plan.
Overview	<p>The STIP (which replaced GIS in FY2014) is a plan for the members of the OMC and the GSTIP is a plan for senior management employees other than the OMC.</p> <p>Half of a participant's short-term incentive amount is provided as a grant of rights to receive BHP Billiton shares.</p>	<p>The LTIP is a plan for the OMC and awards are granted annually.</p> <p>The MAP is a plan for management employees other than the OMC. The number of rights is determined by role, performance and organisational level.</p>	<p>Awards are provided to new OMC members as a transitional measure to bridge the time-based gap between the vesting of MAP awards (granted in their non-OMC position and the LTIP awards provided to OMC members).</p>	<p>Employees may contribute up to US\$5,000 to acquire shares in any Plan year. On the third anniversary of the start of a Plan year, the Group will match the number of acquired shares.</p>

Plan	STIP, GIS and GSTIP	LTIP and MAP	Transitional awards	Shareplus
Vesting conditions	Service conditions only.	<p>LTIP: Service conditions and performance conditions.</p> <p>For awards granted from December 2010 onwards, performance relative to the Peer Group Total Shareholder Return (TSR) over a five-year performance period determines the vesting of 67 per cent of the awards, while performance relative to the Index TSR (being the index value where the comparator group is a market index such as the MSCI World) determines the vesting of 33 per cent of the awards. For the awards to vest in full, the Group's TSR must exceed the Peer Group TSR and Index TSR (if applicable) by a specified percentage per year, determined for each grant by the Remuneration Committee. Since the establishment of the LTIP in 2004, this percentage has been set at 5.5 per cent per year.</p> <p>MAP: Service conditions only.</p>	Service conditions and performance conditions. The Remuneration Committee has absolute discretion to determine if the performance condition has been met and whether any, all or part of the award will vest (or otherwise lapse), having regard to (but not limited to) BHP Billiton's TSR over the three- or four-year performance period (respectively), the participant's contribution to Group outcomes and the participant's personal performance (with guidance on this assessment from the CEO).	Service conditions only.
Vesting period	2 years	<p>LTIP – 5 years</p> <p>MAP – 3 years or 4 years or 5 years</p>	3 years or 4 years	3 years
Dividend Equivalent Payment	Yes, except GSTIP awards granted after 1 July 2011	Yes, except MAP granted after 1 July 2011.	No	No
Exercise period	None	<p>LTIP granted prior to 1 July 2013 – 5 years.</p> <p>MAP granted prior to 1 July 2011 – 3 years.</p>	None	None

Employee share awards

2016	Number of awards at the beginning of the financial year	Number of awards issued during the year	Number of awards vested and exercised	Number of awards lapsed	Number of awards at the end of the financial year	Number of awards vested and exercisable at the end of the financial year	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)
BHP Billiton Limited							
STIP awards	412,994	436,096	–	–	849,090	–	0.7
GIS awards – deferred shares	68,143	–	68,143	–	–	–	n/a
GSTIP awards – deferred shares	2,624,153	1,828,178	1,601,516	63,395	2,787,420	90,116	0.7
GSTIP awards – options	87,254	–	–	87,254	–	–	n/a
– weighted average exercise price – A\$	41.78	–	–	41.78	–	–	n/a
LTIP awards	3,766,431	1,806,187	332,055	359,505	4,881,058	373,211	3.1
Transitional OMC awards	219,980	46,840	–	–	266,820	–	1.0
MAP awards	7,726,639	2,648,686	2,970,971	637,317	6,767,037	176,298	1.2
Shareplus	4,028,392	4,035,903	1,936,548	391,243	5,736,504	–	1.4
Employee Share Plan shares (past plan)	541,263	–	134,645	–	406,618	406,618	n/a
BHP Billiton Plc							
GIS awards – options	30,389	–	–	30,389	–	–	n/a
– weighted average exercise price – £	23.71	–	–	23.71	–	–	n/a
GSTIP awards – deferred shares	321,608	87,883	145,296	–	264,195	1,939	0.5
GSTIP awards – options	42,473	–	–	42,473	–	–	n/a
– weighted average exercise price – £	22.08	–	–	22.08	–	–	n/a
LTIP awards	1,004,214	–	150,281	193,750	660,183	137,474	0.8
Transitional OMC awards	43,066	–	17,872	3,661	21,533	–	0.2
MAP awards	1,572,083	155,860	534,197	123,918	1,069,828	29,345	0.8
Shareplus	244,794	224,046	128,725	19,396	320,719	–	1.4

Fair value and assumptions in the calculation of fair value for awards issued

2016	Weighted average fair value of awards granted during the year US\$	Risk-free interest rate	Estimated life of awards	Share price at grant date	Estimated volatility of share price	Dividend yield
BHP Billiton Limited						
STIP awards	19.41	n/a	3 years	A\$ 26.65	n/a	4.15%
GSTIP awards – deferred shares	17.83	n/a	3 years	A\$ 26.65	n/a	4.15%
LTIP awards	9.10	1.70%	5 years	A\$ 26.65	25.0%	4.15%
Transitional OMC awards	16.74	n/a	3-4 years	A\$ 26.65	n/a	4.15%
MAP awards	17.08	n/a	3-4 years	A\$ 26.65	n/a	4.15%
Shareplus	11.22	1.56%	3 years	A\$ 21.83	n/a	3.88%
BHP Billiton Plc						
GSTIP awards – deferred shares	16.97	n/a	3 years	£ 12.60	n/a	4.68%
MAP awards	16.17	n/a	3 years	£ 12.60	n/a	4.68%
Shareplus	10.48	0.44%	3 years	£ 8.58	n/a	4.31%

Employee share awards expense is US\$140.445 million (2015: US\$202.955 million; 2014: US\$213.841 million).

Recognition and measurement

The fair value at grant date of equity-settled share awards is charged to the income statement over the period for which the benefits of employee services are expected to be derived. The fair values of awards granted were estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation methodology and Black-Scholes option pricing technique and considers the following factors:

- exercise price;
- expected life of the award;
- current market price of the underlying shares;
- expected volatility using an analysis of historic volatility over different rolling periods. For GIS options, it is calculated for each of BHP Billiton's listings; for the LTIP, it is calculated for all sector comparators and the published MSCI World index;
- expected dividends;
- risk-free interest rate, which is an applicable government bond rate;
- market-based performance hurdles;
- non-vesting conditions.

Where awards are forfeited because non-market-based vesting conditions are not satisfied, the expense previously recognised is proportionately reversed.

The tax effect of awards granted is recognised in income tax expense, except to the extent that the total tax deductions are expected to exceed the cumulative remuneration expense. In this situation, the excess of the associated current or deferred tax is recognised in other comprehensive income and forms part of the employee share awards reserve. The fair value of awards as presented in the tables above represents the fair value at grant date.

In respect of employee share awards, the Group utilises the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Trust and the BHP Billiton Limited Employee Equity Trust. The trustees of these trusts are independent companies, resident in Jersey. The trusts use funds provided by the Group to acquire ordinary shares to enable awards to be made or satisfied. The ordinary shares may be acquired by purchase in the market or by subscription at not less than nominal value. The BHP Billiton Limited Employee Equity Trust has waived its rights to dividends on shares held to meet future awards under the plans.

24. Employee benefits, restructuring and post-retirement employee benefits provisions

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Employee benefits ^(a)	1,145	1,384
Restructuring ^(b)	17	104
Post-retirement employee benefits	352	429
Total provisions	1,514	1,917
Comprising:		
Current	988	1,324
Non-current	526	593

2016	Employee benefits	Restructuring	Post- retirement employee benefits	Total
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
At the beginning of the financial year	1,384	104	429	1,917
Charge/(credit) for the year:				
Underlying	988	40	34	1,062
Discounting	8	–	43	51
Net interest expense	–	–	(28)	(28)
Exchange variations	(52)	(3)	(4)	(59)
Released during the year	(123)	(17)	(61)	(201)
Remeasurement losses taken to retained earnings	–	–	20	20
Utilisation	(1,046)	(107)	(81)	(1,234)
Divestment and demerger of subsidiaries and operations	(3)	–	–	(3)
Transfers and other movements	(11)	–	–	(11)
At the end of the financial year	1,145	17	352	1,514

- (a) The expenditure associated with total employee benefits will occur in a pattern consistent with when employees choose to exercise their entitlement to benefits.
- (b) Total restructuring provisions include provisions for terminations and office closures.

Recognition and measurement

Provisions are recognised by the Group when:

- there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that a permanent outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation;
- the amount can be reliably estimated and measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the cash outflow required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Description</i>
Employee benefits	<p>Liabilities for annual leave and any accumulating sick leave accrued up until the reporting date that are expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.</p> <p>Liabilities for long service leave are measured as the present value of estimated future payments for the services provided by employees up to the reporting date and disclosed within employee benefits.</p> <p>Liabilities that are not expected to be settled within 12 months are discounted at the reporting date using market yields of high-quality corporate bonds or government bonds for countries where there is no deep market for corporate bonds. The rates used reflect the terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.</p> <p>In relation to industry-based long service leave funds, the Group's liability, including obligations for funding shortfalls, is determined after deducting the fair value of dedicated assets of such funds.</p> <p>Liabilities for unpaid wages and salaries are recognised in other creditors.</p>

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Description</i>
Restructuring	Restructuring provisions are recognised when the Group has a detailed formal plan identifying the business or part of the business concerned, the location and approximate number of employees affected, a detailed estimate of the associated costs, and an appropriate timeline; and the restructuring has either commenced or been publicly announced and can no longer be withdrawn. Payments falling due greater than 12 months after the reporting date are discounted to present value.

25. Pension and other post-retirement obligations

The Group operates or participates in a number of pension (including superannuation) schemes throughout the world. The funding of the schemes complies with local regulations. The assets of the schemes are generally held separately from those of the Group and are administered by trustees or management boards.

<i>Schemes</i>	<i>Description</i>
Defined contribution pension schemes and multi-employer pension schemes	For defined contribution schemes or schemes operated on an industry-wide basis where it is not possible to identify assets attributable to the participation by the Group's employees, the pension charge is calculated on the basis of contributions payable. The Group contributed US\$232 million during the financial year (2015: US\$462 million; 2014: US\$467 million) to defined contribution plans and multi-employer defined contribution plans. These contributions are expensed as incurred.
Defined benefit post-retirement medical schemes	<p>Certain Group companies provide post-retirement medical benefits to qualifying retirees. In some cases, the benefits are provided through medical care schemes to which the Group, the employees, the retirees and covered family members contribute. In some schemes there is no funding of the benefits before retirement. These schemes are recognised on the same basis as described for defined benefit pension schemes.</p> <p>The Group operates a number of post-retirement medical schemes in the United States, Canada and Europe. Full actuarial valuations are prepared by local actuaries for all schemes. All of the post-retirement medical schemes in the Group are unfunded.</p>
Defined benefit pension schemes	For defined benefit pension schemes, the cost of providing pensions is charged to the income statement so as to recognise current and past service costs, interest cost on defined benefit obligations and the effect of any curtailments or settlements, net of returns on plan assets. Remeasurement gains and losses are recognised directly in equity. An asset or liability is consequently recognised in the balance sheet based on the present value of defined benefit obligations less the fair value of plan assets, except that any such asset cannot exceed the present value of expected refunds from and reductions in future contributions to the plan. Defined benefit obligations are estimated by discounting expected future payments using market yields at the reporting date on high-quality corporate bonds in countries that have developed corporate bond markets. However, where developed corporate bond markets do not exist, the discount rates are selected by reference to national government bonds. In both instances, the bonds are selected with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash flows.

Schemes

Description

The Group has closed all defined benefit pensions schemes to new entrants. Defined benefit pension schemes remain operating in Australia, the United States, Canada and Europe for existing members. Full actuarial valuations are prepared and updated annually to 30 June by local actuaries for all schemes. The Group operates final salary schemes (that provide final salary benefits only), non-salary related schemes (that provide flat dollar benefits) and mixed benefit schemes (that consist of a final salary defined benefit portion and a defined contribution portion).

Risk

The Group's defined benefit pension schemes and post-retirement medical schemes expose the Group to a number of risks, including asset value volatility, interest rate variations, inflation, longevity and medical expense inflation risk.

Recognising this, the Group has adopted an approach of moving away from providing defined benefit pensions. The majority of Group-sponsored defined benefit pension schemes have been closed to new entrants for many years. Existing benefit schemes and the terms of employee participation in these schemes are reviewed on a regular basis.

Fund assets

The Group follows a coordinated strategy for the funding and investment of its defined benefit pension schemes (subject to meeting all local requirements). The Group's aim is for the value of defined benefit pension scheme assets to be maintained at close to the value of the corresponding benefit obligations, allowing for some short-term volatility.

Scheme assets are invested in a diversified range of asset classes, predominantly comprising bonds and equities.

The Group's aim is to progressively shift defined benefit pension scheme assets towards investments that match the anticipated profile of the benefit obligations, as funding levels improve and benefit obligations mature. Over time, this is expected to result in a further reduction in the total exposure of pension scheme assets to equity markets. For pension schemes that pay lifetime benefits, the Group may consider and support the purchase of annuities to back these benefit obligations if it is commercially sensible to do so.

Net liability recognised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet

The net liability recognised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet is as follows:

	Defined benefit pension schemes		Post-retirement medical schemes	
	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M	2016 US\$M	2015 US\$M
Present value of funded defined benefit obligation	733	868	–	–
Present value of unfunded defined benefit obligation	115	113	214	269
Fair value of defined benefit scheme assets	(710)	(822)	–	–
Scheme deficit	138	159	214	269
Unrecognised surplus	–	–	–	–
Unrecognised past service credits	–	–	–	–
Adjustment for employer contributions tax	–	1	–	–
Net liability recognised in the Consolidated Balance Sheet	138	160	214	269

The Group has no legal obligation to settle these liabilities with any immediate contributions or additional one-off contributions. The Group intends to continue to contribute to each defined benefit pension and post-retirement medical scheme in accordance with the latest recommendations of each scheme actuary.

Group and related party information

26. Discontinued operations

The Group announced on 25 May 2015 that it completed the demerger of a selection of its aluminium, coal, manganese, nickel and silver-lead-zinc assets to create an independent metals and mining company, South32. This included the Group's interests in its integrated Aluminium business, Energy Coal South Africa, Illawarra metallurgical coal, the Manganese business, the Cerro Matoso nickel operation and the Cannington silver-lead-zinc mine. The contribution of Discontinued operations included within the Group's profit until the loss of control is detailed below:

Income statement – Discontinued operations

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M
Profit/(loss) after taxation from operating activities	642	269
Gain on loss of control of Manganese business	2,146	–
Impairment of South32 assets upon classification as held-for-distribution	(1,749)	–
Loss on demerger net of transaction costs ^(a)	(2,319)	–
Derecognition of deferred tax assets	(232)	–
Net loss on demerger of South32 after taxation	(2,154)	–
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(1,512)	269
Attributable to non-controlling interests	61	85
Attributable to owners of BHP Billiton Group	(1,573)	184
Basic (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (cents)	(29.6)	3.5
Diluted (loss)/earnings per ordinary share (cents)	(29.5)	3.4

^(a) The Group recognised the demerger in the Financial Statements as a dividend, reducing retained earnings by the fair value of South32's shares. The US\$1,795 million loss on demerger is the difference between the fair value of South32's shares and the book value of the assets distributed and the reclassification of reserves relating to South32 to the income statement. Transaction costs of US\$524 million (after tax benefit) comprised stamp duty, professional fees and separation and establishment costs.

The total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the BHP Billiton Group from Discontinued operations was a loss of US\$1,685 million during the financial year ended 30 June 2015 (2014: profit of US\$164 million).

Cash flows from Discontinued operations

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M
Net operating cash flows	1,502	1,724
Net investing cash flows	(1,066)	(700)
Net financing cash flows	(203)	(32)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents from Discontinued operations	233	992
Cash disposed on demerger of South32	(586)	–
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents from Discontinued operations	(353)	992

27. Subsidiaries

Significant subsidiaries of the Group, which are those with the most significant contribution to the Group's net profit or net assets, are listed in the table below. For a complete list of the Group's subsidiaries, refer to Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries.

Significant subsidiaries	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Effective interest	
			2016 %	2015 %
Coal				
BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd	Australia	Coal mining	80	80
BHP Navajo Coal Company ^(a)	US	Coal mining	–	–
Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd	Australia	Coal mining	100	100
PT Lahai Coal	Indonesia	Coal mining	75	75
San Juan Coal Company	US	Coal mining	–	100
Copper				
BHP Billiton Olympic Dam Corporation Pty Ltd	Australia	Copper and uranium mining	100	100
Compania Minera Cerro Colorado Limitada	Chile	Copper mining	100	100
Minera Escondida Limitada ^(b)	Chile	Copper mining	57.5	57.5
Minera Spence S.A.	Chile	Copper mining	100	100
Iron Ore				
BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd	Australia	Service company	100	100
BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia	Iron ore and coal	100	100
BHP Iron Ore (Jimblebar) Pty Ltd ^(c)	Australia	Iron ore mining	85	85
BHP Billiton (Towage Service) Pty Ltd	Australia	Freight services	100	100
Marketing				
BHP Billiton Freight Singapore Pte Limited	Singapore	Freight services	100	100
BHP Billiton Marketing AG	Switzerland	Marketing and trading	100	100
BHP Billiton Marketing Asia Pte Ltd	Singapore	Marketing and support services	100	100
Group and Unallocated				
BHP Billiton Canada Inc.	Canada	Potash development	100	100
BHP Billiton Finance BV	The Netherlands	Finance	100	100
BHP Billiton Finance Limited	Australia	Finance	100	100
BHP Billiton Finance (USA) Ltd	Australia	Finance	100	100
BHP Billiton Group Operations Pty Ltd	Australia	Administrative services	100	100
BHP Billiton International Services Ltd	UK	Service company	100	100
BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	Australia	Nickel mining, smelting, refining and administrative services	100	100
BHP Billiton Shared Services Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	Service company	100	100
WMC Finance (USA) Limited	Australia	Finance	100	100

^(a) The Group divested its 100 per cent effective interest in BHP Navajo Coal Company ('Navajo') in December 2013. However, as BHP Billiton controls the Navajo mine until full consideration is received from the buyer, the financial results of the Navajo mine are consolidated by the Group. The divestment of Navajo Coal completed on 29 July 2016 and will be recognised in FY2017. BHP Billiton will continue to manage Navajo Coal in accordance with the Mine Management Agreement until 31 December 2016.

- (b) As the Group has the ability to direct the relevant activities at Minera Escondida Limitada, it has control over the entity. The assessment of the most relevant activity in this contractual arrangement is subject to judgement. The Group establishes the mine plan and the operating budget and has the ability to appoint the key management personnel, demonstrating that the Group has the existing rights to direct the relevant activities of Minera Escondida Limitada.
- (c) The Group has an effective interest of 92.5 per cent in BHP Iron Ore (Jimblebar) Pty Ltd; however, by virtue of the shareholder agreement with ITOCHU Minerals & Energy of Australia Pty Ltd and Mitsui & Co. Iron Ore Exploration & Mining Pty Ltd, the Group's interest in the Jimblebar mining operation is 85 per cent, which is consistent with the other respective contractual arrangements at Western Australia Iron Ore.

28. Investments accounted for using the equity method

The Group's interests in equity accounted investments with the most significant contribution to the Group's net profit or net assets are listed below. For a complete list of the Group's associates and joint ventures refer to Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries.

Shareholdings in associates and joint ventures	Country of incorporation/ principal place of business	Associate or joint venture	Principal activity	Reporting date	Ownership interest	
					2016 %	2015 %
Carbones del Cerrejón LLC (Cerrejón)	Anguilla/ Colombia	Associate	Coal mining in Colombia	31 December	33.33	33.33
Compañía Minera Antamina S.A. (Antamina)	Peru	Associate	Copper and zinc mining	31 December	33.75	33.75
Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco)	Brazil	Joint venture	Iron ore mining	31 December	50.00	50.00

Voting in relation to relevant activities in Antamina and Cerrejón, determined to be the approval of the operating and capital budgets, does not require unanimous consent of all participants to the arrangement, therefore joint control does not exist. Instead, because the Group has the power to participate in the financial and operating policies of the investee, these investments are accounted for as associates.

Samarco is jointly owned by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (BHP Billiton Brasil) and Vale S.A. (Vale). As the Samarco entity has the rights to the assets and obligations to the liabilities relating to the joint arrangement and not its owners, this investment is accounted for as a joint venture.

The Group is restricted in its ability to make dividend payments from its investments in associates and joint ventures as any such payments require the approval of all investors in the associates and joint ventures. The ownership interest at the Group's and the associates' or joint ventures' reporting dates are the same. When the annual financial reporting date is different to the Group's, financial information is obtained as at 30 June in order to report on an annual basis consistent with the Group's reporting date.

The movement for the year in the Group's investments accounted for using the equity method is as follows:

Year ended 30 June 2016	Investment in	Investment in	Total equity
US\$M	associates	joint ventures	accounted
US\$M	associates	joint ventures	investments
At the beginning of the financial year	2,668	1,044	3,712
Share of operating profit of equity accounted investments	140	136	276
Share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure ^(a)	–	(655)	(655)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco ^(a)	–	(525)	(525)
Samarco dam failure provision ^(a)	–	(1,200)	(1,200)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	140	(2,244)	(2,104)
Investment in equity accounted investments	58	–	58
Loss and expenses recognised as a provision for Samarco dam failure ^(b)	–	1,200	1,200
Dividends received from equity accounted investments	(293)	–	(293)
Other	2	–	2
At the end of the financial year	2,575	–	2,575

^(a) BHP Billiton Brasil has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment) and recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement. US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense.

^(b) As the investment carrying value has been adjusted to US\$ nil, additional share of Samarco losses US\$(572) million and Samarco dam failure provision expense US\$(628) million are included in the provision for Samarco dam failure. This reflects BHP Billiton Brasil's US\$(1,200) million potential funding obligation to the Foundation as a result of the Framework Agreement.

Refer to note 3 'Significant events – Samarco dam failure' for further information regarding the dam failure in November 2015.

The following table summarises the financial information relating to each of the Group's significant equity accounted investments. The unrecognised share of profit for the period was US\$33 million (2015: US\$5 million), which decreased the cumulative losses to US\$161 million (2015: decrease to US\$194 million). BHP Billiton Brasil's 50 per cent portion of Samarco's commitments, for which BHP Billiton Brasil has no funding obligation, is US\$741 million (2015: US\$1,272 million).

2016 US\$M	Associates			Joint ventures		Total
	Antamina	Cerrejón	Individually immaterial	Samarco ^(a)	Individually immaterial	
Current assets	1,017	706		323 ^(b)		
Non-current assets	4,279	2,717		6,460		
Current liabilities	(362)	(126)		(4,722) ^(c)		
Non-current liabilities	(939)	(875)		(2,954) ^(d)		
Net assets/(liabilities) – 100%	3,995	2,422		(893)		
Net assets/(liabilities) – BHP Billiton share	1,348	807		(447)		
Adjustments to net assets related to accounting policy adjustments	1	86		400 ^(e)		
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco	–	–		(525) ^(f)		
Additional share of Samarco losses	–	–		572 ^(f)		
Carrying amount of investments accounted for using the equity method	1,349	893	333	–	–	2,575
Revenue – 100%	2,639	1,575		937		
Profit/(loss) from Continuing operations – 100%	606	(73)		(2,182) ^(g)		
Share of operating (loss)/profit of equity accounted investments	203	(24)	(39)	(1,091) ^(h)	–	(951)
Samarco dam failure provision expense	–	–	–	(628) ^(f)	–	(628)
Impairment of the carrying value of the investment in Samarco	–	–	–	(525) ^(f)	–	(525)
(Loss)/profit from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses	203	(24)	(39)	(2,244)	–	(2,104)
Comprehensive income – 100%	606	(73)		(2,182)		
Share of comprehensive (loss)/income – BHP Billiton share in equity accounted investments	203	(24)	(39)	(2,244)	–	(2,104)
Dividends received from equity accounted investments	233	29	31	–	–	293

2015 US\$M	Associates			Joint ventures		Total
	Antamina	Cerrejón	Individually immaterial	Samarco	Individually immaterial	
Current assets	958	907		1,256 ^(b)		
Non-current assets	4,245	2,933		6,102		
Current liabilities	(278)	(192)		(2,006) ^(c)		
Non-current liabilities	(846)	(1,082)		(4,090) ^(d)		
Net assets – 100%	4,079	2,566		1,262		
Net assets – BHP Billiton share	1,377	855		631		
Adjustments to net assets related to accounting policy adjustments	2	91		413 ^(e)		
Carrying amount of investments accounted for using the equity method	1,379	946	343	1,044	–	3,712
Revenue – 100%	2,530	2,156		2,810		
Profit from Continuing operations – 100%	765	(62)		1,283 ^(g)		
Profit/(loss) from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	229	(20)	(30)	371	(26)	524
Comprehensive income – 100%	765	(62)		1,283		
Share of comprehensive income/(loss) – BHP Billiton share in equity accounted investments	229	(20)	(30)	371	(26)	524
Dividends received from equity accounted investments ⁽ⁱ⁾	191	99	37	396	342	1,065

2014 US\$M	Associates			Joint ventures		Total
	Antamina	Cerrejón	Individually immaterial	Samarco	Individually immaterial	
Revenue – 100%	3,736	2,444		3,269		
Profit from Continuing operations – 100%	1,414	373		1,337 ^(g)		
Profit/(loss) from equity accounted investments, related impairments and expenses ⁽ⁱ⁾	476	115	(3)	607	–	1,195
Comprehensive income – 100%	1,414	373		1,337		
Share of comprehensive income/(loss) – BHP Billiton share in equity accounted investments	476	115	(3)	607	–	1,195
Dividends received from equity accounted investments ⁽ⁱ⁾	446	187	36	581	–	1,250

(a) Refer to note 3 ‘Significant events – Samarco dam failure’ for further information regarding the financial impact of the Samarco dam failure in November 2015 on BHP Billiton Brasil’s share of Samarco’s operating profit.

(b) Includes cash and cash equivalents of US\$138 million (2015: US\$711 million).

- (c) Includes current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions) of US\$3,870 million (2015: US\$993 million).
- (d) Includes non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions) of US\$3 million (2015: US\$3,844 million).
- (e) Relates to dividends declared by Samarco that remain unpaid at balance date and which, in accordance with the Group's accounting policy, are recognised when received not receivable.
- (f) BHP Billiton Brasil has adjusted its investment in Samarco to US\$ nil (resulting from US\$(655) million share of loss from Samarco and US\$(525) million impairment) and recognised a provision of US\$(1,200) million for potential obligations under the Framework Agreement. US\$(572) million of the US\$(1,200) million provision represents an additional share of loss from Samarco with the remaining US\$(628) million recognised as provision expense.
- (g) Includes depreciation and amortisation of US\$148 million (2015: US\$236 million; 2014: US\$113 million), interest income of US\$43 million (2015: US\$86 million; 2014: US\$6 million), interest expense of US\$209 million (2015: US\$227 million; 2014: US\$181 million) and income tax benefit/(expense) of US\$564 million (2015: US\$(275) million; 2014: US\$(207) million).
- (h) US\$(1,091) million represents US\$(1,227) million share of loss relating to the Samarco dam failure (exceptional item) and US\$136 million share of operating profit prior to the dam failure.
- (i) Includes share of operating losses of equity accounted investments from Discontinued operations for the year ended 30 June 2015 of US\$24 million and share of operating profit for the year ended 30 June 2014 of US\$10 million.
- (j) Includes dividend received from equity accounted investments from Discontinued operations of US\$342 million for the year ended 30 June 2015 and US\$ nil for the year ended 30 June 2014.

29. Interests in joint operations

Significant joint operations of the Group, which are those with the most significant contributions to the Group's net profit or net assets, are as follows. For a complete list of the Group's investments in joint operations refer to Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries.

Significant joint operations	Country of operation	Principal activity	Effective interest	
			2016 %	2015 %
Bass Strait	Australia	Hydrocarbons production	50	50
Greater Angostura	Trinidad and Tobago	Hydrocarbons production	45	45
Eagle Ford ^(a)	US	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	<1–100	2–100
Fayetteville ^(a)	US	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	<1–100	<0.1–100
Gulf of Mexico	US	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	23.9–44	23.9–44
Haynesville ^(a)	US	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	<1–100	<0.1–100
Macedon ^(a)	Australia	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	71.43	71.43
North West Shelf	Australia	Hydrocarbons production	8.33–16.67	8.33–16.67
Permian ^(a)	US	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	<1–100	37.5–100
Pyrenees ^(a)	Australia	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	40–71.43	40–71.43
ROD Integrated Development	Algeria	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	38	38
Zamzama	Pakistan	Hydrocarbons exploration and production	–	38.5
Mt Goldsworthy ^(b)	Australia	Iron ore mining	85	85
Mt Newman ^(b)	Australia	Iron ore mining	85	85
Yandi ^(b)	Australia	Iron ore mining	85	85
Central Queensland Coal Associates	Australia	Coal mining	50	50

^(a) While the Group holds a greater than 50 per cent interest in these joint operations, all the participants in these joint operations approve the operating and capital budgets and therefore the Group has joint control over the relevant activities of these arrangements.

^(b) These contractual arrangements are controlled by the Group and do not meet the definition of joint operations. However, as they are formed by contractual arrangement and are not entities, the Group recognises its share of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses arising from these arrangements.

Assets held in joint operations subject to significant restrictions are as follows:

	<u>Group share</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Current assets	3,442	6,039
Non-current assets	56,491	64,896
Total assets ^(a)	59,933	70,935

(a) While the Group is unrestricted in its ability to sell a share of its interest in these joint operations, it does not have the right to sell individual assets that are used in these joint operations without the unanimous consent of the other participants. The assets in these joint operations are also restricted to the extent that they are only available to be used by the joint operation itself and not by other operations of the Group.

30. Related party transactions

The Group's related parties are predominantly subsidiaries, joint operations, joint ventures and associates and key management personnel of the Group. Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 22 'Key management personnel'. Transactions between each parent company and its subsidiaries are eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

- All transactions from/to related parties are made at arm's length, i.e. at normal market prices and rates and on normal commercial terms.
- Outstanding balances at year-end are unsecured and settlement occurs in cash. Loan amounts owing from related parties represent secured loans made to joint operations, associates and joint ventures under co-funding arrangements. Such loans are made on an arm's length basis with interest charged at market rates and are due to be repaid between 16 August 2017 and 31 August 2031.
- No guarantees are provided or received for any related party receivables or payables.
- No provision for doubtful debts has been recognised in relation to any outstanding balances and no expense has been recognised in respect of bad or doubtful debts due from related parties.
- There were no other related party transactions in the year ended 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil), other than those with post-employment benefit plans for the benefit of Group employees. These are shown in note 25 'Pension and other post-retirement obligations'.

Transactions with related parties

Further disclosures related to other related party transactions are as follows:

	<u>Joint operations</u>		<u>Joint ventures</u>		<u>Associates</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Sales of goods/services	–	198,341	–	–	–	6,666
Purchases of goods/services	–	33,745	–	–	786,789	936,868
Interest income	1,673	1,340	–	2,192	56,777	53,458
Interest expense	0,011	0,004	–	–	–	0,148
Dividends received	–	–	–	738,384	292,813	326,529
Net loans made to/(repayments from) related parties	74,043	(69,198)	–	(150,101)	(102,106)	(30,899)

Outstanding balances with related parties

Disclosures in respect of amounts owing to/from joint operations represent the amount that does not eliminate on consolidation.

	<u>Joint operations</u>		<u>Joint ventures</u>		<u>Associates</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Trade amounts owing to related parties	–	–	–	–	117.700	193.775
Loan amounts owing to related parties	36.907	103.431	–	–	38.097	32.097
Trade amounts owing from related parties	–	–	–	–	0.749	–
Loan amounts owing from related parties	21.464	13.945	–	–	919.194	1,015.300

Unrecognised items and uncertain events

31. Commitments

The Group's commitments for capital expenditure were US\$1,737 million as at 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$2,276 million). The Group's other commitments are as follows:

	<u>Commitments under finance leases</u>		<u>Commitments under operating leases</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>	<u>US\$M</u>
Due not later than one year	49	138	371	606
Due later than one year and not later than five years	221	222	888	864
Due later than five years	115	166	887	898
Total	385	526	2,146	2,368
Future financing liability	(39)	(57)		
Right to reimbursement from joint operations partner	–	(31)		
Finance lease liability	346	438		

Finance leases include leases of power generation and transmission assets. Certain lease payments may be subject to inflation escalation clauses on which contingent rentals are determined. The leases contain extension and renewal options.

Operating leases include leases of property, plant and equipment. Rental payments are generally fixed, but with inflation escalation clauses on which contingent rentals are determined. Certain leases contain extension and renewal options.

32. Contingent liabilities

	<u>2016</u> <u>US\$M</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>US\$M</u>
Associates and joint ventures		
Tax and other matters ^(a)	1,508	1,313
Subsidiaries and joint operations		
Tax and other matters ^(a)	1,933	1,947
Bank guarantees	1	3
Total	<u>3,442</u>	<u>3,263</u>

^(a) There are a number of matters, for which it is not possible at this time to provide a range of possible outcomes or a reliable estimate of potential future exposures, and for which no amounts have been included in the table above.

A contingent liability is a possible obligation arising from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group. A contingent liability may also be a present obligation arising from past events but is not recognised on the basis that an outflow of economic resources to settle the obligation is not viewed as probable, or the amount of the obligation cannot be reliably measured.

When the Group has a present obligation, an outflow of economic resources is assessed as probable and the Group can reliably measure the obligation, a provision is recognised.

The Group presently has tax matters, litigation and other claims, for which the timing of resolution and potential economic outflow are uncertain. Obligations assessed as having probable future economic outflows capable of reliable measurement are provided at reporting date and matters assessed as having possible future economic outflows capable of reliable measurement are included in the total amount of contingent liabilities above. Individually significant matters, including narrative on potential future exposures incapable of reliable measurement, are disclosed below, to the extent that disclosure does not prejudice the Group.

Uncertain tax and royalty matters

The Group is subject to a range of tax and royalty matters across many jurisdictions. Changes in tax law, changes in interpretation of tax law, periodic challenges and disagreements with tax authorities, and legal proceedings result in uncertainty of the outcome of tax and royalty matters. Areas of uncertainty at reporting date include the Group's cross-border operations and transactions, including transfer pricing estimates.

Details of uncertain tax and royalty matters have been disclosed in note 5 'Income tax expense'. To the extent uncertain tax and royalty matters give rise to a contingent liability, an estimate of the potential liability is included within the table above, where it is capable of reliable measurement.

Samarco contingent liabilities

The table above includes contingent liabilities related to the Group's equity accounting investment in Samarco to the extent they are capable of reliable measurement. Details of contingent liabilities related to Samarco are disclosed in note 3 'Significant events – Samarco dam failure'.

Demerger of South32

As part of the demerger of South32 Limited (South32) in May 2015, certain indemnities were agreed as part of the Separation Deed. Subject to certain exceptions, BHP Billiton Limited indemnifies South32 against all claims and liabilities relating to the BHP Billiton Businesses and former BHP Billiton Businesses prior to the

demerger and South32 indemnifies the Group against all claims and liabilities relating to the South32 Businesses and former South32 Businesses. No significant claims have been made pursuant to the Separation Deed as at 30 June 2016.

Investigation by the Australian Federal Police

As previously disclosed, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) announced an investigation in 2013, which relates to Division 70 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code. The investigation is ongoing and the Group continues to cooperate. In light of the continuing nature of the investigation, it is not appropriate at this stage for BHP Billiton to predict outcomes and therefore no amount is included in the table above.

Bank guarantees

The Group has entered into various counter-indemnities of bank and performance guarantees related to its own future performance, which are in the normal course of business.

33. Subsequent events

Cessation of the Carooona Coal Project

As announced on 11 August 2016, the Group has agreed with the New South Wales Government to cease progression of the Carooona Coal Project and will receive A\$220 million (approximately US\$170 million) due to cancellation of the related exploration licence.

Partial divestment of Scarborough interests

On 5 September 2016, the Group announced it had signed an agreement to divest 50 per cent of its interest in the undeveloped Scarborough area gas fields to Woodside Energy Limited. The sale is subject to a number of conditions precedent, including joint venture partner pre-emption rights and regulatory approvals.

The consideration would comprise US\$250 million cash on completion and a further US\$150 million should the Scarborough field proceed to development.

Other than the matters outlined above or elsewhere in this financial information, no matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations, results of operations or state of affairs of the Group in subsequent accounting periods.

Other items

34. Acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, operations, joint operations and equity accounted investments

Acquisitions

There were no acquisitions made during the years ended 30 June 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Divestments

Excluding Discontinued operations, the Group disposed of the following subsidiaries, operations, joint operations and equity accounted investments during the year ended:

30 June 2016

- Pakistan gas business
- San Juan Mine

30 June 2015

- North Louisiana conventional onshore assets
- Pecos field

30 June 2014

- Pinto Valley and San Manuel Arizona Railroad Company
- Liverpool Bay
- South Midland (Onshore US – Midland Basin)
- Kelar S.A.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Net assets disposed	153	241	145
Gross cash consideration	168	256	812
Less cash and cash equivalents disposed	(2)	–	–
Total consideration	166	256	812
Other effects ^(a)	1	–	6
Net gain on disposal	14	15	673

^(a) Other effects include deferred consideration of US\$1 million for 30 June 2016 (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$6 million).

Sale of non-controlling interests in subsidiaries

There was no sale of interests in subsidiaries to non-controlling interests (NCI) for the years ending 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015.

For the year ending 30 June 2014, the Group announced on 20 June 2013 an extension of its long-term WAIO contractual arrangement with ITOCHU Corporation (ITOCHU) and Mitsui & Co., Ltd. (Mitsui). The transaction was completed on 10 July 2013 and aligned interests across the WAIO supply chain. Under the terms of the agreement, ITOCHU and Mitsui purchased shares in BHP Iron Ore (Jimblebar) Pty Ltd providing them with an eight per cent and seven per cent NCI, respectively, in the Jimblebar mining hub and resource. The equity proceeds of US\$1,337 million are included in the 'Contributions from non-controlling interests' item of the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement. The difference of US\$971 million between the equity proceeds and the initial measurement of NCI of US\$366 million is included in the NCI contribution reserve.

35. Auditor's remuneration

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Fees payable to the Group's auditors for assurance services			
Audit of the Group's Annual Report	3.126	4.299	4.093
Audit of subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates	7.715	11.185	13.201
Audit-related assurance services	3.493	5.377	5.635
Other assurance services	1.508	1.557	2.133
Total assurance services	15.842	22.418	25.062
Fees payable to the Group's auditors for other services			
Other services relating to corporate finance	0.276	6.871	1.820
All other services	0.815	1.093	1.573
Total other services	1.091	7.964	3.393
Total fees	16.933	30.382	28.455

All amounts were paid to KPMG or KPMG affiliated firms. Fees are determined in local currencies and are predominantly billed in US dollars based on the exchange rate at the beginning of the relevant financial year.

Fees payable to the Group's auditors for assurance services

For all periods disclosed, no fees are payable in respect of the audit of pension funds.

Audit-related assurance services comprise review of half-year reports and audit work in relation to compliance with section 404 of the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Other assurance services comprise assurance in respect of the Group's sustainability reporting.

Fees payable to the Group's auditors for other services

Other services relating to corporate finance comprise services in connection with acquisitions, divestments, the South32 demerger and debt raising transactions.

All other services comprise non-statutory assurance based procedures, advice on accounting matters, as well as tax compliance services of US\$0.089 million (2015: US\$ nil; 2014: US\$0.008 million).

36. Not required for US reporting

37. Deed of Cross Guarantee

BHP Billiton Limited together with wholly owned subsidiaries identified in Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries entered into a Deed of Cross Guarantee (Deed) on 6 June 2016. The effect of the Deed is that BHP Billiton Limited has guaranteed to pay any deficiency in the event of the winding up of any wholly owned subsidiary that is party to the Deed. Wholly owned subsidiaries that are party to the Deed have also given a similar guarantee in the event that BHP Billiton Limited or another party to the Deed is wound up.

The wholly owned Australian subsidiaries identified in Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries are relieved from the requirements to prepare and lodge audited financial reports.

A Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings and Consolidated Balance Sheet, comprising BHP Billiton Limited and the wholly owned subsidiaries that are party to the Deed for the year ended 30 June 2016 are as follows:

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and Retained Earnings	2016
	US\$M
Revenue	4,687
Other income	6,192
Expenses excluding net finance costs	(6,203)
Net finance costs	(320)
Income tax expense	(220)
Profit after taxation	4,136
Total other comprehensive income	20
Total comprehensive income	4,156
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	40,768
Profit after taxation for the year	4,136
Transfers to and from reserves	56
Dividends	(4,498)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	40,462

Consolidated Balance Sheet	2016
	US\$M
ASSETS	
Current assets	
Trade and other receivables	1,163
Loans to related parties	10,049
Inventories	639
Current tax assets	790
Other	58
Total current assets	12,699
Non-current assets	
Trade and other receivables	63
Inventories	161
Property, plant and equipment	15,324
Intangible assets	679
Investments in BHP Billiton Group companies	29,261
Deferred tax assets	667
Other	17
Total non-current assets	46,172
Total assets	58,871
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities	
Trade and other payables	1,270
Loans from related parties	4,922
Interest bearing liabilities	61
Current tax payable	112
Provisions	377
Deferred income	9
Total current liabilities	6,751
Non-current liabilities	
Trade and other payables	4
Loans from related parties	7,504
Interest bearing liabilities	293
Deferred tax liabilities	619
Provisions	1,785
Deferred income	23
Total non-current liabilities	10,228
Total liabilities	16,979
Net assets	41,892
EQUITY	
Share capital – BHP Billiton Limited	1,186
Treasury shares	(7)
Reserves	251
Retained earnings	40,462
Total equity	41,892

38. New and amended accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

There are no new accounting standards or interpretations that have been adopted for the first time in these Financial Statements. The following new accounting standards are not yet effective, but may have an impact on the Group in financial years commencing on or after 1 July 2016:

<u>Title of standard</u>	<u>Summary of impact on the Financial Statements</u>	<u>Application date of standard</u>	<u>Application date for the financial year commencing</u>
IFRS 15/AASB 15 ‘Revenue from Contracts with Customers’	This standard modifies the determination of when to recognise revenue and how much revenue to recognise. The core principle is that an entity recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods and services to the customer of an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.	1 January 2018	1 July 2018
IFRS 9/AASB 9 ‘Financial Instruments’	This standard modifies the classification and measurement of financial assets. It includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– a single, principles-based approach for the classification of financial assets, which is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held;– a new expected loss impairment model requiring expected losses to be recognised when financial instruments are first recognised;– a modification of hedge accounting to align the accounting treatment with risk management practices of an entity.	1 January 2018	1 July 2018
IFRS 16/AASB 16 ‘Leases’	This standard requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model. Under the new standard, a lessee is required to recognise all lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet; recognise amortisation of leased assets and interest on lease liabilities over the lease term; and separately present the principal amount of cash paid and interest in the cash flow statement.	1 January 2019	1 July 2019

The Group is currently in the process of determining the potential impact of adopting the above standards. These standards have not been applied in the preparation of these Financial Statements. IFRS 15, IFRS 9 and IFRS 16 have not been endorsed by the EU and hence are not available for early adoption in the EU.

39. Reserve estimates

Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the Group’s properties. In order to estimate reserves, estimates are required for a range of geological, technical and economic factors, including quantities, grades, production techniques, recovery rates, production costs, transport costs, commodity demand, commodity prices and exchange rates.

Estimating the quantity and/or grade of reserves requires the size, shape and depth of ore bodies or fields to be determined by analysing geological data such as drilling samples. This process may require complex and difficult geological judgements to interpret the data.

Additional information on the Group's mineral and oil and gas reserves can be viewed within section 6.3.

How reserves are estimated

(i) Mineral reserves

The Group determines and reports ore reserves in Australia and the United Kingdom under the principles incorporated in the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves December 2012 known as the JORC Code, and the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules 2014 for minerals. The JORC Code requires the use of reasonable investment assumptions when reporting reserves. As a result, management will form a view of forecast sales prices, based on current and long-term historical average price trends. For example, if current prices remain above long-term historical averages for an extended period of time, management may assume that lower prices will prevail in the future and as a result, those lower prices are used to estimate reserves under the JORC Code. Lower price assumptions generally result in lower estimates of reserves.

Reserve reporting requirements for SEC filings in the United States are specified in Industry Guide 7, with economic assumptions based on current economic conditions that may differ to the JORC Code's reasonable investment assumptions. Accordingly, a SEC pricing assumptions test is performed with reserve estimates derived under JORC compared to those derived assuming 'current economic conditions'. Reserves disclosed in the United States will differ only if the SEC pricing assumption test indicates reserves lower than those reported under JORC in Australia and the United Kingdom.

(ii) Oil and gas reserves

Oil and gas reserves reported in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States for SEC filing purposes, are based on the average of prices prevailing on the first day of each month for the past 12 months as required under the SEC Rules 'Modernisation of Oil & Gas Reporting'.

Reserve impact on financial reporting

Estimates of reserves may change from period-to-period as the economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change and additional geological data is generated during the course of operations. Changes in reported reserves may affect the Group's financial results and financial position in a number of ways, including:

- Asset carrying values may be affected due to changes in estimated future production levels;
- Depreciation, depletion and amortisation charged in the income statement may change where such charges are determined on the units of production basis, or where the useful economic lives of assets change;
- Overburden removal costs recorded on the balance sheet or charged to the income statement may change due to changes in stripping ratios or the units of production basis of depreciation;
- Decommissioning, site restoration and environmental provisions may change where changes in estimated reserves affect expectations about the timing or cost of these activities;
- The carrying amount of deferred tax assets may change due to changes in estimates of the likely recovery of the tax benefits.

5.2 Not required for US reporting

5.3 Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the BHP Billiton Group, the Directors declare that:

- (a) in the Directors' opinion and to the best of their knowledge the Financial Statements and notes, set out in sections 5.1 and 5.2, are in accordance with the UK Companies Act 2006 and the Australian Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) complying with the applicable Accounting Standards;
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of each of BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Plc, the BHP Billiton Group and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole as at 30 June 2016 and of their performance for the year ended 30 June 2016;
- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards, as disclosed in section 5.1;
- (c) to the best of the Directors' knowledge, the management report (comprising the Strategic Report and Directors' Report) includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the financial position of the BHP Billiton Group and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Group faces;
- (d) in the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that each of the BHP Billiton Group, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (e) in the Directors' opinion, as at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that BHP Billiton Limited and each of the Closed Group entities identified in Exhibit 8 – List of Subsidiaries will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are or may become subject to by virtue of the Deed of Cross Guarantee between the BHP Billiton Group and those group entities pursuant to ASIC Class Order 98/1418.

The Directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the Australian Corporations Act 2001 from the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Jac Nasser AO
Chairman

Andrew Mackenzie
Chief Executive Officer

Dated this 8th day of September 2016

5.4 Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Group and parent company Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. References to the 'Group and parent company Financial Statements' are made in relation to the Group and individual parent company Financial Statements of BHP Billiton Plc.

UK company law requires the Directors to prepare Group and parent company Financial Statements for each financial year. The Directors are required to prepare the Group Financial Statements in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and applicable law and have elected to prepare the parent company Financial Statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Group Financial Statements must, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and applicable law, present fairly the financial position and performance of the Group; references in the UK Companies Act 2006 to such Financial Statements giving a true and fair view are references to their achieving a fair presentation.

The parent company Financial Statements must, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the parent company at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the parent company for the financial year.

In preparing each of the Group and parent company Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- for the Group Financial Statements, state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU;
- for the parent company Financial Statements, state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the parent company Financial Statements;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and the parent company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company and enable them to ensure that its Financial Statements comply with the UK Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Strategic Report, Directors' Report, Directors' Remuneration Report and Corporate Governance Statement that complies with that law and those regulations.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of Financial Statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

5.5 Not required for US reporting

5.6 Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms



Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms

To the members of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of the BHP Billiton Group (comprising BHP Billiton Plc, BHP Billiton Limited and their respective subsidiaries) as of 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015, and the related consolidated income statements, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statements for each of the years in the three-year period ended 30 June 2016. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the BHP Billiton Group's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the BHP Billiton Group as of 30 June 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended 30 June 2016, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the BHP Billiton Group's internal control over financial reporting as of 30 June 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated 21 September 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the BHP Billiton Group's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP
KPMG LLP
London, United Kingdom
21 September 2016

/s/ KPMG
KPMG
Melbourne, Australia
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To the members of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited:

We have audited the BHP Billiton Group's (comprising BHP Billiton Plc, BHP Billiton Limited and their respective subsidiaries) internal control over financial reporting as of 30 June 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The BHP Billiton Group's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying section 2.13.1 Risk and Audit Committee Report. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the BHP Billiton Group's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the BHP Billiton Group maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of 30 June 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of the BHP Billiton Group as of 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015, and the related consolidated income statements, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statements for each of the years in the three-year period ended 30 June 2016, and our report dated 21 September 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

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5.7 Supplementary oil and gas information – unaudited

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification 'Extractive Activities-Oil and Gas' (Topic 932) and SEC requirements set out in Subpart 1200 of Regulation S-K, the Group is presenting certain disclosures about its oil and gas activities. These disclosures are presented below as supplementary oil and gas information, in addition to information disclosed in section 1.14.1 'Petroleum' and section 6.3.1 'Petroleum reserves'.

The information set out in this section is referred to as unaudited as it is not included in the scope of the audit opinion of the independent auditor on the Consolidated Financial Statements, refer to section 5.6 'Independent Auditors' reports'.

Reserves and production

Proved oil and gas reserves and net crude oil and condensate, natural gas, LNG and NGL production information is included in section 6.2.2 'Production – Petroleum' and section 6.3.1 'Petroleum reserves'.

Capitalised costs relating to oil and gas production activities

The following table shows the aggregate capitalised costs relating to oil and gas exploration and production activities and related accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation allowances.

	<u>Australia</u> US\$M	<u>United States</u> US\$M	<u>Other^(a)</u> US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
Capitalised cost				
2016				
Unproved properties	338	5,074	119	5,531
Proved properties	<u>15,523</u>	<u>40,929</u>	<u>2,372</u>	<u>58,824</u>
Total costs	15,861	46,003	2,491	64,355
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation allowances	<u>(8,364)</u>	<u>(28,664)</u>	<u>(1,938)</u>	<u>(38,966)</u>
Net capitalised costs	<u>7,497</u>	<u>17,339</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>25,389</u>
2015				
Unproved properties	385	8,117	99	8,601
Proved properties	<u>15,125</u>	<u>37,341</u>	<u>2,443</u>	<u>54,909</u>
Total costs	15,510	45,458	2,542	63,510
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation allowances	<u>(7,727)</u>	<u>(19,100)</u>	<u>(2,094)</u>	<u>(28,921)</u>
Net capitalised costs	<u>7,783</u>	<u>26,358</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>34,589</u>
2014				
Unproved properties	344	7,355	200	7,899
Proved properties	<u>14,801</u>	<u>34,963</u>	<u>2,388</u>	<u>52,152</u>
Total costs	15,145	42,318	2,588	60,051
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation allowances	<u>(7,135)</u>	<u>(13,269)</u>	<u>(2,021)</u>	<u>(22,425)</u>
Net capitalised costs	<u>8,010</u>	<u>29,049</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>37,626</u>

(a) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria, Pakistan (divested 31 December 2015), Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Costs incurred relating to oil and gas property acquisition, exploration and development activities

The following table shows costs incurred relating to oil and gas property acquisition, exploration and development activities (whether charged to expense or capitalised). Amounts shown include interest capitalised.

	<u>Australia</u> US\$M	<u>United States</u> US\$M	<u>Other</u> ^(c) US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
2016				
Acquisitions of proved property	–	–	–	–
Acquisitions of unproved property	22	42	–	64
Exploration ^(a)	42	385	194	621
Development	412	1,254	200	1,866
Total costs ^(b)	<u>476</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>2,551</u>
2015				
Acquisitions of proved property	–	–	–	–
Acquisitions of unproved property	–	37	–	37
Exploration ^(a)	127	281	248	656
Development	429	4,036	52	4,517
Total costs ^(b)	<u>556</u>	<u>4,354</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>5,210</u>
2014				
Acquisitions of proved property	–	–	–	–
Acquisitions of unproved property	35	217	42	294
Exploration ^(a)	185	242	97	524
Development	949	5,034	75	6,058
Total costs ^(b)	<u>1,169</u>	<u>5,493</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>6,876</u>

(a) Represents gross exploration expenditure, including capitalised exploration expenditure, in addition to exploration and evaluation costs charged to income as incurred.

(b) Total costs include US\$2,256 million (2015: US\$4,603 million; 2014: US\$6,387 million) capitalised during the year.

(c) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria, Pakistan (divested 31 December 2015), Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Results of operations from oil and gas producing activities

The following information is similar to the disclosures in note 1 'Segment reporting' of the BHP Billiton Group Financial Statements, but differs in several respects as to the level of detail and geographic information. Amounts shown in the following table exclude financial income, financial expenses, and general corporate overheads.

Income taxes were determined by applying the applicable statutory rates to pre-tax income with adjustments for permanent differences and tax credits.

	<u>Australia</u> US\$M	<u>United States</u> US\$M	<u>Other</u> ^(g) US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
2016				
Oil and gas revenue ^(a)	2,777	3,487	321	6,585
Production costs	(605)	(1,705)	(162)	(2,472)
Exploration expenses	(44)	(128)	(124)	(296)
Depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation provision ^(b)	(720)	(10,569)	(90)	(11,379)
Production taxes ^(c)	(132)	(13)	(2)	(147)
	<u>1,276</u>	<u>(8,928)</u>	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(7,709)</u>
Accretion expense ^(d)	(54)	(23)	(7)	(84)
Income taxes	(465)	3,047	(143)	2,439
Royalty-related taxes ^(e)	(206)	–	(4)	(210)
Results of oil and gas producing activities ^(f)	<u>551</u>	<u>(5,904)</u>	<u>(211)</u>	<u>(5,564)</u>
2015				
Oil and gas revenue ^(a)	4,184	6,334	661	11,179
Production costs	(662)	(2,220)	(168)	(3,050)
Exploration expenses	(124)	(242)	(241)	(607)
Depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation provision ^(b)	(651)	(6,597)	(170)	(7,418)
Production taxes ^(c)	(232)	–	(8)	(240)
	<u>2,515</u>	<u>(2,725)</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>(136)</u>
Accretion expense ^(d)	(63)	(24)	(8)	(95)
Income taxes	(608)	1,080	(146)	326
Royalty-related taxes ^(e)	(388)	–	4	(384)
Results of oil and gas producing activities ^(f)	<u>1,456</u>	<u>(1,669)</u>	<u>(76)</u>	<u>(289)</u>
2014				
Oil and gas revenue ^(a)	5,722	7,517	1,045	14,284
Production costs	(740)	(2,129)	(246)	(3,115)
Exploration expenses	(157)	(233)	(99)	(489)
Depreciation, depletion, amortisation and valuation provision ^(b)	(617)	(3,465)	(172)	(4,254)
Production taxes ^(c)	(340)	–	(29)	(369)
	<u>3,868</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>6,057</u>
Accretion expense ^(d)	(71)	(26)	(14)	(111)
Income taxes	(1,025)	(353)	(413)	(1,791)
Royalty-related taxes ^(e)	(662)	–	8	(654)
Results of oil and gas producing activities ^(f)	<u>2,110</u>	<u>1,311</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>3,501</u>

^(a) Includes sales to affiliated companies of US\$118 million (2015: US\$267 million; 2014: US\$262 million).

- (b) Includes valuation provision of US\$7,232 million (2015: US\$2,681 million; 2014: US\$309 million).
- (c) Includes royalties and excise duty.
- (d) Represents the unwinding of the discount on the closure and rehabilitation provision. Comparative information has been restated to include the accretion in the results of operations from oil and gas producing activities.
- (e) Includes petroleum resource rent tax and petroleum revenue tax where applicable.
- (f) Amounts shown exclude financial income, financial expenses and general corporate overheads and, accordingly, do not represent all of the operations attributable to the Petroleum segment presented in note 1 'Segment reporting' of the BHP Billiton Group Financial Statements.
- (g) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria, Pakistan (divested 31 December 2015), Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Standardised measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved oil and gas reserves (Standardised measure)

The purpose of this disclosure is to provide data with respect to the estimated future net cash flows from future production of proved developed and undeveloped reserves of crude oil, condensate, natural gas liquids and natural gas.

The Standardised measure is based on the Group's estimated proved reserves (as presented in section 6.3.1 'Petroleum reserves') and this data should be read in conjunction with that disclosure, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this section. The Standardised measure is prepared on a basis which presumes that year-end economic and operating conditions will continue over the periods in which year-end proved reserves would be produced. The effects of future inflation, future changes in exchange rates, expected future changes in technology, taxes, operating practices and any regulatory changes have not been included.

The Standardised measure is prepared by projecting the estimated future annual production of proved reserves owned at period-end and pricing that future production to derive future cash inflows. Estimates of future cash flows for 2016, 2015 and 2014 are computed using the average first-day-of-the-month price during the 12-month period. Future price increases for all periods presented are considered only to the extent that they are provided by fixed and determinable contractual arrangements in effect at year-end and are not dependent upon future inflation or exchange rate changes.

Future cash inflows for all periods presented are then reduced by future costs of producing and developing the year-end proved reserves based on costs in effect at year-end without regard to future inflation or changes in technology or operating practices. Future development costs include the costs of drilling and equipping development wells and construction of platforms and production facilities to gain access to proved reserves owned at year-end. They also include future costs, net of residual salvage value, associated with the abandonment of wells, dismantling of production platforms and rehabilitation of drilling sites. Future cash inflows are further reduced by future income taxes based on tax rates in effect at year-end and after considering the future deductions and credits applicable to proved properties owned at year-end. The resultant annual future net cash flows (after deductions of operating costs including resource rent taxes, development costs and income taxes) are discounted at 10 per cent per annum to derive the Standardised measure.

There are many important variables, assumptions and imprecisions inherent in developing the Standardised measure, the most important of which are the level of proved reserves and the rate of production thereof. The Standardised measure is not an estimate of the fair market value of the Group's oil and gas reserves. An estimate of fair value would also take into account, among other things, the expected recovery of reserves in excess of proved reserves, anticipated future changes in prices, costs and exchange rates, anticipated future changes in secondary tax and income tax rates and alternative discount factors representing the time value of money and adjustments for risks inherent in producing oil and gas.

	<u>Australia</u> US\$M	<u>United States</u> US\$M	<u>Other</u> ^(a) US\$M	<u>Total</u> US\$M
Standardised measure				
2016				
Future cash inflows	21,902	13,088	2,026	37,016
Future production costs	(7,306)	(6,514)	(567)	(14,387)
Future development costs	(3,431)	(3,063)	(282)	(6,776)
Future income taxes	(3,082)	800	(668)	(2,950)
Future net cash flows	8,083	4,311	509	12,903
Discount at 10 per cent per annum	(2,961)	(834)	(121)	(3,916)
Standardised measure	5,122	3,477	388	8,987
2015				
Future cash inflows	35,660	39,088	2,668	77,416
Future production costs	(9,617)	(15,303)	(526)	(25,446)
Future development costs	(5,952)	(7,694)	(413)	(14,059)
Future income taxes	(7,879)	(3,009)	(959)	(11,847)
Future net cash flows	12,212	13,082	770	26,064
Discount at 10 per cent per annum	(4,236)	(4,384)	(200)	(8,820)
Standardised measure	7,976	8,698	570	17,244
2014				
Future cash inflows	47,633	70,958	3,820	122,411
Future production costs	(11,355)	(19,732)	(717)	(31,804)
Future development costs	(5,772)	(12,953)	(516)	(19,241)
Future income taxes	(12,240)	(10,527)	(1,394)	(24,161)
Future net cash flows	18,266	27,746	1,193	47,205
Discount at 10 per cent per annum	(6,880)	(10,866)	(295)	(18,041)
Standardised measure	11,386	16,880	898	29,164

(a) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria, Pakistan (divested 31 December 2015), Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom.

Changes in the Standardised measure are presented in the following table. The beginning of the year and end of the year totals are shown after reduction for income taxes and these, together with the changes in income tax amounts, are shown as discounted amounts (at 10 per cent per annum). All other items of change represent discounted amounts before consideration of income tax effects.

Standardised measure of discounted future net cash flows relating to proved oil and gas reserves (Standardised measure)

continued

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Changes in the Standardised measure			
Standardised measure at the beginning of the year	17,244	29,164	28,773
Revisions:			
Prices, net of production costs	(14,146)	(15,186)	4,366
Changes in future development costs	1,342	3	(841)
Revisions of quantity estimates ^(a)	(2,870)	(5,996)	(3,871)
Accretion of discount	2,547	4,438	4,564
Changes in production timing and other	1,280	761	(1,170)
	<u>5,397</u>	<u>13,184</u>	<u>31,821</u>
Sales of oil and gas, net of production costs	(3,936)	(7,889)	(10,800)
Acquisitions of reserves-in-place	-	-	-
Sales of reserves-in-place	(114)	(83)	(107)
Previously estimated development costs incurred	1,823	3,169	2,683
Extensions, discoveries, and improved recoveries, net of future costs	84	1,877	3,946
Changes in future income taxes	5,733	6,986	1,621
Standardised measure at the end of the year	<u>8,987</u>	<u>17,244</u>	<u>29,164</u>

(a) Changes in reserves quantities are shown in the Petroleum reserves tables in section 6.3.1.

Accounting for suspended exploratory well costs

Refer to note 10 'Property, plant and equipment' of the BHP Billiton Group Financial Statements for a discussion of the accounting policy applied to the cost of exploratory wells. Suspended wells are also reviewed in this context.

The following table provides the changes to capitalised exploratory well costs that were pending the determination of proved reserves for the three years ended 30 June 2016, 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	US\$M	US\$M	US\$M
Movement in capitalised exploratory well costs			
At the beginning of the year	484	388	603
Additions to capitalised exploratory well costs pending the determination of proved reserves	304	121	28
Capitalised exploratory well costs charged to expense	(18)	(21)	(194)
Capitalised exploratory well costs reclassified to wells, equipment, and facilities based on the determination of proved reserves	-	(4)	(48)
Other	-	-	(1)
At the end of the year	<u>770</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>388</u>

The following table provides an ageing of capitalised exploratory well costs, based on the date the drilling was completed, and the number of projects for which exploratory well costs has been capitalised for a period greater than one year since the completion of drilling.

	<u>2016</u> US\$M	<u>2015</u> US\$M	<u>2014</u> US\$M
Ageing of capitalised exploratory well costs			
Exploratory well costs capitalised for a period of one year or less	262	44	31
Exploratory well costs capitalised for a period greater than one year	<u>508</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>357</u>
At the end of the year	<u>770</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>388</u>
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Number of projects that have been capitalised for a period greater than one year	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>

Drilling and other exploratory and development activities

The number of crude oil and natural gas wells drilled and completed for each of the last three years was as follows:

	Net exploratory wells			Net development wells			
	Productive	Dry	Total	Productive	Dry	Total	Total
Year ended 30 June 2016							
Australia	–	–	–	2	–	2	2
United States	1	–	1	137	2	139	140
Other ^(a)	–	–	–	1	–	1	1
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>143</u>
Year ended 30 June 2015							
Australia	–	–	–	3	–	3	3
United States	–	–	–	304	1	305	305
Other ^(a)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>308</u>
Year ended 30 June 2014							
Australia	1	2	3	3	–	3	6
United States	–	2	2	401	15	416	418
Other ^(a)	–	–	–	1	–	1	1
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>425</u>

^(a) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria and Trinidad and Tobago.

The number of wells drilled refers to the number of wells completed at any time during the respective year, regardless of when drilling was initiated. Completion refers to the installation of permanent equipment for production of oil or gas, or, in the case of a dry well, to reporting to the appropriate authority that the well has been abandoned.

An exploratory well is a well drilled to find oil or gas in a new field or to find a new reservoir in a field previously found to be productive of oil or gas in another reservoir. A development well is a well drilled within the limits of a known oil or gas reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

A productive well is an exploratory, development or extension well that is not a dry well. Productive wells include wells in which hydrocarbons were encountered and the drilling or completion of which, in the case of exploratory wells, has been suspended pending further drilling or evaluation. A dry well (hole) is an exploratory, development, or extension well that proves to be incapable of producing either oil or gas in sufficient quantities to justify completion as an oil or gas well.

Oil and gas properties, wells, operations, and acreage

The following tables show the number of gross and net productive crude oil and natural gas wells and total gross and net developed and undeveloped oil and natural gas acreage as at 30 June 2016. A gross well or acre is one in which a working interest is owned, while a net well or acre exists when the sum of fractional working interests owned in gross wells or acres equals one. Productive wells are producing wells and wells mechanically capable of production. Developed acreage is comprised of leased acres that are within an area by or assignable to a productive well. Undeveloped acreage is comprised of leased acres on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of economic quantities of oil and gas, regardless of whether such acres contain proved reserves.

The number of productive crude oil and natural gas wells in which we held an interest at 30 June 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Crude oil wells</u>		<u>Natural gas wells</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
Australia	351	177	130	48	481	225
United States	904	506	6,849	2,048	7,753	2,554
Other ^(a)	56	23	36	7	92	30
Total	1,311	706	7,015	2,103	8,326	2,809

^(a) Other is primarily comprised of Algeria and Trinidad and Tobago.

Of the productive crude oil and natural gas wells, 33 (net: 13) operated wells had multiple completions.

Developed and undeveloped acreage (including both leases and concessions) held at 30 June 2016 was as follows:

<u>Thousands of acres</u>	<u>Developed acreage</u>		<u>Undeveloped acreage</u>	
	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Net</u>
Australia	2,151	823	8,591	4,954
United States	1,172	669	1,454	1,125
Other ^{(a) (b)}	175	64	3,848	2,941
Total ^(b)	3,498	1,556	13,893	9,020

^(a) BHP Billiton and Eni are pursuing a 10-year Production Sharing Contract (PSC) extension with Sonatrach in Algeria which is subject to regulatory approval. Current PSC expires in 2016.

^(b) Undeveloped acreage primarily consists of acreage in Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago and South Africa.

Approximately 180 thousand gross acres (83 thousand net acres), 783 thousand gross acres (399 thousand net acres) and 7,896 thousand gross acres (4,850 thousand net acres) of undeveloped acreage will expire in the years ending 30 June 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively, if the Company does not establish production or take any other action to extend the terms of the licences and concession.

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PRELIMINARY

The Company is a public company limited by shares.

1. Replaceable Rules not to apply

The replaceable rules in the Act do not apply to the Company.

2. Definitions and Interpretation

(1) In this Constitution unless the context requires otherwise:

Act means the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) and includes a reference to the Corporations Regulations made under that Act;

Action means any distribution or any action affecting the amount or nature of issued share capital, including any dividend, distribution in specie, offer by way of rights, bonus issue, repayment of capital, sub-division or consolidation, buy-back or amendment of the rights of any shares or a series of one or more of such actions;

Applicable Regulation means:

- (a) applicable law and regulations (including the requirements of the UK Code on Takeovers and Mergers and the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers); and
- (b) directives, notices or requirements of any Governmental Agency having jurisdiction over the Company or Plc, as the case may be; and
- (c) the rules, regulations, and guidelines of:
 - (i) any stock exchange on which either the Limited Ordinary Shares or the Plc Ordinary Shares or the Limited American Depositary Shares or the Plc American Depositary Shares are listed or quoted;
 - (ii) any other body with which entities with securities listed or quoted on such exchanges customarily comply, (but, if not having the force of law, only if compliance with such directives, notices, requirements, rules, regulations or guidelines is in accordance with the general practice of persons to whom they are intended to apply) in each case for the time being in force and taking account of all exemptions, waivers or variations from time to time applicable (in particular situations or generally) to the Company or, as the case may be, to Plc;

ASPL means ASX Settlement Pty Limited (ABN 49 008 504 532);

ASX Settlement Operating Rules means the operating rules of ASPL and, to the extent that they are applicable, the operating rules of ASX and the operating rules of ASX Clear Pty Limited (ABN 48 001 314 503);

ASX means ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691) or such other body corporate that is declared by the Board to be the Company's primary stock exchange for the purposes of this definition;

Australian dollars means the lawful currency from time to time of Australia;

Board means all or some of the Directors from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board);

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Board of Plc means all or some of the directors of Plc from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board);

business day means a day which is a business day for the purposes of the Listing Rules;

call includes any instalment of a call and any amount due on issue of any share;

Chairman means the Chairman of the Board under Rule 93 or any person acting as chairman of a meeting of members or a meeting of the Board;

Class Rights Action means any of the actions listed in Rule 59(1);

Class Rights Procedure means the approvals procedures referred to in Rules 59(2), (3) and (4);

Combined Group means the Limited Group and the Plc Group;

Committee means a Committee to which powers have been delegated by the Board under Rule 101;

Company means BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077);

Companies Acts means every statute (including any orders, regulations or subordinate legislation made under it) from time to time in force in the United Kingdom concerning companies in so far as it applies to Plc or the Company;

Completion means the date of Completion of the Implementation Agreement between the Company and Plc dated 19 March 2001;

Constitution means, in relation to:

(a) the Company, this Constitution; and

(b) Plc, the Plc Articles;

Deputy Chairman means any Director appointed as Deputy Chairman of the Board under Rule 93;

Director means a person appointed or elected to the office of Director of the Company in accordance with this Constitution;

Dividend Plan means any dividend plan as referred to in Rule 130 and includes the bonus share plan as regulated under Rule 128 of the Company's Constitution as at 1 January 1999, as amended in each case;

DLC Dividend Share means the DLC dividend share in the Company having the rights described in this Constitution;

Equalisation Fraction means the Equalisation Ratio expressed as a fraction with the numerator being the number relating to the Limited Ordinary Shares and the denominator being the number relating to the Plc Ordinary Shares;

Equalisation Ratio means the ratio for the time being of (a) the dividend, capital and (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per Limited Ordinary Share to (b) the dividend, capital and (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per Plc Ordinary Share in the Combined Group (which shall initially be 1:1);

Excluded Plc Holder means any shareholder of Plc whose voting rights in relation to Plc Ordinary Shares have, at the relevant time, been lost pursuant to Article 64.2 of the Plc Articles;

Governmental Agency means any government or representative of a government or any governmental, semi-governmental, supra-national, statutory, administrative, fiscal, regulatory or judicial body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency or entity or trade agency, and shall include competition authorities, the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, the Corporations and Securities Panel of Australia, the ASX, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the London Stock Exchange and the UK Listing Authority;

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Group means in relation to the Company, the Limited Group and, in relation to Plc, the Plc Group as the context requires;

Joint Electorate Action means any of the matters listed in Rule 60(1) (other than any matter which the Board and the Board of Plc have from time to time agreed will be treated as a Class Rights Action);

Joint Electorate Procedure means the approvals procedures for Joint Electorate Actions set out in Rule 60(2);

London Stock Exchange means the London Stock Exchange plc;

Limited American Depository Shares means the American Depository Receipts listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) by the Company;

Limited Deed Poll Guarantee means the Deed Poll Guarantee whereby the Company guarantees certain obligations of the Plc Group;

Limited Entrenched Provision means:

- (a) the definitions in Rule 2(1) of “Applicable Regulation”, “Australian dollars”, “Board of Plc”, “Class Rights Action”, “Class Rights Procedure”, “Equalisation Fraction”, “Equalisation Ratio”, “DLC Dividend Share”, “Excluded Plc Holder”, “Excess Shares”, “Joint Electorate Action”, “Joint Electorate Procedure”, “Limited Deed Poll Guarantee”, “Limited Entrenched Provision”, “Limited Group”, “Limited Ordinary Shares”, “Limited Special Voting Share”, “Limited SVC”, “Plc”, “Plc Articles”, “Plc Deed Poll Guarantee”, “Plc Excess Shares”, “Plc Entrenched Provision”, “Plc Group”, “Plc Ordinary Shares”, “Plc Special Voting Share”, “Plc SVC”, “Sharing Agreement”, “Special Voting Share”, “sterling”, “Subsidiary”, “Voting Agreement”;
- (b) Rule 8 (Issue of securities);
- (c) Rule 31 (Variation of class rights);
- (d) Rule 3 (DLC Dividend Share);
- (e) Rule 4 (Limited Special Voting Share);
- (f) not used;
- (g) Rule 54 (Amendments to Substantive Resolutions);
- (h) Rule 55 (Voting);
- (i) Rule 56 (Taking a poll);
- (j) Rule 59 (Class Rights Actions);
- (m) Rule 60 (Joint Electorate Actions);
- (o) Rule 61 (Votes attaching to shares);
- (p) Rule 62 (Specified Number);
- (q) Rule 68(5) and (6) (Proxies);
- (r) not used;
- (s) Rule 89 (Vacation of office);
- (t) Rule 83 (Term of appointment);
- (u) Rule 104 (Powers and obligations in relation to the Sharing Agreement)

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- (v) Rule 121 (Ranking of shares for dividends);
- (w) Rule 144 (Rights on winding-up);
- (x) Rule 141 (Plc insolvency);
- (y) Rule 142 (Insolvency Notice); and
- (z) Rule 148 (Share control limits);

Limited Group means the Company and its Subsidiaries from time to time and **a member of the Limited Group** means any one of them;

Limited Ordinary Shares means the ordinary shares in the capital of the Company from time to time;

Limited Special Voting Share means the special voting share in the capital of the Company issued to Limited SVC having the rights described in this Constitution;

Limited SVC means BHP SVC Pty Limited, a proprietary company limited by shares incorporated in Victoria or such other entity as replaces BHP SVC Pty Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement;

Listing Rules means the ASX Listing Rules;

Month means a calendar month;

Ordinary Share means, in relation to:

- (a) the Company, a Limited Ordinary Share; and
- (b) Plc, a Plc Ordinary Share.

Office means the registered office of the Company;

Parallel General Meeting means in relation to the Company or Plc, the general meeting of the shareholders of that company which is most nearly, or is actually, contemporaneous with the general meeting of the shareholders of the other company and at which some or all of the same matters or some or all equivalent matters are to be considered;

person and words importing persons include partnerships, associations and corporations as well as individuals;

Plc means BHP Billiton plc (formerly Billiton plc), a public company limited by shares incorporated in the United Kingdom with registered number 3196209;

Plc American Depository Shares means the American Depository Receipts listed on the NYSE by Plc;

Plc Articles means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Plc which will be in effect immediately following Completion;

Plc Deed Poll Guarantee means the deed poll guarantee whereby Plc guarantees certain obligations of the Limited Group;

Plc Entrenched Provision has the meaning given to it in the Plc Articles;

Plc Excess Shares has the meaning given to Excess Shares in the Plc Articles;

Plc Group means Plc and its Subsidiaries from time to time and **a member of the Plc Group** means any one of them;

Plc Ordinary Shares means the ordinary shares in the capital of Plc from time to time;

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Plc Special Voting Share means the special voting share in the capital of Plc issued to Plc SVC, having the rights described in the Plc Articles;

Plc SVC means Billiton SVC Limited, a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 4074194 or such other entity as replaces Billiton SVC Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement;

proper ASTC transfer has the same meaning given to that term in the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth);

Public Trustee means the Law Debenture Trust Corporation plc or such other public trust company as shall be agreed between the Company and Plc;

Register means the register of holders of securities issued by the Company;

registered address means the address of a shareholder specified on a transfer or any other address of which the shareholder notifies the Company as a place at which the shareholder will accept service of notices;

Required Majority means the percentage voting in favour that would be required to pass a Required Resolution;

Required Resolution has the meaning given in Rule 59(2);

retiring Director means a Director who retires under Rule 83 and a Director who ceases to hold office under Rule 88;

Secretary means a person appointed as, or to perform the duties of, secretary of the Company;

securities includes shares, rights to shares, options to acquire shares, instalment receipts and other securities with rights of conversion to equity;

shareholders present means shareholders present at a general meeting of the Company in person or by properly appointed representative, proxy or attorney;

Sharing Agreement means the DLC Structure Sharing Agreement made between the Company and Plc and dated the date of Completion;

Special Voting Share means:

- (a) in relation to the Company – the Limited Special Voting Share; and
- (b) in relation to Plc – the Plc Special Voting Share;

Specified Number has the meaning given to it in Rule 62;

Statutes means the Act and every other statute, statutory instrument, regulation or order for the time being in force concerning companies regulated under the Act and affecting the Company;

sterling means the lawful currency from time to time of the United Kingdom;

Subsidiary means a subsidiary undertaking as that term is defined in the Companies Acts;

Substantive Resolutions means all resolutions (other than resolutions of a procedural nature);

Supplementary Chairman has the meaning given to it in Rule 52(3);

Tax means any taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges, withholdings or duties levied by any authority (including stamp and transaction duties) (together with any related interest, penalties, fines and expenses in connection with them);

Tax Benefit means any credit, rebate, exemption or benefit in respect of Tax available to any person;

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Voting Agreement means the SVC Special Voting Shares Deed entered into between the Company, Limited SVC, Plc, Plc SVC and the Public Trustee relating to the Limited Special Voting Share and the Plc Special Voting Share;

writing and **written** includes printing, typing, lithography and other modes of reproducing words in a visible form, whether electronic or otherwise;

words and phrases which are given a special meaning by the Act have the same meaning in this Constitution;

words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;

words importing a gender include each other gender.

- (2) A reference to the Act or any other statute or regulations is to be read as though the words “as modified or substituted” were added to the reference.
- (3) A reference to the Listing Rules is to the Listing Rules as are in force in relation to the Company after taking into account any waiver or exemption which is in force either generally or in relation to the Company.
- (4) The headings and sidenotes do not affect the construction of this Constitution.
- (5) A reference to *other company* shall mean either the Company or Plc as the context requires.
- (6) The expression *equivalent resolution* means a resolution of either the Company or Plc certified by the Board and the Board of Plc as equivalent in nature and effect to a resolution of the other company.
- (7) The expression *shareholders’ meeting* shall include both a general meeting and a meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.
- (8) A special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of this Constitution.
- (9) A reference to any agreement or document is to that agreement or document as amended, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time.
- (10) A reference to a document being “signed” or to “signature” includes the document being executed under hand or under seal or by any other method and, in the case of a communication in electronic form, includes the document being authenticated in accordance with the Act.
- (11) A reference to a body (including, an institute, association, authority or Governmental Agency), whether statutory or not:
 - (i) which ceases to exist; or
 - (ii) whose powers or functions are transferred to another body,is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.
- (12) References to **offers by way of rights** are to any offers (whether renounceable or non-renounceable) to the existing ordinary shareholders of the Company or of Plc as nearly as may be in proportion to their holdings at the relevant time on a pre-emptive basis which may be subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board or the Board of Plc, as the case may be, may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical difficulties with making the offer under the laws of, or the requirements of any Applicable Regulation in, any jurisdiction.

Unless the context otherwise permits, terms defined in the Act have the same meaning when used in this Constitution.

SHARE CAPITAL AND SECURITIES

3. DLC Dividend Share

By resolution of the Board, the Company may at any time, and from time to time, issue a DLC Dividend Share, provided that, at any time, there is only one DLC Dividend Share in the capital of the Company on issue. The DLC Dividend Share shall confer on the holder of such share the rights set out in this Rule and Rules 121(2)(b) and 144 but shall not confer any right to attend or vote at any general meeting. The Company:

- (a) may redeem the DLC Dividend Share at any time; and
- (b) must redeem the DLC Dividend Share upon a person other than Plc

or a wholly owned member of the Plc Group becoming the beneficial owner of the DLC Dividend Share, in each case, by giving notice in writing to the holder thereof and paying a sum equal to the amount paid on subscription for the DLC Dividend Share.

4. Limited Special Voting Share

The Limited Special Voting Share shall confer on the holder of such share the rights set out in Rules 61, 62, 121(2)(c) and 144, but shall cease to confer any right to attend or vote at any general meeting in the event of termination of the Sharing Agreement.

5. Fractional entitlements

If, as the result of a consolidation and division, a sub-division or a pro rata issue of shares, a member becomes entitled to a fraction of a share, the Board may on behalf of that member deal with that fractional entitlement as the Board thinks fit. In particular, the Board may:

- (a) issue a whole share in place of that fractional entitlement;
- (b) disregard that fractional entitlement;
- (c) issue a fractional share certificate;
- (d) make a cash payment in satisfaction of that fractional entitlement;
- (e) vest cash in trustees on trust for that member as the Board thinks fit; or
- (f) make (or authorise any person to make) an agreement for the issue to a third person of shares (credited as fully paid up) representing that fractional entitlement and any other fractional entitlements which the Board is empowered to deal with. Such agreement may provide for the sale of those shares by that third person and the payment of the proceeds of sale to the members concerned.

6. Not used

7. Preference shares

If the Company at any time proposes to create and issue any preference shares:

- (a) the preference shares may be issued, on the terms that they are to be redeemed or, at the option of either or both the Company and the holder, are liable to be redeemed, whether out of share capital, profits or otherwise;
- (b) the preference shares confer on the holders the right to convert the preference shares into ordinary shares if and on the basis the Board determines at the time of issue of the preference shares;

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- (c) (i) the preference shares confer on the holders a right to receive out of the profits of the Company available for dividend a preferential dividend at the rate (which may be subject to an index) and on the basis determined by the Board at the time of issue of the preference shares;
- (ii) in addition to the preferential dividend, the preference shares may participate with the ordinary shares in dividends declared by the Board if and to the extent the Board determines at the time of issue of the preference shares; and
- (iii) the preferential dividend may be cumulative if and to the extent the Board determines at the time of issue of the preference shares;
- (d) the preference shares are to confer on the holders:
 - (i) the right on redemption and in a winding up to payment in cash in priority to any other class of shares of:
 - (A) the amount paid or agreed to be considered as paid on each of the preference shares; and
 - (B) the amount (if any) equal to the aggregate of any dividends accrued (whether determined or not) but unpaid and of any arrears of dividends; and
 - (ii) the right, in priority to any payment of dividend on any other class of shares, to the preferential dividend;
- (e) the preference shares do not confer on the holders any further rights to participate in assets or profits of the Company;
- (f) the holders of the preference shares have the same rights as the holders of ordinary shares to receive notices, reports and accounts and to attend and be heard at all general meetings, but are not to have the right to vote at general meetings except as follows:
 - (i) on any question considered at a general meeting if, at the date of the meeting, the dividend or part of the dividend on the preference shares is in arrears;
 - (ii) at a general meeting on a proposal:
 - (A) to reduce the share capital of the Company;
 - (B) to approve the terms of a buy-back agreement;
 - (C) that affects rights attached to the preference shares;
 - (D) to wind up the Company;
 - (E) for the disposal of the whole of the property of the Company; and
 - (iii) on any question considered at a general meeting held during the winding up of the Company; and
- (g) the Company may issue further preference shares ranking *pari passu* in all respects with (but not in priority to) other preference shares already issued and the rights attaching to the preference shares on issue are not to be taken to have been varied by the further issue.

8. Issue of securities

Without affecting any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares and subject to the provisions of Rules 59 to 60 (except in the case of the DLC Dividend Share or the Limited Special Voting Share), any shares or other securities may be issued by the Company (including redeemable shares) with preferred, deferred or other special rights, obligations or restrictions, whether in regard to dividends, voting, return of share capital, payment of calls, rights of conversion, rights of redemption (whether at the option of the holder or of the Company) or otherwise, as and when the Board may determine and on any other terms the Board considers appropriate provided that the rights attaching to a class other than Ordinary Shares shall be expressed at the date of issue.

9. Not used

10. Commissions on issue of shares

The Company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act to the full extent thereby permitted. The Company may also on any issue of shares pay such brokerage as may be lawful.

11. Not used

12. Non-recognition of equitable or other interests

Except as required by law, the Company is entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner of the share and is not bound to recognise (even when having notice) any equitable or other claim to or interest in the share on the part of any other person.

FORM OF HOLDING OF SHARES

13. Certificates

The Board may determine to issue certificates for shares or other securities of the Company, to cancel any certificates in issue and to replace lost, destroyed or defaced certificates in issue on the basis and in the form it thinks fit.

14. Computerised share transfer system

Without limiting Rule 13, if the Company participates, or to enable the Company to participate, in any computerised or electronic share transfer system introduced by or acceptable to the ASX, the Board may:

- (a) provide that shares may be held in certificated or uncertificated form and make any provision it thinks fit, including for the issue or cancellation of certificates, to enable shareholders to hold shares in uncertificated form and to convert between certificated and uncertificated holdings;
- (b) provide that some or all shareholders are not to be entitled to receive a share certificate in respect of some or all of the shares which the shareholders hold in the Company;
- (c) accept any instrument of transfer, transfer document or other method of transfer in accordance with the requirements of the share transfer system; and
- (d) despite any other provision in this Constitution, do all things it considers necessary, required or authorised by the Act, the Listing Rules or the ASX Settlement Operating Rules in connection with the share transfer system.

15. Not used

JOINT HOLDERS

16. Joint holders

Where two or more persons are registered as the holders of any share, they hold the share subject to the following provisions:

- (a) **(Number of holders)** the Company is not bound to register more than four persons as the holders of the share (except in the case of personal representatives);

- (b) **(Liability for payments)** the joint holders of the share are liable severally as well as jointly in respect of all payments which ought to be made in respect of the share;
- (c) **(Death of joint holder)** on the death of any one of the joint holders, the remaining joint holders are the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to the share but the Board may require evidence of death and the estate of the deceased holder is not released from any liability in respect of the share;
- (d) **(Power to give receipt)** any one of the joint holders may (and, in any case where two or more persons are jointly entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law, any one of those persons jointly entitled may) give a receipt for any dividend, bonus or return of capital payable to the joint holders;
- (e) **(Notices and certificates)** only the person whose name appears first in the Register as one of the joint holders of the share is entitled, if the Company determines to issue certificates for shares, to delivery of a certificate relating to the share or to receive notices from the Company and any notice given to that person is notice to all the joint holders;
- (f) **(Votes of joint holders)** any one of the joint holders may vote at any meeting of the Company either personally or by properly authorised representative, proxy or attorney, in respect of the share as if that joint holder was solely entitled to the share. If more than one of the joint holders are present at any meeting personally or by properly authorised representative, proxy or attorney, the joint holder who is present whose name appears first in the Register in respect of the share is entitled alone to vote in respect of the share.

CALLS ON SHARES

17. Power to make calls

- (1) Subject to the terms on which any shares may have been issued, the Board may make calls on the shareholders in respect of all moneys unpaid on their shares. Each shareholder (subject to receiving at least 14 days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) is liable to pay the amount of each call in the manner, at the time and at the place specified by the Board. Calls may be made payable by instalments.
- (2) A call is considered to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed. The call may be revoked or postponed at the discretion of the Board at any time prior to the date on which payment in respect of the call is due. The non-receipt of a notice of any call by, or the accidental omission to give notice of any call to, any shareholder does not invalidate the call.

18. Voting restrictions – unpaid calls

No shareholder shall, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled in respect of any share held by him to vote either personally or by proxy at a shareholders' meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to shareholders' meetings if any call or other sum presently payable by him to the Company in respect of that share remains unpaid.

19. Interest on overdue amounts

If any sum payable in respect of a call is not paid on or before the date for payment, the shareholder from whom the sum is due is to pay interest on the unpaid amount from the due date to the date of payment at the rate the Board determines. The Board may waive the whole or part of any interest paid or payable under this Rule.

20. Power to differentiate between holders

The Board may make arrangements on the allotment of shares for a difference between the holders of those shares in the amount of calls to be paid and the time of payment of the calls.

21. Instalments; Payment of calls in advance

- (1) Any sum which by the terms of issue of a share becomes payable upon issue or at any fixed date shall for all the purposes of this Constitution be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which by the terms of allotment the same becomes payable. In case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of this Constitution as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- (2) The Board may if it thinks fit receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon the shares held by him and such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish *pro tanto* the liability upon the shares in respect of which it is made and upon the money so received (until and to the extent that the same would but for such advance become payable) the Company may pay interest at such rate as the member paying such sum and the Board may agree.

FORFEITURE AND LIEN

22. Notice requiring payment of sums payable

- (1) If any shareholder fails to pay any sum payable on or in respect of any shares (including money payable on issue, calls or instalments) on or before the day for payment, the Board may serve a notice on the shareholder requiring that shareholder to pay the sum together with interest accrued and all expenses incurred by the Company by reason of the non-payment. The notice may be served at any time whilst any part of the sum remains unpaid.
- (2) The notice referred to in Rule 22(1) must state a day on or before which the sum, interest and expenses (if any) are to be paid and the place where payment is to be made. The notice is also to state that, if payment is not made by the time and at the place specified, the shares in respect of which the sum is payable are liable to be forfeited.

23. Forfeiture on non-compliance with notice

- (1) If there is non-compliance with the requirements of any notice given under Rule 22(1), any shares in respect of which the notice has been given may be forfeited by a resolution of the Board passed at any time after the time specified in the notice for payment. The forfeiture is to include all dividends, interest and other moneys payable by the Company in respect of the forfeited shares and not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- (2) When any share is forfeited, notice of the resolution of the Board is to be given to the shareholder in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture and the date of forfeiture is to be made in the Register. Failure to give notice or make the entry as required by this Rule does not invalidate the forfeiture.

24. Surrender of shares

Subject to the Act, the Board may, in its discretion, accept the surrender of any share. Any shares surrendered may be sold or re-issued in the same manner as forfeited shares.

25. Disposal of forfeited shares

Any forfeited share is considered to be the property of the Company and the Board may sell or otherwise dispose of or deal with the share in any manner it thinks fit and with or without any money paid on the share by any former holder being credited as paid up. At any time before any forfeited share is sold or otherwise disposed of, the Board may annul the forfeiture of the share on any condition it thinks fit.

26. Liability despite forfeiture

Any shareholder whose shares have been forfeited is, despite the forfeiture, liable to pay and must immediately pay to the Company all sums of money, interest and expenses owing on or in respect of the forfeited shares at the time of forfeiture, together with expenses and interest from that time until payment at the rate the Board determines. The Board may enforce the payment or waive the whole or part of any sum paid or payable under this Rule as it thinks fit.

27. Company's lien

The Company has a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for unpaid calls, instalments, interest due in relation to any calls or instalments and any amounts the Company is required by law to pay on the share. The lien extends to the proceeds of sale of the share and to all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the share but, if the Company registers a transfer of any share on which it has a lien without giving the transferee notice of any claim it may have at that time, the share is discharged from the lien of the Company in respect of that claim. The Board may do all things it considers appropriate under the ASX Settlement Operating Rules and the Listing Rules to protect or enforce any lien.

28. Sale of shares to enforce lien

For the purpose of enforcing a lien, the Board may sell the shares which are subject to the lien (and in respect of which an amount is due to the Company but unpaid) in any manner it thinks fit and with or without giving any notice to the shareholder in whose name the shares are registered.

29. Title of shares forfeited or sold to enforce lien

- (1) In a sale or a re-issue of forfeited shares or in the sale of shares to enforce a lien, an entry in the Board's minute book that the shares have been forfeited, sold or re-issued in accordance with this Constitution is sufficient evidence of that fact as against all persons entitled to the shares immediately before the forfeiture, sale or re-issue of the shares. The Company may receive the purchase money or consideration (if any) given for the shares on any sale or re-issue.
- (2) In a sale or re-issue, a certificate signed by a Director or the Secretary to the effect that the shares have been forfeited and the receipt of the Company for the price of the shares constitutes a good title to them.
- (3) In a sale, the Board may appoint a person to execute, or may otherwise effect, a transfer in favour of the person to whom the shares are sold.
- (4) On the issue of the receipt or the transfer being executed or otherwise effected the person to whom the shares have been re-issued or sold is to be registered as the holder of the shares, discharged from all calls or other money due in respect of the shares prior to the re-issue or purchase and that person is not bound to see to the regularity of the proceedings or to the application of the purchase money or consideration; nor is that person's title to the shares affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, sale or re-issue.

- (5) The net proceeds of any sale or re-issue are to be applied first in payment of all costs of or in relation to the enforcement of the lien or the forfeiture (as the case may be) and of the sale or re-issue, next in satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is then payable to the Company (including interest) and the residue (if any) paid to, or at the direction of, the person registered as the holder of the shares immediately prior to the sale or re-issue or to the person's executors, administrators or assigns on the production of any evidence as to title required by the Board.

30. Payments by the Company

- (1) Rule 30(2) applies if any law of any place imposes or purports to impose any immediate or future or possible liability on the Company to make any payment or empowers any government or authority to require the Company to make any payment in respect of any securities held either jointly or solely by any holder or in respect of any transfer of those securities or in respect of any interest, dividends, bonuses or other moneys due or payable or accruing due or which may become due or payable to the holder by the Company on or in respect of any securities or for or on account or in respect of any holder of securities, whether because of:
- (a) the death of the holder;
 - (b) the non-payment of any income tax or other tax by the holder;
 - (c) the non-payment of any estate, probate, succession, death, stamp or other duty by the holder or the trustee, executor or administrator of that holder or by or out of the holder's estate;
 - (d) any assessment of income tax against the Company in respect of interest or dividends paid or payable to the holder; or
 - (e) any other act or thing.
- (2) In each case referred to in Rule 30(1):
- (a) the Company is to be fully indemnified from all liability by the holder or the holder's personal representative and by any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate;
 - (b) the Company has a lien on the securities for all moneys paid by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law;
 - (c) the Company has a lien on all dividends, bonuses and other moneys payable in respect of the securities registered in the Register as held either jointly or solely by the holder for all moneys paid or payable by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law, together with interest at a rate the Board may determine from the date of payment to the date of repayment, and may deduct or set off against any dividend, bonus or other moneys payable any moneys paid or payable by the Company together with interest;
 - (d) the Company may recover as a debt due from the holder or the holder's personal representative or any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate, any moneys paid by the Company under or in consequence of any law which exceed any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder together with interest at a rate the Board may determine from the date of payment to the date of repayment; and
 - (e) if any money is paid or payable by the Company under any law, the Company may refuse to register a transfer of any securities by the holder or the holder's personal representative until the money and interest is set off or deducted or, where the money and interest exceeds the amount of any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder, until the excess is paid to

the Company. The power to refuse to register a transfer does not extend to a proper ASTC transfer except a proper ASTC transfer which is purported to be effected whilst a holding lock is in place as referred to in Rule 33(3).

Nothing in this Rule affects any right or remedy which any law confers on the Company and any right or remedy is enforceable by the Company against the holder or the holder's personal representative.

VARIATION OF RIGHTS

31. Variation of class rights

- (1) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, whenever the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may be varied or abrogated by a special resolution approving the proposed variation or abrogation passed by the Company and:
 - (a) a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of the class affected; or
 - (b) with the written consent of members with at least 75% of the votes in the class affected.
- (2) No approval or consent shall be required in respect of the redemption of any redeemable preference shares in accordance with the terms of issue.
- (3) All the provisions of this Constitution as to general meetings of the Company shall, with any necessary amendments, apply to any such separate meeting, but so that:
 - (a) the necessary quorum shall be two or more persons entitled to vote and holding or representing by proxy in aggregate not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class, except at an adjourned meeting where one holder entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum (irrespective of the number of shares held);
 - (b) subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any class of shares, every holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every share of the class held; and
 - (c) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote may demand a poll.
- (4) This Rule 31 shall apply to the variation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class and their special rights were to be varied.

32. Matters not constituting variation of rights

The special rights attached to any class of shares having preferential rights shall not unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue thereof be deemed to be varied by (a) the issue of further shares ranking as regards participation in the profits or assets of the Company in some or all respects *pari passu* therewith but in no respect in priority thereto or (b) the purchase by the Company of any of its own shares.

TRANSFER OF SECURITIES

33. Transfers; proper ASTC transfers

- (1) A transfer of any securities may be effected by:
 - (a) a written transfer in the usual or common form or in any form the Board may prescribe or in a particular case accept, properly stamped (if necessary) being delivered to the Company;
 - (b) a proper ASTC transfer, which is to be in the form required or permitted by the Act or the ASX Settlement Operating Rules; or
 - (c) any other electronic system established or recognised by the Listing Rules in which the Company participates in accordance with the rules of that system.
- (2) Except in the case of a proper ASTC transfer, the transferor is deemed to remain the holder of the securities transferred until the name of the transferee is entered on the Register. A proper ASTC transfer is taken to be recorded in the Register and the name of the transferee to be registered as the holder of the securities comprised in the proper ASTC transfer, as provided in the ASX Settlement Operating Rules.
- (3) The Board may take any action it thinks fit to comply with the ASX Settlement Operating Rules and may request ASPL to apply a holding lock to prevent a transfer of securities the subject of the ASX Settlement Operating Rules if the Board thinks fit.

34. Not used

35. Refusal of registration

- (1) The Board may refuse to register any transfer of securities:
 - (a) if the registration of the transfer would result in a contravention of or failure to observe the provisions of any applicable law or the Listing Rules;
 - (b) on which the Company has a lien or which are subject to forfeiture; or
 - (c) if permitted to do so under the Listing Rules.
- (2) The decision of the Board relating to the registration of a transfer is absolute. Failure to give notice of refusal to register any transfer as may be required under the Act or the Listing Rules does not invalidate the decision of the Board.
- (3) The Board may also refuse to register an allotment or a transfer of shares (whether fully paid or not) in favour of more than four persons jointly.
- (4) The Board shall decline to register any transfer of the Limited Special Voting Share unless the transfer has been approved in accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Voting Agreement. The Board shall decline to register any transfer of the DLC Dividend Share unless the transfer is to a member of the Plc Group or a trustee for the benefit of a member or members of the Plc Group.

36. Transfer and certificate to be left at Office

- (1) Every transfer must be left for registration at the Office or any other place the Board determines. If the Board determines either generally or in a particular case, the transfer is to be accompanied by the certificate (if any) for the securities to be transferred. In addition, the transfer is to be accompanied by any other evidence which the Board may require to prove the title of the transferor, the transferor's right to transfer the securities, proper execution of the transfer or compliance with any law relating to stamp duty. The requirements of this Rule do not apply in respect of a proper ASTC transfer.

- (2) Subject to Rule 36(1), on each application to register the transfer of any securities or to register any person as the holder of any securities transmitted to that person by operation of law or otherwise, the certificate (if any) specifying the securities in respect of which registration is required must be delivered to the Company for cancellation and on registration the certificate is considered to have been cancelled.
- (3) Each transfer which is registered may be retained by the Company for any period determined by the Board after which the Company may destroy it.

37. Not used

38. Not used

39. Not used

40. Not used

TRANSMISSION OF SECURITIES

41. Transmission on death

The personal representative of a deceased shareholder (who is not one of several joint holders) is the only person recognised by the Company as having any title to securities registered in the name of the deceased shareholder. Subject to compliance by the transferee with this Constitution, the Board may register any transfer effected by a shareholder prior to the shareholder's death despite the Company having notice of the shareholder's death.

42. Election of persons entitled by transmission

A person (a **transmittee**) who satisfies the Board that the right to any securities has devolved on the transmittee by will or by operation of law may be registered as a shareholder in respect of the securities or may (subject to the provisions in this Constitution relating to transfers) transfer the securities. The Board has the same right to refuse to register the transmittee as if the transmittee was the transferee named in an ordinary transfer presented for registration.

43. Rights of persons entitled by transmission

Save as otherwise provided by or in accordance with this Constitution, a person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or otherwise by operation of law shall (upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share) be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages as those to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share.

UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

44. Not used

GENERAL MEETINGS

45. Calling of general meetings

- (1) The Board may, and shall on requisition in accordance with the Act, call a general meeting of the Company to be held at the time and place or places and in the manner determined by the Board. No shareholder may convene a general meeting of the Company except where entitled under the Act to do so. By resolution of

the Board any general meeting may be cancelled or postponed prior to the date on which it is to be held, except where the cancellation or postponement would be contrary to the Act. The Board may give notice of a cancellation or postponement as it thinks fit but any failure to give notice of cancellation or postponement does not invalidate the cancellation or postponement or any resolution passed at a postponed meeting.

- (2) Any Director may convene a general meeting whenever the Director thinks fit. A Director may cancel by notice in writing to all members any meeting convened by that Director under this Rule 45(2).

46. Not used

47. Contents of notice of general meeting

- (1) Where the Company has called a general meeting, notice of the meeting may be given in the form and manner in which the Board thinks fit. The non-receipt of a notice of any general meeting by, or the accidental omission to give notice to, any person entitled to notice, does not invalidate any resolution passed at that meeting.
- (2) For the purposes of determining which persons are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting and how many votes such a person may cast, the Company may specify in the notice of meeting a time, not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting, by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS

48. Chairman

- (1) The Chairman of the Board is entitled to chair every general meeting.
- (2) If at any general meeting:
- (a) the Chairman of the Board is not present at the specified time for holding the meeting; or
 - (b) the Chairman of the Board is present but is unwilling to chair the meeting,
the Deputy Chairman of the Board is entitled to chair the meeting.
- (3) If at any general meeting:
- (a) there is no Chairman of the Board or Deputy Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) the Chairman of the Board and Deputy Chairman of the Board are not present at the specified time for holding the meeting; or
 - (c) the Chairman of the Board and the Deputy Chairman of the Board are present but each is unwilling to chair the meeting,
the Directors present may choose another Director as Chairman of the meeting and if no Director is present or if each of the Directors present is unwilling to chair the meeting, a shareholder chosen by the shareholders present is entitled to chair the meeting.
- (4) If during any general meeting the Chairman acting under the preceding paragraphs of this Rule 48 is unwilling to chair any part of the proceedings, the Chairman may withdraw as Chairman during the relevant part of the proceedings and may nominate any person who immediately before the general meeting was a Director or who has been nominated for election as a Director at the meeting to be Acting Chairman of the meeting during the relevant part of the proceedings. On the conclusion of the relevant part of the proceedings the Acting Chairman is to withdraw and the Chairman is to resume to chair the meeting.
- (5) The provisions of this Rule 48 shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 52.

49. Quorum

Five shareholders present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum for a general meeting. No business may be transacted at any meeting except the election of a Chairman and the adjournment of the meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the business.

50. Lack of quorum

If there is not a quorum at a general meeting within 15 minutes after the time specified in the notice of the meeting, the meeting is dissolved unless the Chairman adjourns the meeting to a date, time and place determined by the Chairman. If no quorum is present at any adjourned meeting within 15 minutes after the time for the meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

51. Adjournment

- (1) The Chairman may and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- (2) In determining whether to adjourn the meeting under paragraph (1), the Chairman shall have regard to:
 - (a) any notice received of any adjournment of the Parallel General Meeting (if any); and
 - (b) the impact of any adjournment on the Parallel General Meeting (if any).
- (3) If the Chairman elects to adjourn the meeting under paragraph (1), the Chairman may decide whether to seek the approval of the meeting.
- (4) No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (5) Subject to paragraph (6), it is not a requirement of this Constitution to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- (6) The Company shall as soon as possible give notice to Plc of an adjournment and of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- (7) Without prejudice to any other power which the chair may have under the provisions of this Constitution or at law, the Chairman may, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if the Chairman decides that it has become necessary to do so in order to:
 - (a) secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;
 - (b) give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of speaking and voting at the meeting; or
 - (c) ensure that the business of the meeting is properly disposed of.

52. Contemporaneous Parallel General Meetings

- (1) If a general meeting of the Company is convened for a time which is contemporaneous with the Parallel General Meeting of Plc then:
 - (a) the Board may decide that it will take steps to make audio-visual communication facilities available to allow those Directors physically present at the Parallel General Meeting to participate in the meeting and that those Directors shall be treated as being present at the meeting for all purposes in their capacity as Directors (but not, except as provided for in Rule 52(4), as a member or proxy); and

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- (b) the meeting may be conducted contemporaneously with the Parallel General Meeting in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting may decide, including taking steps to make audio-visual communications facilities available to allow persons present at the meeting to have an opportunity to see and hear the persons present at the Parallel General Meeting and to be seen and heard by the persons present at the Parallel General Meeting (but a member or proxy present at the Parallel General Meeting shall not, except as provided for in Rule 52(4), be treated as being a member or proxy present at the meeting).
- (2) If Rule 52(1)(a) applies, the Board may decide that the identity of the Chairman of the meeting shall be determined in accordance with Rule 48 either:
 - (a) on the basis that all of the Directors present at the meeting, including those who are treated as present as a result of the application of Rule 52(1)(a), are treated as present for the purposes of Rule 48; or
 - (b) on the basis that only those Directors physically present at the meeting, and not those Directors who are treated as present as a result of the application of Rule 52(1)(a), are treated as present for the purposes of Rule 48.
- (3) If the Chairman of the meeting chosen in accordance with Rule 52(2) and Rule 48 is not physically present at the meeting, he may appoint a Director who is physically present at the meeting (a **Supplementary Chairman**) who shall have all the powers necessary or desirable for the purpose of keeping good order at the meeting and carrying out all requests made of him by or on behalf of the Chairman of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairman of the meeting shall be treated as present as proxy at the meeting for any member who has appointed the Chairman of the meeting as his proxy in accordance with these Rules if he is present as a result of the application of Rule 52(1)(a) as well as if he is physically present at the meeting, and for this purpose the Chairman of the meeting may make such arrangements as he thinks fit in order to allow himself to participate in the meeting and vote as proxy, including (but without prejudice to the other provisions in these Rules in relation to polls) as regards the manner of conducting, and arrangements for a vote on, a poll.
- (5) If Rule 52(1)(a) applies and either the audio-visual communications facilities referred to in Rule 52(1)(a) cease to be operational during the meeting (whether in whole or in part) or for any other reason the Chairman of the meeting considers it desirable for the conduct of the meeting, then the Chairman of the meeting may without the consent of the meeting:
 - (a) determine what steps (if any) should be taken to endeavour to establish, maintain or restore all or part of such facilities or to facilitate the conduct of the meeting; and/or
 - (b) determine that the meeting will continue separately from, and without any audio-visual communications link to, the Parallel General Meeting on the basis that:
 - (i) the Directors who are not physically present at the meeting will cease to be treated as being present at the meeting; and
 - (ii) if the Chairman of the meeting is not physically present at the meeting, the Supplementary Chairman or a person determined in accordance with Rule 52(2)(b) will be the Chairman of the meeting from that time onwards for all purposes.
- (6) If Rule 52(1)(a) applies and either the audio-visual communication facilities referred to in Rule 52(1)(a) are not operational (in whole or in part) at the time fixed for the start of the meeting or during the meeting such audio-visual communications facilities cease to be operational (in whole or in part) and as a result the Chairman of the meeting is not reasonably able to exercise his powers as Chairman of the meeting, then the Directors who are not physically present at the meeting will cease to be treated as being present at the meeting and a person determined in accordance with Rule 52(2)(b) will be the Chairman of the meeting

from that time onwards for all purposes. The Chairman of the meeting (as so determined) may without the consent of the meeting:

- (a) determine what steps (if any) should be taken to endeavour to establish, maintain or restore all or part of such facilities or to facilitate the conduct of the meeting;
 - (b) determine that if such facilities are established or restored, Rule 52(1)(a) shall apply again so that the Directors present at the Parallel General Meeting are treated as being present at the meeting and in that case he may withdraw as Chairman of the meeting to allow a person determined in accordance with Rule 52(2)(a) to be Chairman of the meeting from that time onwards for all purposes; and/or
 - (c) determine that the meeting will continue separately from, and without any audio-visual communications link to, the Parallel General Meeting.
- (7) Under no circumstances will the fact that the audio-visual communication facilities referred to in Rule 52(1) were not operational (whether in whole or in part) either at the start of or during a meeting affect the validity of the meeting or any business conducted at the meeting.
- (8) Nothing in this Rule 52 limits the powers and discretions otherwise vested in the Chairman of the meeting under these Rules.

53. Conduct of General Meetings

- (1) The conduct of each general meeting of the Company and the procedures to be adopted at the meeting are as determined at, during or prior to the meeting by the Chairman.
- (2) The Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority may require any person who wishes to attend the meeting to comply with searches, restrictions or other security arrangements the Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority considers appropriate. The Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority may refuse entry to any person who does not comply with the arrangements, any person who possesses a recording or broadcasting device without the consent of the Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority, or any person who possesses an article which the Chairman or person acting with the Chairman's authority considers to be dangerous, offensive or liable to cause disruption. At any time the Chairman considers it necessary or desirable for the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting, the Chairman may demand the cessation of debate or discussion on any business, question, motion or resolution being considered by the meeting and if the Chairman considers it appropriate require the business, question, motion or resolution to be put to a vote of the shareholders present.
- (3) The Chairman may require the adoption of any procedures which are in the Chairman's opinion necessary or desirable for the proper and orderly casting or recording of votes at any general meeting of the Company, whether on a show of hands or on a poll.
- (4) Any determination by the Chairman in relation to matters of procedure (including any procedural motions moved at or put to any meeting) is final.
- (5) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 52, if it appears to the Chairman that the place of the meeting specified in the notice convening a general meeting is inadequate to accommodate all persons entitled and wishing to attend, the meeting is duly constituted and its proceedings are valid if the Chairman is satisfied that adequate facilities are available, whether at the place of the meeting or elsewhere, to ensure that each such person who is unable to be accommodated at the place of the meeting is able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened and to hear and see all persons present who speak (and be heard and be seen), whether by use of microphones, loud-speakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise (whether in use when this Constitution is adopted or developed subsequently).
- (6) A Director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.

54. Amendments to Substantive Resolutions

- (1) The business of an annual general meeting is to consider the accounts and reports required by the Act to be laid before each annual general meeting, to elect Directors, when relevant to appoint an auditor and fix the auditor's remuneration, and to transact any other business which, under this Constitution, is required to be transacted at any annual general meeting. All other business transacted at an annual general meeting and all business transacted at other general meetings is deemed to be special. Except with the approval of the Board, with the permission of the Chairman or under the Act, no person may move at any meeting either any resolution or any amendment of any resolution of which notice has not been given under Rule 47 or this Rule 54 (as the case may be).
- (2) If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the Chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the Substantive Resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling.
- (3) In the case of a Substantive Resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment to that resolution (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.
- (4) Without prejudice to any other restriction on the right to move amendments to Substantive Resolutions, in the case of a Substantive Resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution to approve a Joint Electorate Action, no amendment to that resolution (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error or an amendment to conform such resolution to a resolution duly proposed or to be proposed at the Parallel General Meeting or an amendment to such resolution considered and approved at the Parallel General Meeting) shall be considered or voted upon unless written notice of the intention to move the amendment is received by the Company at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the absence of such notice) the Chairman of the meeting in the Chairman's absolute discretion rules that the amendment shall be considered, provided that no amendment shall be considered where the Parallel General Meeting has already been held.

GENERAL VOTING AND POLL PROCEDURES

55. Voting

- (1) The Chairman may determine that any question to be submitted to a general meeting be determined by a poll without first submitting the question to the meeting to be decided by a show of hands.
- (2) A poll may be demanded by:
 - (a) any shareholder under the Act (and not otherwise);
 - (b) the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share; or
 - (c) the Chairman.

No poll may be demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting or, unless the Chairman otherwise determines, the adjournment of a meeting. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn. A demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

- (3) Subject to Rule 56, at any general meeting a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) put to the vote of the meeting on which the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share is entitled to vote shall be decided on a poll.
- (4) Unless the Chairman makes the determination referred to in Rule 55(1) or unless a poll is properly demanded or required pursuant to Rules 55(2) and (3), each question submitted to a general meeting is to

be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been passed or lost is conclusive, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

56. Taking a poll

- (1) If a poll is determined, demanded or otherwise required as provided in Rules 55(1), (2) and (3), it is to be taken in the manner and at the time (not being more than thirty days from the date of the meeting) and place as the Chairman directs. Any poll may, as the Chairman shall direct, close at different times for different classes of shareholders or for different shareholders of the same class entitled to vote on the relevant resolution. In the case of a poll on a resolution on which the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share is entitled to vote, the poll may remain open for so long as the Chairman may determine and, in any event, shall be kept open for such time as is necessary to allow the Parallel General Meeting of Plc to be held and for the votes attaching to the Limited Special Voting Share to be calculated and cast on such poll, although such poll may be closed earlier in respect of shares of other classes. The result of the poll is deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. In the case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote, the Chairman's determination in respect of the dispute is final.
- (2) A demand for a poll does not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded. A poll demanded on a question of adjournment is to be taken at the meeting and without adjournment.
- (3) The result of a poll may be announced in the manner the Chairman determines and at the time (whether during the relevant meeting or afterwards) as the Chairman considers appropriate.

57. Special meetings

All the provisions of this Constitution as to general meetings apply, with any necessary modifications, to any special meeting of any class of shareholders which may be held under the operation of this Constitution or the Act.

58. Not used

VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES UNDER SHARING AGREEMENT

59. Class Rights Actions

- (1) The following matters shall constitute Class Rights Actions if undertaken by either the Company or Plc:
 - (a) the voluntary liquidation of the Company or of Plc;
 - (b) amendment of the terms of, or termination of, the Sharing Agreement, the Voting Agreement, the Plc Deed Poll Guarantee or of the Limited Deed Poll Guarantee (other than, in the case of the Voting Agreement, an amendment to conform such agreement with the terms of the Sharing Agreement or, in the case of any of those agreements, any amendment which is formal or technical in nature and which would not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders of the Company or of Plc or is necessary to correct any inconsistency or manifest error as agreed between the Board and the Board of Plc);
 - (c) amendment, removal, or the alteration of the effect of (which for the avoidance of doubt shall be taken to include the ratification of any breach of) any Plc Entrenched Provision or Limited Entrenched Provision (as the case may be);

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- (d) any Action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action pursuant to Clause 3.1(b) of the Sharing Agreement;
 - (e) a change in the corporate status of the Company from a public company limited by shares registered under the Corporations Act with its primary listing on ASX or Plc from a public listed company incorporated in England and Wales with its primary listing on the London Stock Exchange; and
 - (f) any other action or matter which the Board and the Board of Plc agree (either in a particular case or generally) should be treated as a Class Rights Action.
- (2) A Class Rights Action in respect of an action of a kind described in:
- (a) Rules 59(1)(a), (b) or (c) shall require approval by special resolution;
 - (b) Rule 59(1)(d) or (e) shall require approval by ordinary resolution or in relation to either the Company or Plc, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to the Company or Plc or by this Constitution or the Plc Articles, by special resolution of the Company or Plc, as so required; and
 - (c) Rule 59(1)(f) shall require approval by ordinary resolution or in relation to either the Company or Plc, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to the Company or Plc or by this Constitution or the Plc Articles or if considered appropriate by the Board and the Board of Plc, by special resolution of the Company or Plc, as so required,
- in each case in accordance with the Class Rights Procedure (and the type of resolution specified above shall be referred to in these Rules as the **Required Resolution**).
- (3) Subject to Rule 59(4):
- (a) a Class Rights Action shall require approval by a Required Resolution of the shareholders of both the Company and Plc, in each case at a meeting at which the holders of Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Special Voting Share are entitled to vote as a single class on a poll; and
 - (b) in relation to such resolution proposed at a shareholders' meeting of the Company, if the proposed Action has not, by the time of the closing of the poll, been approved by a Required Majority of the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares, the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share shall have sufficient votes to defeat such resolution as provided in Rule 62; and
 - (c) the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share shall otherwise not be entitled to vote in relation to that resolution.
- (4) Where an action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action would not otherwise require approval of the shareholders of the Benefited Party, the Benefited Party shall not be required to convene a meeting for the purposes of Rule 59(3) and the Class Rights Action shall be approved if the holder of the Special Voting Share in the Benefited Party has given its written consent to the action, which consent shall only be given following the passing of a resolution by the Required Majority of the holders of Ordinary Shares of the Affected Party.

In this Rule 59(4), the expression **Benefited Party** shall mean such one of the Company or Plc whose holders of Ordinary Shares would benefit from a proposed action relative to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the other company (**Affected Party**).

60. Joint Electorate Actions

- (1) Resolutions of the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares shall be subject to the Joint Electorate Procedure if they relate to the following matters:
 - (a) the appointment, removal or re-election of any Director or any director of Plc, or both of them;

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- (b) the receipt or adoption of the annual accounts of the Company or Plc, or both of them, or accounts prepared on a combined basis;
- (c) a change of name by the Company or Plc, or both of them;
- (d) the appointment or removal of the auditors of the Company or Plc, or both of them;
- (e) any proposed acquisition, disposal or other transaction of the kinds referred to in Chapters 10 and 11 of the Listing Rules or Chapters 10 and 11 of the UKLA Listing Rules which (in any case) is required under such Applicable Regulation to be authorised by holders of Ordinary Shares;
- (f) a matter referred to in Clause 7.2 or 7.3 of the Sharing Agreement;
- (g) any matter considered by shareholders at an annual general meeting of the Company or Plc (or at a general meeting held on the same day as an annual general meeting);
- (h) any other matter which the Board and the Board of Plc decide (either in a particular case or generally) should be approved under the Joint Electorate Procedure.

If a particular matter falls both within Rule 59(1) and this Rule 60(1), then it shall be treated as a Class Rights Action falling exclusively within Rule 59(1).

- (2) A Joint Electorate Action shall require approval by both:
 - (a) an ordinary resolution (or a special resolution if required by this Constitution or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the Limited Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share, voting as a single class; and
 - (b) an ordinary resolution (or a special resolution if required by the Plc Articles or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the Plc Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share, voting as a single class.
- (3) For the purposes of Rule 59(2) and Rule 60(2) only, the expression **special resolution** shall include any resolution of the shareholders of the Company or of Plc where Applicable Regulation or either Constitution so requires, so as to approve the relevant resolution, an affirmative vote with a majority greater than that required for an ordinary resolution and in any particular case shall mean such majority as is so required.

VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS

61. Votes attaching to shares

Subject to restrictions on voting affecting any class of shares and to Rules 3, 4, 7, 16(f), 31 and 72:

- (a) on a show of hands:
 - (i) subject to paragraph (iii), each shareholder present in person or by proxy, representative or attorney (except the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share) has one vote;
 - (ii) the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share shall not be entitled to vote;
 - (iii) where a person is entitled to vote in more than one capacity, that person is entitled only to one vote; and
- (b) subject to Rule 61(c), on a poll:
 - (i) each holder of Limited Ordinary Shares:
 - (A) has one vote for each fully paid Limited Ordinary Share held; and

- (B) for each other Limited Ordinary Share held, has a vote in respect of the share which carries the same proportionate value as the proportion of the amount paid up or agreed to be considered as paid up on the total issue price of that share at the time the poll is taken bears to the total issue price of the share; and
- (ii) the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share shall have the Specified Number (as set out Rule 62) of votes; and
- (c) on a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy (unless, consistently with the Act, the Board has approved other means (including electronic) for the casting and recording of votes by shareholders) and a person entitled to more than one vote need not use all that person's votes or cast all the votes in the same way.

62. Specified Number

- (1) The holder of the Limited Special Voting Share shall be entitled to attend at any general meeting at which the holder of the Special Voting Share is entitled to vote and, subject to the provisions below, to cast on a poll the Specified Number of votes, some of which may be cast for, some of which may be cast against, and others of which may be abstaining on, any resolution.
- (2) **(Joint Electorate Actions)** The Specified Number of votes in relation to a resolution of the Company on a Joint Electorate Action shall be the total number of votes validly cast on the poll on the equivalent resolution at the Parallel General Meeting of Plc (other than those cast by an Excluded Plc Holder or cast in respect of Plc Excess Shares) divided by the Equalisation Fraction in effect at the time of such General Meeting rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- (3) **(Class Rights Actions)** The Specified Number of votes in relation to a resolution of the Company to approve a Class Rights Action shall be equal to 34 per cent. (in relation to an action to be approved by special resolution) and 67 per cent (in relation to an action to be approved by ordinary resolution) in each case, of the aggregate number of votes attaching to all classes of issued shares in the Company which could be cast on such resolution (rounded up to the next whole number).
- (4) **(Procedural Resolutions)** On any procedural resolution in relation to or affecting a resolution relating to a Joint Electorate Action put to a general meeting at which a Joint Electorate Action is to be considered, the Specified Number of votes which may be cast shall be the number of votes cast on any equivalent resolution on a Joint Electorate Action at the Parallel General Meeting of Plc or, if there is no equivalent resolution, or if the general meeting of Plc has not been held and such votes counted by the beginning of the relevant general meeting, the number of such votes as are authorised to be so cast upon proxies lodged with Plc by such time as the Chairman may determine, in each case, divided by the Equalisation Fraction in effect at the time of such general meeting and rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- (5) **(Other decisions)** The Specified Number of votes that may be cast on all other decisions shall be zero.

63. Not used

64. Not used

65. Not used

66. Voting by guardian

Where a guardian, receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise powers with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Directors may in their absolute discretion, upon or subject to

production of such evidence of the appointment as the Directors may require, permit such guardian, receiver or other person on behalf of such member to vote in person or by proxy at any shareholders' meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to shareholders' meetings.

67. Validity and result of vote

- (1) No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is or may be given or tendered and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (2) Unless a poll is taken, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.

PROXIES

68. Proxies

- (1) A shareholder who is entitled to attend and cast a vote at a general meeting of the Company may appoint a person as a proxy to attend and vote for the shareholder in accordance with the Act but not otherwise. A proxy appointed to attend and vote in accordance with the Act may exercise the rights of the shareholder on the basis and subject to the restrictions provided in the Act but not otherwise.
- (2) A form of appointment of a proxy is valid if it is in accordance with the Act or in any form (including electronic) which the Board may prescribe or accept.
- (3) An instrument appointing a proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated thereon, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. An instrument of proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so delivered for the purposes of any meeting shall not require again to be delivered for the purposes of any subsequent meeting to which it relates.
- (4) Where the Company receives an appointment of proxy within the time specified in the notice of meeting for receipt of proxies and the Company considers that the instrument has not been duly executed, the Company may in its discretion:
 - (a) return the instrument appointing the proxy to the appointing shareholder; and
 - (b) request that the shareholder duly execute the appointment and return it to the Company before a nominated time (which may be later than the cut-off time specified in the notice of meeting for receipt of proxies).

The appointment of proxy will be valid if the duly executed instrument is returned to the Company before the time determined under Rule 68(4)(b).

- (5) Where the Company receives an appointment of proxy that is unclear or incomplete (other than in the circumstances contemplated in Rule 68(4)):
 - (a) the Company may clarify with a shareholder by written or verbal communication any instruction on the appointment of the proxy and may, at its discretion, amend or complete the contents of the appointment of the proxy to reflect any clarification in instruction;
 - (b) the shareholder is taken to have appointed the Company as its attorney for the purpose of making any insertion or amendment in accordance with this Rule 68(5); and

- (c) the appointment of proxy will be valid if received by the Company within the time specified for receipt of proxies in the notice of meeting, notwithstanding that it was completed or amended under this Rule 68(5) after that time.
- (6) A proxy received from the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share will be valid if it is received before the closing of a poll to which it relates.
- (7) Voting instructions given by a shareholder to a Director or employee of the Company who is held out by the Company in material sent to shareholders as willing to act as proxy and who is appointed as proxy (Company Proxy) are valid only if contained in the form of appointment of the Company Proxy. If a shareholder wishes to give a Company Proxy appointed by the shareholder new instructions or variations to earlier instruction, the new instructions or variations are only valid, except in the case of a proxy received from the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share, if received at the Office at least 24 hours before the meeting or adjourned meeting by a notice in writing signed by the shareholder or validated by the shareholder in a form acceptable to the Board.

69. Validity, revocation

- (1) The validity of any resolution is not affected by the failure of any proxy, attorney or corporate representative to vote in accordance with instructions (if any) of the appointing shareholder and the Company shall be under no obligation to check any vote so given is in accordance with any such instructions.
- (2) A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy or power of attorney is valid despite the previous death or mental incapacity of the appointing shareholder, revocation of the proxy or power of attorney or transfer of the shares in respect of which the vote is given, unless notice in writing of the death, mental incapacity, revocation or transfer has been received at the Office at least 48 hours before the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting.
- (3) A proxy is not rendered ineffective by reason only of the adjournment of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (4) A proxy is not revoked by the appointing shareholder attending and taking part in the meeting, unless the appointing shareholder votes at the meeting on the resolution for which the proxy is proposed to be used.

70. Not used

71. Board to issue forms of proxy

The Board must issue with any notice of general meeting of shareholders or any class of shareholders forms of proxy for use by the shareholders. Each form may include the names of any of the Directors or of any other persons as suggested proxies. The forms must be worded so that a proxy may be directed to vote either for or against each or any of the resolutions to be proposed.

72. Attorneys of shareholders

By properly executed power of attorney, any shareholder may appoint an attorney to act on the shareholder's behalf at all or certain specified meetings of the Company and such attorney shall be recognised as a person present at that meeting. Before the attorney is entitled to act under the power of attorney, the power of attorney or proof of the power of attorney to the satisfaction of the Board must be produced for inspection at the Office or any other place the Board may determine together, in each case, with evidence of the due execution of the power of attorney as required by the Board. The attorney may be authorised to appoint a proxy for the shareholder granting the power of attorney.

73. Not used

DIRECTORS

74. Number of Directors

Unless and until otherwise decided by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (not including alternate Directors) shall be not less than eight and not more than twenty. All Directors are required to be natural persons.

75. Not used

76. Remuneration of non-executive Directors

As remuneration for services each non-executive Director (other than an alternate Director) is to be paid out of the funds of the Company a sum determined by the Board payable at the time and in the manner determined by the Board but the aggregate remuneration paid to all the non-executive Directors in any year together with remuneration paid to those non-executive directors by Plc for their services may not exceed an amount fixed by the Company in general meeting. The expression **remuneration** in this Rule does not include any amount which may be paid by the Company under Rules 77, 78, 79, or 146 or by Plc under Articles 77, 78, 79 or 146.

77. Remuneration of Directors for extra services

Any Director who serves on any committee, or who devotes special attention to the business of the Company, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Board are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director or who, at the request of the Board, engages in any journey on the business of the Company, may be paid extra remuneration as determined by the Board.

78. Travelling and other expenses

Every Director is, in addition to any other remuneration provided for in this Constitution, entitled to be paid from Company funds all reasonable travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred by the Director in attending meetings of the Company or of the Board or of any Committees or while engaged on the business of the Company.

79. Retirement benefits

The Directors shall have power to pay and agree to pay gratuities, pensions or other retirement, superannuation, death or disability benefits to (or to any person in respect of) any person who is or has been at any time a Director of the Company or in the employment or service of the Company or Plc or of any company which is or was a subsidiary of or associated with the Company or Plc, provided that such payment or agreement is made in accordance with the Act. For the purpose of providing such gratuities, pensions or other benefits, the Company may contribute to any scheme or fund or pay such premiums as the Directors think fit.

80. Appointment and remuneration of executive Directors

- (1) The Directors or any committee authorised by the Board may from time to time appoint any Director to be the holder of any executive office on such terms and for such period as they may determine and, without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke or vary the terms of any such appointment.
- (2) Subject to the Act and the Listing Rules, a Director appointed to hold employment or executive office with the Company or Plc shall be appointed on such terms as to remuneration (whether by salary, commission or participation in profits or otherwise) as may be determined by the Board or any committee authorised by the Board.

81. Powers of Directors

The Board may entrust to and confer upon any Director any of the powers exercisable under this Constitution by the Board as it thinks fit and upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks appropriate but the conferring of powers by the Board on a Director does not exclude the exercise of those powers by the Board, and the Board may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

82. Not used

83. Term of appointment

- (1) At every annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third must retire from office.
- (2) A Director who is required to retire under Rule 83(1) retains office until the later of the end of the meeting at which the Director retires and the end of the Parallel General Meeting.
- (3) Subject to Rule 88, the Directors to retire under Rule 83(1) are those longest in office since last being elected. As between Directors who were elected on the same day the Directors to retire are (in default of agreement between them) determined by lot. The length of time a Director has been in office is calculated from the Director's last election or appointment. A retiring Director is eligible for re-election.
- (4) Not used.
- (5) Without prejudice to the foregoing, a Director must retire from office at the conclusion of the third annual general meeting after which the Director was elected or re-elected.

84. Not used

85. Re-election of retiring Director

- (1) At the meeting at which a Director retires under any provision of this Constitution, the Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Rules 59 to 60 fill the office being vacated by electing to that office the retiring Director or some other person eligible for election.
- (2) Notwithstanding Rule 83(2), if a retiring Director is re-elected in accordance with Rule 85(1) the retiring Director will continue in office without a break.
- (3) If:
 - (a) prior to the commencement of any general meeting the office of a Director has become vacant;
 - (b) that office remains vacant at the commencement of that general meeting; and
 - (c) that Director would have been taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation under Rule 83(1),

then the Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Rules 59 to 60 fill that office by electing as a Director any person eligible for election.

86. Not used

87. Nomination of Directors

- (1) No person (other than a retiring Director) is eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless:
 - (a) a shareholder intending to nominate the person has given notice in writing signed by the shareholder; and
 - (b) the person nominated has given notice in writing signed by the person of his willingness to be elected as a Director of the Company and a Director of Plc and satisfies candidature for the office.
- (2) To be valid, the notice required under Rule 87(1) is to be delivered to the Office not less than 40 business days before the earlier of the date appointed for the meeting and the date appointed for the Parallel General Meeting of Plc unless the nominee has been recommended by the Board for election, in which case the notice is required to be delivered to the Office at least 28 days before the meeting.
- (3) The Directors shall nominate for election as a Director at a General Meeting of the Company any person duly nominated for election at the Parallel General Meeting of Plc.

88. Election or appointment of additional Directors

The Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Rules 59 to 60 elect, and without prejudice thereto the Board shall have the power at any time to appoint, any person as a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board but so that the number of Directors does not exceed the maximum number determined under Rule 74. Any Director appointed under this Rule:

- (a) holds office only until the dissolution or adjournment of the next general meeting at which the Board proposes or this Constitution requires that an election be held;
- (b) is eligible for election at that general meeting; and
- (c) where the general meeting is an annual general meeting, is not to be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting.

89. Vacation of office

- (1) The office of a Director is vacated:
 - (a) Not used;
 - (b) on the Director being absent from greater than two consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of absence from the Board;
 - (c) on the Director resigning office by notice in writing to the Company;
 - (d) Not used;
 - (e) on the Director ceasing to be a director of Plc;
 - (f) on the Director being prohibited from being a Director by reason of the operation of Applicable Regulation;
 - (g) if the Director has been appointed for a fixed term – when the term expires;
 - (h) if, in Australia or elsewhere, an order is made by any court on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder for the Director's detention or for the appointment of a guardian of the Director or for the appointment of a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) to exercise powers with respect to the Director's property or affairs ; or
 - (i) on the Director being removed from office under the Act.

- (2) The office of a Director who is an employee of any member of the Group is terminated on the Director ceasing to be employed within the Group but the person concerned is eligible for reappointment or re-election as a Director of the Company.

90. Removal of Directors

- (1) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, the Company may, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act, by ordinary resolution remove any Director from office. The Company may do so notwithstanding any provision of this Constitution or of any agreement between the Company and such Director, but without prejudice to any claim he may have for damages for breach of any such agreement.
- (2) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect another person in place of a Director removed from office under Rule 90(1), provided that such person's election will not take effect unless and until such person is elected as a director of Plc. Any person so elected shall be treated for the purpose of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire by rotation as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is elected was last elected a Director. In default of such election the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled as a casual vacancy.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

91. Procedures relating to Directors' meetings

- (1) The Board may meet together, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.
- (2) The Board may at any time and the Secretary, on the request of the Chairman or any two Directors, must convene a meeting of the Board. Notice of meeting of the Board may be given by mail (electronic or otherwise), personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the usual place of business or residence of the Director or to any other address given to the Secretary by the Director or by any technology agreed by all the Directors.

92. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Directors shall be three unless otherwise determined by the Board. A meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors.

93. Chairman

The Board may elect a Chairman and one or more Deputy Chairman of its meetings and determine the period for which each is to hold office. If no Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected or if at any meeting the Chairman and the Deputy Chairmen are not present at the time specified for holding the meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

94. Votes at meetings

Questions arising at any meeting of the Board are decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman (except when only two Directors are present or except when only two Directors are competent to vote on the question then at issue) has a second or casting vote.

95. Number of Directors below minimum

If the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed under this Constitution, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of calling a general meeting of the Company but for no other purpose.

96. Resolutions in writing / Meetings by technology

- (1) A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors or a resolution in writing of which notice has been given to all Directors and which is signed by a majority of the Directors entitled to vote on the resolution (not being less than the number required for a quorum at a meeting of the Board) is a valid resolution of the Board. The resolution may consist of several documents in the same form each signed by one or more of the Directors. A facsimile transmission or other document produced by mechanical or electronic means under the name of a Director with the Director's authority is considered to be a document in writing signed by the Director.
- (2) The Board may meet either in person or by telephone, audio visual link or by using any other technology:
 - (a) which allows each Director who participates:
 - (i) to hear each of the other participating Directors addressing the meeting; and
 - (ii) if he so wishes, to address all of the other participating Directors simultaneously; and
 - (b) which has been consented to by all Directors.

A consent may be a standing one. A meeting conducted by telephone or other means of communication is deemed to be held at the place from where the Chairman of the meeting participates.

97. Validity of actions

All actions at any meeting of the Board or by a Committee or by any person acting as a Director are, despite the fact that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any of the Directors or the Committee or the person acting as a Director or that any of them were disqualified, as valid as if every person had been properly appointed and was qualified and continued to be a Director or a member of the Committee.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

98. Directors may have interests

Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office:

- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company or Plc or in which the Company or Plc is otherwise interested;
- (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any contract, transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or Plc or in which the Company or Plc is otherwise interested;
- (c) may (or any firm of which he is a partner, employee or member may) act in a professional capacity for the Company or Plc (other than as Auditor) and be remunerated therefor; and
- (d) shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate or for such remuneration and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.

99. Restrictions on voting

- (1) Except as set out below, a Director shall not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal whatsoever in which the Director has a material personal interest. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of the Act, a Director shall (in the absence of some other material personal interest than is indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning any of the following matters, namely, where the material personal interest:
 - (a) arises because the Director is a shareholder of the Company and is held in common with the other shareholders of the Company; or
 - (b) arises in relation to the Director's remuneration as a Director of the Company; or
 - (c) relates to a contract the Company is proposing to enter into that is subject to approval by the shareholders and will not impose any obligation on the Company if it is not approved by the shareholders; or
 - (d) arises merely because the Director is a guarantor or has given an indemnity or security for all or part of a loan (or proposed loan) to the Company; or
 - (e) arises merely because the Director has a right of subrogation in relation to a guarantee or indemnity referred to in subparagraph (d); or
 - (f) relates to a contract that insures, or would insure, the Director against liabilities the Director incurs as an officer of the Company (but only if the contract does not make the Company or a related body corporate the insurer); or
 - (g) relates to:
 - (i) any payment by the Company or a related body corporate in respect of an indemnity permitted by law; or
 - (ii) any contract relating to or containing an indemnity permitted by law; or
 - (h) is in a contract, or proposed contract, with, or for the benefit of, or on behalf of, a related body corporate and arises merely because the Director is a director of the related body corporate.
- (3) Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment) of two or more Directors to offices or employments with the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is interested, the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and in such case each of the Directors concerned (if not debarred from voting under this Rule) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
- (4) If a question arises at any time as to the materiality of a Director's interest or as to his entitlement to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any Director other than himself shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such Director has not been fairly disclosed. If any question shall arise in respect of the Chairman of the meeting and is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, the question shall be decided by a resolution of the Directors (for which purpose the Chairman shall be counted in the quorum but shall not vote on the matter) and the resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Chairman, so far as known to him, has not been fairly disclosed.

- (5) Despite having an interest in any contract or arrangement a Director may participate in the execution of any document evidencing or connected with the contract or arrangement, whether by signing, sealing or otherwise.
- (6) A Director or any person who is an associate of a Director under the Listing Rules may participate in any issue by the Company of securities unless the Director is precluded from participating by Applicable Regulation.

100. Directors' interests – general

- (1) For the purposes of the two preceding Rules:
 - (a) a general notice given to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any contract, transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such contract, transaction or arrangement of the nature and extent so specified;
 - (b) an interest (whether of his or of such a connected person) of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his;
 - (c) in the case of an alternate director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate in addition to any interest which the alternate otherwise has; and
 - (d) references to a contract include reference to any proposed contract and to any transaction or arrangement whether or not constituting a contract.
- (2) The Board may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any corporation held or owned by the Company as the Board thinks fit (including the exercise of the voting power in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them directors of that corporation or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors of that corporation) and a Director of the Company may vote in favour of the exercise of those voting rights despite the fact that the Director is, or may be about to be appointed, a director of that other corporation and may be interested in the exercise of those voting rights.
- (3) Any Director may lend money to the Company at interest with or without security or may, for a commission or profit, guarantee the repayment of any money borrowed by the Company and underwrite or guarantee the subscription of shares or securities of the Company or of any corporation in which the Company may be interested without being disqualified in respect of the office of Director and without being liable to account to the Company for the commission or profit.

COMMITTEES

101. Committees

The Board may delegate any of its powers or discretions (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing all powers and discretions whose exercise involves or may involve the payment of remuneration to or the conferring of any other benefit on all or any of the Directors) to Committees consisting of Directors or any other person or persons as the Board thinks fit. In the exercise of the powers or discretions delegated, any Committee formed or person or persons appointed to the Committee must conform to any regulations that may be imposed by the Board. A Committee or other delegate of the Board may be authorised to sub-delegate any of the powers or discretions for the time being vested in it.

102. Proceedings of Committee meetings

The meetings and proceedings of any Committee are to be governed by the provisions of this Constitution for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with any regulations made by the Board under Rule 101.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

103. General powers of the Board

The management and control of the business and affairs of the Company are vested in the Board, which (in addition to the powers and authorities conferred on them by this Constitution) may exercise all powers of the Company except any powers which, by this Constitution or by law, are required to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting.

104. Powers and obligations in relation to the Sharing Agreement

- (1) The Company having entered into the Sharing Agreement, the Voting Agreement and the Deed Poll Guarantee, the Directors are authorised and directed subject to Applicable Regulation to carry into effect the Sharing Agreement, the Voting Agreement and the Limited Deed Poll Guarantee with full power to:
 - (i) agree any amendment or termination of all or any of the terms of the Sharing Agreement, the Voting Agreement or the Limited Deed Poll Guarantee;
 - (ii) enter into, carry into effect any further or other agreements or arrangements with or in connection with Plc; and
 - (iii) do all such things as in the opinion of the Directors are necessary or desirable for the furtherance, maintenance or development of the relationship with Plc constituted by or arising out of any agreement or arrangement,and nothing done by any Director in good faith pursuant to such authority and obligations shall constitute a breach of the fiduciary duties of such Director to the Company or to the members of the Company.
- (2) Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the Directors may in addition to their duties to the Company have regard to the interests of Plc and both the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares and Limited Ordinary Shares as if the Company and Plc were a single unified economic entity and for that purpose the Directors may take into account in the exercise of their powers the interests of the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares.

105. Not used

106. Appointment of attorney

The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under this Constitution) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such appointment may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.

107. Not used

108. Not used

109. Not used

110. Borrowing powers

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, assets (both present and future) and uncalled capital or any part or parts thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

111. Not used

112. Not used

113. Not used

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

114. Authentication of Documents

Any Director, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Deputy Secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose shall have power to authenticate:

- (a) any document affecting the constitution of the Company;
- (b) any resolution passed at a shareholders' meeting or at a meeting of the Directors or of any committee;
- (c) any book, record, document or account relating to the business of the Company,

and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts; and where any book, record, document or account is elsewhere than at the Office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Directors as aforesaid. A document purporting to be a copy of any such resolution, or an extract from the minutes of any such meeting, which is certified as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

115. Not used

116. Not used

DIVIDENDS

117. Not used

118. Power of Board to pay dividends

- (1) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, the Board may determine that a dividend (including an interim dividend on account of the next forthcoming dividend) is payable and fix the amount, time for payment and method of payment. Where permitted by the Statutes, the methods of payment may include the payment of cash, the issue of shares, the grant of options and the transfer of assets.
- (2) Without limiting Rule 8, where the terms of any new issue of shares provide for the new shares to have different dividend rights to other shares then in issue, the new shares have those different dividend rights.
- (3) Provided the Directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of any shares for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment, on any other class of shares having rights ranking after or *pari passu* with those shares, of any such fixed or interim dividend as aforesaid.

119. Distribution otherwise than in cash

- (1) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, when determining to pay a dividend under Rule 118, the Board may determine that payment of the dividend be effected wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets or documents of title and in particular of paid up shares, debentures, debenture stock or grant of options or other securities of the Company or any other corporation or entity.
- (2) The Board may appoint any officer of the Company to sign on behalf of each shareholder entitled to participate in the dividend any document in the Board's opinion desirable or necessary:
 - (a) to vest in the shareholder title to assets; and
 - (b) in the case of a distribution of shares in any corporation, to constitute the shareholder's agreement to become a member of the corporation,and, in executing the document, the officer acts as agent and attorney for the shareholder.
- (3) Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates, may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof, may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.

120. Not used

121. Ranking of shares for dividends

- (1) Any dividend or interim dividend is (subject to the rights of, or any restrictions on, the holders of shares created or raised under any special arrangement as to dividend) payable on each share on the basis of the proportion which the amount paid (or agreed to be considered to be paid) bears to the total issue price of the share. The dividend may be fixed at a rate per annum in respect of a specified period but no amount paid on a share in advance of calls is to be treated as paid on the share.
- (2) The rights attached to the shares of the Company, as regards the participation in the profits available for distribution and resolved to be distributed, are as follows:
 - (a) the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled, in priority to any payment of dividend to the holders of any other class of shares, to a preferred right to participate as regards dividends up to but not beyond a specified amount in distribution;
 - (b) subject to the special rights attaching to any preference shares but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of shares, the holder of the DLC Dividend Share shall be entitled to be paid such non-cumulative dividends as the Board may, subject to Rules 121(3) and (4), decide to pay thereon; and
 - (c) any surplus remaining after payment of the distributions under Rule 121(a) or (b) shall be payable to the holders of the Limited Ordinary Shares and the Limited Special Voting Share in equal amounts per share.
- (3) A dividend must not be paid on the DLC Dividend Share unless the holder of the DLC Dividend Share at the time of payment is Plc or a wholly owned member of the Plc Group.
- (4) The maximum amount of DDS dividends that may be paid since the last ordinary cash dividend paid is the greater of:
 - (a) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all Limited Ordinary Shares; and
 - (b) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all Plc Ordinary Shares.

- (5) For the purpose of Rule 121:
- (a) “**cash dividend**” means any dividend (including any amount of the dividend in respect of which a holder of an Ordinary Share elects to participate in any dividend plan or offer, such as a dividend reinvestment plan or scrip dividend plan) other than a dividend effected wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets or documents of title;
 - (b) “**ordinary cash dividend**” means any cash dividend paid on Ordinary Shares which is designated as an interim or final dividend;
 - (c) “**DDS dividend**” means any dividend paid on a DLC Dividend Share, excluding a dividend the proceeds of which are to be used (directly or indirectly) to pay a special cash dividend on Plc Ordinary Shares in accordance with the requirements of clause 3.3(a) of the Sharing Agreement; and
 - (d) “**special cash dividend**” means any cash dividend which is not an ordinary cash dividend.

122. Manner of payment of dividends

- (1) Payment of any dividend may be made in any manner, by any means and in any currency determined by the Board.
- (2) Without limitation of Rule 122(1), Directors may also determine the foreign currency equivalent of any sums payable as a dividend by reference to such market rate or rates or the mean of such market rates prevailing at such time or times or on such date or dates, in each case falling on or before the record date for the dividend, as the Directors may in their discretion select.
- (3) Without affecting any other method of payment which the Board may adopt, payment of any dividend may be made to the shareholder entitled to the dividend or, in the case of joint holders, to the shareholder whose name appears first in the Register in respect of the joint holding.

123. Not used

124. Not used

125. No interest on dividends

No dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company.

126. Retention of dividends

- (1) The Directors may retain any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share on which the Company has a lien and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the moneys payable to the Company in respect of that share.
- (2) The Directors may retain the dividends payable upon shares to which any person is entitled under Rule 41 or 42 until that person becomes a member in respect of those shares or transfers those shares.

127. Unclaimed dividend

All unclaimed dividends may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed or otherwise disposed of according to law.

128. Waiver of dividend

The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend on any share by any document (whether or not executed as a deed) shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law) and delivered to the Company and if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted upon by the Company.

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES

129. Capitalisation of profits and reserves

- (1) Subject to Rules 59 to 60, the Board may capitalise any sum forming part of the undivided profits, any reserve or other account of the Company and which is available for distribution.
- (2) Such capitalisation shall be effected by:
 - (a) appropriating such sum to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on the date of the resolution (or such other date as may be specified therein or determined as therein provided) in the same proportions in those holders would be entitled to receive such sum if distributed by way of dividend or in accordance with either the terms of issue of any shares or the terms of any employee share plan; and
 - (b) applying such sum, in the proportions specified above, on behalf of those holders either in paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any issued shares held by them, or in paying up in full new shares or other securities of the Company to be issued to them accordingly, or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- (3) The Board may specify the manner in which any fractional entitlements and any difficulties relating to distribution are to be dealt with and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may specify that fractions are to be disregarded or that any fractional entitlements are to be increased to the next whole number or that payments in cash instead of fractional entitlements be made.
- (4) The Board may make all necessary appropriations and applications of the amount to be capitalised under Rule 129(1) and all necessary issues of fully paid shares or debentures.
- (5) Where required, the Board may appoint a person to sign a contract on behalf of the shareholders entitled on a capitalisation to any shares or debentures, which provides for the issue to them, credited as fully paid, of any further shares or debentures or for the payment by the Company on their behalf of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares by the application of their respective proportions of the sum resolved to be capitalised.

DIVIDEND PLANS

130. Dividend Plans

Subject to Rules 59 to 60, the Board may establish, maintain, suspend, reinstate and amend one or more Dividend Plans (including the establishment of rules) including without limitation any Dividend Plan under which shareholders may elect with respect to some or all of their shares (subject to the rules of the relevant plan):

- (a) to reinvest in whole or in part dividends paid or payable or which may become payable by the Company to the shareholder in cash by subscribing for shares in the capital of the Company;
- (b) to be issued with shares instead of being paid a dividend;
- (c) that dividends from the Company not be declared or paid and that instead a payment or distribution other than a dividend (including without limitation an issue of bonus shares, with no amount credited to the share capital account in connection with the issue of those shares) be made by the Company; and
- (d) that cash dividends from the Company not be paid and that instead a cash dividend or payment or other distribution (including without limitation an issue or transfer of securities) be received from the Company, or a Related Corporation of the Company, or any other entity determined by the Board.

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

131. Accounts and records

- (1) Accounting records sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and otherwise complying with the Statutes shall be kept at the Office, or at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors and other officers of the Company.
- (2) Without limitation to paragraph (1) of this Rule, where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may:
 - (a) give a Director or former Director access to certain papers, including documents provided or available to the Board and other papers referred to in those documents; and
 - (b) bind itself in any contract with a Director or former Director to give the access.
- (3) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Rule, no member of the Company or other person shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorised by the Directors.

132. Not used

133. Not used

134. Not used

NOTICES

135. Service of notices

- (1) A notice may be given by the Company to any shareholder, or in the case of joint holders to the shareholder whose name appears first in the Register, personally, by leaving it at the shareholder's registered address, by sending it by prepaid post or facsimile transmission to the shareholder's registered address, by other electronic means determined by the Board and previously notified to shareholders, or by any other means authorised in writing by the shareholder or by Applicable Regulation.
- (2) For the purposes of determining the time at which a notice is served:
 - (a) Any notice sent by post is taken to have been served at 10.00am on the day after the date on which it is posted. A certificate signed by a Secretary or officer of the Company to the effect that a notice was duly posted is conclusive evidence of that fact;
 - (b) Any notice served on a shareholder personally or left at the shareholder's registered address is taken to have been served when delivered;
 - (c) Any notice served on a shareholder by facsimile or other electronic transmission is taken to have been served when the transmission is sent; and
 - (d) Where the Company gives notice to a shareholder by making the notice accessible electronically, the notice is taken as given at 10.00am on the day after the date on which the shareholder is informed that the notice is available.
- (3) The accidental failure to send, or the non-receipt by any person entitled to, any notice of or other document relating to any meeting or other proceeding shall not invalidate the relevant meeting or other proceeding.
- (4) Where a shareholder does not have a registered address or where the Company has reason to believe that a shareholder is not known at the shareholder's registered address, all future notices are taken to be given to

the shareholder if the notice is exhibited in the Office for a period of 48 hours (and is taken to be served at the commencement of that period) unless and until the shareholder informs the Company of a registered place of address.

136. Notice to transferor binds transferee

Every person who, by operation of law, transfer or any other means becomes entitled to be registered as the holder of any shares is bound by every notice which, prior to the person's name and address being entered in the Register in respect of those shares, was properly given to the person from whom the person derives title to those shares.

137. Deceased and bankrupt members

A notice served in accordance with this Constitution is (despite the fact that the shareholder is then dead, bankrupt or in liquidation and whether or not the Company has notice of the shareholder's death, bankruptcy or liquidation) taken to have been properly served in respect of any registered shares, whether held solely or jointly with other persons by the shareholder, until another person is registered in the shareholder's place as the holder or joint holder. The service is sufficient service of the notice or document on the shareholder's personal representative, trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator and any person jointly interested with the shareholder in the shares.

138. Not used

139. Not used

140. Not used

WINDING UP OF PLC OR THE COMPANY

141. Plc insolvency

- (1) Subject to Rule 141(2):
- (a) Upon receipt of a Plc Insolvency Notice, the Company shall seek to ensure that the economic returns made or otherwise available to a holder of a Limited Ordinary Share relative to the economic returns available to a holder of a Plc Ordinary Share (or vice versa) are in due proportion having regard to the Equalisation Ratio (**Economic Equivalence**) by taking the steps set out in paragraphs 141(1)(b) or (c).
 - (b) The Company shall have the right at any time within 12 months from the Notice Date to either:
 - (i) irrevocably offer to the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares on the Notice Date, in consideration for their Plc Ordinary Shares, such number of Limited Ordinary Shares pro rata to their holdings of Plc Ordinary Shares as is required to ensure that, after such issue, Economic Equivalence is achieved; or
 - (ii) pay to holders of Plc Ordinary Shares on the Notice Date an amount equal to that proportion of the Company's Market Capitalisation as at the Notice Date such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensure that Economic Equivalence is achieved.

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- (c) Unless the Company has exercised its rights under paragraph 141(1)(b), then, subject to paragraph 141(1)(d), the Company must:
- (i) within 3 months from the date the liquidator of Plc has finally established the identity of and amounts owed to the Proven Creditors (but in any event not earlier than the expiration of the period set out in paragraph (b) above), pay in full all Proven Creditors of Plc and all other costs and expenses of the liquidation (including those of the liquidator); and
 - (ii) within 1 month thereafter pay to Plc an amount equal to that proportion of the Company's total Market Capitalisation on the date all payments have been made pursuant to paragraph 141(1)(c)(i) such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensure that Economic Equivalence is achieved.
- (d) Payments under this Rule 141(1) shall only be made by the Company to the extent that after making such payment there will remain available to the Company sufficient assets to pay all its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (2) If the Company has provided to Plc a Limited Insolvency Notice and has received a Plc Insolvency Notice and if:
- (a) the Company has surplus assets available for distribution to the holders of its Ordinary Shares after payment of all debts due; and
 - (b) the ratio of the surplus attributable to each Limited Ordinary Share to the surplus attributable to each Plc Ordinary Share would otherwise not equal the Equalisation Ratio,
- then the Company must as soon as practicable pay to Plc (where possible) an amount which results in that ratio equalling the Equalisation Ratio.
- (3) In this Rule 141:
- (a) **Economic Equivalence** shall be determined before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld in respect of any payment to a holder of Ordinary Shares and disregarding any Tax payable by or on behalf of, or any Tax Benefit arising to, a holder of Ordinary Shares.
 - (b) **Market Capitalisation**, in relation to the Company, means the total value of all its issued Ordinary Shares (determined by reference to the trading price of those shares on the close of trading on the relevant day on the stock exchange on which it has its primary listing).
 - (c) **Notice Date** means the date Plc gives to the Company the Plc Insolvency Notice in accordance with Article 142 of the Plc Articles.
 - (d) **Plc Insolvency Notice** means a notice from Plc under Article 142 of the Plc Articles stating that, in the reasonable opinion of the Plc directors, Plc is, or is or likely to become, insolvent (whether or not a receiver, receiver and manager, provisional liquidator or liquidator has been appointed or mortgagee has taken possession of the property of Plc).
 - (e) **Proven Creditors** means all persons that the liquidator of Plc has established as ranking in priority to the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares and who would be entitled to a payment as a result of the liquidation of Plc.
 - (f) The surplus assets of the Company available for distribution to holders of Limited Ordinary Shares shall, for the purposes of Rule 141(2), be calculated:
 - (i) before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld from the distribution by or on behalf of the Company; but

- (ii) net of any Tax payable by the Company on the distribution to holders of Limited Ordinary Shares excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any Tax within paragraph (i) above.
- (g) Where the Company is to pay an amount to Plc, the calculation of the amount of the payment shall take account of any Tax payable on the making or receipt of, or any withholding or deduction in respect of Tax arising on, any payment, after allowing for any offsetting Tax Benefits.

142. Insolvency Notice

If, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, the Company is, or is likely to become, insolvent (whether or not a receiver, receiver and manager, provisional liquidator or liquidator has been appointed or mortgagee has taken possession of the property of Limited) the Directors must immediately give notice (**Limited Insolvency Notice**) to Plc of such fact.

143. Not used

144. Rights on winding-up

- (1) Subject to Rules 141 and 144(4), if the Company is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator may divide among all or any of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit in specie or kind any part of the assets of the Company, and may vest any part of the assets of the Company in trustees on any trusts for the benefit of all or any of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit.
- (2) If thought expedient, any division may be otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the contributories and, in particular, any class may be given preferential or special rights or may be excluded altogether or in part, but in case any division otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the contributories is determined, any contributory who would be prejudiced by the division has a right to dissent and ancillary rights as if the determination were a special resolution passed under the Act relating to the sale or transfer of the Company's assets by a liquidator in a voluntary winding up.
- (3) If any shares to be divided in accordance with Rule 144(1) involve a liability to calls or otherwise, any person entitled under the division to any of the shares may by notice in writing within ten business days after the passing of the special resolution, direct the liquidator to sell the person's proportion and pay the person the net proceeds and the liquidator is required, if practicable, to act accordingly.
- (4) On a return of assets on liquidation, the assets of the Company remaining available for distribution among members, after giving effect to the payment of all prior ranking amounts owed to the creditors of the Company and prior ranking statutory entitlements and after giving effect to preferential rights attached to any preference shares issued by the Company and to the rights of other shares having a preferred right to participate as regards capital up to but not beyond a specified amount in a distribution and to any provision of the Act shall, subject to Rule 141, be applied in paying to the holders of the Limited Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share (if issued) an amount of up to \$2.00 on each such share, pari passu with any amount paid to the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares, and any surplus remaining shall be applied in making payments solely to the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares in accordance with their entitlements.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

145. Not used

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

146. Indemnity and insurance

- (1) To the relevant extent:
 - (a) the Company is to indemnify each officer of the Company out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer;
 - (b) where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may execute a documentary indemnity in any form in favour of any officer of the Company; and
 - (c) where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may:
 - (i) make payments of amounts by way of premium in respect of any contract effecting insurance on behalf or in respect of an officer of the Company against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer; and
 - (ii) bind itself in any contract or deed with any officer of the Company to make the payments.
- (2) In this Rule:
 - (a) **officer** means a director, secretary or executive officer of the Company or a person who formerly held one of those positions.
 - (b) **duties of the officer** includes, in any particular case where the Board considers it appropriate, duties arising by reason of the appointment, nomination or secondment in any capacity of an officer by the Company or, where applicable, a subsidiary of the Company to any other corporation.
 - (c) **to the relevant extent** means:
 - (i) to the extent the Company is not precluded by Applicable Regulation from doing so;
 - (ii) to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not otherwise entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified by another person (including, in particular, an insurer under any insurance policy); and
 - (iii) where the liability is incurred in or arising out of the conduct of the business of another corporation or in the discharge of the duties of the officer in relation to another corporation, to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified out of the assets of that corporation.
 - (d) **liability** means all costs, charges, losses, damages, expenses, penalties and liabilities of any kind including, in particular, legal costs incurred in defending any proceedings (whether criminal, civil, administrative or judicial) or appearing before any court, tribunal, government authority or otherwise.

CHANGE OF CONTROL

147. Partial Takeover Plebiscites

- (1) Where offers have been made under a proportional takeover bid in respect of shares included in a class of shares in the Company:
 - (a) the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under the bid is prohibited unless and until a resolution (in this Rule 147(1) referred to as a **prescribed resolution**) to approve the bid is passed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;

- (b) (i) a person (other than the offeror or a person associated with the offeror) who, as at the end of the day on which the first offer under the proportional takeover bid was made, held shares included in that class is entitled to vote on a prescribed resolution and, for the purposes of so voting, is entitled to one vote for each of the last mentioned shares; and
 - (ii) the offeror or a person associated with the offeror is not entitled to vote on a prescribed resolution;
 - (c) a prescribed resolution is to be voted on at a meeting, convened and conducted by the Company, of the persons entitled to vote on the resolution; and
 - (d) a prescribed resolution, being a resolution that has been voted on, is to be taken to have been passed if the proportion that the number of votes in favour of the resolution bears to the total number of votes on the resolution is greater than one-half, and otherwise is taken to have been rejected.
- (2) The provisions of this Constitution that apply in relation to a general meeting of the Company apply, with modifications as the circumstances require, in relation to a meeting that is convened under this Rule 147 as if the last mentioned meeting was a general meeting of the Company.
- (3) Where takeover offers have been made under a proportional takeover bid then the Board is to ensure that a resolution to approve the proportional takeover bid is voted on in accordance with this Rule 147 before the approving resolution deadline.
- (4) This Rule 147 ceases to have effect on the third anniversary of the date of the adoption or last renewal of this Rule 147.

148. Share Control Limits

(1) The Limits

- (a) A person must not breach any of the following limits (called the **Limits**):
- (i) section 606 (1) or 606(2) of the Act as each applies to Limited Ordinary Shares without regard to the Limited Special Voting Share; or
 - (ii) section 606 (1) or 606(2) of the Act as each applies to Limited Ordinary Shares and the Limited Special Voting Share; or
 - (iii) Rule 9 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers setting a 30% limit in relation to voting rights of Plc; or
 - (iv) the 30% limit in relation to Plc Ordinary Shares without regard to the Plc Special Voting Share set out in Article 148(4) (called the **UK 30% Stand Alone Limit**),
- (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions relating to the relevant Limit), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition.
- (b) Where any person breaches any such Limit (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions of the relevant Limit), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition, that person is in breach of this Constitution.
- (c) Where any person breaches any such Limit (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions of the relevant Limit), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition:
- (i) all voting rights attaching to Limited Ordinary Shares; and
 - (ii) all votes attaching to the Limited Special Voting Share;

(including shares or rights held by associates, concert parties or any other person holding shares in which that person is deemed to be interested or which are to be taken together for the purposes of the relevant Limit) taken into account in calculating that person's relevant interest or voting power or voting control level or voting rights (however expressed under the relevant Limit) are called **Votes in Breach**.

- (d) Any member determined by the Board to be holding Limited Ordinary Shares which carry Votes in Breach is a member in breach of this Constitution. Any such determination by the Board shall be final and binding.

(2) Action by the Board

- (a) The Board must do the following in order to enforce Rule 148(1) where the Board has reason to believe that any Limit is or may be breached except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition:
- (i) require any member to provide such information as the Board considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under this Rule 148;
 - (ii) have regard to such public filings as it considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under this Rule 148;
 - (iii) make any determinations required under this Rule 148, either after calling for submissions from affected members or other persons or without calling for such submissions;
 - (iv) determine that the voting rights (or some voting rights):
 - (A) attached to such number of Limited Ordinary Shares held by a person or persons whom the Board has resolved should not be capable of exercising their votes in accordance with this paragraph (iv) (called **Excess Shares**); and/or
 - (B) attached to the Special Voting Share (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions), being votes otherwise required to be cast by the holder of the Special Voting Share to mirror the votes cast by certain holders of Plc Ordinary Shares, are from a particular time incapable of being exercised for a definite or indefinite period but only to the extent necessary so that, as far as the Board can judge the matter, the person otherwise in breach of one or more of the Limits would not thereafter breach any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;
 - (v) determine that any Excess Shares must be sold but only to the extent necessary so that, as far as the Board can judge the matter, the person otherwise in breach of one or more of the Limits would not thereafter breach any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;
 - (vi) determine that any Excess Shares will not carry any right to any distributions from a particular time for a definite or indefinite period but only in respect of such number of shares as breaches any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;
 - (vii) take such other action for the purposes of enforcing this Rule 148 in a timely and efficient manner including:
 - (A) prescribing rules (not inconsistent with this Rule 148);
 - (B) setting deadlines for the provision of information;
 - (C) drawing adverse inferences where information requested is not provided;
 - (D) making determinations or interim determinations;
 - (E) executing documents on behalf of a member;
 - (F) paying costs and expenses out of proceeds of sale of Excess Shares; and
 - (G) changing any decision or determination or rule previously made.
- (b) No Director is liable for any such act or omission where the Director acts in good faith.

(3) Permitted Acquisitions

An acquisition is a Permitted Acquisition if the Board consents to the acquisition or if each of (a), (b) and (c) below is satisfied:

- (a) the acquisition is under or pursuant to a procedure:
 - (i) which applies to both the Limited Ordinary Shares and the Plc Ordinary Shares; or
 - (ii) which is undertaken for both the Limited Ordinary Shares and the Plc Ordinary Shares at or about the same time; and
- (b) each such procedure complies with all Applicable Regulation and provisions of the Constitutions; and
- (c) the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares on the one hand and the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares on the other hand are afforded equivalent treatment in terms of:
 - (i) the consideration offered for their shares (having regard to the Equalisation Ratio)
 - (ii) the information provided to them;
 - (iii) the time to consider the offer or procedure;
 - (iv) the conditions to which the procedure is subject; and
 - (v) the other terms of the procedure.

(4) UK 30% Stand Alone Limit

For the purposes of this Article 148, the ‘**UK 30% Stand-Alone Limit**’ means that a person shall not acquire shares which taken together with shares held or acquired by persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him carry more than 30 per cent. of the voting rights attributable to Plc Ordinary Shares. For this purpose, ‘**acting in concert**’ has the same meaning as in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

(5) Mutual recognition

The Board may for the purposes of enforcing Rule 148(1):

- (a) make a determination that the holding by a person of shares in Plc contributes to a breach by a person of a Limit and may communicate that determination to Plc; or
- (b) accept a determination by the Board of Plc that the holding by a person of shares in Limited contributes to a breach by a person of a relevant limit under the Plc Articles;

and in the case of (b) above the Board must take any action under Rule 148(2) above as if the holder of the relevant Limited shares were in breach of this Constitution.

(6) Validity

Any resolution or determination of, or decision or exercise of any discretion or power by, the Directors or any Director or by the Chairman of any meeting acting in good faith under or pursuant to the provisions of this Rule shall be final and conclusive; and anything done, by or on behalf of, or on the authority of, the Directors or any Director acting in good faith pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall be conclusive and binding on all persons concerned and shall not be open to challenge, whether as to its validity or otherwise on any ground whatsoever. The Directors shall not be required to give any reasons for any decision, determination or declaration taken or made in accordance with this Rule.

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Incorporating the amendments approved by shareholders at the 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2015 Annual General Meetings.

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PRELIMINARY

The Company is a public company limited by shares.

1. Table A and Model Articles not to apply

The regulations in Table A in The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended and any model articles prescribed under the Companies Act, shall not apply to the Company.

2. Definitions and Interpretation

- (1) In these Articles (if not inconsistent with the subject or context) the words and expressions set out in the first column below shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively:

“Action”	Any distribution or any action affecting the amount or nature of issued share capital, including any dividend, distribution in specie, offer by way of rights, bonus issue, repayment of capital, sub-division or consolidation, buy-back or amendment of the rights of any shares or a series of one or more of such actions.
“Applicable Regulation”	<p>(a) applicable law and regulations (including the requirements of the UK Code on Takeovers and Mergers and the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers); and</p> <p>(b) directives, notices or requirements of any Governmental Agency having jurisdiction over the Company or Limited, as the case may be; and</p> <p>(c) the rules, regulations, and guidelines of:</p> <p>(i) any stock exchange on which either the Plc Ordinary Shares or the Plc American Depositary Shares or the Limited Ordinary Shares or the Limited American Depositary Shares are listed or quoted;</p> <p>(ii) any other body with which entities with securities listed or quoted on such exchanges customarily comply,</p> <p>(but, if not having the force of law, only if compliance with such directives, notices, requirements, rules, regulations or guidelines is in accordance with the general practice of persons to whom they are intended to apply) in each case for the time being in force and taking account of all exemptions, waivers or variations from time to time applicable (in particular situations or generally) to the Company or, as the case may be, to Limited.</p>
“Articles”	These Articles of Association as from time to time altered.
“ASX”	ASX Limited (ABN 98 008 624 691) or such other body corporate that is declared by the Board to be Limited’s primary stock exchange for the purposes of this definition.
“ASX Listing Rules”	The Listing Rules of the ASX.

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“Australian dollars” or “A\$”	The lawful currency from time to time of Australia.
“Board”	All or some of the Directors from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board).
“Board of Limited”	All or some of the directors of Limited from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board).
“Chairman”	The Chairman of the Board under Article 93 or any person acting as chairman of a meeting of members or a meeting of the Board.
“Class Rights Action”	Any of the actions listed in Article 59(1).
“Class Rights Procedure”	The approval procedures for Class Rights Actions set out in Articles 59(2) to 59(4).
“Combined Group”	The Limited Group and the Plc Group.
“Companies Act”	The Companies Act 2006 of the United Kingdom including any orders, regulations or other subordinate legislation made thereunder as from time to time in force in so far as it applies to the Company.
“Company”	BHP Billiton Plc (Company No. 3196209).
“Completion”	The date of completion of the Implementation Agreement between the Company and Limited dated 19 March 2001.
“Constitution”	In relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the Company, its Memorandum of Association and these Articles; and(b) Limited, the Limited Constitution.
“Corporations Act”	The Corporations Act 2001 of Australia. A reference to the Corporations Act includes a reference to the Corporations Regulations made under that Act.
“Cumulative Preference Shares”	The 5.5 per cent cumulative preference shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company from time to time.
“Directors”	The persons appointed or elected to the office of Director of the Company in accordance with these Articles from time to time.
“DLC Dividend Share”	The DLC dividend share in the Company having the rights described in these Articles.
“Equalisation Fraction”	The Equalisation Ratio expressed as a fraction with the numerator being the number relating to the Limited Ordinary Shares and the denominator being the number relating to the Plc Ordinary Shares.
“Equalisation Ratio”	The ratio for the time being of (a) the dividend, capital and (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per Limited Ordinary Share to (b) the dividend, capital and (in relation to

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	Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per Plc Ordinary Share in the Combined Group (which shall initially be 1:1).
“Excess Shares”	Has the meaning given to it in Article 148(2)(a)(iv).
“Excluded Plc Holder”	Any shareholder of the Company whose voting rights in relation to Plc Ordinary Shares have, at the relevant time, been lost pursuant to Article 64 (2).
“Governmental Agency”	Any government or representative of a government or any governmental, semi-governmental, supra-national, statutory, administrative, fiscal, regulatory or judicial body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency or entity or trade agency, and shall include competition authorities, the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, the Corporations and Securities Panel of Australia, the ASX, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the London Stock Exchange and the UK Listing Authority.
“Group”	In relation to Limited, the Limited Group and, in relation to the Company, the Plc Group as the context requires.
“Joint Electorate Action”	Any of the matters listed in Article 60(1) (other than any matter which the Board and the Board of Limited have from time to time agreed will be treated as a Class Rights Action).
“Joint Electorate Procedure”	The approvals procedures for Joint Electorate Actions set out in Article 60 (2).
“Limited”	BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077).
“Limited Constitution”	The constitution of Limited which will be in effect immediately following Completion.
“Limited American Depositary Shares”	The American Depositary Receipts listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) by Limited.
“Limited Deed Poll Guarantee”	The deed poll guarantee whereby Limited guarantees certain obligations of the Plc Group.
“Limited Entrenched Provision”	Has the meaning given to it in the Limited Constitution.
“Limited Excess Shares”	Has the meaning given to Excess Shares in the Limited Constitution.
“Limited Group”	Limited and its Subsidiaries from time to time and “ a member of the Limited Group ” means any one of them.
“Limited Ordinary Shares”	The ordinary shares in the capital of Limited from time to time.
“Limited Special Voting Share”	The special voting share in the capital of Limited issued to Limited SVC having the rights described in the Limited Constitution.
“Limited SVC”	BHP SVC Pty Limited, a proprietary company incorporated in Victoria, Australia or such other entity as replaces BHP SVC Pty Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement.

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“London Stock Exchange”	The London Stock Exchange plc.
“Month”	Calendar month.
“Office”	The registered office of the Company for the time being.
“Official List”	The official list maintained by the UKLA.
“Operator”	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited or such other person as may for the time being be approved by HM Treasury as Operator under the Uncertificated Securities Rules.
“Operator-instruction”	A properly authenticated dematerialised instruction attributable to the Operator.
“Ordinary Shares”	In relation to: (a) the Company, Plc Ordinary Shares; and (b) Limited, the Limited Ordinary Shares.
“Paid”	Paid or credited as paid.
“Parallel General Meeting”	In relation to the Company or Limited, the general meeting of the shareholders of that company which is most nearly, or is actually, contemporaneous with the general meeting of the shareholders of the other company and at which some or all of the same matters or some or all equivalent matters are to be considered.
“participating security”	A security title to units of which is permitted by the Operator to be transferred by means of a relevant system.
“Plc American Depositary Shares”	The American Depositary Receipts listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) by the Company.
“Plc Deed Poll Guarantee”	The deed poll guarantee whereby the Company guarantees certain obligations of the Limited Group.
“Plc Entrenched Provision”	(a) The definitions in this Article 2(1) of “Applicable Regulation”, “Australian dollars”, “Board of Limited”, “Class Rights Action”, “Class Rights Procedure”, “Equalisation Fraction”, “Equalisation Ratio”, “DLC Dividend Share”, “Excess Shares”, “Excluded Plc Holder”, “Joint Electorate Action”, “Joint Electorate Procedure”, “Limited”, “Limited Constitution”, “Limited Deed Poll Guarantee”, “Limited Entrenched Provision”, “Limited Excess Shares”, “Limited Group”, “Limited Ordinary Shares”, “Limited Special Voting Share”, “Limited SVC”, “Plc Deed Poll Guarantee”, “Plc Entrenched Provision”, “Plc Group”, “Plc Ordinary Shares”, “Plc Special Voting Share”, “Plc SVC”, “Sharing Agreement”, “Special Voting Share”, “sterling”, “Subsidiary”, “Voting Agreement”; (b) Article 8 (Rights attaching to shares on issue); (c) Article 9(4)(b)(ii) (Definition of “Rights Issue”) (d) Article 31 (Manner of variation of rights); (e) Article 35(5) (Right to refuse to register transfer of Special Voting Share and DLC Dividend Share);

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- (f) Articles 54(1) and 54(4) (Substantive Resolutions);
- (g) Article 55 (Requirement for a poll);
- (h) Article 58 (Timing of poll);
- (i) Article 59 (Class Rights Actions)
- (j) Article 60 (Joint Electorate Actions);
- (k) Article 61 (Votes attaching to shares);
- (l) Article 148 (Shareholding limits);
- (m) Article 70 (Deposit of form of proxy);
- (n) Article 83 (Retirement by rotation);
- (o) Article 87 (Nomination of Director for election);
- (p) Article 88 (Election or appointment of additional Director,);
- (q) Article 89 (Vacation of office);
- (r) Article 90 (Removal of Director);
- (s) Article 104 (Powers and obligations in relation to the Sharing Agreement);
- (t) Article 121 (Ranking of shares for dividend);
- (u) Article 141 (Liquidation of Limited);
- (v) Article 142 (Insolvency Notice); and
- (w) Article 144 (Rights on winding up).

“Plc Group”	The Company and its Subsidiaries from time to time and “a member of the Plc Group” means any one of them.
“Plc Ordinary Shares”	The ordinary shares in the capital of the Company from time to time.
“Plc Special Voting Share”	The special voting share in the capital of the Company issued to Plc SVC, having the rights set out in these Articles.
“Plc SVC”	Billiton SVC Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 4074194 or such other entity as replaces Billiton SVC Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement.
“Preferential Dividend”	Has the meaning given to it in Article 121(2)(a).
“Public Trustee”	Law Debenture Trust Corporation plc or such other public trust company as shall be agreed between the Company and Limited.
“Register”	The register of members of the Company.
“relevant system”	A computer-based system, and procedures, which enable title to units of security to be evidenced and transferred without a written instrument pursuant to the Uncertificated Securities Rules.
“Required Majority”	The percentage voting in favour that would be required to pass a Required Resolution.
“Required Resolution”	Has the meaning given to it in Article 59(2).

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“Seal”	Any common or official seal that the Company may be permitted to have under the Companies Act.
“Sharing Agreement”	The DLC Structure Sharing Agreement made between the Company and Limited and dated the date of Completion.
“Special Voting Share”	in relation to: (a) the Company, the Plc Special Voting Share; and (b) Limited, the Limited Special Voting Share.
“Statutes”	The Companies Act, the Uncertificated Securities Rules, and every other statute, statutory instrument, regulation or order for the time being in force concerning companies registered under the Companies Act (or any predecessor statute) and affecting the Company.
“sterling”	the lawful currency from time to time of the United Kingdom.
“Subsidiary”	A subsidiary undertaking as those terms are defined in the Companies Act.
“Substantive Resolutions”	All resolutions (other than resolutions of a procedural nature).
“Supplementary Chairman”	Has the meaning given to it in Article 52(3).
“Tax”	Any taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges, withholdings or duties levied by any authority (including stamp and transaction duties) (together with any related interest, penalties, fines and expenses in connection with them).
“Tax Benefit”	Any credit, rebate, exemption or benefit in respect of Tax available to any person.
“Transfer Office”	The place where the Register is situate for the time being.
“UKLA”	The Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority for the purposes of Part VI (Official Listing) of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
“Uncertificated Securities Rules”	Any provisions of the Companies Act relating to the holding, evidencing of title to or transfer of uncertificated shares and any legislation, rules or other arrangements made under or by virtue of such provision (or any predecessor provisions).
“United Kingdom”	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
“Voting Agreement”	The SVC Special Voting Shares Deed entered into between Limited, Limited SVC, the Company, Plc SVC and the Public Trustee relating to the Limited Special Voting Share and the Plc Special Voting Share.
“Year”	Calendar year.

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- (2) (Interpretation) The following rules of interpretation apply unless the context requires otherwise.
- (a) The singular includes the plural and conversely.
 - (b) A gender includes all genders.
 - (c) Where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
 - (d) A reference to a person includes a body corporate, an unincorporated body or other entity and conversely.
 - (e) A reference to an Article or paragraph is to an article or paragraph of these Articles.
 - (f) A reference to any agreement or document is to that agreement or document as amended, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time, except to the extent prohibited by this Agreement.
 - (g) A reference to any legislation or Applicable Regulation or to any provision of any legislation or Applicable Regulation includes any modification or re-enactment of it, any legislative or regulatory provision substituted for it and all regulations and statutory instruments issued under it.
 - (h) A reference to “**writing**” includes printing, typing, lithography and other modes of reproducing words in a visible form, whether electronic or otherwise.
 - (i) References to a document being “**signed**” or to “**signature**” include references to its being executed under hand or under seal or by any other method and, in the case of a communication in electronic form, such references are to its being authenticated as specified in the Companies Act.
 - (j) Mentioning anything after “**include**”, “**includes**” or “**including**” does not limit what else might be included. Where particular words are followed by general words, the general words are not limited by the particular.
 - (k) A reference to a body, other than a party to this Agreement (including, an institute, association, authority or Governmental Agency), whether statutory or not:
 - (A) which ceases to exist; or
 - (B) whose powers or functions are transferred to another body,is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.
 - (l) The expression “**debenture**” shall include debenture stock, bonds and any other securities of a Company whether constituting a charge on the assets of the Company or not and “**debenture stockholder**” shall mean any person who is entered in the register of holders of the debentures of the Company as holder of a debenture.
 - (m) The expressions “**recognised clearing house**” and “**recognised investment exchange**” shall mean any clearing house or investment exchange (as the case may be) granted recognition under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
 - (n) The expression “**Secretary**” shall include any person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the Secretary including, but not limited to, a joint assistant or deputy Secretary.
 - (o) The expression “**shareholders’ meeting**” shall include both a General Meeting and a meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.
 - (p) All such provisions of these Articles as are applicable to paid- up shares shall apply to stock, and the words “**share**” and “**shareholder**” shall be construed accordingly.

- (q) The expressions “**communication**” and “**electronic communication**” shall have the same respective meanings as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000, the latter including, without limitation, e-mail, facsimile, CD-Rom, audio tape and telephone transmission and (in the case of electronic communication by the Company in accordance with Article 135) publication on a website.
- (r) The expression “**address**” shall include, in relation to electronic communication, any number or address used for the purposes of such communication.
- (s) Subject as aforesaid any words or expressions defined in the Companies Act shall (if not inconsistent with the subject or context) bear the same meanings in these Articles.
- (t) A special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Articles.
- (u) References to a share (or to a holding of shares) being in certificated or uncertificated form are references, respectively, to that share being a certificated or an uncertificated unit of a security for the purposes of the Uncertificated Securities Rules.
- (v) References to “**other company**” shall mean either the Company or Limited as the context requires.
- (w) The expression “**equivalent resolution**” means a resolution of either the Company or Limited certified by the Board and the Board of Limited as equivalent in nature and effect to a resolution of the other company.
- (x) References to “**offers by way of rights**” are to any offers (whether renounceable or non-renounceable) to the existing ordinary shareholders of the Company or Limited as nearly as may be in proportion to their holdings at the relevant time on a pre-emptive basis which may be subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board or the Board of Limited, as the case may be, may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical difficulties with making the offer under the laws of, or the requirements of any Applicable Regulation in, any jurisdiction.
- (y) The headings shall not affect the construction of these Articles.

LIMITED LIABILITY

2A. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on their shares.

SHARE RIGHTS AND SECURITIES

3. DLC Dividend Share

By resolution of the Board, the Company may at any time, and from time to time, issue a DLC Dividend Share, provided that, at any time, there is only one DLC Dividend Share in the capital of the Company in issue. The DLC Dividend Share shall confer on the holder of such share the rights set out in this Article and Articles 121(2)(c) and 144 but shall not confer any right to attend or vote at any general meeting. The Company:

- (a) may redeem the DLC Dividend Share at any time; and
- (b) must redeem the DLC Dividend Share upon a person other than Limited or a wholly owned member of the Limited Group becoming the beneficial owner of the DLC Dividend Share,

in each case, by giving notice in writing to the holder thereof and paying a sum equal to the amount paid on subscription for the DLC Dividend Share.

4. Plc Special Voting Share

The Plc Special Voting Share shall confer on the holder of such share the rights set out in Articles 61, 62, 121(2)(b) and 144, but shall cease to confer any right to attend or vote at any general meeting in the event of termination of the Sharing Agreement.

5. Cumulative Preference Shares

The Cumulative Preference Shares shall confer on the holders of such shares the rights set out in Articles 61(2), 121(2)(a) and 144.

6. Plc Ordinary Shares

The Plc Ordinary Shares shall confer on the holders of such shares rights in respect of capital, dividends, voting and otherwise as set out in these Articles.

7. Not used

8. Issue of securities

Without affecting any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares and subject to the provisions of Articles 59 to 60 (except in the case of the DLC Dividend Share or the Plc Special Voting Share), any shares or other securities may be issued by the Company (including redeemable shares) with preferred, deferred or other special rights, obligations or restrictions, whether in regard to dividends, voting, return of share capital, payment of calls, rights of conversion, rights of redemption (whether at the option of the holder or the Company) or otherwise, as and when the Board may determine and on any other terms the Board considers appropriate provided that the rights attaching to a class other than Ordinary Shares shall be expressed at the date of issue.

9. Directors' statutory authorisation

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes relating to authority, pre-emption rights (to the extent not disapplied in accordance with the Statutes) and otherwise and of any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto, the Directors may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise dispose of any new shares to such persons, at such times and on such terms as they think proper.

10. Commissions on issue of shares

The Company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Statutes to the full extent thereby permitted. The Company may also on any issue of shares pay such brokerage as may be lawful.

11. Renunciation of allotment

The Directors may at any time after the allotment of any share but before any person has been entered in the Register in respect of shares in certificated form as the holder:

- (a) recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation; and/or
- (b) allow the rights represented thereby to be one or more participating securities,
in each case upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Directors may think fit to impose.

12. Non-recognition of equitable or other interests

Except as required by law or these Articles, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and the Company shall not be bound by or compelled in any way to recognise any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share, or any interest in any fractional part of a share, or (except only as by these Articles or by law otherwise provided) any other right in respect of any share, except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder.

FORM OF HOLDING OF SHARES

13. Certificates

The Board may determine to issue certificates for shares or other securities of the Company, to cancel any certificates in issue and to replace lost, destroyed or defaced certificates in issue on the basis and in the form it thinks fit.

14. Not used

15. Not used

JOINT HOLDERS

16. Joint holders

Where two or more persons are registered as the holders of any share, they hold the share subject to the following provisions:

- (a) **(Number of holders)** the Company is not bound to register more than four persons as the holders of the share (except in the case of personal representatives);
- (b) **(Liability for payments)** the joint holders of the share are liable severally as well as jointly in respect of all payments which ought to be made in respect of the share;
- (c) **(Death of joint holder)** on the death of any one of the joint holders, the remaining joint holders are the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to the share but the Board may require evidence of death and the estate of the deceased holder is not released from any liability in respect of the share;
- (d) **(Power to give receipt)** any one of the joint holders may (and, in any case where two or more persons are jointly entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law, any one of those persons jointly entitled may) give a receipt for any dividend, bonus or return of capital payable to the joint holders;
- (e) **(Notices and certificates)** only the person whose name appears first in the Register as one of the joint holders of the share is entitled, if the Company determines to issue certificates for shares, to delivery of a certificate relating to the share or to receive notices from the Company and any notice given to that person is notice to all the joint holders;
- (f) **(Votes of joint holders)** any one of the joint holders may vote at any meeting of the Company either personally or by properly authorised representative, proxy or attorney, in respect of the share as if that joint holder was solely entitled to the share. If more than one of the joint holders are present at any meeting personally or by properly authorised representative, proxy or attorney, the joint holder who is present whose name appears first in the Register in respect of the share is entitled alone to vote in respect of the share.

CALLS ON SHARES

17. Power to make calls

- (1) Subject to the terms on which any shares may have been issued, the Board may make calls on the shareholders in respect of all moneys unpaid on their shares. Each shareholder (subject to receiving at least 14 days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) is liable to pay the amount of each call in the manner, at the time and at the place specified by the Board. Calls may be made payable by instalments.
- (2) A call is considered to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed. The call may be revoked or postponed at the discretion of the Board at any time prior to the date on which payment in respect of the call is due. The non-receipt of a notice of any call by, or the accidental omission to give notice of any call to, any shareholder does not invalidate the call.

18. Voting restrictions – unpaid calls

No shareholder shall, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled in respect of any share held by him to vote either personally or by proxy at a shareholders' meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to shareholders' meetings if any call or other sum presently payable by him to the Company in respect of that share remains unpaid.

19. Interest on overdue amounts

If any sum payable in respect of a call is not paid on or before the date for payment, the shareholder from whom the sum is due is to pay interest on the unpaid amount from the due date to the date of payment at the rate the Board determines. The Board may waive the whole or part of any interest paid or payable under this Article.

20. Power to differentiate between holders

The Board may make arrangements on the allotment of shares for a difference between the holders of those shares in the amount of calls to be paid and the time of payment of the calls.

21. Instalments; Payment of calls in advance

- (1) Any sum which by the terms of issue of a share becomes payable upon issue or at any fixed date shall for all the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which by the terms of allotment the same becomes payable. In case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- (2) The Board may if it thinks fit receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon the shares held by him and such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish *pro tanto* the liability upon the shares in respect of which it is made and upon the money so received (until and to the extent that the same would but for such advance become payable) the Company may pay interest at such rate as the member paying such sum and the Board may agree.

FORFEITURE AND LIEN

22. Notice requiring payment of sums payable

- (1) If any shareholder fails to pay any sum payable on or in respect of any shares (including money payable on issue, calls or instalments) on or before the day for payment, the Board may serve a notice on the

shareholder requiring that shareholder to pay the sum together with interest accrued and all expenses incurred by the Company by reason of the non-payment. The notice may be served at any time whilst any part of the sum remains unpaid.

- (2) The notice referred to in Article 22(1) must state a day on or before which the sum, interest and expenses (if any) are to be paid and the place where payment is to be made. The notice is also to state that, if payment is not made by the time and at the place specified, the shares in respect of which the sum is payable are liable to be forfeited.

23. Forfeiture on non-compliance with notice

- (1) If there is non-compliance with the requirements of any notice given under Article 22(1), any shares in respect of which the notice has been given may be forfeited by a resolution of the Board passed at any time after the time specified in the notice for payment. The forfeiture is to include all dividends, interest and other moneys payable by the Company in respect of the forfeited shares and not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- (2) When any share is forfeited, notice of the resolution of the Board is to be given to the shareholder in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture and the date of forfeiture is to be made in the Register. Failure to give notice or make the entry as required by this Article does not invalidate the forfeiture.

24. Surrender of shares

Subject to the Statutes, the Board may, in its discretion, accept the surrender of any share. Any shares surrendered may be sold or re-issued in the same manner as forfeited shares.

25. Disposal of forfeited shares

Any forfeited share is considered to be the property of the Company and the Board may sell or otherwise dispose of or deal with the share in any manner it thinks fit and with or without any money paid on the share by any former holder being credited as paid up. At any time before any forfeited share is sold or otherwise disposed of, the Board may annul the forfeiture of the share on any condition it thinks fit.

26. Liability despite forfeiture

Any shareholder whose shares have been forfeited is, despite the forfeiture, liable to pay and must immediately pay to the Company all sums of money, interest and expenses owing on or in respect of the forfeited shares at the time of forfeiture, together with expenses and interest from that time until payment at the rate the Board determines. The Board may enforce the payment or waive the whole or part of any sum paid or payable under this Article as it thinks fit.

27. Company's lien

The Company has a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for unpaid calls, instalments, interest due in relation to any calls or instalments and any amounts the Company is required by law to pay on the share. The lien extends to the proceeds of sale of the share and to all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the share but, if the Company registers a transfer of any share on which it has a lien without giving the transferee notice of any claim it may have at that time, the share is discharged from the lien of the Company in respect of that claim. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Board may do all things it considers appropriate to protect or enforce any lien.

28. Sale of shares to enforce lien

For the purpose of enforcing a lien, the Board may sell the shares which are subject to the lien (and in respect of which an amount is due to the Company but unpaid) in any manner it thinks fit and with or without giving any notice to the shareholder in whose name the shares are registered.

29. Title of shares forfeited or sold to enforce lien

- (1) In a sale or a re-issue of forfeited shares or in the sale of shares to enforce a lien, an entry in the Board's minute book that the shares have been forfeited, sold or re-issued in accordance with these Articles is sufficient evidence of that fact as against all persons entitled to the shares immediately before the forfeiture, sale or re-issue of the shares. The Company may receive the purchase money or consideration (if any) given for the shares on any sale or re-issue.
- (2) In a sale or re-issue, a certificate signed by a Director or the Secretary to the effect that the shares have been forfeited and the receipt of the Company for the price of the shares constitutes a good title to them.
- (3) In a sale, the Board may appoint a person to execute, or may otherwise effect, a transfer in favour of the person to whom the shares are sold.
- (4) On the issue of the receipt or the transfer being executed or otherwise effected the person to whom the shares have been re-issued or sold is to be registered as the holder of the shares, discharged from all calls or other money due in respect of the shares prior to the re-issue or purchase and that person is not bound to see to the regularity of the proceedings or to the application of the purchase money or consideration; nor is that person's title to the shares affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, sale or re-issue.
- (5) The net proceeds of any sale or re-issue are to be applied first in payment of all costs of or in relation to the enforcement of the lien or the forfeiture (as the case may be) and of the sale or re-issue, next in satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is then payable to the Company (including interest) and the residue (if any) paid to, or at the direction of, the person registered as the holder of the shares immediately prior to the sale or re-issue or to the person's executors, administrators or assigns on the production of any evidence as to title required by the Board.

30. Payments by the Company

- (1) Article 30(2) applies if any law of any place imposes or purports to impose any immediate or future or possible liability on the Company to make any payment or empowers any government or authority to require the Company to make any payment in respect of any securities held either jointly or solely by any holder or in respect of any transfer of those securities or in respect of any interest, dividends, bonuses or other moneys due or payable or accruing due or which may become due or payable to the holder by the Company on or in respect of any securities or for or on account or in respect of any holder of securities, whether because of:
 - (a) the death of the holder;
 - (b) the non-payment of any income tax or other tax by the holder;
 - (c) the non-payment of any estate, probate, succession, death, stamp or other duty by the holder or the trustee, executor or administrator of that holder or by or out of the holder's estate;
 - (d) any assessment of income tax against the Company in respect of interest or dividends paid or payable to the holder; or
 - (e) any other act or thing.

- (2) In each case referred to in Article 30(1):
- (a) the Company is to be fully indemnified from all liability by the holder or the holder's personal representative and by any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate;
 - (b) the Company has a lien on the securities for all moneys paid by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law;
 - (c) the Company has a lien on all dividends, bonuses and other moneys payable in respect of the securities registered in the Register as held either jointly or solely by the holder for all moneys paid or payable by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law, together with interest at a rate the Board may determine from the date of payment to the date of repayment, and may deduct or set off against any dividend, bonus or other moneys payable any moneys paid or payable by the Company together with interest;
 - (d) the Company may recover as a debt due from the holder or the holder's personal representative or any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate, any moneys paid by the Company under or in consequence of any law which exceed any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder together with interest at a rate the Board may determine from the date of payment to the date of repayment; and
 - (e) if any money is paid or payable by the Company under any law, the Company may refuse to register a transfer of any securities by the holder or the holder's personal representative until the money and interest is set off or deducted or, where the money and interest exceeds the amount of any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder, until the excess is paid to the Company.

Nothing in this Article affects any right or remedy which any law confers on the Company and any right or remedy is enforceable by the Company against the holder or the holder's personal representative.

VARIATION OF RIGHTS

31. Variation of class rights

- (1) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, whenever the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may be varied or abrogated by a special resolution approving the proposed variation or abrogation passed by the Company and:
 - (a) a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of the class affected; or
 - (b) with the written consent of members with at least 75% of the votes in the class affected.
- (2) No approval or consent shall be required in respect of the redemption of any redeemable preference shares in accordance with the terms of issue.
- (3) All the provisions of these Articles as to general meetings of the Company shall, with any necessary amendments, apply to any such separate meeting, but so that:
 - (i) the necessary quorum shall be two or more persons entitled to vote and holding or representing by proxy in aggregate not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares), except at an adjourned meeting where one holder entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum (irrespective of the number of shares held);

- (ii) subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any class of shares, every holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every share of the class held; and
 - (iii) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote may demand a poll.
- (4) This Article 31 shall apply to the variation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class and their special rights were to be varied.

32. Matters not constituting variation of rights

The special rights attached to any class of shares having preferential rights shall not unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue thereof be deemed to be varied by (a) the creation or issue of further shares ranking as regards participation in the profits or assets of the Company in some or all respects *pari passu* therewith but in no respect in priority thereto or (b) the purchase by the Company of any of its own shares.

TRANSFER OF SECURITIES

33. Form of transfer

- (1) All transfers of shares which are in certificated form may be effected by transfer in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors and may be under hand only. The instrument of transfer shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and (except in the case of fully-paid shares) by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall remain the holder of the shares concerned until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof.
- (2) All transfers of shares which are in uncertificated form may be effected by means of a relevant system.

34. Balance certificate

Where some only of the shares comprised in a share certificate are transferred the old certificate shall be cancelled and, to the extent that the balance is to be held in certificated form, a new certificate for the balance of such shares issued in lieu without charge.

35. Right to refuse registration

- (1) The Directors may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer relating to shares in certificated form unless it is in respect of only one class of share and is lodged (duly stamped if required) at the Transfer Office accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do). In the case of a transfer of shares in certificated form by a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange the lodgement of share certificates will only be necessary if and to the extent that certificates have been issued in respect of the shares in question.
- (2) The Directors may, in the case of shares in certificated form, in their absolute discretion refuse to register any transfer of shares (not being fully-paid shares) provided that, where any such shares are admitted to the Official List, such discretion may not be exercised in such a way as to prevent dealings in the shares of that class from taking place on an open and proper basis.

- (3) The Directors may also refuse to register an allotment or a transfer of shares (whether fully paid or not) in favour of more than 4 persons jointly.
- (4) If the Directors refuse to register an allotment or transfer they shall within two months after the date on which:
 - (a) the letter of allotment or transfer was lodged with the Company (in the case of shares held in certificated form); or
 - (b) the Operator-instruction was received by the Company (in the case of shares held in uncertificated form),send to the allottee or transferee notice of the refusal.
- (5) The Directors shall decline to register any transfer of the Special Voting Share unless the transfer has been approved in accordance with Clause 5.1 of the Voting Agreement. The Directors shall decline to register any transfer of the DLC Dividend Share unless the transfer is to a member of the Limited Group or a trustee for the benefit of a member or members of the Limited Group.

36. Retention of transfers

All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company.

37. No fee on registration

No fee will be charged by the Company in respect of the registration of any transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any shares or otherwise for making any entry in the Register affecting the title to any shares.

38. Not used

39. Branch Register

Subject to and to the extent permitted by the Statutes, the Company, or the Directors on behalf of the Company, may cause to be kept in any territory a branch register of members resident in such territory, and the Directors may make and vary such regulations as they may think fit respecting the keeping of any such register.

40. Further Provisions on Shares in Uncertificated Form

- (1) Subject to the Statutes and the rules (as defined in the Uncertificated Securities Rules), the Directors may determine that any class of shares may be held in uncertificated form and that title to such shares may be transferred by means of a relevant system or that shares of any class should cease to be held and transferred as aforesaid.
- (2) The provisions of these Articles shall not apply to shares of any class which are in uncertificated form to the extent that such Articles are inconsistent with:
 - (a) the holding of shares of that class in uncertificated form;
 - (b) the transfer of title to shares of that class by means of a relevant system; or
 - (c) any provision of the Uncertificated Securities Rules.

For the purpose of effecting any actions by the Company, the Directors may determine that holdings of the same member in uncertificated form and in certificated form shall be treated as separate holdings.

TRANSMISSION OF SECURITIES

41. Transmission on death

The personal representative of a deceased shareholder (who is not one of several joint holders) is the only person recognised by the Company as having any title to securities registered in the name of the deceased shareholder. Subject to compliance by the transferee with these Articles, the Board may register any transfer effected by a shareholder prior to the shareholder's death despite the Company having notice of the shareholder's death.

42. Election of persons entitled by transmission

A person (a **transmittee**) who satisfies the Board that the right to any securities has devolved on the transmittee by will or by operation of law may be registered as a shareholder in respect of the securities or may (subject to the provisions in these Articles relating to transfers) transfer the securities. The Board has the same right to refuse to register the transmittee as if the transmittee was the transferee named in an ordinary transfer presented for registration.

43. Rights of persons entitled by transmission

Save as otherwise provided by or in accordance with these Articles, a person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or otherwise by operation of law shall (upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share) be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages as those to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share.

UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

44. Untraced Shareholders

- (1) The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable at the time of sale the shares of a member or the shares to which a person is entitled by virtue of transmission on death or bankruptcy or otherwise by operation of law if and provided that:
 - (a) during the period of 12 years prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in paragraph (b) below (or, if published on different dates, the first thereof) at least three dividends in respect of the shares have become payable and no dividend in respect of those shares has been claimed; and
 - (b) the Company shall on expiry of such period of 12 years have inserted advertisements in both a national newspaper and in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the last known address of the member or the address at which service of notices may be effected under these Articles is located giving notice of its intention to sell the said shares; and
 - (c) during the period of three months following the publication of such advertisements the Company shall have received no communication from such member or person; and
 - (d) notice shall have been given to the London Stock Exchange of its intention to make such sale.
- (2) To give effect to any such sale the Company may appoint any person to transfer, as transferor, the said shares and such transfer shall be as effective as if it had been carried out by the registered holder of or person entitled by transmission to such shares and the title of the transferee shall not be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating thereto. The net proceeds of sale shall belong to the Company which shall be obliged to account to the former member or other person previously entitled as

aforesaid for an amount equal to such proceeds and shall enter the name of such former member or other person in the books of the Company as a creditor for such amount which shall be a permanent debt of the Company. No trust shall be created in respect of the debt, no interest shall be payable in respect of the same and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds, which may be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments (other than shares of the Company or its holding company if any) as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

GENERAL MEETINGS

45. Calling of general meetings

- (1) The Board may, and shall on requisition in accordance with the Statutes, call a general meeting of the Company to be held at the time and place or places and in the manner determined by the Board. No shareholder may convene a general meeting of the Company except where entitled under the Statutes to do so. By resolution of the Board any general meeting may be cancelled or postponed prior to the date on which it is to be held, except where the cancellation or postponement would be contrary to the Statutes. The Board may give notice of a cancellation or postponement as it thinks fit but any failure to give notice of cancellation or postponement does not invalidate the cancellation or postponement or any resolution passed at a postponed meeting.
- (2) Any Director may convene a general meeting whenever the Director thinks fit. A Director may cancel by notice in writing to all members any meeting convened by that Director under this Article 45(2).

46. Notice for General Meetings

A general meeting shall be convened by such notice as may be required by law from time to time. Notice of a general meeting shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to all members other than such as are not under the provisions of these Articles entitled to receive such notices from the Company provided that the Company may determine that only those persons entered on the Register at the close of business on a day determined by the Company, such day being no more than 21 days before the day that notice of the meeting is sent, shall be entitled to receive such a notice.

47. Contents of notice of general meetings

- (1) Where the Company has called a general meeting, notice of the meeting may be given in the form and manner in which the Board thinks fit. The non-receipt of a notice of any general meeting by, or the accidental omission to give notice to, any person entitled to notice, does not invalidate any resolution passed at that meeting.
- (2) For the purposes of determining which persons are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting and how many votes such a person may cast, the Company may specify in the notice of the meeting a time, not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting, by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

48. Chairman

- (1) The Chairman of the Board is entitled to chair every general meeting.
- (2) If at any general meeting:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Board is not present at the specified time for holding the meeting; or
 - (b) the Chairman of the Board is present but is unwilling to chair the meeting,the Deputy Chairman of the Board is entitled to chair the meeting.

- (3) If at any general meeting:
 - (a) there is no Chairman of the Board or Deputy Chairman of the Board;
 - (b) the Chairman of the Board and Deputy Chairman of the Board are not present at the specified time for holding the meeting; or
 - (c) the Chairman of the Board and the Deputy Chairman of the Board are present but each is unwilling to chair the meeting, the Directors present may choose another Director as Chairman of the meeting and if no Director is present or if each of the Directors present is unwilling to chair the meeting, a shareholder chosen by the shareholders present is entitled to chair the meeting.
- (4) If during any general meeting the Chairman acting under the preceding paragraphs of this Article 48 is unwilling to chair any part of the proceedings, the Chairman may withdraw as Chairman during the relevant part of the proceedings and may nominate any person who immediately before the general meeting was a Director or who has been nominated for election as a Director at the meeting to be Acting Chairman of the meeting during the relevant part of the proceedings. On the conclusion of the relevant part of the proceedings the Acting Chairman is to withdraw and the Chairman is to resume to chair the meeting.
- (5) The provisions of this Article 48 shall be subject to the provisions of Article 52.

49. Quorum

Five shareholders present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum for a general meeting. No business may be transacted at any meeting except the election of a Chairman and the adjournment of the meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the business.

50. Lack of quorum

If there is not a quorum at a general meeting within 15 minutes after the time specified in the notice of the meeting, the meeting is dissolved unless the Chairman adjourns the meeting to a date, time and place determined by the Chairman. If no quorum is present at any adjourned meeting within 15 minutes after the time for the meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

51. Adjournment

- (1) The Chairman may and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- (2) In determining whether to adjourn the meeting under paragraph (1), the Chairman shall have regard to:
 - (a) any notice received of any adjournment of the Parallel General Meeting (if any); and
 - (b) the impact of any adjournment on the Parallel General Meeting (if any).
- (3) If the Chairman elects to adjourn the meeting under paragraph (1), the Chairman may decide whether to seek the approval of the meeting.
- (4) No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (5) Subject to paragraph (6), it is not a requirement of these Articles to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

- (6) The Company shall as soon as possible give notice to Limited of an adjournment and of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- (7) Without prejudice to any other power which the chair may have under the provisions of these Articles or at law, the Chairman may, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if the Chairman decides that it has become necessary to do so in order to:
 - (a) secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting;
 - (b) give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of speaking and voting at the meeting; or
 - (c) ensure that the business of the meeting is properly disposed of.

52. Contemporaneous Parallel General Meetings

- (1) If a general meeting of the Company is convened for a time which is contemporaneous with the Parallel General Meeting of Limited then:
 - (a) the Board may decide that it will take steps to make audio-visual communication facilities available to allow those Directors physically present at the Parallel General Meeting to participate in the meeting and that those Directors shall be treated as being present at the meeting for all purposes in their capacity as Directors (but not, except as provided for in Article 52(4), as a member or proxy); and
 - (b) the meeting may be conducted contemporaneously with the Parallel General Meeting in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting may decide, including taking steps to make audio-visual communications facilities available to allow persons present at the meeting to have an opportunity to see and hear the persons present at the Parallel General Meeting and to be seen and heard by the persons present at the Parallel General Meeting (but a member or proxy present at the Parallel General Meeting shall not, except as provided for in Article 52(4), be treated as being a member or proxy present at the meeting).
- (2) If Article 52(1)(a) applies, the Board may decide that the identity of the Chairman of the meeting shall be determined in accordance with Article 48 either:
 - (a) on the basis that all of the Directors present at the meeting, including those who are treated as present as a result of the application of Article 52(1)(a), are treated as present for the purposes of Article 48; or
 - (b) on the basis that only those Directors physically present at the meeting, and not those Directors who are treated as present as a result of the application of Article 52(1)(a), are treated as present for the purposes of Article 48.
- (3) If the Chairman of the meeting chosen in accordance with Article 52(2) and Article 48 is not physically present at the meeting, he may appoint a Director who is physically present at the meeting (a **“Supplementary Chairman”**) who shall have all the powers necessary or desirable for the purpose of keeping good order at the meeting and carrying out all requests made of him by or on behalf of the Chairman of the meeting.
- (4) The Chairman of the meeting shall be treated as present as proxy at the meeting for any member who has appointed the Chairman of the meeting as his proxy in accordance with these Articles if he is present as a result of the application of Article 52(1)(a) as well as if he is physically present at the meeting, and for this purpose the Chairman of the meeting may make such arrangements as he thinks fit in order to allow himself to participate in the meeting and vote as proxy, including (but without prejudice to the other provisions in these Articles in relation to polls) as regards the manner of conducting, and arrangements for a vote on, a poll.

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- (5) If Article 52(1)(a) applies and either the audio-visual communications facilities referred to in Article 52(1)(a) cease to be operational during the meeting (whether in whole or in part) or for any other reason the Chairman of the meeting considers it desirable for the conduct of the meeting, then the Chairman of the meeting may without the consent of the meeting:
- (a) determine what steps (if any), should be taken to endeavour to establish, maintain or restore all or part of such facilities or to facilitate the conduct of the meeting; and/or
 - (b) determine that the meeting will continue separately from, and without any audio-visual communications link to, the Parallel General Meeting on the basis that:
 - (i) the Directors who are not physically present at the meeting will cease to be treated as being present at the meeting; and
 - (ii) if the Chairman of the meeting is not physically present at the meeting, the Supplementary Chairman or a person determined in accordance with Article 52(2)(b) will be the Chairman of the meeting from that time onwards for all purposes.
- (6) If Article 52(1)(a) applies and either the audio-visual communication facilities referred to in Article 52(1)(a) are not operational (in whole or in part) at the time fixed for the start of the meeting or during the meeting such audio-visual communications facilities cease to be operational (in whole or in part) and as a result the Chairman of the meeting is not reasonably able to exercise his powers as Chairman of the meeting, then the Directors who are not physically present at the meeting will cease to be treated as being present at the meeting and a person determined in accordance with Article 52(2)(b) will be the Chairman of the meeting from that time onwards for all purposes. The Chairman of the meeting (as so determined) may without the consent of the meeting:
- (a) determine what steps (if any) should be taken to endeavour to establish, maintain or restore all or part of such facilities or to facilitate the conduct of the meeting;
 - (b) determine that if such facilities are established or restored, Article 52(1)(a) shall apply again so that the Directors present at the Parallel General Meeting are treated as being present at the meeting and in that case he may withdraw as Chairman of the meeting to allow a person determined in accordance with Article 52(2)(a) to be Chairman of the meeting from that time onwards for all purposes; and/or
 - (c) determine that the meeting will continue separately from, and without any audio-visual communications link to, the Parallel General Meeting.
- (7) Under no circumstances will the fact that the audio-visual communication facilities referred to in Article 52(1) were not operational (whether in whole or in part) either at the start of or during a meeting affect the validity of the meeting or any business conducted at the meeting.
- (8) Nothing in this Article 52 limits the powers and discretions otherwise vested in the Chairman of the meeting under these Articles.

53. Conduct of General Meetings

- (1) The conduct of each general meeting of the Company and the procedures to be adopted at the meeting are as determined at, during or prior to the meeting by the Chairman.
- (2) The Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority may require any person who wishes to attend the meeting to comply with searches, restrictions or other security arrangements the Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority considers appropriate. The Chairman or a person acting with the Chairman's authority may refuse entry to any person who does not comply with the arrangements, any person who possesses a recording or broadcasting device without the consent of the Chairman or a person

acting with the Chairman's authority, or any person who possesses an article which the Chairman or person acting with the Chairman's authority considers to be dangerous, offensive or liable to cause disruption. At any time the Chairman considers it necessary or desirable for the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting, the Chairman may demand the cessation of debate or discussion on any business, question, motion or resolution being considered by the meeting and if the Chairman considers it appropriate require the business, question, motion or resolution to be put to a vote of the shareholders present.

- (3) The Chairman may require the adoption of any procedures which are in the Chairman's opinion necessary or desirable for the proper and orderly casting or recording of votes at any general meeting of the Company, whether on a show of hands or on a poll.
- (4) Any determination by the Chairman in relation to matters of procedure (including any procedural motions moved at or put to any meeting) is final.
- (5) Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 52, if it appears to the Chairman that the place of the meeting specified in the notice convening a general meeting is inadequate to accommodate all persons entitled and wishing to attend, the meeting is duly constituted and its proceedings are valid if the Chairman is satisfied that adequate facilities are available, whether at the place of the meeting or elsewhere, to ensure that each such person who is unable to be accommodated at the place of the meeting is able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened and to hear and see all persons present who speak (and be heard and be seen), whether by use of microphones, loud-speakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise (whether in use when these Articles are adopted or developed subsequently).
- (6) A Director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.

54. Substantive Resolutions

- (1) The business of an annual general meeting is to consider the accounts and reports required by the Companies Act to be laid before each annual general meeting, to elect Directors, when relevant to appoint an auditor and fix the auditor's remuneration, and to transact any other business which, under these Articles, is required to be transacted at any annual general meeting. All other business transacted at an annual general meeting and all business transacted at other general meetings is deemed to be special. Except with the approval of the Board, with the permission of the Chairman or under the Statutes, no person may move at any meeting either any resolution or any amendment of any resolution of which notice has not been given under Article 47 or this Article 54 (as the case may be).
- (2) If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting the proceedings on the Substantive Resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling.
- (3) In the case of a Substantive Resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.
- (4) Without prejudice to any other restriction on the right to move amendments to Substantive Resolutions, in the case of a Substantive Resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution to approve a Joint Electorate Action, no amendment to that resolution (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error or an amendment to conform such resolution to a resolution duly proposed or to be proposed at the Parallel General Meeting or an amendment to such resolution considered and approved at the Parallel General Meeting) shall be considered or voted upon unless written notice of the intention to move the amendment is received by the Company at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the absence of such notice) the Chairman of the meeting in the Chairman's absolute discretion rules that the amendment shall be considered, provided that no amendment shall be considered where the Parallel General Meeting has already been held.

GENERAL VOTING AND POLL PROCEDURES

55. Voting

- (1) The Chairman may determine that any question to be submitted to a general meeting be determined by a poll without first submitting the question to the meeting to be decided by a show of hands.
- (2) A poll may be demanded by:
 - (a) not less than 5 members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote;
 - (b) a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than 5 per cent of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting;
 - (c) the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share; or
 - (d) the Chairman.

No poll may be demanded on the election of a chairman of a meeting or, unless the Chairman otherwise determines, the adjournment of a meeting. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn. A demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

- (3) Subject to Article 56, at any general meeting a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) put to the vote of the meeting on which the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share is entitled to vote shall be decided on a poll.
- (4) Unless the Chairman makes the determination referred to in Article 55(1) or unless a poll is properly demanded or required pursuant to Articles 55(2) and (3), each question submitted to a general meeting is to be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been passed or lost is conclusive, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

56. Taking a poll

- (1) If a poll is determined, demanded or otherwise required as provided in Articles 55(1), (2) and (3), it is to be taken in the manner and at the time (not being more than thirty days from the date of the meeting) and place as the Chairman directs. Any poll may, as the Chairman shall direct, close at different times for different classes of shareholders or for different shareholders of the same class entitled to vote on the relevant resolution. In the case of a poll on a resolution on which the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share is entitled to vote, the poll may remain open for so long as the Chairman may determine and, in any event, shall be kept open for such time as is necessary to allow the Parallel General Meeting of Limited to be held and for the votes attaching to the Plc Special Voting Share to be calculated and cast on such poll, although such poll may be closed earlier in respect of shares of other classes. The result of the poll is deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. In the case of any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote, the Chairman's determination in respect of the dispute is final.
- (2) A demand for a poll does not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded. A poll demanded on a question of adjournment is to be taken at the meeting and without adjournment.
- (3) The result of a poll may be announced in the manner the Chairman determines and at the time (whether during the relevant meeting or afterwards) as the Chairman considers appropriate.

57. Special meetings

All the provisions of these Articles as to general meetings apply, with any necessary modifications, to any special meeting of any class of shareholders which may be held under the operation of these Articles or the Statutes.

58. Not used

VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES UNDER SHARING AGREEMENT

59. Class Rights Actions

- (1) The following matters shall constitute Class Rights Actions if undertaken by either the Company or Limited:
 - (a) the voluntary liquidation of the Company or of Limited;
 - (b) amendment of the terms of, or termination of the Sharing Agreement or the Voting Agreement, the Plc Deed Poll Guarantee or the Limited Deed Poll Guarantee (other than, in the case of the Voting Agreement, any amendment to conform such agreement with the terms of the Sharing Agreement or, in the case of any of those agreements, any amendment which is formal or technical in nature and which would not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders of the Company or of Limited or is necessary to correct any inconsistency or manifest error as agreed between the Board and the Board of Limited);
 - (c) any amendment to, or removal of, or the alteration of the effect of (which for the avoidance of doubt shall be taken to include the ratification of any breach of), any Plc Entrenched Provision or Limited Entrenched Provision as the case may be;
 - (d) any Action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action pursuant to Clause 3.1(b) of the Sharing Agreement;
 - (e) a change of the corporate status of the Company from a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales with its primary listing on the London Stock Exchange or Limited from a public company limited by shares registered under the Corporations Act with its primary listing on ASX; and
 - (f) any other action or matter which the Board and the Board of Limited agree (either in a particular case or generally) should be treated as a Class Rights Action.
- (2) A Class Rights Action in respect of an action of a kind described in:
 - (a) paragraphs 59(1)(a) to (c) shall require approval by special resolution;
 - (b) paragraphs 59(1)(d) or (e) shall require approval by ordinary resolution or in relation to either the Company or Limited, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to the Company or Limited or by these Articles or the Limited Constitution, by special resolution of the Company or Limited, as so required; and
 - (c) paragraph 59(1)(f) shall require approval by ordinary resolution or in relation to either the Company or Limited, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to the Company or Limited or by these Articles or the Limited Constitution or if considered appropriate by the Board and the Board of Limited, by special resolution of the Company or Limited, as so required,

in each case in accordance with the Class Rights Procedure (and the type of resolution specified above shall be referred to in these Articles as the “**Required Resolution**”).

- (3) Subject to Article 59(4), a Class Rights Action shall require the approval by a Required Resolution of the shareholders of both the Company and Limited, in each case, at a meeting at which the holders of Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Special Voting Share are entitled to vote as a single class on a poll. In relation to such a resolution proposed at a shareholders meeting of the Company, if the proposed action has not, by the time of the closing of the poll, been approved by a Required Majority of the holders of the Limited Ordinary Shares, the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall have sufficient votes to defeat such resolution, as provided in Article 61(2). The holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall otherwise not be entitled to vote in relation to that resolution.

- (4) Where an action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action would not otherwise require approval of the shareholders of the Benefited Party, the Benefited Party shall not be required to convene a meeting for the purposes of Article 59(3) and the Class Rights Action shall be approved if the holder of the Special Voting Share in the Benefited Party has given its written consent to the action, which consent shall only be given following the passing of a resolution by the Required Majority of the holders of Ordinary Shares of the Affected Party.

In this Article 59(4), “**Benefited Party**” means such one of Limited or the Company whose holders of Ordinary Shares would benefit from a proposed action relative to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the other company (“**Affected Party**”).

60. Joint Electorate Actions

- (1) Resolutions of the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares shall be subject to the Joint Electorate Procedure if they relate to the following matters:
- (a) the appointment, removal or re-election of any Director or any director of Limited or both of them;
 - (b) the receipt or adoption of the annual accounts of the Company or Limited, or both of them, or accounts prepared on a combined basis;
 - (c) a change of name by the Company or Limited or both of them;
 - (d) the appointment or removal of the auditors of the Company or Limited or both of them;
 - (e) any proposed acquisition or disposal or other transaction of the kinds referred to in Chapters 10 and 11 of the UKLA Listing Rules or Chapters 10 and 11 of the ASX Listing Rules which (in any case) is required under such Applicable Regulation to be authorised by holders of Ordinary Shares;
 - (f) a matter referred to in clause 7.2 or 7.3 of the Sharing Agreement;
 - (g) any matter considered by shareholders at an annual general meeting (or at a general meeting held on the same day as an annual general meeting); and
 - (h) any other matter which the Board and the Board of Limited decide (either in a particular case or generally) should be approved under the Joint Electorate Procedure.

If a particular matter falls both within Article 59(1) and this Article 60(1), then it shall be treated as a Class Rights Action falling exclusively within Article 59(1).

- (2) A Joint Electorate Action shall require approval by both:
- (a) an ordinary resolution (or a special resolution if required by the Limited Constitution or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the Limited Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Limited Special Voting Share, voting as a single class; and
 - (b) an ordinary resolution (or a special resolution if required by these Articles or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the Plc Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share, voting as a single class.
- (3) For the purposes of Article 59 and this Article 60 only, the expression “**special resolution**” shall include any resolution of the shareholders of the Company or of Limited where Applicable Regulation or either Constitution so requires, so as to approve the relevant resolution, an affirmative vote with a majority greater than that required for an ordinary resolution and in any particular case shall mean such majority as is so required.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

61. Votes attaching to shares

- (1) Subject to Article 47 and to any special rights or restrictions as to voting attached by or in accordance with these Articles to any class of shares:
 - (a) on a show of hands:
 - (i) subject to paragraphs (iii) and (iv), each shareholder present in person or by proxy, representative or attorney (except the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share) has one vote;
 - (ii) the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall not be entitled to vote;
 - (iii) where a shareholder has appointed more than one person as representative, proxy or attorney for that shareholder, the multiple proxies taken together should have at least the same number of votes on a show of hands as the member who appointed them would have if he were present at the meeting;
 - (iv) where a person is entitled to vote in more than one capacity, that person is entitled only to one vote; and
 - (b) subject to Article 61(1)(c), on a poll:
 - (i) every member who is present in person or by proxy (except the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share) shall have:
 - (A) one vote for each fully paid share of which he is the holder; and
 - (B) for each partly-paid share, such proportion (the “**Relevant Proportion**”) of the votes attached to a fully-paid share as would mean that the Relevant Proportion is the same as the proportion that the amount paid up or agreed to be considered as paid up on the total issue price of that share at the time the poll is taken bears to the total issue price of the share;
 - (ii) and the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall have the Specified Number (as defined in Article 62) of votes.
 - (c) on a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy (unless the Board has approved other means (including electronic) for the casting and recording of votes by shareholders) and a person entitled to more than one vote need not use all that person’s votes or cast all the votes in the same way.
- (2) The holders of the Cumulative Preference Shares shall, by virtue of and in respect of their holdings of Cumulative Preference Shares, have the right to receive notice of any general meeting of the Company and to attend, speak and vote at a general meeting of the Company only:
 - (a) if and when, at the date of the notice convening such meeting, the Preferential Dividend on such shares is six months or more in arrears; or
 - (b) if a resolution is to be proposed abrogating, varying or modifying any of the rights or privileges of the holders of the Cumulative Preference Shares or for the winding up of the Company, in which case they shall only be entitled to vote on such resolution.

62. Specified Number

- (1) The holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall be entitled to attend at any General Meeting and, subject to the provisions below, to cast on a poll the Specified Number (as set out below) of votes some of which may be cast for and others against any resolution in such numbers as the holder may determine.

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- (2) **(Joint Electorate Actions)** The Specified Number of votes in relation to a resolution of the Company on a Joint Electorate Action shall be the total number of votes validly cast on the poll on the equivalent resolution at the Parallel General Meeting of Limited (other than those cast in respect of Limited Excess Shares) multiplied by the Equalisation Fraction in effect at the time of such General Meeting rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- (3) **(Class Rights Actions)** On any resolution to approve a Class Rights Action the Specified Number of votes shall be equal to 34 per cent (in relation to an action to be approved by special resolution) and 67 per cent (in relation to an action to be approved by ordinary resolution) in each case, of the aggregate number of votes attaching to all classes of issued shares in the Company which could be cast on such resolution (rounded up to the next whole number).
- (4) **(Procedural Resolutions)** On any procedural resolution in relation to or affecting a resolution relating to a Joint Electorate Action put to a General Meeting at which a Joint Electorate Action is to be considered, the Specified Number of votes which may be cast shall be the greatest number of votes cast on any equivalent resolution on a Joint Electorate Action at the Parallel General Meeting of Limited or, if the General Meeting of Limited has not been held and such votes counted by the beginning of the relevant General Meeting, the greatest number of such votes as are authorised to be so cast upon proxies lodged with Limited by such time as the Chairman may determine, in each case, multiplied by the Equalisation Fraction in effect at the time of such General Meeting and rounded up to the nearest whole number .
- (5) **(Other decisions)** The Specified Number of votes that may be cast on all other decisions shall be zero.

The Plc Special Voting Share shall not entitle its holder to vote on any show of hands.

63. Not used

64. Restriction on voting in particular circumstances

- (1) Not used.
- (2) If any member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by such member, has been duly served with a notice under Section 793 of the Companies Act and is in default for a period of 14 days in supplying to the Company the information thereby required, then (unless the Directors otherwise determine) in respect of:
 - (a) the shares comprising the shareholding account in the Register which comprises or includes the shares in relation to which the default occurred (all or the relevant number as appropriate of such shares being the “**default shares**”, which expression shall include any further shares which are issued in respect of such shares); and
 - (b) any other shares held by the member,the member shall not (for so long as the default continues) nor shall any transferee to whom any of such shares are transferred other than pursuant to an approved transfer or pursuant to Article 64(3)(b) below be entitled to attend or vote either personally or by proxy at a shareholders’ meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to shareholders’ meetings.
- (3) Where the default shares represent 0.25 per cent or more of the issued shares of the class in question, the Directors may in their absolute discretion by notice (a “**direction notice**”) to such member direct that:
 - (a) any dividend or part thereof or other money which would otherwise be payable in respect of the default shares shall be retained by the Company without any liability to pay interest thereon when such money is finally paid to the member and the member shall not be entitled to elect to receive shares in lieu of dividend; and/or

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- (b) no transfer of any of the shares held by such member shall be registered unless the transfer is an approved transfer, or:
 - (i) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required; and
 - (ii) the transfer is of part only of the member's holding and, when presented for registration, is accompanied by a certificate by the member in a form satisfactory to the Directors to the effect that after due and careful enquiry the member is satisfied that none of the shares the subject of the transfer are default shares,

provided that, in the case of shares in uncertificated form, the Directors may only exercise their discretion not to register a transfer if permitted to do so by the Uncertificated Securities Rules.

Any direction notice may treat shares of a member in certificated and uncertificated form as separate holdings and either apply only to the former or to the latter or make different provision for the former and the latter. Upon the giving of a direction notice its terms shall apply accordingly.

- (4) The Company shall send to each other person appearing to be interested in the shares the subject of any direction notice a copy of the notice, but the failure or omission by the Company to do so shall not invalidate such notice.
 - (a) Save as herein provided any direction notice shall have effect in accordance with its terms for so long as the default in respect of which the direction notice was issued continues and shall cease to have effect thereafter upon the Directors so determining (such determination to be made within a period of one week of the default being duly remedied with written notice thereof being given forthwith to the member).
 - (b) Any direction notice shall cease to have effect in relation to any shares which are transferred by such member by means of an approved transfer or in accordance with Article 64(3)(b) above.
- (5) For the purposes of this Article:
 - (a) a person shall be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the member holding such shares has been served with a notice under the said Section 793 and either (i) the member has named such person as being so interested or (ii) (after taking into account the response of the member to the said notice and any other relevant information) the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares; and
 - (b) a transfer of shares is an approved transfer if:
 - (i) it is a transfer of shares to an offeror by way or in pursuance of acceptance of a takeover offer (as defined in Section 974 of the Companies Act); or
 - (ii) the Directors are satisfied that the transfer is made pursuant to a bona fide sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership of the shares to a party unconnected with the member or with any person appearing to be interested in such shares including any such sale made through the London Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded. For the purposes of this subparagraph any associate (as that term is defined in Section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986) shall be included amongst the persons who are connected with the member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares.
- (6) The provisions of this Article are in addition and without prejudice to the provisions of the Companies Act. In particular, this Article is in addition to, and shall not in any way prejudice or affect, the statutory rights of the Company arising from any failure by any person to give any information required by a statutory notice within the time specified in it. For the purpose of this Article a statutory notice need not specify the relevant period, and may require any information to be given before the expiry of the period of 14 days following service of the statutory notice.

65. Not used

66. Voting by guardian

Where a guardian, receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise powers with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Directors may in their absolute discretion, upon or subject to production of such evidence of the appointment as the Directors may require, permit such guardian, receiver or other person on behalf of such member to vote in person or by proxy at any shareholders' meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to shareholders' meetings.

67. Validity and result of vote

- (1) No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is or may be given or tendered and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- (2) Unless a poll is taken, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.

PROXIES AND CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

68. Proxies

- (1) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form which the Directors may approve and:
 - (a) in the case of an individual shall be signed by the appointor or his attorney; and
 - (b) in the case of a corporation shall be either given under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an attorney or a duly authorised officer of the corporation.

The signature on such instrument need not be witnessed.

- (2) The appointment of a proxy must:-
 - (i) in the case of an appointment made in hard copy form, be received at the office (or such other place in the United Kingdom as may be specified by the Company for the receipt of appointments of proxy in hard copy form) not less than 48 hours (or such shorter time as the Board may determine) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote together with (if required by the Board) any authority under which it is made or a copy of the authority, certified notarially or in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Act 1971 or in some other manner approved by the Board;
 - (ii) in the case of an appointment made by electronic means, be received at the address specified by the Company for the receipt of appointments of proxy by electronic means not less than 48 hours (or such shorter time as the Board may determine) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote. Any authority pursuant to which such an appointment is made or a copy of the authority, certified notarially or in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Act 1971 or in some other manner approved by the Board, must, if required by the Board, be received at such address or at the office (or such other place in the United Kingdom as may be specified by the Company for the receipt of such documents) not less than 48 hours (or such shorter time as the Board may determine) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote;

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- (iii) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be received as aforesaid not less than 24 hours (or such shorter time as the Board may determine) before the time appointed for the taking of the poll;
- (iv) in the case of a poll taken following the conclusion of a meeting or adjourned meeting but not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be received as aforesaid before the end of the meeting at which it was demanded (or at such later time as the Board may determine),

and the appointment of a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or poll concerned. The proceedings at a general meeting shall not be invalidated where an appointment of a proxy in respect of that meeting is sent in electronic form as provided in these articles, but because of a technical problem it cannot be read by the recipient.

- (3) The Board may at its discretion determine that in calculating the periods mentioned in this article no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.
- (4) Where the Company receives an instrument appointing a proxy within the time specified in Article 68(2) and the Company considers that the instrument has not been duly executed, the Company may in its discretion:
 - (a) return the instrument appointing the proxy to the appointing shareholder; and
 - (b) request that the shareholder duly execute the instrument and return it to the Company within the time specified for receipt of proxies in accordance with Article 68(2).

The instrument appointing a proxy will be valid if the duly executed instrument is returned to the Company within the time determined under Article 68(2).

- (5) Where the Company receives an instrument appointing a proxy that is unclear or incomplete (other than in the circumstances contemplated in Article 68(4)):
 - (a) the Company may clarify with a shareholder any instruction on the instrument which is received by the Company by written or verbal communication and may, at its discretion, amend or complete the contents of the instrument to reflect any clarification in instruction;
 - (b) the shareholder is taken to have appointed the Company as its attorney for the purpose of making any insertion or amendment in accordance with this Article 68(5); and
 - (c) the instrument will be valid if received by the Company within the time prescribed by Article 68(2), notwithstanding that it was completed or amended under this Article 68(4) after that time.
- (6) The instrument appointing a proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated thereon, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. An instrument of proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so delivered for the purposes of any meeting shall not require again to be delivered for the purposes of any subsequent meeting to which it relates.
- (7) A proxy received from the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share will be valid if it is received before the closing of a poll to which it relates.

69. Validity, revocation

- (1) The validity of any resolution is not affected by the failure of any proxy, attorney or corporate representative to vote in accordance with instructions (if any) of the appointing shareholder and the Company shall be under no obligation to check any vote so given is in accordance with any such instructions.

- (2) A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy or power of attorney is valid despite the previous death or mental incapacity of the appointing shareholder, revocation of the proxy or power of attorney or transfer of the shares in respect of which the vote is given, unless notice in writing of the death, mental incapacity, revocation or transfer has been received at the Office at least 48 hours before the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting.
- (3) A proxy is not rendered ineffective by reason only of the adjournment of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (4) A proxy is not revoked by the appointing shareholder attending and taking part in the meeting, unless the appointing shareholder votes at the meeting on the resolution for which the proxy is proposed to be used.

70. Not used

71. Rights of proxy

A proxy appointed to attend and vote for a member has the same rights as the member:

- (a) to speak at the meeting;
- (b) to vote (but only to the extent allowed by the appointment); and
- (c) to join in a demand for a poll.

72. Attorneys of shareholders

By properly executed power of attorney, any shareholder may appoint an attorney to act on the shareholder's behalf at all or certain specified meetings of the Company and such attorney shall be recognised as a person present at that meeting. Before the attorney is entitled to act under the power of attorney, the power of attorney or proof of the power of attorney to the satisfaction of the Board must be produced for inspection at the Office or any other place the Board may determine together, in each case, with evidence of the due execution of the power of attorney as required by the Board. The attorney may be authorised to appoint a proxy for the shareholder granting the power of attorney.

73. Not used

DIRECTORS

74. Number of Directors

Unless and until otherwise decided by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (not including alternate Directors) shall be not less than eight and not more than twenty. All Directors are required to be natural persons.

75. Not used

76. Remuneration of non-executive Directors

As remuneration for services each non-executive Director (other than an alternate Director) is to be paid out of the funds of the Company a sum determined by the Board payable at the time and in the manner determined by the Board but the aggregate remuneration paid to all the non-executive Directors in any year together with remuneration paid to those non-executive directors by Limited for their services may not exceed A\$3 million or such higher amount fixed by the Company in general meeting. The expression **remuneration** in this Article does not include any amount which may be paid by the Company under Articles 77, 78, 79 or 146 or by Limited under Rules 77, 78, 79 or 146 of its Constitution.

77. Remuneration of Directors for extra services

Any Director who serves on any committee, or who devotes special attention to the business of the Company, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Board are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director or who, at the request of the Board, engages in any journey on the business of the Company, may be paid extra remuneration as determined by the Board.

78. Travelling and other expenses

Every Director is, in addition to any other remuneration provided for in these Articles, entitled to be paid from Company funds all reasonable travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred by the Director in attending meetings of the Company or of the Board or of any Committees or while engaged on the business of the Company.

79. Retirement benefits

The Directors shall have power to pay and agree to pay gratuities, pensions or other retirement, superannuation, death or disability benefits to (or to any person in respect of) any person who is or has been at any time a Director of the Company or in the employment or service of the Company or Limited or of any company which is or was a subsidiary of or associated with the Company or Limited. For the purpose of providing such gratuities, pensions or other benefits, the Company may contribute to any scheme or fund or pay such premiums as the Directors think fit.

80. Appointment and remuneration of executive Directors

- (1) The Directors or any committee authorised by the Board may from time to time appoint any Director to be the holder of any executive office on such terms and for such period as they may determine and, without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke or vary the terms of any such appointment.
- (2) Subject to the Statutes, a Director appointed to hold employment or executive office with the Company or Limited shall be appointed on such terms as to remuneration (whether by salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as may be determined by the Board or any committee authorised by the Board.

81. Powers of Directors

The Board may entrust to and confer upon any Director any of the powers exercisable under these Articles by the Board as it thinks fit and upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks appropriate but the conferring of powers by the Board on a Director does not exclude the exercise of those powers by the Board, and the Board may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

82. Not used

83. Retirement by rotation

- (1) At every annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third must retire from office.
- (2) A Director who is required to retire under Article 83(1) retains office until the later of the end of the meeting at which the Director retires and the end of the Parallel General Meeting.

- (3) Subject to Article 88, the Directors to retire under Article 83(1) are those longest in office since last being elected. As between Directors who were elected on the same day the Directors to retire are (in default of agreement between them) determined by lot. The length of time a Director has been in office is calculated from the Director's last election or appointment. A retiring Director is eligible for re-election.
- (4) Not used.
- (5) Without prejudice to the foregoing, a Director must retire from office at the conclusion of the third annual general meeting after which the Director was elected or re-elected.

84. Not used

85. Re-election of retiring Director

- (1) At the meeting at which a Director retires under any provision of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Articles 59 to 60 fill the office being vacated by electing to that office the retiring Director or some other person eligible for election.
- (2) Notwithstanding Article 83(3), if a retiring Director is re-elected in accordance with Article 85(1) the retiring Director will continue in office without a break.
- (3) If:
 - (a) prior to the commencement of any general meeting the office of a Director has become vacant;
 - (b) that office remains vacant at the commencement of that general meeting; and
 - (c) that Director would have been taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation under Article 83(1),

then the Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Articles 59 to 60 fill that office by electing as a Director any person eligible for election.

86. Not used

87. Nomination of Directors

- (1) No person (other than a retiring Director) is eligible for election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless:
 - (a) a shareholder intending to nominate the person has given notice in writing signed by the shareholder; and
 - (b) the person nominated has given notice in writing signed by the person of his willingness to be elected as a Director of the Company and a Director of Limited and satisfies candidature for the office.
- (2) To be valid, the notice required under Article 87(1) is to be delivered to the Office not less than 40 Business Days before the earlier of the date appointed for the meeting and the date appointed for the Parallel General Meeting of Limited unless the nominee has been recommended by the Board for election, in which case the notice is required to be delivered to the Office at least 28 days before the meeting.

In this Article 87(2), "**Business Day**" has the same meaning as in the ASX Listing Rules.

- (3) The Directors shall nominate for election as a Director at a General Meeting of the Company any person duly nominated for election at the Parallel General Meeting of Limited.

88. Election or appointment of additional Directors

The Company may by ordinary resolution approved in accordance with Articles 59 to 60 elect, and without prejudice thereto the Board shall have the power at any time to appoint, any person as a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board but so that the number of Directors does not exceed the maximum number determined under Article 74. Any Director appointed under this Article:

- (a) holds office only until the dissolution or adjournment of the next general meeting at which the Board proposes or these Articles require that an election be held;
- (b) is eligible for election at that general meeting; and
- (c) where the general meeting is an annual general meeting, is not to be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting.

89. Vacation of office

- (1) The office of a Director is vacated:
 - (a) not used;
 - (b) on the Director being absent from greater than two consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of absence from the Board;
 - (c) on the Director resigning office by notice in writing to the Company;
 - (d) not used;
 - (e) on the Director ceasing to be a director of Limited;
 - (f) on the Director being prohibited from being a Director by reason of the operation of Applicable Regulation;
 - (g) if the Director has been appointed for a fixed term – when the term expires;
 - (h) if, in England or elsewhere, an order is made by any court on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder for the Director's detention or for the appointment of a guardian of the Director or for the appointment of a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) to exercise powers with respect to the Director's property or affairs; or
 - (i) if the Director shall have a bankruptcy order made against him or shall compound with his creditors generally or shall apply to the court for an interim order under Section 253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in connection with a voluntary arrangement under that Act.
- (2) The office of a Director who is an employee of any member of the Group is terminated on the Director ceasing to be employed within the Group but the person concerned is eligible for reappointment or re-election as a Director of the Company.

90. Removal of Directors

- (1) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, the Company may, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Statutes, by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given remove any Director from office. The Company may do so notwithstanding any provision of these Articles or of any agreement between the Company and such Director, but without prejudice to any claim he may have for damages for breach of any such agreement.
- (2) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, the Company may by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given elect another person in place of a Director removed from office under Article 90(1), provided that

such person's election will not take effect unless and until such person is elected as a director of Limited. Any person so elected shall be treated for the purpose of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire by rotation as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is elected was last elected a Director. In default of such election the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled as a casual vacancy.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

91. Convening of meetings of Directors

- (1) The Board may meet together, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.
- (2) The Board may at any time and the Secretary, on the request of the Chairman or any two Directors, must convene a meeting of the Board. Notice of meeting of the Board may be given by mail (electronic or otherwise), personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the usual place of business or residence of the Director or to any other address given to the Secretary by the Director or by any technology agreed by all the Directors.

92. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Directors shall be three unless otherwise determined by the Board. A meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors.

93. Chairman

The Board may elect a Chairman and one or more Deputy Chairmen of its meetings and determine the period for which each is to hold office. If no Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected or if at any meeting the Chairman and the Deputy Chairmen are not present at the time specified for holding the meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

94. Votes at meetings

Questions arising at any meeting of the Board are decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman (except when only two Directors are present or except when only two Directors are competent to vote on the question then at issue) has a second or casting vote.

95. Number of Directors below minimum

If the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed under these Articles, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of calling a general meeting of the Company but for no other purpose.

96. Resolutions in writing / Meetings by technology

- (1) A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors or a resolution in writing of which notice has been given to all Directors and which is signed by a majority of the Directors entitled to vote on the resolution (not being less than the number required for a quorum at a meeting of the Board) is a valid resolution of the Board. The resolution may consist of several documents in the same form each signed by one or more of the Directors. A facsimile transmission or other document produced by mechanical or electronic means under the name of a Director with the Director's authority is considered to be a document in writing signed by the Director.

- (2) The Board may meet either in person or by telephone, audio visual link or by using any other technology:
- (a) which allows each Director who participates:
 - (i) to hear each of the other participating Directors addressing the meeting; and
 - (ii) if he so wishes, to address all of the other participating Directors simultaneously; and
 - (b) which has been consented to by all Directors.

A consent may be a standing one. A meeting conducted by telephone or other means of communication is deemed to be held at the place from where the Chairman of the meeting participates.

97. Validity of actions

All actions at any meeting of the Board or by a Committee or by any person acting as a Director are, despite the fact that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any of the Directors or the Committee or the person acting as a Director or that any of them were disqualified, as valid as if every person had been properly appointed and was qualified and continued to be a Director or a member of the Committee.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

98. Conflicts of interest requiring Board authorisation

- (1) The Board may authorise, on the proposal of any Director (including the interested Director) any matter which might otherwise involve a Director breaching his duty under the Companies Act to avoid conflicts of interest (“**Conflict**”). The relevant Director and any other Director with a similar interest shall not count towards the quorum nor vote on any resolution giving such authority.
- (2) A Director seeking authorisation in respect of a Conflict shall declare to the Board the nature and extent of his interest in the Conflict as soon as is reasonably practicable. The Director shall provide the Board with such details of the relevant matter as are necessary for the Board to decide how to address the Conflict together with such additional information as may be requested by the Board.
- (3) Where the Board gives authority in relation to a Conflict:
- (a) the Board may (whether at the time of giving the authority or subsequently):
 - (i) require that the relevant Director is excluded from the receipt of information, the participation in discussion and the making of decisions (whether at meetings of the Board or otherwise) related to the Conflict; and
 - (ii) impose upon the relevant Director such other terms for the purpose of dealing with the Conflict as it may determine;
 - (b) the relevant Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the Board in relation to the Conflict;
 - (c) the terms of the authority shall be recorded in writing (but the authority shall be effective whether or not the terms are so recorded);
 - (d) the Board may revoke or vary such authority at any time but this will not affect anything done by the relevant Director prior to such revocation in accordance with the terms of such authority; and
 - (e) the Board may provide that where the relevant Director obtains (otherwise than through his position as a Director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, the Director will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use or apply the information in relation to the Company’s affairs, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence.

99. Regulation of Directors' interests

- (1) The Board may, subject to the provisions of Article 98, make regulations regarding the disclosure and authorisation of interests that a Director, and any person deemed by the Directors to be related to or associated with the Director, may have in any matter concerning the Company or a related body corporate. Any regulations made under these Articles bind all Directors and are made with the full authority of this Article where authorisation by the Articles is required under the Companies Act.
- (2) No act, transaction, agreement, instrument, resolution or other thing is invalid or voidable only because a person fails to comply with any regulation made under this Article 98.
- (3) For the purposes of Articles 98-101, an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.
- (4) A Director who has an interest in a matter that is being considered at a meeting of the Directors may, despite that interest, vote, be present and be counted in a quorum at the meeting except where prohibited by Article 98, or any regulations made pursuant to this Article 99 or any Applicable Regulation.

100. Permitted interests and actions

- (1) Subject to Article 98 and the provisions of the Companies Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office:
 - (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company or Limited or in which the Company or Limited is otherwise interested;
 - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any contract, transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company or Limited is otherwise interested;
 - (c) may (or any firm of which he is a partner, employee or member may) act in a professional capacity for the Company or Limited (other than as auditor) and be remunerated therefor; and
 - (d) shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him or required by regulations made under Article 99, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate or for such remuneration and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.
- (2) The Board may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any corporation held or owned by the Company as the Board thinks fit (including the exercise of the voting power in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them as directors of that company or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors of that company) and a Director of the Company may vote in favour of the exercise of those voting rights despite the fact that the Director is, or may be about to be appointed, a director of that other corporation and may be interested in the exercise of those voting rights.
- (3) Any Director may lend money to the Company at interest with or without security or may, for a commission or profit, guarantee the repayment of any money borrowed by the Company and underwrite or guarantee the subscription of shares or securities of the Company or of any corporation in which the Company may be interested without being disqualified in respect of the office of Director and without being liable to account to the Company for the commission or profit.
- (4) Despite having an interest in any contract or arrangement a Director may participate in the execution of any document evidencing or connected with the contract or arrangement, whether by signing, sealing or otherwise.

- (5) A Director may participate in any issue by the Company of securities unless the Director is precluded from participating by Applicable Regulation.
- (6) Nothing in this Article 100 relieves a Director from compliance with a requirement under Article 98 or any regulations made pursuant to Article 99.

COMMITTEES

101. Committees

The Board may delegate any of its powers or discretions (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing all powers and discretions whose exercise involves or may involve the payment of remuneration to or the conferring of any other benefit on all or any of the Directors) to committees consisting of Directors or any other person or persons as the Board thinks fit. In the exercise of the powers or discretions delegated, any committee formed or person or persons appointed to the committee must conform to any regulations that may be imposed by the Board. A committee or other delegate of the Board may be authorised to sub-delegate any of the powers or discretions for the time being vested in it.

102. Proceedings of Committee meetings

The meetings and proceedings of any committee are to be governed by the provisions of these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as they are applicable and are not inconsistent with any regulations made by the Board under Article 101.

POWERS OF THE BOARD

103. General powers

The management and control of the business and affairs of the Company are vested in the Board, which (in addition to the powers and authorities conferred on them by these Articles) may exercise all powers of the Company except any powers which, by these Articles or by law, are required to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting.

104. Powers and obligations in relation to the Sharing Agreement

- (1) The Company having entered into the Sharing Agreement and the Deed Poll Guarantee, the Directors are authorised and directed, subject to Applicable Regulation, to carry into effect the provisions of the Sharing Agreement and the Deed Poll Guarantee and any further or other agreements or arrangements contemplated by such agreement and guarantee and nothing done by any Director in good faith pursuant to such authority and obligations shall constitute a breach of the fiduciary duties of such Director to the Company or to the members of the Company.
- (2) Without limitation to the generality of the foregoing:
 - (a) the Directors may in addition to their duties to the Company have regard to the interests of Limited and both the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares and Limited Ordinary Shares as if the Company and Limited were managed as a single unified entity and for that purpose the Directors shall in exercising their powers take into account the interests of the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares;
 - (b) subject to the terms of the Sharing Agreement, the Directors are authorised to do all or any of the matters referred to in paragraph 4.1 of the Memorandum of Association.

105. Not used

106. Appointment of attorney

The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such appointment may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him.

107. Not used

108. Not used

109. Not used

110. Borrowing powers

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property, assets (both present and future) and uncalled capital or any part or parts thereof and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

111. Not used

112. Not used

113. Not used

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

114. Authentication of Documents

Any Director, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Deputy Secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose shall have power to authenticate:

- (a) any document affecting the constitution of the Company;
- (b) any resolution passed at a shareholders' meeting or at a meeting of the Directors or of any committee;
- (c) any book, record, document or account relating to the business of the Company,

and to certify copies thereof or extracts thereof as true copies or extracts; and where any book, record, document or account is elsewhere than at the Office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Directors as aforesaid. A document purporting to be a copy of any such resolution, or an extract from the minutes of any such meeting, which is certified as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

115. Not used

116. Not used

DIVIDENDS

117. Not used

118. Power of Board to pay dividends

- (1) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, the Board may determine that a dividend (including an interim dividend on account of the next forthcoming dividend) is payable and fix the amount, time for payment and method of payment. Where permitted by the Statutes, the methods of payment may include the payment of cash, the issue of shares, the grant of options and the transfer of assets.
- (2) Without limiting Article 8, where the terms of any new issue of shares provide for the new shares to have different dividend rights to other shares then in issue, the new shares have those different dividend rights.
- (3) Provided the Directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of any shares for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment, on any other class of shares having rights ranking after or *pari passu* with those shares, of any such fixed or interim dividend as aforesaid.

119. Distribution otherwise than in cash

- (1) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, when determining to pay a dividend under Article 118, the Board may determine that payment of the dividend be effected wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets or documents of title and in particular of paid up shares, debentures, debenture stock or grant of options or other securities of the Company or any other corporation or entity.
- (2) The Board may appoint any officer of the Company to sign on behalf of each shareholder entitled to participate in the dividend any document in the Board's opinion desirable or necessary:
 - (a) to vest in the shareholder title to assets; and
 - (b) in the case of a distribution of shares in any corporation, to constitute the shareholder's agreement to become a member of the corporation,and, in executing the document, the officer acts as agent and attorney for the shareholder.
- (3) Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates, may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof, may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.

120. Not used

121. Ranking of shares for dividend

- (1) Any dividend or interim dividend is (subject to the rights of, or any restrictions on, the holders of shares created or raised under any special arrangement as to dividend) payable on each share on the basis of the proportion which the amount paid (or agreed to be considered to be paid) bears to the total issue price of the share. The dividend may be fixed at a rate per annum in respect of a specified period but no amount paid on a share in advance of calls is to be treated as paid on the share.
- (2) The rights attached to the shares of the Company, as regards the participation in the profits available for distribution and resolved to be distributed, are as follows:
 - (a) the holders of the Cumulative Preference Shares shall be entitled, in priority to any payment of dividend to the holders of any other class of shares, to be paid a fixed cumulative preferential

dividend (“**Preferential Dividend**”) at a rate of 5.5 per cent per annum, such dividend to be paid annually in arrears on 31 July in each year or if any such date shall be a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England, on the first business day following such date in each year. Payments of Preferential Dividend shall be made to holders on the register at any date selected by the Directors up to 42 days prior to the relevant fixed dividend date;

- (b) subject to the rights attaching to the Cumulative Preference Shares, but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of Shares, the holder of the Plc Special Voting Share shall be entitled to be paid a fixed dividend of US\$0.01 per annum payable annually in arrears on 31 July;
 - (c) subject to the rights attaching to the Cumulative Preference Shares and the Special Voting Share, but in priority to any payment of dividends on all other classes of Shares, the holder of the DLC Dividend Share shall be entitled to be paid such non-cumulative dividends as the Board may, subject to Articles 121(3) and (4), decide to pay thereon;
 - (d) any surplus remaining after payment of the distributions under paragraphs 121(2)(a) to (c) shall be payable to the holders of the Plc Ordinary Shares in equal amounts per Plc Ordinary Share.
- (3) A dividend must not be paid on the DLC Dividend Share unless the holder of the DLC Dividend Share at the time of payment is Limited or a wholly owned member of the Limited Group.
- (4) The maximum amount of DDS dividends that may be paid since the last ordinary cash dividend paid is the greater of:
- (a) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all Limited Ordinary Shares; and
 - (b) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all Plc Ordinary Shares.
- (5) For the purpose of Article 121:
- (a) “**cash dividend**” means any dividend (including any amount of the dividend in respect of which a holder of an Ordinary Share elects to participate in any dividend plan or offer, such as a dividend reinvestment plan or scrip dividend plan) other than a dividend effected wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets or documents of title;
 - (b) “**ordinary cash dividend**” means any cash dividend paid on Ordinary Shares which is designated as an interim or final dividend;
 - (c) “**DDS dividend**” means any dividend paid on a DLC Dividend Share, excluding a dividend the proceeds of which are to be used (directly or indirectly) to pay a special cash dividend on Limited Ordinary Shares in accordance with the requirements of clause 3.3(a) of the Sharing Agreement; and
 - (d) “**special cash dividend**” means any cash dividend which is not an ordinary cash dividend.

122. Manner of payment of dividends

- (1) Payment of any dividend may be made in any manner, by any means and in any currency determined by the Board.
- (2) Without limitation of Article 122(1), Directors may also determine the foreign currency equivalent of any sums payable as a dividend by reference to such market rate or rates or the mean of such market rates prevailing at such time or times or on such date or dates, in each case falling on or before the record date for the dividend, as the Directors may in their discretion select.
- (3) Without affecting any other method of payment which the Board may adopt, payment of any dividend may be made to the shareholder entitled to the dividend or, in the case of joint holders, to the shareholder whose name appears first in the Register in respect of the joint holding.

123. Not used

124. Record date for dividends

Any resolution for the declaration or payment of a dividend on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend shall be payable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights *inter se* in respect of such dividend of transferors and transferees of any such shares.

125. No interest on dividends

No dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company.

126. Retention of dividends

- (1) The Directors may retain any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share on which the Company has a lien and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the moneys payable to the Company in respect of that share.
- (2) The Directors may retain the dividends payable upon shares to which any person is entitled under Article 41 until that person becomes a member in respect of those shares or transfers those shares.

127. Unclaimed dividend

All unclaimed dividends, interest or other sums payable may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed. The payment by the Directors of any unclaimed dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof and any dividend unclaimed after a period of 12 years from the date on which such dividend was declared or became due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

128. Waiver of dividend

The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend on any share by any document (whether or not executed as a deed) shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law) and delivered to the Company and if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted upon by the Company.

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES

129. Capitalisation of profits and reserves

- (1) Subject to Articles 59 to 60, the Board may capitalise any sum standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including any share premium account, capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve) or any sum standing to the credit of profit and loss account.
- (2) Such capitalisation shall be effected by:
 - (a) appropriating such sum to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on the date of the resolution (or such other date as may be specified therein or determined as therein provided) in the same proportions in those holders would be entitled to receive such sum if distributed by way of dividend or in accordance with either the terms of issue of any shares or the terms of any employee share plan; and

- (b) applying such sum, in the proportions specified above, on behalf of those holders either in paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any issued shares held by them, or in paying up in full new shares or other securities of the Company to be issued to them accordingly, or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- (3) The Board may specify the manner in which any fractional entitlements and any difficulties relating to distribution are to be dealt with and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may specify that fractions are to be disregarded or that any fractional entitlements are to be increased to the next whole number or that payments in cash instead of fractional entitlements be made.
- (4) The Board may make all necessary appropriations and applications of the amount to be capitalised under Article 129(1) and all necessary issues of fully paid shares or debentures.
- (5) Where required, the Board may appoint a person to sign a contract on behalf of the shareholders entitled on a capitalisation to any shares or debentures, which provides for the issue to them, credited as fully paid, of any further shares or debentures or for the payment by the Company on their behalf of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares by the application of their respective proportions of the sum resolved to be capitalised.

SCRIP DIVIDENDS

130. Scrip Dividends

- (1) Subject to the provisions of Articles 59 and 60 and as hereinafter provided, the Directors may offer to ordinary shareholders the right to receive, in lieu of dividend (or part thereof), an allotment of new Plc Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid.
- (2) The Directors shall not make such an offer unless so authorised by an ordinary resolution passed at any General Meeting, which authority may extend to dividends declared or paid prior to the fifth annual general meeting of the Company occurring thereafter, but no further. Provided that this Article shall, without the need for any further ordinary resolution, authorise the Directors to offer rights of election in respect of any dividend declared or proposed after the date of the adoption of these Articles and at or prior to the annual general meeting in the year 2005.
- (3) The Directors may either offer such rights of election in respect of the next dividend (or part thereof) proposed to be paid; or may offer such rights of election in respect of that dividend and all subsequent dividends, until such time as the election is revoked; or may allow shareholders to make an election in either form.
- (4) The basis of allotment on each occasion shall be determined by the Directors so that, as nearly as may be considered convenient, the value of the Plc Ordinary Shares to be allotted in lieu of any amount of dividend shall equal such amount. For such purpose the value of a Plc Ordinary Share shall be equal to the average of the middle market quotation for a fully paid Plc Ordinary Share adjusted if necessary for the proposed dividend on the London Stock Exchange, as derived from the Official List, on each of the first five business days on which the Plc Ordinary Shares are quoted "ex" the relevant dividend or calculated in such other manner as may be determined by, and in accordance with an ordinary resolution.
- (5) If the Directors determine to offer such right of election on any occasion they shall give notice in writing to the ordinary shareholders of such right and shall issue forms of election and shall specify the procedures to be followed in order to exercise such right provided that they need not give such notice to a shareholder who has previously made, and has not revoked, an earlier election to receive Plc Ordinary Shares in lieu of all future dividends, but instead shall send him a reminder that he has made such an election, indicating how that election may be revoked in time for the next dividend proposed to be paid. The accidental

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omission to give notice of any right of election to, or the non-receipt (even if the Company becomes aware of such non-receipt) of such notice by, any holder of ordinary shares entitled to the same shall neither invalidate any offer of an election nor give rise to any claim suit or action.

- (6) On each occasion the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable on Plc Ordinary Shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised and has not been revoked (the “**elected Plc Ordinary Shares**”), and in lieu thereof additional shares (but not any fraction of a share) shall be allotted to the holders of the elected Plc Ordinary Shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid. For such purpose the Directors shall capitalise, out of such of the sums standing to the credit of reserves (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) or profit and loss account as the Directors may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of additional Plc Ordinary Shares to be allotted on that occasion on such basis and shall apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of new Plc Ordinary Shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected Plc Ordinary Shares on such basis.
- (7) The additional Plc Ordinary Shares so allotted on any occasion shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the fully-paid Plc Ordinary Shares in issue on the record date for the relevant dividend save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend.
- (8) Article 129 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any capitalisation made pursuant to this Article.
- (9) No fraction of a Plc Ordinary Share shall be allotted. The Directors may make such provision as they think fit for any fractional entitlements including, without limitation, provision whereby, in whole or in part, the benefit thereof accrues to the Company and/or fractional entitlements are accrued and/or retained and in either case accumulated on behalf of any ordinary shareholder.
- (10) The Directors may on any occasion determine that rights of election shall not be made available to any ordinary shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities the circulation of an offer of rights of election would or might be unlawful, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination.
- (11) In relation to any particular proposed dividend the Directors may in their absolute discretion decide (i) that shareholders shall not be entitled to make any election in respect thereof and that any election previously made shall not extend to such dividend or (ii) at any time prior to the allotment of the Plc Ordinary Shares which would otherwise be allotted in lieu thereof, that all elections to take shares in lieu of such dividend shall be treated as not applying to that dividend, and if so the dividend shall be paid in cash as if no elections had been made in respect of it.
- (12) The Directors shall not make a scrip dividend available unless the Company has sufficient undistributed profits or reserves to give effect to elections which could be made to receive that scrip dividend.

ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

131. Accounts and records

- (1) Accounting records sufficient to show and explain the Company’s transactions and otherwise complying with the Statutes shall be kept at the Office, or at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall always be open to inspection by the Directors and other officers of the Company.
- (2) Without limitation to paragraph (1) of this Article, where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may:
 - (a) give a Director or former Director access to certain papers, including documents provided or available to the Board and other papers referred to in those documents; and
 - (b) bind itself in any contract with a Director or former Director to give the access.

- (3) Subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, no member of the Company or other person shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorised by the Directors.

132. Not used

133. Not used

134. Not used

NOTICES

135. Service of notices

- (1) Any notice, document (including a share certificate) or other information may be served on or delivered to any member by the Company either personally or by sending it by post in a pre-paid cover addressed to such member at his registered address, or (if he has no registered address within the United Kingdom) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the Company as his address for the service of notices, or by delivering it to such address addressed as aforesaid. In the case of a member registered on a branch register any such notice, document or other information may be posted either in the United Kingdom or in the territory in which such branch register is maintained, or by any other means authorised in writing by the member.
- (2) Where a notice, document or other information is served or sent by post, service or delivery shall be deemed to be effected at the expiration of 24 hours (or, where second-class mail is employed, 48 hours) after the time when the cover containing the same is posted and in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that such cover was properly addressed, stamped and posted. Any notice, document or other information not served, sent or supplied by post or left by the Company at a registered address or at an address (other than an address for the purposes of communications by electronic means) notified to the Company in accordance with these Articles by a person who is entitled by transmission to a share shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was so left.
- (3) Any notice, document or other information may be served on or sent or supplied to any member by the Company, where appropriate by:
- (i) sending or supplying it in electronic form to an address notified by the member to the Company for that purpose; or
 - (ii) making it available on a website and notifying the member of its availability in accordance with this Article 135,
- in each case provided that the member has agreed, or may be deemed to have agreed in accordance with the Companies Act, generally or specifically that the notice, document or other information may be sent or supplied in that form or manner (and has not revoked that agreement).
- (4) Any notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by the Company by means of a relevant system shall be deemed to have been received when the Company or any sponsoring system-participant acting on its behalf sends the issuer-instruction relating to the notice, document or other information.
- (5) Any notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by the Company using electronic means shall be deemed to have been received on the day on which it was sent notwithstanding that the Company subsequently sends a hard copy of such notice, document or information by post. Any notice, document or other information made available on a website shall be deemed to have been received on the day on which the notice, document or other information was first made available on the website or, if later,

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when a notice of availability is received or deemed to have been received pursuant to this Article. In proving that a notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by electronic means was served, sent or supplied, it shall be sufficient to prove that it was properly addressed.

- (6) The accidental failure to send, or the non-receipt by any person entitled to, any notice, document or other information relating to any meeting or other proceeding shall not invalidate the relevant meeting or other proceeding.
- (7) Subject to the Statutes but notwithstanding anything else in these presents, a member or other person who would otherwise be entitled to receive any notice, document or other information, shall not be entitled to receive the relevant document if, on each of the three most recent occasions on which the relevant person shall have been sent any documents by the Company, the document shall have been returned undelivered to the Company unless, since the earliest of those three occasions, the relevant person shall have written to the Company at the Transfer Office either confirming the correctness of the relevant address shown in the Company's records or supplying a new address to which, in accordance with these presents, the documents are to be sent to him.
- (8) Any member may notify the Company of an address for the purpose of his receiving electronic communications from the Company, and having done so shall be deemed to have agreed to receive by electronic communication notices, documents and any other information from the Company. In addition, if a member notifies the Company of his e-mail address, the Company may satisfy its obligation to send him any notice, document or other information by:
 - (a) publishing such notice, document or other information on a website; and
 - (b) notifying him by e-mail to that e-mail address that such notice or document has been so published, specifying the address of the website on which it has been published, the place on the website where the notice may be accessed, how it may be accessed and (if the notice relates to a shareholders' meeting) stating:
 - (i) that the notice concerns a notice of a General Meeting served in accordance with the Companies Act;
 - (ii) the place, date and time of the meeting; and
 - (iii) such other information as the Statutes may prescribe.
- (9) Any amendment or revocation of a notification given to the Company under this Article shall only take effect if in writing, signed by the member and on actual receipt by the Company.
- (10) An electronic communication shall not be treated as received by the Company if it is rejected by computer virus protection arrangements.
- (11) If the Company receives actual notice that a failure of delivery of an electronic communications to a shareholder has occurred, and then receives actual notice that subsequent attempts to resend the original communication have also failed, the Company will send a hard copy of the communication by first class post to the shareholder's last known postal address within 48 hours of the Company receiving the notice of the original failure of delivery.
- (12) A document is treated as having been sent to a shareholder where the Company and the shareholder have agreed to the shareholder having access to documents on a website, the documents are subject to that agreement and the shareholder has been notified of the publication of the documents on a website, the address of that website and the place on the website where the documents may be accessed.
- (13) A document is treated as having been sent to a shareholder not less than 21 days before the date of a meeting if the documents have been published on the website throughout the period commencing 21 days

before the meeting and ending with the conclusion of the meeting and notification of that publication on the website has been sent to the shareholder not less than 21 days, beginning with the date of deemed receipt, before the date of the meeting.

- (14) Proceedings at a meeting will not be invalidated if documents have not been published for the entire period stated in paragraph 135(13) and where failure to publish the documents throughout the entire period is attributable to circumstances which it would have been unreasonable to have expected the Company to avoid.
- (15) A shareholder may give notice to the Company of the appointment of a proxy by electronic communication sent to such address as notified by the Company for that purpose.
- (16) The Company may at any time and in its own discretion choose to serve, send or supply notices, documents or other information in hard copy form alone to some or all members.

136. Notice to transferor binds transferee

Every person who, by operation of law, transfer or any other means becomes entitled to be registered as the holder of any shares is bound by every notice which, prior to the person's name and address being entered in the Register in respect of those shares, was properly given to the person from whom the person derives title to those shares.

137. Deceased and bankrupt members

A notice served in accordance with these Articles is (despite the fact that the shareholder is then dead, bankrupt or in liquidation and whether or not the Company has notice of the shareholder's death, bankruptcy or liquidation) taken to have been properly served in respect of any registered shares, whether held solely or jointly with other persons by the shareholder, until another person is registered in the shareholder's place as the holder or joint holder. The service is sufficient service of the notice or document on the shareholder's personal representative, trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator and any person jointly interested with the shareholder in the shares.

138. Overseas members

A member who (having no registered address within the United Kingdom or the Republic of South Africa) has not supplied to the Company an address within the United Kingdom, Australia or the Republic of South Africa or an address for the purposes of communications by electronic means for the service of notices shall not be entitled to receive notices from the Company.

139. Suspension of postal services

If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom, or the Republic of South Africa the Company is unable effectively to convene a shareholders' meeting by notices sent through the post, such meeting may be convened by a notice advertised on the same date in at least one national newspaper in the United Kingdom, and the Republic of South Africa and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto on the day when the advertisement appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if at least seven days prior to the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom or the Republic of South Africa as the case may be again becomes practicable.

140. Not used

WINDING-UP OF LIMITED OR THE COMPANY

141. Liquidation of Limited

- (1) Subject to Article 141(2):
- (a) upon receipt of an Insolvency Notice from Limited, the Company shall seek to ensure that the economic returns made or otherwise available to a holder of an Ordinary Share in Limited relative to the economic returns available to a holder of an Ordinary Share in the Company (or vice versa) are in due proportion having regard to the Equalisation Ratio (“**Economic Equivalence**”) by taking the steps set out in paragraphs (b) or (c) below.
 - (b) the Company shall have the right at any time within 12 months from the Notice Date either:
 - (i) irrevocably to offer to the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares on the Notice Date in consideration for their Limited Ordinary Shares such number of Plc Ordinary Shares pro rata to their holdings of Limited Ordinary Shares as is required to ensure that, after such issue, Economic Equivalence is achieved; or
 - (ii) to pay to holders of Limited Ordinary Shares on the Notice Date an amount equal to that proportion of the Company’s Market Capitalisation as at the Notice Date such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensures that Economic Equivalence is achieved.
 - (c) unless the Company has exercised its rights under paragraph (b) above, then, subject to paragraph (d) below, the Company must:
 - (i) within three months from the date the liquidator of Limited has finally established the identity of and amounts owed to the Proven Creditors (but in any event not earlier than the expiration of the period set out in paragraph (b) above), pay in full all Proven Creditors of Limited and all other costs and expenses of the liquidation (including those of the liquidator); and
 - (ii) within one month thereafter pay to Limited an amount equal to that proportion of the Company’s total Market Capitalisation on the date all payments have been made pursuant to paragraph (c)(i) above such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensures that Economic Equivalence is achieved.
 - (d) Payments under this Article 141(1) shall only be made by the Company to the extent that after making such payment there will remain available to the Company sufficient assets to pay all debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (2) If both the Company and Limited have provided each other with an Insolvency Notice and if:
- (a) the Company has surplus assets available for distribution to the holders of its Ordinary Shares after payment of all debts due; and
 - (b) the ratio of the surplus attributable to each Limited Ordinary Share to the surplus attributable to each Plc Ordinary Share would otherwise not equal the Equalisation Ratio,
- then (where possible) the Company shall as soon as possible pay to Limited an amount which results in that ratio equalling the Equalisation Ratio.
- (3) In this Article 141:
- (a) “**Economic Equivalence**” shall be determined before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld in respect of any payment to a holder of Ordinary Shares and disregarding any Tax payable by or on behalf of, or any Tax Benefit arising to, a holder of Ordinary Shares;

- (b) **“Insolvency Notice”** has the meaning given to it in Clause 8.1(a) of the Sharing Agreement;
- (c) **“Market Capitalisation”** means the total value of the Company’s issued Ordinary Shares (determined by reference to the trading price of those shares on the close of trading on the relevant day on the stock exchange on which it has its primary listing);
- (d) **“Notice Date”** means the date the Company receives or is deemed to receive an Insolvency Notice from Limited under the Sharing Agreement;
- (e) **“Proven Creditors”** means all persons that the liquidator of Limited has established as ranking in priority to the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares and who would be entitled to a payment as a result of the liquidation of Limited;
- (f) The surplus assets of a party available for distribution to holders of Ordinary Shares shall, for the purposes of Article 141(2), be calculated:
 - (i) before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld from the distribution by or on behalf of the Company; but
 - (ii) net of any Tax payable by the Company on the distribution to holders of Ordinary Shares excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any Tax within (i) above; and
- (g) Where the Company is to pay an amount to Limited, the calculation of the amount of the payment shall take account of any Tax payable on the making or receipt of, or any withholding or deduction in respect of Tax arising on, any payment, after allowing for any offsetting Tax Benefits.

142. Insolvency Notice

If, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, the Company is, or is likely to become, insolvent (whether or not a receiver, receiver and manager, provisional liquidator or liquidator has been appointed or mortgagee has taken possession of the property of the Company) the Directors must immediately give an Insolvency Notice (as defined in Article 141(3)) to Limited of such fact.

143. Directors’ power to petition

The Directors shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the Court for the Company to be wound up.

144. Rights on winding-up

- (1) Subject to Articles 141 and 144(3), if the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision, or by the Court) the Liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution, divide among the members in specie or in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds, and may for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The Liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the Liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved.
- (2) If any shares to be divided in accordance with Article 144(1) involve a liability to calls or otherwise, any person entitled under the division to any of the shares may by notice in writing within ten business days after the passing of the special resolution, direct the liquidator to sell the person’s proportion and pay the person the net proceeds and the liquidator is required, if practicable, to act accordingly.

- (3) Subject to the payment of all amounts payable under Article 141, prior ranking amounts owed to the creditors of the Company and prior ranking statutory entitlements, the assets of the Company to be distributed on a winding-up shall be distributed to the holders of shares in the following order of priority:
- (a) to the holders of the Cumulative Preference Shares, the repayment of a sum equal to the nominal capital paid up or credited as paid up on the Cumulative Preference Shares held by them and accrual (if any) of the Preferential Dividend whether such dividend has been earned or declared or not, calculated up to the date of commencement of the winding up; and
 - (b) to the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares and to the holders of the Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share, the payment out of the surplus (if any) remaining after the distribution under paragraph (a) above of an equal amount for each Plc Ordinary Share, the Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share (if issued) subject to a maximum in the case of the Plc Special Voting Share and the DLC Dividend Share of the nominal capital paid up on such shares.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

145. Destruction of Documents

Subject to compliance with the rules (as defined in the Uncertificated Securities Rules) applicable to shares of the Company in uncertificated form, the Company shall be entitled to destroy all instruments of transfer or other documents which have been registered or on the basis of which registration was made at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration thereof and all dividend mandates and notifications of change of address at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording thereof and all share certificates which have been cancelled at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of the cancellation thereof and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument of transfer or other document so destroyed was duly and properly made and every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid and effective certificate duly and properly cancelled and every other document hereinbefore mentioned so destroyed was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that:

- (a) the provisions aforesaid shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties thereto) to which the document might be relevant;
- (b) nothing herein contained shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any other circumstances which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article;
- (c) references herein to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal thereof in any manner.

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

146. Indemnity and insurance

- (1) To the relevant extent:
 - (a) the Company is to indemnify each officer of the Company out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer;
 - (b) where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may execute a documentary indemnity in any form in favour of any officer of the Company; and

- (c) where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may:
 - (i) make payments of amounts by way of premium in respect of any contract effecting insurance on behalf or in respect of an officer of the Company against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer; and
 - (ii) bind itself in any contract or deed with any officer of the Company to make the payments.
- (2) In this Article:
 - (a) **officer** means a director, secretary or executive officer of the Company or a person who formerly held one of those positions.
 - (b) **duties of the officer** includes, in any particular case where the Board considers it appropriate, duties arising by reason of the appointment, nomination or secondment in any capacity of an officer by the Company or, where applicable, a subsidiary of the Company to any other corporation.
 - (c) **to the relevant extent means:**
 - (i) to the extent the Company is not precluded by Applicable Regulation from doing so;
 - (ii) to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not otherwise entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified by another person (including, in particular, an insurer under any insurance policy); and
 - (iii) where the liability is incurred in or arising out of the conduct of the business of another corporation or in the discharge of the duties of the officer in relation to another corporation, to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified out of the assets of that corporation.
 - (d) **liability** means all costs, charges, losses, damages, expenses, penalties and liabilities of any kind including, in particular, legal costs incurred in defending any proceedings (whether criminal, civil, administrative or judicial) or appearing before any court, tribunal, government authority or otherwise.

CHANGE OF CONTROL

147. Not used

148. Share Control Limits

(1) The Limits

- (a) A person must not breach any of the following limits (the “**Limits**”):
 - (i) section 606(1) or 606(2) of the Corporations Act as each applies to Limited Ordinary Shares without regard to the Limited Special Voting Share; or
 - (ii) section 606(1) or 606(2) of the Corporations Act as each applies to Limited Ordinary Shares and the Limited Special Voting Share; or
 - (iii) Rule 9 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers setting a 30 per cent limit in relation to voting rights of Plc; or
 - (iv) the 30 per cent limit in relation to Plc Ordinary Shares without regard to the Plc Special Voting Share set out in Article 148(4) (called the “**UK 30% Stand Alone Limit**”); or
 - (v) the 20 per cent limit in relation to Plc Ordinary Shares and the Plc Special Voting Share referred to in Article 148(5), (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions relating to the relevant Limit), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition.

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- (b) Where any person breaches any such Limit (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions of the relevant Limit) except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition that person is in breach of these Articles.
- (c) Where any person breaches any such Limit (even if the acquisition is excepted under the provisions of the relevant Limit), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition:
 - (i) all voting rights attaching to Plc Ordinary Shares; and
 - (ii) all votes attaching to the Plc Special Voting Share, (including shares or rights held by associates, concert parties or any other person holding shares in which that person is deemed to be interested or which are to be taken together for the purposes of the relevant Limit) taken into account in calculating that person's relevant interest or voting power or voting control level or voting rights (however expressed under the relevant Limit) are **Votes in Breach**.
- (d) Any member determined by the Board to be holding Plc Ordinary Shares which carry Votes in Breach is a member in breach of these Articles. Any such determination by the Board shall be final and binding.

(2) Action by the Board

- (a) The Board must do the following in order to enforce Article 148(1) where the Board has reason to believe that any Limit is or may be breached except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition:
 - (i) require any member to provide such information as the Board considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under this Article 148;
 - (ii) have regard to such public filings as it considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under this Article 148;
 - (iii) make any determinations required under this Article 148, either after calling for submissions from affected members or other persons or without calling for such submissions;
 - (iv) determine that the voting rights (or some voting rights):
 - (A) attached to such number of Plc Ordinary Shares held by a person or persons whom the Board has resolved should not be capable of exercising their votes in accordance with this paragraph (iv) (called **Excess Shares**); and/or
 - (B) attached to the Special Voting Share (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions), being votes otherwise required to be cast by the holder of the Special Voting Share to mirror the votes cast by certain holders of Limited Ordinary Shares,

are from a particular time incapable of being exercised for a definite or indefinite period but only to the extent necessary so that, as far as the Board can judge the matter, the person otherwise in breach of one or more of the Limits would not thereafter breach any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;
 - (v) determine that any Excess Shares must be sold but only to the extent necessary so that, as far as the Board can judge the matter, the person otherwise in breach of one or more of the Limits would not thereafter breach any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;
 - (vi) determine that any Excess Shares will not carry any right to any distributions from a particular time for a definite or indefinite period but only in respect of such number of shares as breaches any of the relevant Limits except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition;

- (vii) take such other action for the purposes of enforcing this Article 148 in a timely and efficient manner including:
 - (A) prescribing rules (not inconsistent with this Article 148);
 - (B) setting deadlines for the provision of information;
 - (C) drawing adverse inferences where information requested is not provided;
 - (D) making determinations or interim determinations;
 - (E) executing documents on behalf of a member; (F) paying costs and expenses out of proceeds of sale of Excess Shares; and
 - (G) changing any decision or determination or rule previously made.

(b) No Director is liable for any such act or omission where the Director acts in good faith.

(3) Permitted Acquisitions

An acquisition is a Permitted Acquisition if the Board consents to the acquisition or if each of (a), (b) and (c) below is satisfied:

- (a) the acquisition is under or pursuant to a procedure:
 - (i) which applies to both the Limited Ordinary Shares and the Plc Ordinary Shares; or
 - (ii) which is undertaken for both the Limited Ordinary Shares and the Plc Ordinary Shares at or about the same time; and
- (b) each such procedure complies with all Applicable Regulation and provisions of the Constitutions; and
- (c) the holders of Limited Ordinary Shares on the one hand and the holders of Plc Ordinary Shares on the other hand are afforded equivalent treatment in terms of:
 - (i) the consideration offered for their shares (having regard to the Equalisation Ratio);
 - (ii) the information provided to them;
 - (iii) the time to consider the offer or procedure;
 - (iv) the conditions to which the procedure is subject; and
 - (v) the other terms of the procedure.

(4) UK 30% Stand Alone Limit

For the purposes of this Article 148, the “**UK 30% Stand-Alone Limit**” means that a person shall not acquire shares which taken together with shares held or acquired by persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him carry more than 30 per cent of the voting rights attributable to Plc Ordinary Shares. For this purpose, “**acting in concert**” has the same meaning as in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers.

(5) Section 606 Limit

The Limit referred to in Article 148(1)(a)(v) is the Limit imposed by section 606(1) or 606(2) of the Corporations Act.

(6) Mutual recognition

The Board may for the purposes of enforcing Article 148(1):

- (a) make a determination that the holding by a person of shares in Limited contributes to a breach by a person of a Limit and may communicate that determination to Limited; or
- (b) accept a determination by the Board of Limited that the holding by a person of shares in Plc contributes to a breach by a person of a relevant limit under the Limited Constitution;

and in the case of (b) above the Board must take any action under Article 148(2) as if the holder of the relevant Plc shares were in breach of these Articles.

(7) Validity

Any resolution or determination of, or decision or exercise of any discretion or power by, the Directors or any Director or by the chairman of any meeting acting in good faith under or pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be final and conclusive; and anything done, by or on behalf of, or on the authority of, the Directors or any Director acting in good faith pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Article shall be conclusive and binding on all persons concerned and shall not be open to challenge, whether as to its validity or otherwise on any ground whatsoever. The Directors shall not be required to give any reasons for any decision, determination or declaration taken or made in accordance with this Article.

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BHP Limited

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Incorporating amendments to be proposed at the 2015 Annual General Meetings of BHP Billiton Limited (formerly known as BHP limited) and BHP Billiton Plc (formerly known as Billiton Plc).

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Date

Parties

1. **BHP LIMITED**

(ACN 004 028 077) a company incorporated in Victoria, Australia, whose registered office is at Level 16, 171 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia (**BHP**); and

2. **BILLITON PLC**

a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 3196209, whose registered office is at Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1LH, United Kingdom (**Billiton**).

Recitals

- A BHP and Billiton have agreed to establish a dual listed companies structure for the purposes of the future conduct of their combined businesses and, accordingly, the implementation, management and operation of their combined businesses and affairs shall be undertaken in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and in particular, the DLC Equalisation Principles and the DLC Structure Principles, as defined below.

IT IS AGREED on and from the date of this Agreement as follows.

1. Definitions and interpretation

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1 Definitions

Action means any distribution or any action affecting the amount or nature of issued share capital, including any dividend, distribution in specie, offer by way of rights, bonus issue, repayment of capital, sub-division or consolidation, buy-back or amendment of the rights of any shares or a series of one or more of such actions.

Applicable Regulation means:

- (a) applicable law and regulations (including the requirements of the UK Code on Takeovers and Mergers and the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers); and
- (b) directives, notices or requirements of any Governmental Agency having jurisdiction over BHP or Billiton, as the case may be; and
- (c) the rules, regulations, and guidelines of:
 - (i) any stock exchange on which either the Billiton Ordinary Shares or the BHP Ordinary Shares or the BHP American depositary shares are listed or quoted;
 - (ii) any other body with which entities with securities listed or quoted on such exchanges customarily comply,

(but, if not having the force of law, only if compliance with such directives, notices, requirements, rules, regulations or guidelines is in accordance with the general practice of persons to whom they are intended to

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apply) in each case for the time being in force and taking account of all exemptions, waivers or variations from time to time applicable (in particular situations or generally) to Billiton or, as the case may be, to BHP.

ASX means ASX Limited (ACN 008 624 691).

BHP Constitution means the Constitution of BHP in the form attached to this Agreement as Annexure 1.

BHP Deed Poll Guarantee means the Deed Poll Guarantee of the same date as this Agreement whereby BHP guarantees certain obligations of the Billiton Group. *BHP DLC Dividend Share* means the proposed DLC Dividend Share in the capital of BHP having the rights described in the BHP Constitution.

BHP DLC Dividend Share means the proposed DLC Dividend Share in the capital of BHP having the rights described in the BHP Constitution.

BHP Entrenched Provision has the meaning given to it in the BHP Constitution.

BHP Group means BHP and its Subsidiaries from time to time and a *member of the BHP Group* means any one of them.

BHP Ordinary Shares means the ordinary shares in the capital of BHP from time to time.

BHP Special Voting Share means the special voting share in the capital of BHP issued to BHP SVC having the rights described in the BHP Constitution.

BHP SVC means BHP SVC Pty Limited, a proprietary company limited by shares incorporated in Victoria, or such other company as replaces BHP SVC Pty Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement.

Billiton Deed Poll Guarantee means the Deed Poll Guarantee of the same date as this Agreement whereby Billiton guarantees certain obligations of the BHP Group.

Billiton DLC Dividend Share means the proposed DLC Dividend Share in the capital of Billiton having the rights described in the Billiton Memorandum and Articles.

Billiton Entrenched Provision has the meaning given to it in the Billiton Memorandum and Articles.

Billiton Group means Billiton and its Subsidiaries from time to time and a *member of the Billiton Group* means any one of them.

Billiton Memorandum and Articles means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Billiton in the form attached to this Agreement as Annexure 2.

Billiton Ordinary Shares means the ordinary shares in the capital of Billiton from time to time.

Billiton Special Voting Share means the special voting share in the capital of Billiton issued to Billiton SVC having the rights described in the Billiton Memorandum and Articles.

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Billiton SVC means Billiton SVC Limited, a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales or such other company as replaces Billiton SVC Limited from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement.

Board of BHP means all or some of the directors of BHP from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board).

Board of Billiton means all or some of the directors of Billiton from time to time acting as a board (or a duly appointed committee of the board).

Boards of BHP and Billiton means the Board of BHP and the Board of Billiton.

Class Rights Action means any of the actions listed in Clause 4.1.

Class Rights Procedure means the procedures referred to in Clause 4.2.

Combined Group means the BHP Group and the Billiton Group.

Companies Act means the Companies Act 1985 of the United Kingdom.

Constitution means:

- (a) in relation to BHP, the BHP Constitution; and
- (b) in relation to Billiton, the Billiton Memorandum and Articles.

Corporations Law has the meaning given to it by Section 13(2) of the Corporations (Victoria) Act 1990 of Victoria, Australia and includes a reference to the Corporations Regulations referred to in that section.

DLC Dividend Share means the BHP DLC Dividend Share or Billiton DLC Dividend Share, as the context requires.

DLC Equalisation Principles means the principles set out in Clause 3, in particular Clause 3.1.

DLC Merger Implementation Agreement means the agreement entered into between BHP and Billiton dated 19 March 2001.

DLC Structure means the arrangement whereby, inter alia, BHP and Billiton have a unified management structure and the businesses of both BHP and Billiton are managed on a unified basis in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

DLC Structure Principles means the principles described in Clause 2.

Equalisation Ratio means the ratio for the time being of (a) the dividend, capital and (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per BHP Ordinary Share to (b) the dividend, capital and (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) voting rights per Billiton Ordinary Share in the Combined Group (which shall initially be 1:1).

Governmental Agency means any government or representative of a government or any governmental, semi-governmental, supra-national, statutory, administrative, fiscal, regulatory or judicial body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency or entity or trade agency, and shall include competition authorities, the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, the Corporations and Securities Panel of Australia, the ASX, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the London Stock Exchange and the UK Listing Authority.

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Group means:

- (a) in relation to BHP, the BHP Group; and
- (b) in relation to Billiton, the Billiton Group,

as the context requires.

Joint Electorate Action means any of the actions listed in Clause 5.1 (other than those matters which the Boards of BHP and Billiton have from time to time agreed will be treated as Class Rights Actions).

Joint Electorate Procedure means the procedures referred to in Clause 5.2.

London Stock Exchange means the London Stock Exchange Plc.

Matching Action means any Action in relation to either the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares or the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares whose overall effect is such that, when taken together with an Action taken or to be taken in relation to the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares or of BHP Ordinary Shares (as the case may be), is such as to ensure that the economic returns and voting rights of a BHP Ordinary Share and of a Billiton Ordinary Share are maintained in proportion to the Equalisation Ratio.

Matching Dividend has the meaning given in Clause 3.3.

Ordinary Resolution means any resolution of the shareholders of a company which requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the resolution to be approved.

Ordinary Shares means:

- (a) in relation to BHP, the BHP Ordinary Shares; and
- (b) in relation to Billiton, the Billiton Ordinary Shares.

Public Trustee means The Law Debenture Trust Corporation Plc or such other public trust company as shall be agreed between BHP and Billiton.

Required Majority means in relation to a Class Rights Action the percentage voting in favour that would be required to pass a Required Resolution of the type proposed in connection with such Class Rights Action.

Required Resolution has the meaning given in Clause 4.2.

Special Resolution means any resolution of the shareholders of either party which requires:

- (a) the affirmative vote of 75% or more of the votes cast on the resolution to be approved; or
- (b) where prescribed by Applicable Regulation or the relevant party's Constitution, any other affirmative vote greater than that required for an Ordinary Resolution.

Special Voting Share means:

- (a) in relation to BHP, the BHP Special Voting Share; and
- (b) in relation to Billiton, the Billiton Special Voting Share.

Subsidiary means a subsidiary undertaking as that term is defined in Section 258 of the Companies Act.

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Tax Benefit means any credit, rebate, exemption or benefit in respect of Tax available to any person.

Tax means any taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges, withholdings or duties levied by any authority (including stamp and transaction duties) (together with any related interest, penalties, fines and expenses in connection with them).

UK Listing Authority means the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority for the purposes of Part IV of the UK Financial Services Act 1986.

Voting Agreement means the SVC Special Voting Shares Deed entered into between BHP, BHP SVC, Billiton, Billiton SVC and the Public Trustee relating to the BHP Special Voting Share and the Billiton Special Voting Share.

Withholding Tax means any amount in respect of Tax which is required by Applicable Regulation to be deducted or withheld in respect of any Action made, or amount paid pursuant to an Action, to any holder of BHP Ordinary Shares or Billiton Ordinary Shares.

1.2 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

A person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any terms of this Agreement.

1.3 Best Endeavours

Where this Agreement requires a party to use **best endeavours** in relation to an obligation, that party shall do all such things as are or may be necessary or desirable so as to comply with or satisfy that obligation unless the parties agree that it is not reasonable to take the action or assume that obligation.

1.4 Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules of interpretation apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- (a) The singular includes the plural and conversely.
- (b) A gender includes all genders.
- (c) Where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.
- (d) A reference to a person includes a body corporate, an unincorporated body or other entity.
- (e) A reference to a Clause or an Annexure is to a Clause of or Annexure to this Agreement.
- (f) A reference to any agreement or document is to that agreement or document as amended, novated, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time, except to the extent prohibited by this Agreement.
- (g) A reference to any legislation or Applicable Regulation or to any provision of any legislation or Applicable Regulation includes any modification or re-enactment of it, any legislative or regulatory provision substituted for it and all regulations and statutory instruments issued under it.
- (h) Each Annexure and each certificate and document delivered under this Agreement forms part of this Agreement.
- (i) A reference to **writing** includes a facsimile transmission and any means of reproducing words in a tangible and permanently visible form.
- (j) Mentioning anything after **include, includes or including** does not limit what else might be included. Where particular words are followed by general words, the general words are not limited by the particular.

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- (k) A reference to a body, other than a party to this Agreement (including, an institute, association, authority or Governmental Agency), whether statutory or not:
 - (i) which ceases to exist; or
 - (ii) whose powers or functions are transferred to another body,is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its powers or functions.
- (l) All references to *time* are to the local time in the place where the relevant obligation is to be performed (or right exercised).
- (m) References in this Agreement to *A\$* are to Australian dollars.
- (n) References to offers by way of rights are to any offers (whether renounceable or non-renounceable) to the existing ordinary shareholders of a party as nearly as may be in proportion to their holdings at the relevant time on a pre-emptive basis which may be subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board of BHP or the Board of Billiton, as the case may be, may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical difficulties with making the offer under the laws of, or the requirements of any Applicable Regulation in, any jurisdiction.

2. DLC Structure Principles

BHP and Billiton agree that the following principles are essential to the implementation, management and operation of the DLC Structure:

- (a) BHP and Billiton must operate as if they were a single unified economic entity, through boards of directors which comprise the same individuals and a unified senior executive management;
- (b) the directors of BHP and Billiton shall, in addition to their duties to the company concerned, have regard to the interests of the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares and the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares as if the two companies were a single unified economic entity and for that purpose the directors of each company shall take into account in the exercise of their powers the interests of the shareholders of the other; and
- (c) the DLC Equalisation Principles must be observed,

and BHP and Billiton agree to pursue, and agree to procure (to the extent that it is appropriate to do so) that each member of its respective Group will pursue, the DLC Structure Principles.

3. Equalisation

3.1 DLC Equalisation Principles

Subject to Clause 3.2, the following principles shall be observed in relation to the rights of the BHP Ordinary Shares and the Billiton Ordinary Shares:

- (a) the Equalisation Ratio shall govern the economic rights of one BHP Ordinary Share relative to one Billiton Ordinary Share (and vice versa) and the relative voting rights of one BHP Ordinary Share and one Billiton Ordinary Share on Joint Electorate Actions so that, where the Equalisation Ratio is 1:1, a holder of one BHP Ordinary Share and a holder of one Billiton Ordinary Share shall, as far as practicable:
 - (i) receive equivalent economic returns; and
 - (ii) enjoy equivalent rights as to voting in relation to Joint Electorate Actions,

and otherwise such returns and rights as between a BHP Ordinary Share and a Billiton Ordinary Share will be in proportion to the then prevailing Equalisation Ratio;

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- (b) where an Action by BHP or Billiton is proposed such that the Action would result in the ratio of the economic returns on, or voting rights (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) of, a BHP Ordinary Share to a Billiton Ordinary Share not being the same as the then prevailing Equalisation Ratio, or which would benefit the holders of Ordinary Shares in one party relative to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the other party, then:
- (i) unless the Boards of BHP and Billiton determine that it is not appropriate or practicable, a Matching Action shall be undertaken; or
 - (ii) if no Matching Action is to be undertaken, an appropriate adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio shall be made, in order to ensure that there is equitable treatment (having regard to the then prevailing Equalisation Ratio) as between the holder of one BHP Ordinary Share and the holder of one Billiton Ordinary Share. However, if the Boards of BHP and Billiton determine that it is not appropriate or practicable to undertake a Matching Action and that an adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio would not be appropriate or practicable in relation to an Action, then such Action may be undertaken provided it has been approved as a Class Rights Action.

3.2 Qualifications

For the purposes of the DLC Equalisation Principles, save where expressly otherwise provided:

- (a) in relation to any Action, the economic return to the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares or Billiton Ordinary Shares shall be calculated before deduction of Withholding Tax and disregarding any Tax payable by or on behalf of, or any Tax Benefit arising to, such holders;
- (b) Where an Action:
 - (i) has not been approved as a Class Rights Action;
 - (ii) in the absence of such approval, would require a Matching Action or adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio by virtue of Clause 3.1(b); and
 - (iii) the Boards of BHP and Billiton consider that the effect of such Action upon the holder of a BHP Ordinary Share relative to its effect upon a holder of a Billiton Ordinary Share is not material (as defined below),

then (subject to the next sentence) there shall be no requirement for a Matching Action, an adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or approval as a Class Rights Action in respect of such Action (an ***Unadjusted Action***). However, in considering the application of the DLC Equalisation Principles to any Action the Boards of BHP and Billiton shall take into account the effect of all prior Unadjusted Actions in deciding whether a Matching Action, an adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or approval as a Class Rights Action is appropriate and if any adjustment is made it shall take into account all such prior Unadjusted Actions. For the purposes of this Clause, the effect of an Action is ***not material*** if both:

- (i) the costs to BHP and Billiton of taking a Matching Action or seeking approval as a Class Rights Action would be, in the opinion of the Boards of BHP and Billiton, disproportionate to the effect of such Action upon the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares or Billiton Ordinary Shares (as the case may be) for whose benefit a Matching Action would otherwise (in the absence of an adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or approval as a Class Rights Action) be required; and
- (ii) the adjustment that would be required to be made to the Equalisation Ratio would result in an adjustment to the relevant element of the Equalisation Ratio of less than 0.1%;

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- (c) the Boards of BHP and Billiton shall have no obligation to take into account any fluctuations in exchange rates or in the market value of any securities or any other changes in circumstances arising after the time at which the Boards of BHP and Billiton make a determination as to the form and value of any Matching Action or the calculation of any adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio; and
- (d) there shall be no need for the Boards of BHP and Billiton to make any adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or to do or omit to do any other thing as a result of the dividend, voting or other rights of any shareholder being suspended or curtailed pursuant to any provision of either Constitution.

3.3 Cash Dividends

- (a) Subject to Clauses 3.3(b) and 3.4, if the Action proposed by either party is the payment of a cash dividend to its Ordinary Shareholders, then, notwithstanding that the provisions of Clause 3.2(b) may apply so as not to require any Matching Action, a Matching Action shall be taken in the form of a cash dividend by the other party to its Ordinary Shareholders (a **Matching Dividend**).
- (b) Clause 3.3(a) shall not restrict either party's ability to offer to its holders of Ordinary Shares the ability to elect to subscribe for further Ordinary Shares at market value in lieu of receiving the whole or any part of a cash dividend.

3.4 Equalisation Payment

If either party is prohibited by Applicable Regulation or is otherwise unable to declare, pay or otherwise make all or any portion of a Matching Dividend, BHP and Billiton shall, so far as it is practicable to do so, enter into such transactions with each other as the Boards of BHP and Billiton agree to be necessary or desirable so as to enable both to pay dividends as nearly as practicable at the same time in accordance with the other provisions of this Clause 3.

3.5 Circumstances not requiring Matching Action etc

No Matching Action, adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or approval as a Class Rights Action is required:

- (a) in respect of any Action which would not result in the ratio of the economic returns on, or voting rights (in relation to Joint Electorate Actions) of, a BHP Ordinary Share to a Billiton Ordinary Share not being the same as the then prevailing Equalisation Ratio (and vice versa), or which would not benefit the holders of Ordinary Shares in one party relative to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the other party;
- (b) where a Matching Action, adjustment to the Equalisation Ratio or approval as a Class Rights Action is not required by virtue of Clause 3.2(b);
- (c) in relation to the issue of securities or the granting of rights over securities by either BHP or Billiton pursuant to a scheme for encouraging or facilitating the holding of shares or other securities in the relevant company by or for the benefit of directors or former directors or bona fide employees or former employees of either BHP or Billiton or any of their respective Subsidiaries;
- (d) in relation to an issue of any securities in either BHP or Billiton other than an offer by way of rights;
- (e) in relation to a buy-back, repurchase or redemption of any Ordinary Shares (including a share cancellation in connection with a reduction of capital):
 - (i) on market in compliance with the rules of the relevant stock exchange and listing rules;
 - (ii) at or below market value; or
 - (iii) pursuant to a general offer to shareholders in both BHP and Billiton which (applying the Equalisation Ratio) is made on equivalent terms; or

- (f) in relation to the bonus issue of BHP Ordinary Shares to give effect to the DLC Structure under Clause 5 of the DLC Merger Implementation Agreement.

3.6 Boards' decisions final

Any decisions made by the Boards of BHP and Billiton in accordance with this Clause 3 shall be final and binding.

4. Class rights matters

4.1 Class Rights Action

Neither BHP nor Billiton shall undertake any of the following actions unless such action has been approved in accordance with this Clause 4:

- (a) the voluntary liquidation of either BHP or Billiton;
- (b) amendment of the terms of, or termination of this Agreement or the Voting Agreement, the Billiton Deed Poll Guarantee or the BHP Deed Poll Guarantee (other than, in the case of the Voting Agreement, any amendment to conform such agreement with the terms of this Agreement or, in the case of any of those agreements, any amendment which is formal or technical in nature and which would not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders of either party or is necessary to correct any inconsistency or manifest error as agreed between the Boards of BHP and Billiton);
- (c) amendment, removal or alteration of the effect of (which for the avoidance of doubt shall be taken to include the ratification of any breach of) any BHP Entrenched Provision or any Billiton Entrenched Provision as the case may be;
- (d) any Action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action under Clause 3.1(b);
- (e) a change in the corporate status of BHP from a public company limited by shares registered under the Corporations Law with its primary listing on ASX or Billiton from a public listed company incorporated in England and Wales with its primary listing on the London Stock Exchange; and
- (f) any other action or matter which the Boards of BHP and Billiton agree (either in a particular case or generally) should be treated as a Class Rights Action.

4.2 Approvals of Class Rights Actions

A Class Rights Action in respect of an action of a kind described in:

- (a) Clauses 4.1(a), (b) or (c) shall require approval by Special Resolution;
- (b) Clauses 4.1(d) or (e) shall require approval by Ordinary Resolution or in relation to either party, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to such party or such party's Constitution, by Special Resolution of that party; and
- (c) Clause 4.1(f) shall require approval by Ordinary Resolution or in relation to either party, if required by Applicable Regulation applying to such party or such party's Constitution or if considered appropriate by the Boards of BHP and Billiton, by Special Resolution of that party,

in each case in accordance with the Class Rights Procedure (and the type of resolution specified above shall be referred to as the **Required Resolution**).

4.3 Class Rights Procedure

- (a) Subject to Clause 4.3(b), a Class Rights Action shall require approval by a Required Resolution of the shareholders of each party at a meeting at which the holders of Ordinary Shares and the Special Voting Share are entitled to vote as a single class on a poll. In relation to such resolution, if the proposed action has not, by the time of the closing of the poll, been approved by a Required Majority of the holders of Ordinary Shares in either party, the holder of the Special Voting Share in the other party shall vote so as to defeat the resolution (and will have sufficient votes to effect such defeat). The holder of the Special Voting Share in the other party shall otherwise not vote in relation to that resolution.
- (b) Where an action requiring approval as a Class Rights Action would not otherwise require approval of the shareholders of the Benefited Party, the Benefited Party shall not be required to convene a meeting for the purposes of Clause 4.3(a) and the Class Rights Action shall be approved if the holder of the Special Voting Share in the Benefited Party has given its written consent to the action, which consent shall only be given following the passing of a resolution by the Required Majority of the holders of Ordinary Shares of the Affected Party.

In this Clause 4.3(b), **Benefited Party** means the party whose holders of Ordinary Shares would benefit from a proposed action relative to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the other party (**Affected Party**).

5. Joint electorate matters

5.1 Joint Electorate Actions

Resolutions of the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares and the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares shall be subject to the Joint Electorate Procedure if they relate to the following matters:

- (a) the appointment, removal or re-election of any director of BHP or Billiton, or both of them;
- (b) the receipt or adoption of the annual accounts of BHP or of Billiton, or both of them, or accounts prepared on a combined basis;
- (c) a change of name by BHP or Billiton or both of them;
- (d) the appointment or removal of the auditors of BHP or Billiton, or both of them;
- (e) any proposed acquisition, disposal or other transaction of the kinds referred to in Chapters 10 and 11 of the ASX Listing Rules or Chapters 10 and 11 of the UKLA Listing Rules which (in any case) is required under such Applicable Regulation to be authorised by holders of Ordinary Shares;
- (f) a matter referred to in Clause 7.2 or 7.3;
- (g) any matter considered by shareholders at an annual general meeting of BHP or Billiton (or at a general meeting held on the same day as an annual general meeting);
- (h) any other matter which the Boards of BHP and Billiton decide (either in a particular case or generally) should be approved under the Joint Electorate Procedure.

If a particular matter falls both within Clause 4.1 and this Clause 5.1, then it shall be treated as falling within Clause 4.1.

5.2 Joint Electorate Procedure

A Joint Electorate Action shall require approval by both:

- (a) an Ordinary Resolution (or a Special Resolution if required by either the BHP Constitution or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the BHP Ordinary Shares and the holder of the BHP Special Voting Share, voting as a single class; and

- (b) an Ordinary Resolution (or a Special Resolution if required by either the Billiton Memorandum and Articles or Applicable Regulation) of the votes cast by the holders of the Billiton Ordinary Shares and the holder of the Billiton Special Voting Share, voting as a single class.

6. Meetings and Voting

6.1 Obligations to convene meetings

In relation to both Joint Electorate Actions and Class Rights Actions:

- (a) each party shall (if necessary), as soon as practicable, and except in the case of matters considered by shareholders at an annual general meeting, convene a general meeting of its shareholders for the purpose of considering a resolution to approve the Joint Electorate Action or Class Rights Action; and
- (b) each party shall (if necessary) use its best endeavours to ensure that the two general meetings are held on the same date or on dates as close together as is practicable; and
- (c) the parties shall co-operate fully with each other in preparing resolutions, explanatory memoranda or any other information or material required in connection with the proposed Joint Electorate Action or Class Rights Action.

6.2 Poll

Any resolution proposed or amended at a general meeting of shareholders in relation to which the holder of the BHP Special Voting Share, or the holder of the Billiton Special Voting Share, as the case may be, is or may be entitled to vote pursuant to Clause 4.3 or Clause 5.2, shall be decided by a poll.

6.3 Timing of Poll

Any poll on which the holder of the Special Voting Share is or may be entitled to vote shall be kept open for such time as is necessary to allow the general meeting of the other party to be held and for the votes attaching to the Special Voting Share to be calculated and cast on such poll, although such poll may be closed earlier in respect of shares of other classes.

6.4 Discretionary Matters

- (a) The Boards of BHP and Billiton may by agreement decide to seek the approval of such majority of the shareholders (or any class of shareholders) of either or both of BHP and Billiton as the Boards of BHP and Billiton may agree on any matter which would not otherwise require shareholder approval or would otherwise require approval by a lesser majority.
- (b) Unless the Boards of BHP and Billiton decide otherwise, any matter which by Applicable Regulation or by virtue of the provisions of the BHP Constitution or the Billiton Memorandum and Articles requires approval of the shareholders of BHP or Billiton as the case may be and which is not a Class Rights Action or a Joint Electorate Action, requires the approval of the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares only or the approval of the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares only (as the case may be).

6.5 Procedural Resolutions

Where any procedural resolution is to be voted on at a meeting of shareholders at which a Joint Electorate Action is to be considered, such procedural resolution may be voted on by the holder of the Special Voting Share or the holder may give the Chair its proxy in relation to such matters, allowing the Chair to vote as it thinks fit.

6.6 Voting Restrictions

Each party agrees that it shall procure that no voting rights for the time being attaching to any Ordinary Shares in the other party beneficially owned by it, or by any member of its Group, are exercised on any resolution put to any shareholders meeting of the other party.

7. Takeovers and acceptance of them

7.1 Enforcement of Constitutions

Each of BHP and Billiton shall promptly enforce the provisions of Article 65 of the Billiton Memorandum and Articles and Rule 105 of the BHP Constitution to the fullest extent lawfully possible under Applicable Regulation.

7.2 Acceptance of a takeover offer for BHP

If a third party (either alone or with its associates (within the meaning of Section 9 or Part 1.2, Division 2 of the Corporations Law)) has made an offer to shareholders generally to acquire BHP Ordinary Shares, Billiton shall procure that while such offer remains open for acceptance no member of the Billiton Group, if any, which holds BHP Ordinary Shares beneficially shall accept such offer in respect of, or otherwise dispose of, any BHP Ordinary Shares or any interest in them without the approval of an Ordinary Resolution by Joint Electorate Procedure on which any votes of the offeror or its associates (apart from persons who are associates by virtue of having accepted, or submitted forms of acceptance or irrevocable undertakings to accept, an offer for their BHP Ordinary Shares or Billiton Ordinary Shares) shall be disregarded.

7.3 Acceptance of a takeover offer for Billiton

If a third party (either alone or with its associates (within the meaning of the UK Code on Takeovers and Mergers)) has made an offer to shareholders generally to acquire Billiton Ordinary Shares, BHP shall procure that while such offer remains open for acceptance no member of the BHP Group, if any, which holds Billiton Ordinary Shares beneficially shall accept such offer in respect of, or otherwise dispose of, any Billiton Ordinary Shares or any interest therein without the approval of an Ordinary Resolution by Joint Electorate Procedure on which any votes of the offeror or its associates (apart from persons who are associates by virtue of having accepted, or submitted forms of acceptance or irrevocable undertakings to accept, an offer for their BHP Ordinary Shares or Billiton Ordinary Shares) shall be disregarded.

8. Liquidation

8.1 One party insolvent

Subject to Clause 8.2:

- (a) If, in the reasonable opinion of the directors of a party (**IS Party**), IS Party is, or is likely to become, insolvent (whether or not a receiver, receiver and manager, provisional liquidator or liquidator has been appointed or mortgagee has taken possession of the property of IS Party) the directors of IS Party must immediately give a notice (**Insolvency Notice**) to the other party (**S Party**) of such fact.
- (b) Upon receipt by S Party of an Insolvency Notice, S Party shall seek to ensure that the economic returns made or otherwise available to a holder of an Ordinary Share in IS Party relative to the economic returns available to a holder of an Ordinary Share in S Party (or vice versa) are in due proportion having regard to the Equalisation Ratio (**Economic Equivalence**) by taking the steps set out in Clauses 8.1(c) or (d).

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- (c) S Party shall have the right at any time within 12 months from the Notice Date either:
 - (i) irrevocably to offer to the holders of Ordinary Shares in IS Party on the Notice Date in consideration for their Ordinary Shares in IS Party such number of Ordinary Shares in S Party pro rata to their holdings of Ordinary Shares in IS Party as is required to ensure that, after such issue, Economic Equivalence is achieved; or
 - (ii) to pay to holders of Ordinary Shares in IS Party on the Notice Date an amount equal to that proportion of S Party's Market Capitalisation as at the Notice Date such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensure that Economic Equivalence is achieved.
- (d) Unless S Party has exercised its rights under Clause 8.1(c), then, subject to Clause 8.1(e), S Party must:
 - (i) within 3 months from the date the liquidator of IS party has finally established the identity of and amounts owed to the Proven Creditors but in any event not earlier than the expiration of the period set out in paragraph (c) above, pay in full all Proven Creditors of IS Party and all other costs and expenses of the liquidation (including those of the liquidator); and
 - (ii) within 1 month thereafter pay to IS Party an amount equal to that proportion of S Party's total Market Capitalisation on the date all payments have been made pursuant to Clause 8.1(d)(i) such that the amount paid and the balance remaining ensure that Economic Equivalence is achieved.
- (e) Payments under this Clause 8.1 shall only be made by S Party to the extent that after making such payment there will remain available to S Party sufficient assets to pay all its debts as and when they become due and payable.

8.2 Both parties insolvent

If each party has provided the other with an Insolvency Notice and if:

- (a) either party has surplus assets available for distribution to the holders of its Ordinary Shares after payment of all debts due and payable; and
- (b) the ratio of the surplus attributable to each BHP Ordinary Share to the surplus attributable to each Billiton Ordinary Share would otherwise not equal the Equalisation Ratio,

then one party must as soon as practicable pay to the other (where possible) an amount which results in that ratio equalling the Equalisation Ratio.

8.3 Definitions and Interpretation

In this Clause 8:

- (a) **Economic Equivalence** shall be determined before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld in respect of any payment to a holder of Ordinary Shares and disregarding any Tax payable by or on behalf of, or any Tax Benefit arising to, a holder of Ordinary Shares.
- (b) **Market Capitalisation**, in relation to S Party, means the total value of all its issued Ordinary Shares (determined by reference to the trading price of those shares on the close of trading on the relevant day on the stock exchange on which it has its primary listing);
- (c) **Notice Date** means the date a party receives or is deemed to receive an Insolvency Notice from the other party;
- (d) **Proven Creditors** means all persons that the liquidator of IS Party has established as ranking in priority to the holders of Ordinary Shares in IS Party and who would be entitled to a payment as a result of the liquidation of IS Party;

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- (e) The surplus assets of a party available for distribution to holders of Ordinary Shares shall, for the purposes of Clause 8.2, be calculated:
 - (i) before deduction of any amount in respect of Tax which may be deducted or withheld from the distribution by or on behalf of the party paying or making the distribution; but
 - (ii) net of any Tax payable by that party on the distribution to holders of Ordinary Shares excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any Tax within (i) above; and
- (f) Where a party pays an amount to the other party, the calculation of the amount of the payment shall take account of any Tax payable on the making or receipt of, or any withholding or deduction in respect of Tax arising on, any payment, after allowing for any offsetting Tax Benefits.

9. Termination

This Agreement may only be terminated in one of the following circumstances:

- (a) by either party by notice, at any time after either party becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the other party or after both parties become wholly owned subsidiaries of a third party;
- (b) by a party by notice, at any time after it has fulfilled its obligations under Clause 8; or
- (c) if termination has been approved as a Class Rights Action, in the manner specified in the relevant resolution. However, BHP or Billiton may only seek such approval if the Boards of BHP and Billiton agree on the terms upon which such termination should occur and consider those terms to be, so far as is practicable, equitable to the interests of both the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares and the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares, having regard to the DLC Structure Principles.

10. Personal rights only

For the avoidance of doubt, Clauses 3, 8 and 9 are personal rights only. They do not, and are not intended to, create any proprietary right (including any proprietary right in any member or creditor of BHP or Billiton). These undertakings are not assignable, and cannot be subject to a mortgage, charge, pledge, encumbrance or other security interest. These undertakings do not survive any termination of this Agreement. It is fundamental to the agreement of each of BHP and Billiton to give these undertakings that they should be relied on solely by the other, and it is fundamental to the agreement of each of BHP and Billiton to accept these undertakings that they should be performed solely by the other.

11. Issue of DLC Dividend Shares

11.1 By BHP or Billiton

- (a) The parties agree that the Boards of BHP and Billiton may respectively agree to the issue of the BHP DLC Dividend Share to Billiton or a wholly-owned member of the Billiton Group or of the Billiton DLC Dividend Share to BHP or a wholly-owned member of the BHP Group (in each case, for a subscription price of US\$10 or such other sum as the Board of the issuing company may determine, to be paid in full on issue of the relevant share).
- (b) Subject to paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Clause 11.1, each of the BHP DLC Dividend Share and the Billiton DLC Dividend Share may be issued for such purposes, and dividends paid on that share at such times and in such amounts, as the Directors of the issuing company in good faith consider in their absolute discretion to be in furtherance of any of the principles referred to in this Sharing Agreement, including the principle of BHP and Billiton operating as a single unified economic entity.

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- (c) A dividend must not be paid on a DLC Dividend Share unless the holder of such share at the time of the payment is, in the case of the BHP DLC Dividend Share, Billiton or a wholly-owned member of the Billiton Group or, in the case of the Billiton DLC Dividend Share, BHP or a wholly-owned member of the BHP Group.
- (d) The maximum amount of DDS dividends that may be paid since the last ordinary cash dividend paid is the greater of:
 - (i) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all BHP Ordinary Shares; and
 - (ii) the aggregate amount of the last ordinary cash dividend paid on all Billiton Ordinary Shares.
- (e) For the purpose of this Clause 11.1:
 - (i) “**cash dividend**” means any dividend (including any amount of the dividend in respect of which a holder of an Ordinary Share elects to participate in any dividend plan or offer, such as a dividend reinvestment plan or scrip dividend plan) other than a dividend effected wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets or documents of title;
 - (ii) “**ordinary cash dividend**” means any cash dividend paid on Ordinary Shares which is designated as an interim or final dividend;
 - (iii) “**DDS dividend**” means any dividend paid on a DLC Dividend Share, excluding a dividend the proceeds of which are to be used (directly or indirectly) to pay a special cash dividend on Ordinary Shares of the other party in accordance with the requirements of clause 3.3(a) of this Agreement; and
 - (iv) “**special cash dividend**” means any cash dividend which is not an ordinary cash dividend.

11.2 By other Group members

The parties may also agree to the issue by a member of the BHP Group of a DLC dividend share (with such rights as the parties may determine in light of the principles reflected in this Agreement) to Billiton or a wholly-owned member of the Billiton Group and to the issue by a member of the Billiton Group of a DLC dividend share (with such rights as the parties may determine in light of the principles reflected in this Agreement) to BHP or a wholly-owned member of the BHP Group.

12. Relationships with other documents

In the event of any conflict between this Agreement on the one hand and, on the other hand, either of the BHP Constitution or the Billiton Memorandum and Articles, the parties shall use their best endeavours to ensure that any required amendment to the BHP Constitution or the Billiton Memorandum and Articles, as is appropriate, is proposed at general meetings of BHP and/or (as the case may be) Billiton, in order to conform it or them with the provisions of this Agreement.

13. Other transactions

Without limiting Clause 2, each party will enter into such further transactions or arrangements, and do such acts and things, as the other may reasonably require from time to time in the furtherance of the common interests of the holders of BHP Ordinary Shares and the holders of Billiton Ordinary Shares as a combined group or to give effect to this Agreement.

14. General

14.1 No assignment

Neither of the parties may assign or transfer any of its rights or novate any of its obligations under this Agreement, in whole or part.

14.2 No partnership or agency

Nothing in this Agreement (or in any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement) shall be deemed to constitute a partnership between BHP and Billiton, nor constitute either party as agent of the other party for any purpose.

14.3 Amendment

Without prejudice to Clause 4.1(b), any amendment to or termination of this Agreement shall be made in writing signed by duly authorised representatives of BHP and Billiton.

14.4 Notices

Any notice given under this Agreement:

- (a) must be in writing in English and addressed to the intended recipient at the address shown below:

in the case of Billiton:

Neathouse Place
London SW1V 1LH
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 7802 4000
Fax: +44 7802 4111
Attention: Chief Legal Counsel

in the case of BHP:

Level 16
171 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Australia
Tel: +61 3 9609 3333
Fax: +61 3 9609 3015
Attention: Chief Legal Counsel

or the address last notified by the intended recipient to the sender;

- (b) must be signed by a person duly authorised by the sender; and
- (c) will be taken to have been given when delivered, received or left at the above address. If delivery or receipt occurs on a day when business is not generally carried on in the place to which the notice is sent, or is later than 4pm (local time), it will be taken to have been duly given at the commencement of business on the next day when business is generally carried on in that place.

14.5 Process Agent

- (a) BHP irrevocably appoints Trusec Limited of 35 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5BD as its agent to accept service of process in England in any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, service upon whom shall be deemed complete whether or not forwarded to or received by BHP.
- (b) Billiton irrevocably appoints Damien Grave (or the managing partner from time to time) of Freehills, Level 43, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 as its agent to accept service of process in Australia in any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, service upon whom shall be deemed completed whether or not forwarded to or received by Billiton.
- (c) Each party will inform the other, in writing, of any change in the address of such process agent within 28 days.

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- (d) If either party's process agent ceases to be able to act as such or to have an address in England (in the case of BHP) or in the State of Victoria, Australia (in the case of Billiton), such party irrevocably agrees to appoint a new process agent in England (in the case of BHP) or in the State of Victoria, Australia (in the case of Billiton) acceptable to the other party and to deliver to the other party within 14 days a copy of a written acceptance of appointment by the process agent.
- (e) Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law or the right to bring proceedings in any other jurisdiction for the purposes of the enforcement or execution of any judgement or other settlement in any other courts.

14.6 Governing law and jurisdiction

- (a) This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
- (b) Billiton irrevocably agrees that the courts of the State of Victoria, Australia are to have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement, and BHP irrevocably agrees that the courts of England are to have non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement.
- (c) Each party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts and waives any objection to proceedings in any such court on the ground of venue or on the ground that the proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum.

14.7 Prohibition and enforceability

- (a) Any provision of, or the application of any provision of, this Agreement which is void, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction does not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction or of the remaining provisions in that or any other jurisdiction.
- (b) Where paragraph (a) of this Clause 14.7 applies to a provision of, or the application of a provision of, this Agreement, the parties shall negotiate in good faith in order to agree the terms of a mutually satisfactory provision achieving as nearly as possible the same commercial effect, to be substituted for that provision.

14.8 Waivers

- (a) Waiver of any right arising from a breach of this Agreement or of any right, power, authority, discretion or remedy arising upon default under this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the party granting the waiver.
- (b) A failure or delay in exercise, or partial exercise, of:
 - (i) a right arising from a breach of this Agreement; or
 - (ii) a right, power, authority, discretion or remedy created or arising upon default under this Agreement, does not result in a waiver of that right, power, authority, discretion or remedy.

14.9 Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts taken together will be taken to constitute one agreement.

14.10 Attorney

Each attorney executing this Agreement states that he or she has not received notice of the revocation or suspension of his or her power of attorney.

Annexure 1

BHP Constitution

Annexure 2

Billiton Memorandum and Articles

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EXECUTED as an agreement.

SIGNED on behalf of)
BHP LIMITED)
by its attorney in the presence of:)

Signature

Witness

Print name

Print name

SIGNED on behalf of)
BILLITON PLC)
by its attorney in the presence of:)

Signature

Witness

Print name

Print name

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TERMS OF TRANSACTION AND CONDUCT ADJUSTMENT

The UNION, a legal entity under public law; the **INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE MEIO AMBIENTE E DOS RECURSOS NATURAIS RENOVÁVEIS – IBAMA**, a federal public authority; the **INSTITUTO CHICO MENDES DE CONSERVAÇÃO DA BIODIVERSIDADE**, federal public authority; the **AGÊNCIA NACIONAL DE ÁGUAS – ANA**; federal public authority; the **NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL PRODUCTION – DNPM** [*Departamento Nacional de Produção Mineral*], a federal autonomous agency; the **NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE – FUNAI** [*Fundação Nacional do Índio*], a federal autonomous agency, all represented by the Federal Solicitor General’s Office; the **INSTITUTO ESTADUAL DE FLORESTAS – IEF** a federal public authority, represented by the Federal Attorney General; the **STATE OF MINAS GERAIS**, legal entity of public law, CNPJ under No. 05475103/0001-21; the **INSTITUTO MINEIRO DE GESTÃO DE ÁGUAS – IGAM**, agency linked to the State Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development, created by Law 2,606/1962 with regulations approved by with regulations approved by Decree No. 45834 of December 22, 2011, CNPJ 18 746 .164/0001-28; the **FUNDAÇÃO ESTADUAL DE MEIO AMBIENTE – FEAM**, agency linked to the State Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development, created by Law No. 12,584, of July 17, 1997, with regulations approved by Decree No. 46636 of October 28, 2014 , CNPJ 17,387,481/0001-32; **FUNDAÇÃO ESTADUAL DE MEIO AMBIENTE – FEAM**, established by Decree No. 28 163, of June 6, 1988, pursuant to Law No. 9,525, of December 29, 1987, Tax ID No. 25455858/0001-7, all represented by Law General of the State of Minas Gerais, with headquarters at Rua. Espírito Santo, no 495, 8th floor, Belo Horizonte, Zip Code 30160-030; **THE STATE OF ESPÍRITO SANTO**, legal entity of public law; the **INSTITUTO ESTADUAL DE MEIO AMBIENTE E RECURSOS HÍDRICOS – IEMA**, a state agency; the **INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND FORESTRY DEFENSE OF ESPÍRITO SANTO – IDAF** [Instituto de Defesa Agropecuária e Florestal do Espírito Santo] and **AGÊNCIA ESTADUAL DE RECURSOS HÍDRICOS – AGERH**, state authority, all represented by the State Attorney General of the State of Espírito Santo, herein represented by the Promotor of Justice, hereinafter **PROMISORS**;

Samarco Mineração S.A., legal entity of private law, private corporation, CNPJ 16,628,281/0001-61, headquartered at Rua Paraíba , no. 1122, 9, 10, 13 and 19 and 23 floors, Bairro Funcionários, Belo Horizonte, MG, Zip Code 30130-918 herein represented by ROBERTO LÚCIO NUNES DE CARVALHO, CEO, Taxpayer Identification Number CPF 294.322.436-72 and MAURY DE SOUZA JUNIOR, Project and Eco-Efficiency Officer., Taxpayer Identification Number CPF nº 639.573.296-04 (hereinafter “PROMISEE” or “SAMARCO”); Vale S.A., legal entity of private law, publicly held company CNPJ 33,592,510/0001-54, headquartered at Avenida das Américas, number 700, Block 8, Shop 318, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, / RJ – Zip Code 22640-100100 herein represented by MURILO PINTO DE OLIVEIRA FERREIRA, Brazilian, married, business administrator, identity card IFP/RJ nº 004.922.272-2, Taxpayer Identification Number CPF/MF 212.466.706-82, and CLOVIS TORRES JUNIOR, Brazilian, married, lawyer, registered with the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB/RJ) under nº 127.987, Taxpayer Identification Number CPF/MF 423.522.235-04 (“VALE”); and BHP BILLITON BRASIL LTDA., a legal entity of private law, limited liability company, CNPJ 42,156,596 / 0001-63, headquartered at Av. das Américas, no. 3434, Block 07, room 501, Bairro Barra da Tijuca , Rio de Janeiro, RJ, CEP 22.640-, 102, herein represented by DIANO SEBASTIANO DALLA VALLE, Australian, Married, Engineer, Australian Passport no. N5335479, with commercial address in the City of Rio de Janeiro, at Av. das Américas, 3434, Bloco 7, Salas 505 e 506 and FLAVIO DE MEDEIROS BOCAYUVA BULÇÃO, Brazilian, married, lawyer, identity card OAB/RJ 60.160, com endereço comercial na Cidade do Rio de Janeiro, à Av. das Américas, 3434, Bloco 7, Salas 505 e 506, hereinafter called **BHP, and jointly with VALE hereinafter called “SHAREHOLDERS”**;

WHEREAS the provisions of Article 225 of the Federal Constitution, which deals with the responsibility of the government to defend and preserve the ecologically balanced environment;

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WHEREAS the need to repair, and mitigation, to the extent that compensation is not practically feasible, compensation of environmental and socio-economic impact caused by the disruption of Fundão dam belonging to the mining complex of Germano in Mariana, Minas Gerais, as well as the provision of social assistance to the IMPACTED parties;

WHEREAS that the conclusion of this plea agreement stems from mere liberality of the PROMISEE, recognizing that the adoption of emergency measures is essential and does not imply any assumption of responsibility for the accident, whose causes remain uncertain and subject of independent investigations;

WHEREAS the compensatory measures must be proportionate to the inadequacy of remedial measures taken, if any, and the result of discussions between the parties technically justified;

WHEREAS the breakup of the Fundão dam brought serious environmental and social consequences, in an incident that reached more than 680 km of water bodies in the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, as well as impacts on the estuarine regions of Rio Doce and coastal region;

WHEREAS, among the environmental impacts alleged by the **PROMISORS** as a consequence of the dam breaking, are:

- a) temporary allocation of habitats and fish populations along the rivers Gualaxo, Carmo e Doce, totaling 680 km of rivers;
- b) temporary affectation of water of rivers impacted with ore tailings mud;
- c) suspension of public water supply due to EVENT in cities and municipalities impacted;
- d) temporary suspension of water withdrawals for certain economic activities, farms and small communities along the rivers Gualaxo do Norte, Rio do Carmo Rio and Rio Doce; partial silting up of the bed of rivers Gualaxo do Norte, Carmo and early part of the Rio Doce to the hydroelectric dam reservoir of UHE Risoleta Neves of power generation;
- e) silting in the bed of the Rivers Gualaxo North, and Carmo do Rio Doce to the HPP Risoleta Neves dam reservoir;
- f) impact on lakes and adjacent springs to riverbeds;
- g) impact on the riparian and aquatic vegetation;
- h) impact in connection with tributaries and marginal lagoons;
- i) change of water flow as a result of the EVENT;
- j) impact on estuaries and mangroves at the mouth of the Rio Doce;
- k) impact on areas of reproduction of fish;
- l) impact of “nurseries” areas for restoration of fish fauna (feeding areas of larvae and young);
- m) impact on the food chain
- n) impacts on the genetic flow of species between bodies of water arising from the EVENT;
- o) impacts on species with habitat specificity (rapids, dens, pits, backwaters, etc) in Gualaxo do Norte river and in Carmo River;
- p) death of specimens in the food chain arising from the EVENT;
- q) Impact on the conservation status of species already listed as threatened and entry of new species on the list of endangered species;
- r) impairment of the structure and function of aquatic ecosystems and associated terrestrial ecosystems as a result of the EVENT;
- s) impairment of fish stocks, with impact on fishing as a result of the EVENT;

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- t) impact on the life of riverside populations, estuarine populations, indigenous peoples and other traditional communities; and
- u) impacts on conservation areas.

WHEREAS the impacts that may be identified in relation to fishermen, farmers, sandpits, tourism sector and business related to sports and recreation, among other economic sectors;

WHEREAS the impacts that may be identified in relation to indigenous and other peoples, communities and traditional populations;

WHEREAS the impact that may be identified in relation to the historical and cultural heritage and culture of the affected communities;

WHEREAS the need to provide IMPACTED, including individuals and companies, communities and organized social movements, social participation in the discussion and follow-up actions set out in this Agreement;

WHEREAS the need to give access to comprehensive, transparent and public information, in an accessible, adequate and comprehensive all concerned language as a necessary condition for informed social participation;

WHEREAS the need to create channels of communication and interaction with society at fixed or itinerant spaces, with the establishment of the dialogue table and creation and maintenance of dialogical spaces with communities;

WHEREAS the disruption caused damage to the population, including killings, disappearances, physical injury and health, and property that may be identified as a result of the EVENT;

WHEREAS there are several actions to be taken to restore the degraded environment by EVENT, as well as for the recovery of socioeconomic conditions of those IMPACTED;

WHEREAS the intent to implement a specific program for environmental monitoring in the Affected Areas, as provided under this Agreement, in order to know the impact and effectiveness of the actions, provided in this Agreement;

WHEREAS the need to provide technical and logistical support to the restoration of public services, as provided in this Agreement;

WHEREAS it is important to resume SAMARCO's operations, which resumption shall be preceded by satisfaction of the appropriate legal procedures;

WHEREAS the necessary measures to repair the damage shall be performed in short, average and long term;

WHEREAS the filing of public civil action against SAMARCO and SHAREHOLDERS, registered under No. 0069758-61.2015.4.01.3400 in progress in the 12th Federal Court of the Judiciary Section of Minas Gerais, which seeks the recovery, mitigation, remedying, offsetting and reparation, including payment of compensation, of socio-environmental and socio-economic impacts caused by the EVENT;

WHEREAS that the parties, through settlement that will be exhaustive in relation to the EVENT and its effects, intend to put an end to this ACP and other actions, with subject matter contained in or related to this ACP, ongoing or that may be filed by any agents with standing;

WHEREAS this Agreement may be used for due legal purposes, and may be submitted in the records of the lawsuits which have as their subject matter any obligations arising from the EVENT and provided for in this Agreement, with the purpose of seeking the resolution or combination of the lawsuits filed;

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WHEREAS the PROMISEES shall make submissions in the records of the lawsuits listed in the ANNEX and other class actions that may be filed with respect to the EVENT, provided that their subject matter is covered by this SETTLEMENT, in order to cause the clauses and obligations provided in this SETTLEMENT to prevail;

WHEREAS the objective of the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES is not the collection of values, but the recovery of the environment and the socio-economic conditions of the region, taking into consideration the PREVIOUS SITUATION;

WHEREAS SAMARCO, VALE and BHP expressed their legitimate and voluntary interest in executing the SETTLEMENT with the purpose of recovering, mitigating, remedying, repairing, including payment of compensation, and, where it is not possible to repair, compensate the impacts in the socio-environmental and socio-economic scopes, arising from the EVENT, including actions that are already in progress;

WHEREAS the management of the actions above mentioned shall be made in a centralized manner at a non-profit private company, with its own governance, supervision and control structure, aiming at to make more efficient the repair and compensation due to the EVENT;

DECIDE to enter into this Agreement, in the midst of Case No. 69758-61.2015.4.01.3400 in progress in the 12th Federal Court of the Judiciary Section of Minas Gerais, and submit it to court approval to confer enforceable effectiveness under the arts. 1, paragraph 4 and 4a of Law No. 9,469, of July 10, 1997 and the arts. 5, paragraph 6 of the Federal Law 6,347, of July 24, 1985, always subject to the procedures and forms set out in the clauses of this agreement and its annexes, and in the following clauses arranged:

CHAPTER ONE: GENERAL CLAUSES

CLAUSE 01: This Agreement shall be defined and interpreted from the following technical definitions:

- I. **EVENT:** the disruption of the Fundão dam belonging to SAMARCO, located in the mining complex Germano in Mariana, Minas Gerais, which occurred on November 5, 2015.
- II. **IMPACTED:** individuals or legal entities, and their communities, which have been directly affected by the EVENT in the terms of the subparagraphs below and this Agreement:
 - a) loss of spouse, relatives to the second degree, by death or disappearance;
 - b) loss due to death or disappearance of family members with varying degrees of kinship or people with whom cohabiting and/or of economic dependence;
 - c) loss proven by movable property owner or property or loss of real property ownership;
 - d) loss of productive capacity or the possibility of use of the property or portion of it;
 - e) loss exercise areas of fishing activity and fishing and extractive resources, preventing the extraction or production activities;
 - f) loss of income sources, work or self-subsistence of which they depend economically, because of the bond break with affected areas;
 - g) proven damages to local productive activities, with impracticability of property or damage to economic activities;
 - h) impracticability of access or management activity of natural and fishery resources, including the lands of the public domain and collective use, affecting income, livelihoods and way of life of populations;
 - i) damage to physical or mental health; and

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- j) destruction or interference that affects community livelihoods or the playback conditions of socio cultural processes of coastal communities, estuarine, traditional and indigenous peoples.
- III. INDIRECTLY IMPACTED:** the individuals and companies, present or future, that are not in compliance with the preceding paragraphs, who reside or shall reside in the COVERAGE AREA and that suffer limitation on the exercise of their fundamental rights as a result of environmental consequences and economic, direct or indirect, present or future, of the EVENT, which will be covered with respect to access to information and participation in community discussions, as well as having access to the public equipment resulting from the PROGRAMS.
- IV. ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1:** areas covered by the deposition of waste in the gutters and margins of North Gualaxo rivers, Caramel and Doce, considering the respective portions of their trainers and tributaries, as well as estuarine, coastal and marine in the portion affected by the EVENT.
- V. ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 2: municipalities bordering the Rio Doce and the affected stretches of the Rivers Gualaxo North and Carmo, namely:** Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce, Santa Cruz do Escalvado, Rio Casca, Sem-Peixe, São Pedro dos Ferros, São Domingos do Prata, São José do Goiabal, Raul Soares, Dionísio, Córrego Novo, Pingo-D'Água, Marliéria, Bom Jesus do Galho, Timóteo, Caratinga, Ipatinga, Santana do Paraíso, Ipaba, Belo Oriente, Bugre, Iapu, Naque, Periquito, Sobrália, Fernandes Tourinho, Alpercata, Governador Valadares, Tumiritinga, Galiléia, Conselheiro Pena, Resplendor, Itueta, Aimorés, Baixo Guandu, Colatina, Marilândia, Linhares.
- VI. Socioeconomic coverage area:** localities and communities adjacent to the Rio Doce, Carmo River, Gualaxo do Norte River and Santarém Stream and estuarine areas, coastal and marine impacted.
- VII. Municipalities of the State of Minas Gerais in the SocioEconomic Area:** Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce, Santa Cruz do Escalvado, Rio Casca, Sem-Peixe, São Pedro dos Ferros, São Domingos do Prata, São José do Goiabal, Raul Soares, Dionísio, Córrego Novo, Pingo-D'Água, Marliéria, Bom Jesus do Galho, Timóteo, Caratinga, Ipatinga, Santana do Paraíso, Ipaba, Belo Oriente, Bugre, Iapu, Naque, Periquito, Sobrália, Fernandes Tourinho, Alpercata, Governador Valadares, Tumiritinga, Galiléia, Conselheiro Pena, Resplendor, Itueta and Aimorés.
- VIII. MUNICIPALITIES AND PLACES OF THE STATE OF ESPÍRITO SANTO IN THE SOCIOECONOMIC COVERAGE AREA:** Baixo Guandu, Colatina, Barra do Riacho in Aracruz, Marilândia and Linhares, in addition to the estuarine, coastal and marine areas impacted.
- IX. SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS:** set of measures and actions to be performed according to technically based PROJECTS, necessary for repair, mitigation, and, when unfeasible considering the technology available and the costs, compensation and compensation for damage caused by socioeconomic EVENT, monitored and supervised by the PUBLIC POWER, in compliance with the Agreement.
- X. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS:** set of measures and actions to be performed according to technically based PROJECTS, necessary for repair, mitigation, and, when unfeasible considering the technology available and the costs, compensation and compensation for damage caused by socioeconomic DISASTER, monitored and supervised by the PUBLIC POWER.
- XI. PROGRAMS:** They are ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS PROGRAMS when mentioned together.
- XII. ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS:** are the actions and measures taken by the Foundation under this Agreement for the implementation of certain ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS;
- XIII. SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS:** are the actions and measures taken by the Foundation under this Agreement for the implementation of certain ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS;
- XIV. PROJECTS:** are ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS and PROJECTS SOCIOECONÔMICOS when jointly referred.;

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- XV. PUBLIC POWER:** public agencies and entities linked to members or PROMISORS and that, because of their institutional duties, has legal power to regulate and/or monitor actions related to a particular PROGRAM.
- XVI. ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES:** Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis – IBAMA; Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade – ICMBio; Secretaria Estadual de Meio Ambiente e Recursos Hídricos – SEAMA/ES; Institute for Agricultural, Livestock and Forestry Defense of Espírito Santo – IDAF [*Instituto de Defesa Agropecuária e Florestal do Espírito Santo*]; Secretaria de Meio Ambiente e Desenvolvimento Sustentável – SEMAD/MG; Instituto Estadual de Meio Ambiente e Recursos Hídricos do Espírito Santo – IEMA/ES; Instituto Estadual de Florestas – IEF/MG; Fundação Estadual de Meio Ambiente – FEAM/MG.
- XVII. BODIES OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT:** Agência Nacional de Águas – ANA; Agência de Gestão de Recursos Hídricos do Espírito Santo – AGERH/ES; e Instituto de Gestão das Águas de Minas – IGAM/MG.
- XVIII. REPARATORY PROGRAMS:** include measures and reparatory nature of actions that are intended to mitigate, cure and/or repair environmental and socioeconomic impacts directly arising from EVENT;
- XIX. COMPENSATORY PROGRAMS:** they include measures and actions that aim to compensate not mitigated or not repairable impacts from the EVENT, by improving the social, environmental and socioeconomic conditions of the directly and impacted areas.
- XX. FOUNDATION:** foundation of private right, not for profit, in compliance with the requirements of the law, to be instituted by SAMARCO and the SHAREHOLDERS in order to prepare and perform all measures provided by ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS.
- XXI. EXPERT:** natural or legal person or group of individuals or legal entities, legally authorized and contracted by the Foundation for the management, evaluation, development and/or implementation of PROGRAMS and/or PROJECT, totally or partially.
- XXII. PREVIOUS POSITION:** environmental situation and socioeconômica immediately prior to 05.11.2015.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The PROGRAMS may adopt, provided that expressly, more limited concepts of COVERAGE AREA of those IMPACTED and INDIRECTLY IMPACTED to ensure a more specific focus to the PROGRAM.

CLAUSE 02: This Agreement aims the prediction of PROGRAMS to be designed, developed and implemented, based on scientifically based studies, through the FOUNDATION, in order to restore the environment and socioeconomic conditions observing the PRIOR SITUATION of the COVERAGE AREA impacted by EVENT observed in PREVIOUS SITUATION, and the adoption of mitigation measures, compensation and necessary compensation and provided for in PROGRAMS, whose compliance and enforcement will be supervised and followed up by PROMISORS, as governance, financing, study scientifically substantiated if appropriate and other statements contained in this Agreement.

CLAUSE 03: The PARTIES expressly recognize that the object of lawsuits listed in the ANNEX, filed by the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, is covered by this Agreement, and for this reason they shall seek the dismissal of such lawsuits with judgment on the merits, pursuant to the terms of CLAUSE 254.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The PROMISORS shall make submissions in the records of the lawsuits listed in the ANNEX and other existing collective actions, in addition to those that might be proposed for the EVENT, provided you have the object covered by the Agreement to enforce the terms and present obligations hereunder.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The first paragraph does not apply to the Public Civil Action 0043356-50.2015.8.13.0400 originally distributed to the 2nd Civil Court of Mariana / MG .

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CLAUSE 04: The obligations established by this Agreement shall not limit or supersede the powers legally attributed to PUBLIC POWER and the competent bodies for the inspection, licensing and authorization of the activities of the SAMARCO.

CLAUSE 05: For development, approval and implementation of the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS the following shall be observed, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Settlement:

I – The subject matter of this Agreement is the establishment of PROGRAMS to be developed and executed by the FOUNDATION, with the objective of recovering the environment and the socio-economic conditions of the INFLUENCE AREA impacted by the EVENT, in order to restore the PREVIOUS SITUATION.

II – The preparation and execution of the SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS shall observe the standard and rules of the applicable public policies, in addition to the other provisions of this SETTLEMENT.

III – The PROJECTS shall determine the measures for recovery, mitigation, remediation and reparation, including payment of compensation, as well as, when achieving such results is unfeasible, the necessary compensatory measures provided for in the PROGRAMS, whose implementation and execution will be inspected and monitored by the PROMISORS, in accordance with governance, financing, studies and other provisions contained in this Agreement.

IV – SAMARCO, VALE and BHP will institute a Foundation governed by Private Law, with autonomy in relation to the founders, with the objective of managing and to executing all measures provided for in the SOCIO-ECONOMIC and SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

V – Until the FOUNDATION is organized and effectively initiates its operation, within the terms provided in this Agreement, all the emergency measures and other obligations provided for in this Agreement shall be executed directly by SAMARCO.

VI – The measures for socio-economic and socio-environmental reparation comprise measures and actions with the objective of recovering, mitigating, remedying and/or repairing, including payment of compensation, impacts arising from the EVENT, having as reference the PREVIOUS SITUATION.

VII – The PROGRAMS referred to in this Agreement, and the measures arising from them, will be, as a general rule, understood as reparatory programs, and only programs expressly indicated as compensatory will be classified as COMPENSATORY.

VIII – The measures of socio-economic and socio-environmental compensation have the objective of offsetting impacts for which recovery, mitigation, remediation and reparation is not feasible or possible, arising from the EVENT, by means of improvement of socio-environmental and socio-economic conditions of the affected areas.

IX – The PROGRAMS provided for in the Agreement shall be classified as socio-environmental or socio-economic, and the FOUNDATION's annual budget shall breakdown the resources allocated for SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and for SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS, as well as, for each one of them, the amounts allocated to recovery and compensation actions.

X – In order to conduct the studies, diagnoses, identification of the adequate measures to execute the reparation and/or compensation PROGRAMS, both socio-environmental and socio-economic, as well as to execute them, the FOUNDATION may hire EXPERTS.

XI – The FOUNDATION may also hire education and research entities or non-profit organizations with recognized competence in the subject matters of the SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

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XII – The FOUNDATION and the EXPERTS shall consider the technology available, the current methodology and the public policy standards.

XIII – The studies to be conducted by the FOUNDATION, by means of EXPERTS based on PROGRAMS provided for in the Agreement, shall guide the preparation and execution of the PROJECTS, whose implementation will have the effect of repairing and/or offsetting the impacts, damages and losses arising from the EVENT.

XIV – The preparation and execution of the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS shall also, as a general rule, consider:

- a) transparency of the actions and involvement of the communities in the discussions of the measures to be planned and executed;
- b) preference for hiring and use of local and regional labor in order to stimulate the economy of the states of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo;
- c) performance of socio-economic actions observing the sectorial standards and public policies;
- d) establishment of schedules, subject to the time limitations imposed by the administrative proceedings, indicating proposed dates for beginning and end of the actions, goals and established indicators;
- e) dissemination of information concerning the EVENT and the actions in course;
- f) liaison and dialogue between the FOUNDATION, the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE and the IMPACTED parties;
- g) permanent monitoring of the actions encompassed by the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and
- h) responsible and planned execution of the PROGRAMS, avoiding the environmental and social impacts resulting from the PROGRAMS themselves or, in case that is impossible, mitigating them.

CLAUSE 06: The preparation and execution, by the FOUNDATION, of the PROJECTS and other activities, actions and measures of the SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS shall also consider the following principles (“PRINCIPLES”), except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement:

I – The socio-environmental and socio-economic recovery will have as its objective remediating, mitigate and repair, including indemnify the socio-environmental and socio-economic impacts, as applicable, resulting from the EVENT based on the PREVIOUS SITUATION;

II – The PROJECTS and other activities, actions and measures of the SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS will be determined based on study for assessment of the socio-environmental and socio-economic impacts, as applicable, resulting from the EVENT, observing the terms of the Agreement, to be conducted by EXPERTS, so that all PROJECTS, activities, actions and measures established by the PROGRAMS shall have include their scientific grounds, when applicable, and shall have proportionality and efficiency, and shall be intended for the remediation and/or offsetting of ambient and socio-economic impacts occurred as a result of the EVENT;

III – With the purpose of giving celerity and efficiency, the PROJECTS shall be prepared in stages, which will be established in accordance with the subject matter, nature and complexity of the PROJECTS as provided for in the relevant studies, without prejudice to the possibility of implementing such stages simultaneously, provided that justified by the studies, considering, among others, the following stages:

- a) preliminarily, initial assessment of the impacts, made based on information that is known and that is possible to obtain;

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- b) establishment of monitoring programs and programs to determine the PREVIOUS SITUATION;
- c) assessment of the impacts, observing the risks identified as arising from them;
- d) establishment of criteria for measuring and assessing effectiveness in the implementation of the PROJECTS;
- e) definition of the PROJECTS, actions and measures of recuperation socio-environmental and socio-economic established based on the identification of the environmental resources impacted by the EVENT;

IV – As a general rule, the SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS of a reparatory nature have preference over the other PROGRAMS.

V – The SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROJECTS will be prepared and executed with main focus on the IMPACTED parties, so as to give effectiveness to the measures implemented, in accordance with objective criteria of transparency, freedom of contract, rationality, recognition of citizenship and human dignity, aiming at promoting social and economic self-sufficiency, and in accordance with general principles of Brazilian law and parameters contained in the existing Brazilian case law in similar cases.

VI – The SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROJECTS shall seek to establish and provide efficient and fast benefits to the IMPACTED parties, prioritizing the IMPACTED parties that have suffered displacement or that have lost all production capacity and that satisfy the criteria established by this Agreement, without prejudice to the emergency measures that are already in course.

VII – If, in the course of the performance of this Agreement, it is technically proved that there is no possible or feasible solution for the actions of recovery, mitigation, remediation and/or reparation provided for in the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS, considering proportionality and efficiency, such actions shall be replaced with compensatory measures additional to those provided for in this Settlement, as validated by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, after hearing the competent bodies.

VIII – Such measures will be determined by means of studies conducted by the EXPERTS hired by the FOUNDATION and approved by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, after hearing the competent public bodies.

IX – Whenever the execution of the reparation measures cause environmental impact that supersedes the environmental benefits projected, the Foundation will propose to the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE the replacement of such reparatory measures for compensatory measures that are economically equivalent additional to those provided for in this Settlement.

X – The measures provided for in items VII and IX of this clause, and the other compensatory measures provided for in this Settlement, shall be included in and limited to the amount established in the main section of CLAUSE 232.

XI – (i) the amount of BRL 500,000,000.00 (five hundred million Brazilian Reais) to be made available to sewage collection and treatment and disposal of solid waste Program, under CLAUSE 169; (ii) the compensatory measures provided in the hypothesis of items VII and IX of this Clause which may arise from the obligation to repair, object of the Program for the management of the waste resulting from the break of Fundão dam, under CLAUSES 150 to 152; and (iii) the hypothesis provided in CLAUSE 203, paragraph three shall neither be included in nor limited to the amount established in the main section of CLAUSE 232.

XII – The environmental benefits arising from the performance of COMPENSATORY PROGRAMS established under this Agreement, as validated by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, hearing the relevant environmental bodies, shall be considered, pursuant to technical grounds, to determine the compensatory measures provided in items VII and IX of this Clause that arise from the remaining waste, if any, from the break of Fundão dam, after the fulfillment with the SCHEDULE provided in CLAUSES 150 to 152.

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XIII – Within 60 (sixty) days from its incorporation, the FOUNDATION shall submit an initial planning of the PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, activities, actions and measures of each one of the PROGRAMS, which planning shall be validated by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, without prejudice of the lower specific terms or the execution of emergency measures;

XIV – The planning approved by the internal bodies of the FOUNDATION shall provide the budget, indicators, goals and schedule for each PROGRAM, and shall take into consideration the guidelines contained in this Agreement and the applicable technical criteria.

XV – Periodic reports of the progress of all PROGRAMS shall be produced and sent to the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

XVI – All activities developed by the FOUNDATION will be subject to independent external audit to be hired by the FOUNDATION, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

XVII – The FOUNDATION will conduct periodic revision of all PROGRAMS, in order to search and enable the effectiveness of the reparatory and compensatory activities, submitting the result of the evaluation to the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

XVIII – The FOUNDATION will have in its internal governance structure an advisory board that shall issue opinions on the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS, indicate proposals of solution for current scenarios and futures scenarios resulting from the dynamic nature of the impact caused by the EVENT and shall hear the opinions of the associations that have standing to defend the rights of the IMPACTED parties, as well as establish participation channels for civil society, and it may, for such purpose, call specific meetings and hear the opinions of organizations interested.

XIX – The FOUNDATION will elaborate compliance policies and manuals, including anticorruption, based on international standards.

XX – The PUBLIC AUTHORITIES will constitute a INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, as a body external to and independent from the FOUNDATION, for permanent dialogue with the FOUNDATION, and to determine priorities in the implementation and execution of the PROJECTS, following, monitoring and inspecting the results.

XXI – The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall validate the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS presented by the Foundation, taking into consideration the PRINCIPLES and the other terms of the Agreement, without prejudice to the need to obtain environmental permits from the relevant environmental agency and other public bodies pursuant to the procedures provided for in this Agreement.

XXII – The process for validation of PROGRAMS and PROJECTS shall be based on an organized dialogue among the parties, in which the FOUNDATION shall submit the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS for validation by the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, in accordance with the PRINCIPLES and guidelines established by the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

XXIII – The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall examine the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS submitted and shall indicate the need for corrections, adaptations or shall pose questions concerning the actions to be performed. In case divergence between the FOUNDATION and the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE persists, any of the parties may submit the matter to the EXPERTS PANEL, as well as, thereafter, if applicable, to the competent court.

XXIV – Each PROGRAM or PROJECT shall be individually ended, when the goals and objectives provided in such program are achieved, , by means of objective demonstration supported by indicators and technical data, as applicable.

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XXV – The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall certify the full satisfaction of the PROGRAM.

XXVI – After all PROJECTS prepared and executed in the scopes of the PROGRAMS are fully satisfied, which shall be certified by the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE after hearing the competent public bodies, all rights, claims and interests referred to in the Public civil Action and in this Agreement shall be deemed covered, repaired, or compensated, as applicable. In such case, the PROMISORS will give full and irrevocable release to the FOUNDATION, SAMARCO AND THE SHAREHOLDERS.

CLAUSE 07: The development and implementation of the programs in this Agreement shall observe the following principles:

- a) restoration of the environment to the PREVIOUS SITUATION;
- b) remedy the damages caused to those IMPACTED, as defined in this Agreement;
- c) transparency and community engagement in the discussions on the shares;
- d) preference for hiring and use of hand of local and regional work to stimulate the economy of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo;
- e) realization of socio-economic actions in compliance with the rules and sectoral public policies;
- f) recovery of public and private infrastructure negatively impacted by the EVENT, reverting to operation and consequent cost and maintenance by their owners,
- g) establishment of schedules, subject to the time limitations imposed on public and administrative proceedings, indicating dates early proposals and completion of the actions, defined goals and indicators, once adopted in Projects;
- h) negotiations under COORDINATED BUSINESS PROGRAM, described in this AGREEMENT;
- i) use of reasonable concepts and technical and scientific criteria for assessing and quantifying the impact and implementation of the PROJECT;
- j) performance of socio-economic actions, including assistance actions, intended to reestablish the PREVIOUS SITUATION, without prejudice to other measures covered in this Settlement;
- k) Acknowledgment of public characteristic of information broadcast regarding the actions undertaken within the PROGRAMS in this AGREEMENT;
- l) Dialogue between the FOUNDATION, the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE and the IMPACTED;
- m) Monitoring of impacts and corrective actions, as well as prevention of any possible new impacts;
- n) Responsible and planned implementation of the PROGRAMS, in order to avoid the environmental and social impacts arising from such PROGRAMS or, if not possible, to mitigate such impacts;
- o) Private implementation, under the supervision of the PUBLIC AUTHORITY within the terms established by the law and this agreement.
- p) Follow up, monitoring and supervision by the PUBLIC AUTHORITY and by the independent hired consultants
- q) To promote the transparency and the access to information by the society during the implementation process of the actions established in this agreement; and
- r) Respect to the privacy rights of the IMPACTED parties.

CLAUSE 08: The thematic axes and their SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS to be prepared, developed and implemented by the FOUNDATION to be established, detailed in a separate chapter, are as follows:

I. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION:

- a) Survey and registration program of those AFFECTED;

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- b) Compensation and indemnity program of those AFFECTED;
- c) Program for protection and recovery of the quality of life of indigenous peoples;
- d) Program for protection and recovery of the quality of life of other peoples and traditional communities;
- e) Social protection program;
- f) Communication Program, Participation, Dialogue and Social Control; and
- g) Assistance program to Animals.

II. INFRASTRUCTURE:

- a) Program for reconstruction, recovery and reallocation of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu de Baixo and Gesteira;
- b) Recovery program of UHE Risoleta Neves; and
- e) Recovery program from other Communities and Infrastructure impacted between Fundão and Candonga, including Barra Longa.

III. EDUCATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE:

- a) Recovery program and school reintegration of the school community;
- b) Conservation program of historical, cultural and artistic memory; and
- c) Program to support tourism, culture, sport and leisure.

IV. HEALTH:

- a) Program to Support Physical and Mental Health Impacted population.

V. INNOVATION:

- a) Program to Support Research for Development and Use of Socioeconomic Technologies Applied to remediation of impacts.

VI. ECONOMY

- a) Resuming program of Fisheries Activities;
- b) Resuming program of Agricultural Activities and Increased Productivity;
- c) Recovery program, and Diversification of Regional Economy with Incentive Industry;
- d) Micro Recovery Program and Small Business in the Trade Sector, Services and Production;
- e) Programme to Stimulate Employment site;
- f) Program for Emergency Financial Assistance to those IMPACTED; and
- g) Program for Reimbursement of extraordinary public expenses of the PROMISORS

VIII. MANAGEMENT OF ACTION PLAN

- a) Management program of socio-economic programs

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CLAUSE 09: According to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties acknowledge that the following guidelines should be provided to IMPACTED in SOCIOECONOMIC AREA:

- I. Repair;
- II. Participation in the plans, programs and actions;
- III. Information; and
- IV. Restitution of public and community assets.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The guidelines referred to in the **caput** do not exclude others that are arising from the breakdown of socio-economic programs.

CLAUSE 10: Are forms of socioeconomic repair: replacement, restitution and recovery of assets; the monetary compensation in single or continued provision; the standard resettlement, rural or urban; self resettlement; the exchange; assistance for remediation and mitigation of the EVENT, at the the extent that the reparation may not be feasible, with tecnology and reasonable costs,a s provided in compensation conditions, according to the following definitions:

I – Replacement, Restitution and Recovery of Assets: replacement, renovation, reconstruction or construction of new structures, as well, improvement, accessory part or structure has been destroyed or damaged by the EVENT;

II – Pecuniary compensation for Single Delivery: repair in monetary form, paid in a lump sum, on an individual basis or family unit, paid to individuals or legal entities (in the latter case, only to microenterprises and small sized companies), and such due payment of compensation for land and improvements lost or damaged, where the replacement is not feasible, or refund restoration, or unless otherwise agreed with the those IMPACTED;

III – Pecuniary damages in Provision for Determined time: repair in monetary form, paid in monthly installments, on an individual basis or family unit, paid to individuals or legal entities (in the latter case, only to microenterprises and small sized companies), when the repair due to the loss or partial impairment of income-generating activity or subsistence, whose amount may not be below the minimum wage, plus the payment of social rent in the event of loss or unavailability of property, as defined within the respective program;

IV – Resettlement Rural and Urban: when the repair occurs through joint delivery of land, housing and infrastructure, observing the provisions of the land law and based on basic parameters of orientation, such as choice of land and size of house and such applicable mode when the reset , restitution or restoration of the well is not affected still technically feasible

V – Self resettlement assisted: when offered the economic and financial condition in which the recipient accepts and is responsible for proper relocation, with the agreed value includes not only the amount of the property and the land, but also a compensation for the furniture and the goods and improvements destroyed; the costs of change; and equivalent to a rent estimated by the parties, covering the period between the disaster and the actual payment of compensation.

VI – Exchange: while others offer good, or the possibility of exercise of any other right material or immaterial as a form of reparation, within the parameters to be defined in ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS and do not violate the principles essential to human dignity; and

VII – Assistance for remediation and mitigation of effects of the EVENT: support and assitance to those IMPACTED by EVENT in the form of actions and remediation and mitigation of its effects services, focused on the recovery of the carrying capacity, individually or communally, for a specified time.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The measures referred to in this Clause shall be implemented after consultation of the FOUNDATION to those IMPACTED, and shall provide for mechanisms to assure the just, simple and quick negotiation, which might be followed up by the Public Authority according to the Coordinated Negotiation Plan..

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PARAGRAPH TWO: the indemnification mentioned on item III of this clause can not be lower than 1 minimum wage per month, plus 20% per dependent, considering as dependent the one enlisted on article 16 of Law 8.213/1991.

CLAUSE 11: It is understood as participation in PROGRAMS, provided they are approved under the terms of this Agreement, the possibility of those IMPACTED effectively participate, to be heard and influence at all stages and phases under this Agreement, both in the planning phase and the effective implementation of programs and actions referred to in this Agreement, and such participation be ensured in collective character, following methodologies to expression and individual participation.

CLAUSE 12: The Right to Information implies that all plans, programs and actions under this Agreement should be publicly available and be published in an accessible language to those ACHIEVED or INDIRECTLY IMPACTED, and should be presented in a transparent, clear and, whenever possible, objective way.

CLAUSE 13: remediation of public goods and services and community concerns reparations of a collective nature, affected by EVENT, as well as the necessary compensations.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The Right to Restitution of Public and Community Assets is public and collective character and may not be subjected to any trade of individual character .

CLAUSE 14: Those IMPACTED are entitled to use the environment as well as to take advantage of public and community assets that have been negatively impacted by the EVENT.

CLAUSE 15: The thematic axes and their SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS to be prepared, developed and implemented by the FOUNDATION, detailed in a separate chapter, are as follows:

I. WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY OF THE QUALITY OF WATER

- a) Management program for waste arising from the disruption of the Fundão dam, considering conformation and *in situ* stabilization, excavation, dredging, transportation, treatment and disposal;
- b) Implementation program of the tailings containment systems and *in situ* treatment of the affected rivers.

II. FOREST RESTORATION AND WATER PRODUCTION

- a) Recovery program of the ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 in the municipalities of Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce and Santa Cruz do Escalvado, including bioremediation
- b) Program for Recovery of Permanent Preservation Areas (APP) and recharge areas of the Rio Doce Basin and erosion control;
- c) Nascent recovery program

III. BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

- a) Program of conservation of aquatic biodiversity , including freshwater, coastal and estuarine area and marine area affected;
- b) Strengthening program of screening structures and reintroduction of wildlife;
- c) Conservation program of the terrestrial fauna and flora

IV. WATER SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY

- a) Program for collection and treatment of sewage, and disposal of solid waste

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- b) Program for improvement of water supply systems

V. EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

- a) Environmental education program and preparation for environmental emergencies;
- b) information program for the population of ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1; and
- c) National and international communication program.

VI. PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

- a) Environmental risk management program in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 of the Rio Doce Basin; and
- b) Research and Monitoring Program of the Rio Doce Basin, estuarine, coastal and marine areas impacted.

VII. MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

- a) Program for consolidation of conservation units; and
- b) Program for promotion of implementation of CAR and PRAs in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 of the Rio Doce Basin.

VIII. MANAGEMENT OF ACTION PLAN

- a) Management program of the recovery plan of the Rio Doce Basin, estuarine , coastal and marine areas.

CLAUSE 16: The SOCIOECONOMIC programs might preview, since it is in an express way, specific measures and action in places outside the impacted area, since it is related to the affected people.

CLAUSE 17: The SOCIOECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS include measures whose implementation may depend on third-party acts, and in such situations the FOUNDATION shall not be held liable for any delays or modifications in the manner of performance of the PROGRAMS that are not imputable to the FOUNDATION, subject to PARAGRAPH ONE of CLAUSES 185 and 248.

CHAPTER TWO: SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS:

CLAUSE 18: For repair and compensation for socio-economic consequences of the disaster, it shall be designed, developed and implemented by the FOUNDATION the following PROGRAMS, grouped into seven themes: Social organization; Infrastructure; Education, Culture and Leisure; Health; Innovation; Economy; and Action Plan Management.

PARAGRAPH ONE All socioeconomic actions, including records, completed by SAMARCO may be used by the Foundation.

PARAGRAPH TWO For the regular execution of SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS, it is necessary the effective participation of the public network in the performance of their regular duties with the observance of their flows, treatment protocols and delivery of its public services.

PARAGRAPH THREE: If, during the performance of this Settlement, it is proven that there is no feasible solution for the reparation actions provided for in the PROGRAMS, such actions shall be replaced with equivalent compensatory measures, which will be determined by means of studies conducted by the EXPERTS and approved by the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, hearing the opinion of the competent bodies of the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

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SECTION I: SOCIAL ORGANIZATION

SUBSECTION I.1 Program of survey and registration of those AFFECTED;

CLAUSE 19: In up to eight (8) months from the signing of this Agreement, the Foundation will complete the individual registration procedure for considering the IMPACTED SCOPE SOCIOECONOMIC AREA.

CLAUSE 20: It shall be identified all the areas where they are found potential social, cultural, economic or environmental, verified through causal chain identification, in a study commissioned by the Foundation and conducted by an independent institution from the guidelines and with the approval of the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 21: Registration refers to natural and legal persons (in the latter case, only to microenterprises and small sized companies), families and communities and should contain the survey of economic activities impacted, and material losses.

PARAGRAPH ONE: To register, the IMPACTED should, not only by means of official documents, documents proving personal data, age, gender, composition of household, place of original residence, occupation, education level, family income before ACCIDENT document number identity and social security number, if any, and other data that may prove necessary.

PARAGRAPH TWO: In exceptional cases, the FOUNDATION might accept that the AFFECTED people who do not hold the documents mentioned in the last paragraph can prove the required information by signing a public declaration to be created under all legal enforcements, according to the FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE PRELIMINARY SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT entered into by the Federal Public Attorney's Office, Labor Public Attorney's Office, and the State of Espirito Santo Attorney's Office on December 04, 2015.

PARAGRAPH THREE: For registration of legal entities shall be submitted documents proving CNPJ number, state registration, corporate name, trade name, composition of corporate structure, line of business, revenue and annual profit, address of head office and branches, when applicable, information regarding the classification as small or micro-enterprise cooperative or association and other data that may prove necessary.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: Observed the criteria established in PARAGRAPH ONE, when applicable, it shall be registered the definition of the registered person in specific situations of greater vulnerability that require specialized care and/or priority, including in this criterion women, children, adolescents, the elderly, the illiterate and people with disabilities, which should, in these cases, follow their own protocols.

PARAGRAPH FIVE: Technical study performed by the SPECIALIZED COMPANY CONTRACTED may include the need to survey other information.

PARAGRAPH SIX: The eligibility for the COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM shall be determined as per the formula established on CLAUSE 34, in such a way that the registry inclusion does not implicate the automatic acknowledgment of the eligibility and damage extension.

CLAUSE 22. The Foundation shall define, from the technical studies, whether physical or legal person, families or communities met the requirements and criteria to be registered, and the final registry must be submitted to validate the inter-federative COMMITTEE.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The records shall be revisited, supplemented or corrected in case of distortions, inaccuracies or deficiencies identified by the FOUNDATION, by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE or by the independent consultants.

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PARAGRAPH TWO: In the case of fraud identification duly investigated, the FOUNDATION can delete their registration and shall refer the matter for validation by the inter-federative COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 23: The register provided for in this PROGRAM shall serve as a reference design and quantification of all SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 24: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION make the survey of material losses of IMPACTED through the registration defined in CLAUSE 22, recording the damages reported by them, should be added other information verified on-site inspection or other evidence.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Whenever possible, it shall be performed photographic record of sites and objects alleged as damaged.

CLAUSE 25: It should be made known to the inter-federative COMMITTEE about the status of a quarterly registration to completion, which must be submitted to validate the inter-federative COMMITTEE.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Until the completion and validaçãodo register, this should be considered for emergency and other necessary actions.

CLAUSE 26: People identified as AFFECTED or INDIRECTLY IMPACTED shall be informed about the rights and PROGRAMS provided for in this AGREEMENT.

CLAUSE 27: Individuals and families identified in vulnerability situation or fundamental rights risk of violation of, without prejudice to the FOUNDATION obligations shall be forwarded by the FOUNDATION for service in established programs and social policies and the competence of the PUBLIC AUTHORITY, when qualified for such programs.

CLAUSE 28 The FOUNDATION shall create permanent mechanisms for updating, revision and registration correction for individual situations, which may be used both for inclusion as the exclusion of individuals and companies.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: It shall be performed a socioeconomic monitoring of families in the specific PROGRAMS context.

CLAUSE 29: It shall be allowed the access to the database referred to in this PROGRAM to representatives of inter-federative COMMITTEE and public agencies when required.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The IMPACTED may have access to their own records when required to FOUNDATION.

PARAGRAPH TWO: Any request for report of the data in the database that may be requested by PUBLIC AUTHORITY shall be answered within twenty days.

PARAGRAPH THREE: Any request for report of the data in the database that may be requested by representatives of those AFFECTED and INDIRECTLY IMPACTED shall be answered within twenty days.

CLAUSE 30: The registration shall comply with the National Joint Protocol for Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents, Elderly and Persons with Disabilities in Risk and Disaster Situation (Ministerial Decree n. 2 of 6 December 2012).

SUBSECTION 1.2 Compensation and indemnity program of those AFFECTED;

CLAUSE 31: The foundation should create and run a program for redressing and indemnification by coordinated negotiation to repair and compensate AFFECTED PEOPLE, according to CLAUSE 10, showing losses and damages or demonstrate the impossibility of doing so, according to CLAUSE 21.

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CLAUSE 32: The PROGRAM shall prioritize the repair of those AFFECTED residents in the municipalities and districts of Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce and Santa Cruz do Escalvado, Regência and Povoação.

CLAUSE 33: For the implementation of the program provided for in Clause thirty two, the foundation shall establish a COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM directed and led by a legal coordinator, which will manage the COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM, considering the specificities of each IMPACTED on its previous situation, the collected evidence, the amount of compensation and the modalities applicable repair.

CLAUSE 34: The FOUNDATION shall create indemnification parameters considering the socioeconomic condition of AFFECTED their PREVIOUS SITUATION, as well as the general principles established by Brazilian law and parameters of existing precedents on Brazilian courts.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The registry in the NEGOCIATION PROGRAM by the AFFECTED PEOPLE is facultative.

PARAGRAPH TWO: determination of the eligibility of IMPACTED for NEGOTIATION PROGRAM COORDINATED, as well as the general indemnification parameters to be established within the same will be proposed by the FOUNDATION and will be submitted to INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE for validation.

CLAUSE 35: The registered IMPACTED who meet the criteria for compensation and have been declared eligible by the FOUNDATION to join the COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM should be invited to join this initiative and participate in the negotiations, according to a schedule to be established and published by FOUNDATION .

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Negotiations should take place in locations and environments that facilitate access and participation of AFFECTED PEOPLE

CLAUSE 36: The AFFECTED PEOPLE that at the end of the negotiations, do not accept the terms of the agreement presented under COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM may claim any compensation by their own way, but can not be deleted from the other SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS as the exclusive result of such negative.

CLAUSE 37: For the conclusion of individual agreements in the scope of the Coordinated Negotiation Program, it shall promoted free legal assistance to AFFECTED PEOPLE who are not represented by lawyers, particularly for vulnerable population affected.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: For **caput** forecasting service, the Foundation will seek partnerships with the Public Defender and the Order of Attorneys of Brazil.

CLAUSE 38: The COORDINATED NEGOTIATION PROGRAM should be completed within a maximum of eighteen (18) [Pending issue] months from the signing of this Agreement and the payment of claims to be made within three (3) months after the conclusion of the negotiations without prejudice to the emergency actions that are already under way, which should be considered under SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAM.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The time limits provided for in the **caput** may be exceptionally revised, provided that duly justified and validated by the inter-federative COMMITTEE.

SUBSECTION 1.3: Program for protection and recovery of the quality of life of indigenous peoples;

CLAUSE 39: The FOUNDATION shall execute a program to offer specialized service to the indigenous peoples of the KRENAK territory and of the COMBOIOS, TUPINIQUIM and CAIEIRAS VELHAS II indigenous lands.

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SOLE PARAGRAPH: The PROGRAM shall be constructed together with the indigenous peoples, in dealings and negotiations with the participation of the National Indigenous Foundation – FUNAI.

CLAUSE 40 The service referred to this program shall respect to the particular forms of social organization, customs, habits and traditions of indigenous peoples KRENÁK, TUPINIQUIM and GUARANI.

CLAUSE 41: Mechanisms shall be provided to carry out consultation and participation of indigenous peoples in all phases of this program.

CLAUSE 42: It shall be predicted supervision, participation and validation of the FOUNDATION Nacional do Índio – FUNAI and the Secretaria Especial de Saúde Indígena do Ministério da Saúde – SESAI in all phases of this program, the extent of their competence.

CLAUSE 43: The following actions shall be undertaken by the FOUNDATION in relation to KRENÁK people in the state of Minas Gerais, without prejudice to what is agreed to directly with the indigenous people:

- (i) Maintenance of emergency support measures provided for in the 11.16.2015 agreement entered with VALE S.A.;
- II. Continuous monitoring of the following situations, pursuant to the terms of the 11/16/2015 agreement:
 - a) water supply;
 - b) water quality;
 - (C) cattle;
 - (D) monthly financial support for families;
 - e) health;
 - f) infrastructure; and
 - g) update of needs in dialogue with KRENAK indians.
- III. Hiring of independent consulting, according to the Terms of Reference to be agreed with FUNAI, to draw up detailed study of the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the EVENT on the KRENÁK;
- IV. Detailing a Permanent Action Plan, based on the study provided for in section III;
- V. Performance, monitoring and reassessment of the shares composed by the Permanent Action Plan.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The measures provided for in items I and II shall be immediately initiated, with the participation of FUNAI, and shall be maintained until the Permanent Action Plan.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The hiring of the consultancy mentioned in Item III shall be made within ninety (90) days of the submission of the Terms of Reference to be presented by FUNAI. The Terms of Reference shall be delivered by FUNAI within 30 days from the signature of the Settlement.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: The actions provided for in section V shall be maintained throughout the duration of the Permanent Action Plan referred to in this Clause.

CLAUSE 44: The following actions shall be undertaken by the Foundation or by SAMARCO in relation to TUPINIQUIM and GUARANI people located in the COMBOIOS, TUPINIQUIM and CAIEIRAS VELHAS II indigenous lands:

- I. In case the need for a specific diagnosis carried out by FOUNDATION or by SAMARCO is identified, and made available to Funai and the Indian people in up to 20 (twenty) days from the execution of the

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Agreement, emergency support measures shall be implemented, upon agreement with the communities, with participation of Funai, observing the provision in CLAUSES 40, 41 and 42, without prejudice of Funai preparing their diagnosis at their own expenses

- II. continuous execution and monitoring of the emergency support measures, if applicable in the terms of item I;
- III. Hiring of independent consulting, according to the Terms of Reference to be agreed with FUNAI, to draw up detailed study of possible environmental and socioeconomic impacts of the EVENT on the TUPINIQUIM and GUARANI;
- IV. Detailing of a Permanent Action Plan, based on the study referred to in item III;
- V. Performance, monitoring and reassessment of the actions that compose the Permanent Action Plan, based on the study referred to in item III.

PARAGRAPH ONE: Negotiations to identify possible impacts of the EVENT should be initiated/taken up with the communities immediately, with the participation of FUNAI;

PARAGRAPH TWO: In case of disagreement in relation to the diagnosis and emergency measures proposed provided in item I, FOUNDATION and FUNAI may adopt judicial and extrajudicial measures to solve the impasse. While the discussions on diagnosis and emergency measures proposals are in progress, the measures on which there is convergence of understanding shall be implemented by FOUNDATION

PARAGRAPH THREE: The hiring of the technical consultancy mentioned in item III shall be made within 90 (ninety) days, from submission of the Terms of Reference to be submitted by FUNAI. The Terms of Reference shall be delivered by FUNAI within 30 days from the signature of the Settlement.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: The actions provided for in item V shall be maintained for the entire duration of the Permanent Action Plan referred to in this clause.

CLAUSE 45: The preparation, development and execution of the PROGRAMS, PROJECTS and actions provided for in this Sub-section does not exclude the members of indigenous communities from the other PROGRAMS, except for those with which they are incompatible, pursuant to the terms of the PROGRAMS.

SUBSECTION 1.4 Program for recovery of the quality of life of other peoples and traditional communities;

CLAUSE 46: The FOUNDATION shall negotiate with Quilombo de Santa Efigenia descendants of slave community in Mariana – MG, and undertake assessment to identify any impact to such communities occurred due to the ACCIDENT..

PARAGRAPH ONE: In case impacts which justifies the undertake of emergency measures are identified, the FOUNDATION shall implement it urgently, while it is necessary.

PARAGRAPH TWO: For the implementation of the assessment established on the caput, the FOUNDATION shall hire an independent consultants firm within 90 days from the presentation of the Reference Term to the Palmares Cultural Foundation – FCP.

PARAGRAPH THREE : In case the result of the study provided for in the main section above indicates such need, the FOUNDATION shall undertake a permanent action plan, – which must be created jointly with aush communities, with the participation of **Palmares Cultural Foundation – FCP.**

CLAUSE 47 In case the need for implementation of a program in the terms of Clause Forty, Paragraph One, is identified, the service referred to this program should correspond to the particular forms of social organization, customs, habits and traditions of Communities Remaining Quilombo of Santa Efigenia.

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CLAUSE 48: In case the need for implementation of a program in the terms of Clause Forty, Paragraph One and/or Paragraph Two, is identified, the supervision, participation and validation by FCP in all phases of such program shall be provided, to the extent of their competence.

CLAUSE 49: The preparation, development and execution of the programs and actions provided in this subsection, does not exclude the communities and their members from the other PROGRAMS, except for those with which they are incompatible or that generate double benefits, according to the PROGRAMS guidelines..

CLAUSE 50: In case there is indicative evidence brought by the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES of other traditional communities that may have been impacted by the EVENT, the FOUNDATION shall adopt the same procedure provided for in this subsection.

CLAUSE 51: It is understood by people and traditional communities culturally differentiated and that groups recognize as such, which have their own forms of social organization, which occupy and use territories and natural resources as a condition for their cultural, social, religious, ancestral and economic, using knowledge, innovations and practices generated and transmitted by tradition.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Are excluded from this program the indigenous peoples, which shall have its own program provided for in Clauses of Subsection I.3.

CLAUSE 52: For the purposes of this Agreement, it shall be construed as traditional territories the necessary space for the cultural, social and economic reproduction of Traditional Peoples and Communities, whether used permanently even if with effective use on a seasonal basis.

CLAUSE 53: This program shall observe the art. 68 of the Constitutional Provisions (ADCT); Law No. 7,668, of August 22, 1988; Decree No. 4887 of 2 November 2003; Decree No. 6,040, of February 7, 2007; and Decree No. 3551 of August 4, 2000, and the Convention 169 of the International Labour Organization – ILO.

Subsection I.5: Social Protection Program

CLAUSE 54: The Foundation shall prepare, develop and implement a program to promote social protection through social assistance actions, including socio-cultural activities and psychosocial support, developing monitoring to families and individuals by IMPACTED EVENT, prioritizing IMPACTED with physical movement.

CLAUSE 55: The PROGRAM should be directed to families and persons in need of social protection actions in accordance with the parameters established by the FOUNDATION in accordance with public policies, due to the ACCIDENT.

CLAUSE 56: Excluding what is attribution of PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, the social protection PROGRAM should support the adoption of a protocol to meet the AFFECTED PEOPLE who are in situations of vulnerability or social risk for violation of fundamental rights; due to the ACCIDENT.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The social protection program should ensure support for the continuity of essential public services, where their interruption or loss in serving the population has elapsed ACCIDENT.

CLAUSE 57: The actions referred to in the previous article shall observe the rules and guidelines of Law No. 8,742, of December 7, 1993 (Organic Law of Social Assistance – LOAS); Law No. 12,608, of April 10, 2012; the National Social Assistance Policy; and the National Joint Protocol for Comprehensive Protection of Children and Adolescents, Elderly and People with Disabilities in Risk and Disaster Situation (Interministerial Ordinance no. 2, of December 6, 2012).

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CLAUSE 58: This PROGRAM shall start within 30 (thirty) days of the signing of this Agreement and shall have a minimum duration of 36 (thirty six) months from the date of commencement.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The term provided for in the main section of this clause may be extended, if such need duly justified, at least 12 (twelve) months before the end of the original term.

SUBSECTION 1.6 Communication Program, Participation, Dialogue and Social Control

CLAUSE 59 The Foundation should ensure social participation in the processes of identifying and detailing plans and programs, including accountability of actions relating to SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 60: The population IMPACTED and INDIRECTLY IMPACTED is entitled to comprehensive information, transparent, full and public in an accessible, appropriate and comprehensive language to all interested parties, as a necessary condition for clarified social participation.

CLAUSE 61 It recognized the multiplicity of disclosure forms and procedures and effective social participation, since public hearings to the use of new media to favor an enlightened participation.

CLAUSE 62: This program shall promote the participation of individuals and corporations, communities and organized social movements.

CLAUSE 63: It is up to the FOUNDATION the realization of periodic thematic panels as provided in the program, considering the area of influence of the subject to be treated.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: In addition to the thematic panels, it shall be performed yearly events accountability of the Foundation's actions in all regional bases of physical reference, with reporting of actions taken.

CLAUSE 64: It shall be created permanent channels of communication and interaction with society at fixed and itinerant spaces, if necessary, and it shall be provided for the following actions:

- a) institution of table of dialogue and permanent negotiation pursuant to the terms of the Program;
- b) construction and maintenance of the specific virtual site on the Internet for dissemination of information related to the disaster;
- c) creation and maintenance of dialogical spaces with communities, both fixed and mobile spaces;
- d) implementation of the ombudsman mechanism to monitor the remediation plan of action, and to receive complaints and comments by the IMPACTED parties; and
- e) 0800 central services to the population.

CLAUSE 65: An interactive platform related to the EVENT shall be developed by the FOUNDATION, enlisting the EVENT's consequences, as well as the measures and PROGRAMS already implemented.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The platform's purpose is to provide an inventory of data and information, as well as preserve the cultural, technical and scientific memories of the EVENT, promoting people's access to information.

CLAUSE 66: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to create a team of multidisciplinary communication and social participation, professional and appropriate structure.

CLAUSE 67 In addition to the above measures, the following actions shall be implemented:

- a) creation of a manual of "questions and answers", which shall be available to community leaders and shall clarify the processes of temporary housing, financial assistance, compensation and others;

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- b) disclosure on the FOUNDATION's social network all the initiatives, questions for clarification and transfer of information; and
- c) relationship with press and availability of *releases* to the media;

CLAUSE 68: A specific ombudsman should be created for dialogue with the affected population, with the appointment of an Ombudsman, whose name and contact information should be widely publicized in institutional channels.

CLAUSE 69 All data, values and reports of all SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS should be available for public consultation, directly on the website, regardless of any prior registration.

CLAUSE 70: It shall be guaranteed service channels suitable for vulnerable groups.

CLAUSE 71: All of the channels of dialogue in this program should be in place within 90 days of the signing of this agreement and shall operate while this Agreement is in force.

CLAUSE 72:

The Ombudsman shall issue quarterly reports on the claims presented with statistical data, and the presentation of the progress of the activities covered by this program.

Subsection I.7: Assistance Program to Animals

CLAUSE 73: The Foundation shall develop a program to assist homeless and stray animals, including domestic animals such as dogs and cats, is aimed specifically at Mariana and Barra Longa.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: It is not included in the scope of this program the wild animals and the protection of aquatic fauna, which shall be treated in their own programs.

CLAUSE 74: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to perform the following actions:

- a) rescue animals impacted by the EVENT;
- b) referral to CRAs (Animal Collection Centers) implemented by the FOUNDATION;
- c) provide food to animals that may remain on their land of origin;
- d) provide veterinary medical care to all animals rescued and impacted directly;
- e) registration of all animals received the CRAs;
- f) promote adoption event for animals that are not withdrawn by their tutors; and
- g) allocate the animals not adopted for a Sanctuary, as requested by the TCP (Preliminary Commitment Agreement) signed between MPMG and SAMARCO.

CLAUSE 75:

This program shall be kept for a minimum of two (2) years from the date of signature of this agreement.

SECTION II: INFRASTRUCTURE:

Reallocation, recuperation and reconstruction program of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu de Baixo and other affected communities;

CLAUSE 76: This PROGRAM shall provide for actions to reallocate Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu de Baixo and other communities affected by the EVENT.

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CLAUSE 77 Are part of this PROGRAM the following actions, to be developed by the Foundation:

- a) definition, together with the communities, the new location for resettlement;
- b) acquisition of areas that were chosen together with Communities;
- c) preparation and approval of urban design and other engineering deliverables of the new community;
- d) deployment of energy infrastructure , water, sanitation, street layout, paving, drainage and access;
- e) drafting and approval of architectural plans and subsequent construction of properties;
- f) resettlement of public use buildings such as schools, health facilities, parks, indoor court and places of worship, equivalent to the PREVIOUS SITUATION and in compliance with the standards of the sectorial public policy;
- g) demolition of compromised structures and consequent cleaning;
- h) collective negotiation in participatory body for determination of location, discussion of PROJECTS and monitoring of works;
- i) depending on the peculiarity of each case will be considered the possibility of self-assisted resettlement, exchange and/or compensation for IMPACTED who so wish; and
- j) providing temporary housing of homeless people for a period of three (3) months after the final solution of their homes.

CLAUSE 78:

This program shall be started within 15 (fifteen) days and must be completed within thirty (36) months.

Subsection II.2: Recovery program of UHE Risoleta Neves's Reservoir

CLAUSE 79: The Foundation shall develop a program to address the actions necessary to dredging of the Candonga lake and the recovery of operating conditions of UHE Risoleta Neves.

CLAUSE 80: Actions should be developed for the dredging of the reservoir HPP Risoleta Neves and repair the infrastructure of the hydroelectric plant, subject to the judicial settlement signed with the PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE OF MINAS GERAIS and with the STATE OF MINAS GERAIS on February 6, 2016 (case 0024.15.086.405-6).

CLAUSE 81: Remediation actions shall be completed according to schedule to be approved by the FOUNDATION , being such program active until the effective resumption of HPP Risoleta Neves operation, observing said settlement.

SUBSECTION II.3. Recovery program from other Communities and Infrastructure impacted between Fundão and Candonga, including Barra Longa.

CLAUSE 82: The foundation must provide recovery or reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by the EVENT, observing the PREVIOUS SITUATION and the parameters established by public policy.

PARAGRAPH ONE: This program is intended for the communities and infrastructure impacted between Fundão and Candonga, including Barra Longa, exception made for the measures provided for in the *Program for reallocation, reconstruction and recuperation of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu de Baixo and Gesteira*.

PARAGRAPH TWO: If other communities and/or infrastructure affected in another location as a result of EVENT are identified, the program will also be extended to them.

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PARAGRAPH THREE: if the resettlement or temporary reallocation of the families is necessary, as well as the reallocation of public equipment, it shall establish the supplying of basic infrastructure, such as potable water and electricity in an accessible area.

CLAUSE 83: The plan shall observe the standard and parameters of public policy.

CLAUSE 84: The program should predict the following remedial actions in the areas impacted between Fundão and Candonga, subject to the second paragraph of Clause 82:

- a) resettlement schemes of access;
- b) cleaning and removal of waste in the affected structures, rubble and debris resulting from EVENT;
- c) demolition of compromised structures and consequent cleaning;
- d) reconstruction of bridges;
- e) drainages;
- f) rebuilding and/or refurbishing of fences, corrals and barn;
- g) reconstruction of churches and other houses of worship;
- h) reconstruction of football fields and spaces for sports practice of public access;
- (i) reconstruction of community centers, parks and public places of leisure;
- j) reconstruction of wells and pinguelas
- k) recovery and refurbishment of efficient access routes impacted by the EVENT;
- l) containment of embankments and slopes to access;
- m) reconstruction or renovation of housing units affected;
- n) reconstruction and recovery of impacted health and education facilities;
- o) reconstruction and recovery of all bridges, access and destroyed or damaged road networks;
- p) recovery of funding structures, treatment and distribution of water;
- q) recovery of funding structures and sewage treatment;
- r) recovery of impacted health and education facilities;
- s) reconstruction, recovery of other public buildings affected.

CLAUSE 85: Whenever the repair of the structure cannot be made at the same place, the choice of land for new construction shall count with the participation of the AFFECTED PEOPLE and approval of the PUBLIC AUTHORITY to which the service is bound.

CLAUSE 86 In the case of public structures destroyed, beyond the repair of the property, it shall be reassembled equipment, furniture and instruments, as well as material consumption demonstrably lost or damaged directly as a consequence of the EVENT required to operate the respective service;

CLAUSE 87: For purposes of CLAUSE 86 above, and not being possible to estimate the stock volume of consumables destroyed, it shall be indemnified the amount correspondent to the consumption of the installation over one (6) months.

CLAUSE 88: This program shall start within 15 (thirty) days and shall have a minimum duration of 30 (thirty) months from the signature of this Agreement.

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SECTION III: EDUCATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE

SUBSECTION III.1 Recovery program and school reintegration of the school community;

CLAUSE 89: The foundation must provide reconstruction as standard and parameters of public policy, acquisition of furniture, equipment and materials needed for schools impacted Fundão to Candonga, providing the means to reintegrate their students and professionals involved with school routines.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The acquisition in the first sentence shall be aligned with the standards and municipal public policy and the standards established by the Ministry of Education – MEC and the Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento da Educação – FNDE.

CLAUSE 90: In cases of resettlement, school structures shall be built in new communities following norms and standards of the PUBLIC POWER and need scaled in the resettlement plans.

CLAUSE 91: While the final structures are not available, the Foundation shall provide the offer of accessibility conditions for students to temporary schools.

CLAUSE 92: It shall be provided training activities for education professionals to work in emergency situations, as well as for the provision of services arising from the DISASTER.

CLAUSE 93: The program shall include also the psycho-pedagogical supervision for students and professionals in the schools impacted during the period of ten (36) years from the date of signature of this agreement.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The term provided for in the main section of this clause may be extended, if such need is duly justified, at least 6 (six) months before the end of the original term.

CLAUSE 94: The terms of this program should be compatible with the schedule of the Program for reallocation and reconstruction of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu de Baixo and Gesteira and Recovery Program of other communities and infrastructure impacted between Fundão and Candonga.

SUBSECTION III.2 Conservation program of historical, cultural and artistic memory

CLAUSE 95: The Foundation shall prepare program to recover cultural objects of material nature and preserve cultural heritage of the communities of Bento Rodrigues, Paracatu Low and Gesteira stricken by the EVENT, provided that the goods are of historical, archaeological, inventoried artistic and/or listed by IPHAN and/or affected by IEPHA EVENT.

CLAUSE 96: Actions to preserve the assets shall observe the provisions stipulated in the Preliminary Statement of Commitment signed with PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE OF THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS on November 30, 2015.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Complementing the information made available by IPHAN and IEPHA, the diagnosis shall include the performance of participatory inventory in the communities affected in order to identify the tangible and intangible elements that make up the local culture, as well as to implement memory centers.

CLAUSE 97: The diagnosis shall be succeeded by Intervention Proposal for preservation and conservation that establishes scale of priorities for action because of the degree of risk of irreversible losses of cultural property, whether tangible or intangible.

CLAUSE 98: The intervention Proposal on cultural heritage, to be implemented by the Foundation, shall contemplate:

- a) development and implementation, through qualified professionals, archaeological project of impacted sites;

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- b) Dissemination of scientific knowledge already produced in respect to archaeological heritage of the affected region to which access and further research has been frustrated by the changes in the landscape caused by EVENT;
- c) implementation of rehabilitation works of cultural heritage impacted preferably by school sites to encourage the use and training of the local workforce;
- (D) actions to the rescue, the generational transmission and promotion of cultural activities of the communities, such as parties and celebrations, knowledge and traditional techniques, crafts and cuisine.

CLAUSE 99: With regard to sport and leisure, the FOUNDATION shall promote the re-establishment and revitalization of spaces and conditions necessary for the holding of sports competitions, dance and music events, occupational and training activities for the elderly, children's activities in counter-shifts or holiday periods, as well as the insertion of the affected population in new activities and sports available in the cities of Bento Rodrigues and Barra Longa.

CLAUSE 100: This program should be maintained for a period of 60 months from the approval of the PROJECT by the FOUNDATION.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The term provided for in the main section of this clause may be extended, if such need is duly justified, at least 6 (six) months before the end of the original term.

Subsection III.3: Program to support Tourism, Culture, Sport and Leisure, with reparatory and compensatory aspects.

CLAUSE 101: The Foundation shall carry out a program to support Tourism, Culture, Sport and Leisure, of compensatory nature and, for such purpose, shall conduct an assessment of the EVENT's impact on the Tourism, Culture, Sport and Leisure in the municipalities of COVERAGE AREA SOCIOECONOMIC of both States.

CLAUSE 102: The diagnosis shall be discussed with the communities and should include a survey of the cultural events, sports and leisure of COVERAGE AREA, especially those associated with natural resources put in unavailability by the EVENT.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The diagnosis shall include the local tourism inventory and diagnosis of tourism potentialities.

CLAUSE 103: In the light of diagnosis, could be developed following actions related to culture, tourism, sport and leisure in the areas identified in the diagnosis as impacted, as compensatory measures:

- a) implementation of sports and leisure facilities;
- b) creation of Memorial in Bento Rodrigues, in agreement with the community;
- c) technical and material support to expand the Programs Mais Cultura in Universities and Mais Cultura in Schools;
- d) campaign of self-declaration of cultural groups, collectives and entities by means of the "Rede Cultura Viva" Platform.
- e) modernization of municipal public libraries and the creation of a National Committee for the Promotion of Reading, in order to encourage reading promotion activities.
- f) implementation of cultural facilities and development of actions to foster and provide incentives to culture in line with the Policy and the National Culture System.
- g) revitalization of the Estrada Real Program, in the COVERAGE AREA, in order to attract more tourism to the localities; and
- h) Undertaking actions for development of fishing activities at hydrographic basin

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CLAUSE 104: In the light of diagnosis, the following actions must be undertaken related to culture, tourism, sport and leisure in the areas identified in the diagnosis as impacted:

- a) strengthening of local institutions related to tourism activities;
- b) preparation of participative tourism plan; and
- c) technical support for implementation of the tourism plan, including advertising.
- d) submission of proposal, prepared together with the impacted communities, to address the environmental losses as necessary to perform leisure, sports and sociability activities, to be validated by the GOVERNMENT BODIES involved;
- e) reparation of the segments of Estrada Real impacted by the EVENT;
- f) implementation of the recovery actions of Sport/Amateur Fishing for the river basin; and
- g) Professional requalification of local agents of sport fishing impacted, including fishing guides, skippers, accommodation structures and producers of baits, in case it is impossible to resume the original activity.

CLAUSE 105 The diagnosis referred to in this program must be completed within twelve (12) months from the signature of this agreement, and the promotion of actions undertaken for a period of five (de60) years.

SECTION IV: HEALTH:

Program Supporting Physical and Mental Health Impacted population.

CLAUSE 106: It should be provided technical support for the development and implementation of health monitoring protocol of the population exposed to the effects of the EVENT.

CLAUSE 107: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION elaborate program to provide technical support for the service to the municipalities of Mariana and Barra Longa in the implementation of health action plans or health actions already agreed to date as a result of the effects of the EVENT.

CLAUSE 108: The program shall provide for measures and actions needed to mitigate the damage caused to the health of the population directly affected by the EVENT.

CLAUSE 109: This program shall include actions to be performed by the Foundation in the following areas, which shall be limited to the effects resulting from the EVENT:

- a) primary care;
- b) surveillance in environmental health, epidemiology, health worker, health and promotion of health;
- c) pharmaceutical care;
- (D) laboratory support;
- e) secondary care; and
- f) mental health care;

CLAUSE 110: The actions provided for in this health support program should be maintained for a period of 36 (thirty six) months from the date of signature of this Agreement.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The term provided for in the main section of this clause may be extended, if such need is duly justified, at least 6 (six) months before the end of the original term.

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CLAUSE 111: It shall be up to the Foundation develop an Epidemiological Study and Toxicological to identify the epidemiological profile and health retrospective, current and prospective residents of Mariana to the river mouth of the Rio Doce, to assess risks and correlations arising from the EVENT.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The area covered by the Study may be expanded if technical evidence of risks to the population's health is found in coastal areas of the COVERAGE AREA not covered by the Study, by means of technically justified demand submitted by the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

PARAGRAPH TWO: Having being identified the impacts of the EVENT to health, the study indicates the necessary mitigating actions to ensure the health of IMPACTED to be accomplished by the Foundation.

PARAGRAPH THREE: The study shall be based on health indicators of ten (10) years prior to the EVENT and should be kept for a minimum of ten (10) years after the EVENT.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: The period referred to in the previous paragraph shall be extended in case of increasing evidence of verification of the incidence of negative conditions or changes in the epidemiological profile that can be derivations EVENT, any longer than necessary.

CLAUSE 112: The study shall be conducted in the form of a qualitative and quantitative, exploratory and descriptive field research with mapping and epidemiological health profile using official data available, field samples and other rules laid down in the standard of public policy.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The raw data and analyzes produced in the study of the course should be available for wide public consultation and sent to state health departments, or equivalent, in the states of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo.

SECTION V: INNOVATION

SUBSECTION V.1: Program to Support Research for Development and Use of Socioeconomic Applied Technologies for remediation of impacts.

CLAUSE 113: The Foundation shall encourage and finance the production of knowledge related to the recovery of the areas affected by the disaster through the creation and strengthening of technology research lines applied [NOTE: following segment to be discussed] with internalization of technologies developed for the recovery process.

CLAUSE 114: The following actions will be performed:

- a) promotion of research aimed at economic utilization and disposal of waste;
- b) promotion of education and training on issues related to the rehabilitation of the affected areas; and

CLAUSE 115: The actions under this program, which has a compensatory nature, may be carried out through partnerships with educational institutions and research.

SECTION VI: ECONOMY

SUBSECTION VI.1 Resuming program of Fisheries Activities;

CLAUSE 116: The Foundation shall develop a program to support the fishermen AFFECTED, along the COVERAGE AREA.

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CLAUSE 117: It shall seek the restoration of the productive areas and conditions for fishing production, including equipment and infrastructure for the impacted storage, processing and marketing.

CLAUSE 118: The Foundation shall provide technical assistance to fishermen impacted by the EVENT and their cooperatives and associations, in order to facilitate the resumption of its activities, as well as financial aid to IMPACTED fishermen in the amount set by the Financial Assistance Program to IMPACTED until the fishing condition is equivalent to the PREVIOUS SITUATION or until the payment of compensation resulting from the COORDINATED NEGOTIATION Program, in case the event provided for in CLAUSE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT is applicable.

CLAUSE 119: Whenever the resumption of fishing activity is not possible by virtue of the Event, vocational training courses shall be offered in other activities, providing technical assistance pursuant to the terms of PNATER, as appropriate, in order to identify and facilitate the relocation to new economic or productive activity, subject to the payment Financial assistance provided in CLAUSE 118 until the fishing condition is equivalent to the PREVIOUS SITUATION or until conditions for professional reallocation are established, whichever occurs first, ensuring the conclusion of offer of ongoing qualification courses in the scope of this PROGRAM.

CLAUSE 120: Obligations related to training and technical assistance should be maintained for 24 (twenty four months).

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The period provided for in the caput may be extended if this need is a reasoned justification.

CLAUSE 121: This program also applies to sandpits IMPACTED, provided that legally authorized to conduct such activity.

CLAUSE 122: It shall be prepared and implemented a plan for recovery of fishing in COVERAGE AREA, and in case of identification of impacts due to the Event, a plan for recovery of aquaculture activities impacted, which shall be linked to environmental studies.

CLAUSE 123: It shall be provided emergency measures for readjustment or adaptation of the forms of work and income directly related to the river, notably concerning fishermen and sanding, being possible to be planned and alternatives of social collective business.

SUBSECTION VI.2 Resuming program of Agricultural Activities and Increased Productivity;

CLAUSE 124: The purpose of this program is to recover agricultural activities and IMPACTED producers along the rail do Rio Doce.

CLAUSE 125: This program should include the following actions to IMPACTED producers along the rail do Rio Doce:

- a) providing area producers who had their agricultural activities permanently negated due to the EVENT equivalent to the PREVIOUS SITUATION, subject to the public policy;
- b) restoration of productive areas for restoration and conditions to produce as PREVIOUS SITUATION, including soil, animals, equipment and facilities;
- c) technical assistance to producers, cooperatives and impacted associations in order to facilitate the resumption of its activities, under the PNATER for 24 months of rebuilding the SITUATION PREVIOUS productive areas for restoration and may be extended if this need is a reasoned justification.
- d) financial aid to IMPACTED producers in the amount set by the Financial Assistance Program to IMPACTED to the production condition is equivalent to the previous situation or performance of what is provided in letter "a".

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- e) Whenever the resumption of fishing activity is not possible, vocational training courses in other activities shall be offered, providing technical assistance in terms PNATER, as appropriate, in order to identify and facilitate the relocation to new economic or productive activity, subject to the payment Financial assistance provided in letter “d”, until the professional condition for the professional relocation are met or the recovery of pasture in the impacted areas, when technically viable.
- f) pasture recovery in the affected areas, where technically feasible;
- g) training of pastures in other areas of the property in exchange for pasture technically not recoverable in the short term;
- h) replacement of grassland by other feed sources with improved productivity that can be grown in the affected property;
- (i) implementation of management techniques in search of trying to increase the productivity of the property;
- g) reestablishment of water for irrigation and watering animals harvesting structures impacted the PREVIOUS POSITION or, if not possible, to develop alternatives to the reestablishment of water harvesting structures; and
- h) supply of food for animals on farms directly affected, to the pasture recovery.

CLAUSE 126: It shall be planned specific actions for the rehabilitation of irrigation systems.

CLAUSE 127: It shall not be re-established agricultural activities in APPs (Permanent Preservation Areas).

CLAUSE 128: Obligations related to training and technical assistance should be maintained for 24 (twenty four months).

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The period provided for in the caput may be extended if this need is a reasoned justification to 12 (twelve) months ended the original deadline.

SUBSECTION VI.3: Recovery program, and Diversification of Regional Economy with Incentive Industry;

CLAUSE 129: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to adopt strategies for the development of other economic activities in the region that promote the reduction of its dependence on the mining industry, stimulating the emergence of new industries in the region, based on technological alternatives for sustainable base and able to promote greater productive integration of the population.

CLAUSE 130: Should the Foundation take the following actions within the limits of SCOPE IMPACTED AREA:

- a) Establishment of lines of credit by productive equalization and guarantee fund of constitution;
- b) technical support for the development of economic diversification plan Germano region;
- c) diagnosis of potential and encouraging economic activity;
- d) actions for image restoration of local products;
- e) Promotion of associativism and cooperativism; and
- f) development of new industries and services to meet the demands arising from the affected areas.

CLAUSE 131: The term of this program should be proposed by the Foundation and validated by inter-federative COMMITTEE.

Subsection vi.4 Micro Recovery Program and Small Business in the Trade Sector, Services and Production;

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CLAUSE 132: The Foundation shall establish and implement a specific program for the recovery of micro and small businesses in the trade sector, services and productive and located Fundão to Candonga and Regency and Village, directly impacted by the EVENT, which should be completed in 24 months counted the approval of the budget of the Foundation.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The period provided for in the caput may be extended if this need is a reasoned justification.

PARAGRAPH TWO: It shall be provided, without prejudice to participation in the COORDINATED NEGOTIATION Program, for reconstruction of affected facilities, replacement of the affected inputs necessary for the resumption of business and development to resuming of production.

PARAGRAPH THREE: For the purposes of this program, it is understood as micro and small business micro and small enterprise, small business, individual entrepreneurs, workers who have their own business, formalized or not, and the workers by themselves without employment bond either formal or informal.

PARAGRAPH FOUR: To the recipients of this program will be provided financial assistance in the amount set by the Financial Assistance Program to IMPACTED until the resumption of the original conditions for the exercise of the economic activities or new business to replace the previous one.

CLAUSE 133: Unable to resume the original economic activities located in Fundão to Candonga and Regency and Population, due EVENT, it will be also the FOUNDATION support small entrepreneurs in new business incubation to replace the previous one, for 36 (thirty-six) months from the adoption of the PROGRAM on FOUNDATION .

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The term provided for in the main section of this clause may be extended, if such need is duly justified, at least 6 (six) months before the end of the original term.

Subsection VI.5: Program of Stimulus to Local Hiring of compensatory aspects

CLAUSE 134: The Foundation shall prepare and implement local procurement prioritization program to encourage use of the local workforce and local network providers for the actions that are developed in Fundão to Regência.

CLAUSE 135: To attend this program, the following actions shall be developed:

- a) performance of research studies to identify potential entrepreneurs, businesses and markets;
- b) strategy of prioritizing local shopping, including the survey of the supply of local products and services, distribution of demand for goods and services, performance of business round with potential suppliers, since in accordance with market prices; and
- c) emphasis on areas that have had greater impairment of their productive activities and activities associated with local vocations.

CLAUSE 136: This program should start running in ninety (90) days from the establishment of the Foundation and must be maintained while the FOUNDATION is active.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The implementation of this PROGRAM shall observe the provision in Clause 223, as well as the rules contained in the policies and manuals provided therein

SUBSECTION VI.6 Financial Assistance Program Emergency to those IMPACTED.

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CLAUSE 137: It shall be up to the Foundation to develop an emergency financial assistance program for IMPACTED population who has had involvement of their income due to proven interruption, proved according to the conditions set forth in Clause 21, of their productive or economic activities due to the EVENT until the restoration of conditions for resumption of productive or economic activities.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The provision contained in the caption does not compromise the continuity of the implementation of agreements and commitments entered into prior to the execution hereof.

CLAUSE 138: To be granted a monthly financial aid will require registration and verification of financial dependence of production or economic activity.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: To perform this program, it shall be granted a monthly financial assistance by registration in the amount of 1 (one) minimum wage, plus 20% (twenty percent) per dependent as the dependent referred to in art. 16 of Law 8.213/1991, and another basket as value stipulated by DIEESE, subject to compensation under the negotiation program, subject to the provisions of the TAC signed with the Federal Public Ministry, Labour and the State of Espirito Santo.

CLAUSE 139: There should be delivery of the cards to the beneficiaries of this program, based on criteria established in TAC.

CLAUSE 140: The payments shall be made until the conditions for the exercise of the economic activities are reestablished or, in case such reestablishment is not feasible, until the conditions are established for a new productive activity to replace the previous one, according to term set forth in the PROGRAM, limited to a maximum term of 5 years counted from the date of signature of this Agreement,

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The maximum term provided in the **main section** can be extended for a additional period of one year, in case this need is reasonably justified within 3 (three) months before the end of the original term, and so on up to the ninth year counted from the execution of this Agreement, so that the payment provided in the main section does not exceed 10 (ten) years.

SUBSECTION VI. 7: Program of compensation of extraordinary expenses of PROMISORS

CLAUSE 141: The FOUNDATION shall reimburse the PROMISORS for any extraordinary public expenses arising from the EVENT, duly updated, as per the ANNEX.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The other PROGRAMS subject to this agreement shall precede the reimbursement of the PROMISORS' extraordinary expenses.

CLAUSE 142: The FOUNDATION undertakes to discuss with the affected municipalities the reimbursement thereto caused by the extraordinary public expenses resulting from the EVENT.

CLAUSE 143: After the reimbursement provided for in clause 141 is completed, the PROMISORS shall give full release for the losses resulting from the EVENT.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Other public extraordinary expenses arising from the EVENT, of the same nature from those provided in ANNEX mentioned in the main section of CLAUSE 141, incurred by the PARTIES from the date of this Agreement, shall be subject to compensation under this PROGRAM.

SECTION VII:

MANAGEMENT OF ACTION PLAN

SUBSECTION VII.1.: Management program of socio-economic programs

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CLAUSE 144: The FOUNDATION shall equip SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS mechanisms and process management, monitoring and evaluation, including information systems, databases, indicators, in accordance with the mechanisms and governance processes set forth in this Agreement.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The portfolio management model programs to be adopted should include at least the cost of management, time and scope, with the budget for each program, indicators, targets and timetable.

PARAGRAPH TWO: This program shall be in operation in six (6) months from the date of signature of this Agreement.

CHAPTER THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS:

CLAUSE 145: The SOCIOENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS should have a diffuse and transindividual nature, embracing reparative and compensatory measures according to the AGREEMENT.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: In the context of the SOCIOENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, it shall be designed, developed, and performed the following PROGRAMS, grouped into eight themes: Management of Tailings; Recovery of Water Quality; Forest Restoration and Water Production; Biodiversity Conservation; Water Security and Water Quality; Education, Communication and Information; Preservation and Environmental Safety; Management and Sustainable Land Use; Action Plan Management.

CLAUSE 146: For the implementation of this Agreement, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS are classified as:

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS referred to in this Agreement, and the ensuing measures shall, as a rule, be understood as reparatory, being classified as COMPENSATORY only the programs and measures expressly indicated as such herein.

CLAUSE 147: For purposes of CLAUSE 146, the Parties acknowledge that all measures implemented by the FOUNDATION exceeding mitigation, remediation and/or recovery of environmental impacts directly arising from the disaster have collective compensatory nature and for the benefit of the community.

CLAUSE 148: The measures and actions described in ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS shall be performed as provided for in this Settlement, reviewed and approved by ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES.

CLAUSE 149: If, during the performance of this Agreement, remains proven that there is no viable technical solution for the repair actions planned in PROGRAMS, these shall be replaced by equivalent compensatory measures, which shall be defined through studies and programs undertaken by SPECIALIZED COMPANY CONTRACTED and which must be approved by the PUBLIC POWER, by ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES and of WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

SECTION I:

WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND RECOVERY OF WATER QUALITY

SUBSECTION I.1 Management program for waste arising from the disruption of the Fundão dam, considering conformation and in situ stabilization, excavation, dredging, transportation, treatment and disposal;

CLAUSE 150: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to carry identification studies and detailed assessment ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, considering the PREVIOUS SITUATION and the effects arising from the EVENT.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The evaluation of changes shall include hydrodynamics and hydro sediment evaluation.

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PARAGRAPH TWO: The studies referred to above shall be disclosed until the last business day of July 2016 and shall be evaluated and approved by ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES and WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

PARAGRAPH THREE: Specifically for the reservoir of HPP Risoleta Neves, SAMARCO shall make its best efforts for the dredging of the first 400m (four hundred meters) in such reservoir to be completed by December 31, 2016.;

CLAUSE 151: It shall be up to the Foundation to perform the management of waste arising from the disruption of the Fundão dam, according to results of environmental assessments established in this PROGRAM, as well as considering the area's environmental and socio environmental aspects.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: It is included in the management of waste referred to in the caput of the project design and the recovery actions of river areas, estuarine and coastal, excavation, dredging, transportation and final disposal and/or treatment in situ.

CLAUSE 152: It shall be up to the Foundation to perform the disposal of waste resulting from the disruption of the Fundão dam, to be quantified according to studies under this program, including treatment and environmentally proper disposal, upon approval by ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

CLAUSE 152: The activities of management and disposal of waste resulting from the collapse of the Fundão dam under this program will seek to provide income generation for the impacted population, if economically feasible, in the manner provided for in the SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

Subsection I.2: Implementation program of restraint systems of the tailings and in situ treatment of the affected rivers, covering the following nature of reparative measures

CLAUSE 154: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to build and operate emergency structures sediment containment and/or in treatment systems in situ of the affected rivers, between the Fundão dam and the Risoleta Neves dam, with completion until December 31, 2016.

CLAUSE 155: Studies shall be conducted and outline alternative scenarios to assess the adoption of the best techniques and procedures, in the terms of the plan/program approved, to be submitted by the last business day of August 2016, for full containment of the waste disposed in the area of Germano Dam, Fundão and Santarém and along the gutter and marginal areas of the Rivers Gualaxo do Norte, Caramel and Doce to the Risoleta Neves dam and water treatment in order to maximize the effectiveness of containment systems and to minimize the impact associated with the continuity of the transport of sediments to the Rio Doce, which shall be presented until the last business day of August, 2016.

CLAUSE 156: It shall be implemented by the FOUNDATION techniques and procedures for the overall containment and waste water treatment approved by ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, according to studies referred to in this program

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The techniques and procedures referred to above may include the construction of permanent structures.

CLAUSE 157: The measures described in the PROGRAMS will aim to gradually reduce the turbidity of the Rivers Gualaxo North, Carmel and Candy, to upstream of HPP Risoleta Neves, for maximum levels of 100 (one hundred) NTU in the dry season, within the period specified in accordance with the established studies in CLAUSE 150, within maximum of three years.

SECTION II:

FOREST RESTORATION AND WATER PRODUCTION

SUBSECTION II.1. Recovery program of the areas affected by tailings in the municipalities of Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce and Santa Cruz do Escalvado, including bioremediation, covering the following measures of reparative nature

CLAUSE 158: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION to perform initial revegetation, emergency and temporary, for grasses and legumes, aiming to reduce the laminar and wind erosion, with a total length of 800 ha (eight hectares) and completed by the last business day of June 2016, according with the Environmental Recovery Plan approved by ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

CLAUSE 159: It shall also recover 2,000 ha (two hectares) in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 in the municipalities of Mariana, Barra Longa, Rio Doce and Santa Cruz do Escalvado, according to the program approved by ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The implementation of the actions mentioned in the **caput** shall be in a period of four (4) years counted from the date of signature this Agreement, with six (6) additional maintenance years, according to a schedule to be established in the respective program.

CLAUSE 160: It shall be made by the Foundation the regularization of gutters and margins (armouring) and control erosion in Rivers Gualacho do Norte, Carmo and Doce in the stretch upstream of the Risoleta Neves dam, to be approved by ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES, with completion by the last business day of December 2017.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: It is the obligation of the Foundation to perform the management of waste, as stipulated in CLAUSE 151.

***SUBSECTION II.2** Recovery Program for the Permanent Preservation Areas (APP) and recharging areas on the Rio Doce Basin, with control of erosion processes, in accordance with the following measures and requirements of compensatory nature*

CLAUSE 161: The Foundation, as a compensatory measure, shall foster the recovery of degraded APPs of Rio Doce and tributaries preferably, but not limited to, in the sub-basins of the rivers determined as alternative sources of supply for the municipalities and districts listed in the second and third paragraphs of CLAUSE 171 of this settlement, in accordance with the priorities determined by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE in an area of 40,000 ha within 10 (ten) years.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: From the area described in the **caput** for recovery of degraded APPs, 10,000 ha should be run through reforestation and 30,000 ha should be carried out through conduction of natural regeneration.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: For the execution of this PROGRAM, it is established the minimum amount of R\$ 1,100,000,000.00 (one billion, one hundred million reais).

THIRD PARAGRAPH: In the event of carrying out the activities provided for in paragraph one cost less than R \$ 1,100,000,000.00 (one billion, one hundred million reais), the Foundation shall perform other reforestation and/or regeneration in the area defined by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE to achieve that value.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: The recovery of APPs mentioned in the **caput** shall follow similar methodology to the Reforestation Program, Water Producer or similar initiatives in the states of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo.

CLAUSE 162: For the purposes of recovery of marginal areas and compensation of degraded APPs, projects of seed production and forest native species shall be implemented or shall be supported with the same objective, in line with the programs mentioned in the Fourth Paragraph of CLAUSE 161.

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SOLE PARAGRAPH: In APP's recovery object in this program, it shall also be carried out soil management for the recovery of erosion areas and prioritizing the recharge areas of the Rio Doce Basin.

Subsection II.3: *Nascent recovery program, encompassing the following compensatory measures*

CLAUSE 163: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION, as a compensatory measure, to recover five thousand (5,000) springs, to be defined by the Hydrographic Basin Committee of Rio Doce (CBH-Doce), with the recovery of five hundred (500) springs a year after the signing of this agreement, in a maximum period of ten (10) years, as set out in the Integrated Water Resources Plan of the CBH-Doce.

SECTION III:

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

SUBSECTION III.1.: *Program of conservation of aquatic biodiversity, including freshwater, coastal and estuarine area and affected marine area, covering the following measures of reparatory nature*

CLAUSE 164: The Foundation shall prepare and implement measures for the recovery and conservation of the aquatic fauna in impacted ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 of the river basin do Rio Doce, including:

- a) population study of freshwater fish fauna of the channel and tributaries of the Rio Doce in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, which shall be submitted by the last working day of December 2016, as directed by ICMBIO;
- b) evaluation process of the conservation status of the native fish species from the Rio Doce Basin in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, which shall be presented by the last business day of June 2016, as directed by ICMBIO; and
- c) measures for the recovery and conservation of the aquatic fauna in the Rio Doce Basin in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, according to results of studies indicated in letter b above, which shall be submitted by the last working day of December 2016, as directed by ICMBIO.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The program provided for in this Section shall be supervised by ICMBio, in conjunction with other ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES, which will monitor its implementation.

CLAUSE 165: The Foundation shall prepare and implement wildlife monitoring measures at the mouth of the Rio Doce and estuarine and marine environments affected, and shall:

- (i) Perform and present, by the last business day of June 2016:
 - a) Proposal of study to assess the water quality and eco-toxicity on aquatic organisms, estuarine, marine and freshwater; and
 - b) Methodological description of the animal monitoring measures the mouth of the Rio Doce and estuarine environments and impacted marine.
- II. Perform and present, by the last business day of May 2017, studies for:
 - a) identification and characterization of acute and chronic impact on the species and the food chain of freshwater environments, estuarine and marine; and
 - b) assessment of seabed habitats, including calcareous algae and corals rhodoliths, in estuarine areas, sea and the river mouth affected by material from the EVENT;
- III. implement and execute the monitoring measures referred to in this clause for a period of five years from the approval of the proposed studies by ICMBio.

PARAGRAPH ONE: From the first working day of July 2017, the monitoring measures referred to in this program and the parameters resulting from the outcome of the studies provided for in the preceding paragraphs shall be integrated as orientation of ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES.

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PARAGRAPH TWO: The program provided for in this Section shall be supervised by ICMBio, in conjunction with other ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES, which will monitor its implementation.

CLAUSE 166: This program shall include contingency actions associated with the monitoring of the river mouth of the Rio Doce fauna, the affected estuarine and marine environments.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The contingency actions mentioned in the caput must be submitted by the last working day of July 2017, under the guidance and supervision by ICMBio, in conjunction with other ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES, which shall monitor its implementation.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The actions referred to in this section shall be kept for a period of five years counted from the approval of the proposed studies by the competent environmental agency.

***Subsection III.2:** Strengthening program of screening structures and reintroduction of wildlife, covering the following compensatory measures*

CLAUSE 167: It shall be up to the Foundation to perform the construction and the 2-rigging (two) Centers Screening and Rehabilitation of Wild Animals (CETAS), in accordance with the Terms of Reference to be issued by IBAMA and its equipment list, within ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 2, being one unit in Minas Gerais and another in Espírito Santo, in areas free and unimpeded for the building indicated by IBAMA;

PARAGRAPH ONE: The schedule and the location of CETAS deployment shall be defined between the parties, not exceeding a maximum period of two (2) years from the date of performance of this Agreement.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The Foundation shall ensure resources for the operational maintenance of CETAS for a 3 (three) years period counted from the delivery of the CETAS, except for the operating expenses with government personnel, according to the Project Management Plan to be determined by the governing body.

PARAGRAPH THREE: The proceedings provided for in the preceding paragraph shall include the cost of maintaining third-party handlers teams during the period provided in the preceding paragraph.

***Subsection III.3:** Conservation program of the terrestrial fauna and flora of reparatory nature*

CLAUSE 168: The Foundation shall submit, by the last working day of december 2016, a study to identify and characterize the impact of the EVENT within the ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 on the endangered terrestrial species through rapid ecological assessment.

PARAGRAPH ONE: Until the last business day of December 2016, it shall be presented an Action Plan for the conservation of terrestrial fauna and flora, according to results of the study provided in the caput.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The plan referred to in the previous paragraph shall run from the last business day of January 2017, after approval by the environmental agency.

SECTION IV:

WATER SAFETY AND WATER QUALITY

Subsection IV.1: Collection program and treatment of sewage in compensatory nature

CLAUSE 169 – THE FOUNDATION will provide funds on the amount of R\$ 500 million to the Municipalities at ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 2 for the defrayal of basic sewage programs implementation, sanitary installation, eradication of landfills and installation of regional sanitary landfills.

PARAGRAPH ONE: It should be kept the deposit in a banking account separated of the FOUNDATION.

PARAGRAPH SECOND: the FOUNDATION shall not undertake the actions described on the caput nor elect the Municipalities to be attended, being only obligated to make such resources available, observing the FOUNDATION compliance's proceedings.

PARAGRAPH THREE: The inter federative committee, by the analysis of the projects presented by the interested Municipalities, shall formally indicate to the FOUNDATION the Municipalities entitled to receive the resources and the respective amounts to be made available by the FOUNDATION.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH. The allocation referred to in the THIRD PARAGRAPH may be used to cover the costs of the public partner's pecuniary consideration, partially or totally, due by the concession-granting authority in case of sponsored concession.

CLAUSE 170: The amounts established in the caput of last paragraph shall be deposited by the FOUNDATION in the bank account referred to into the first paragraph of the previous clause, observing the following schedule:

I – R\$ 50 million in the second semester of 2016;

II – R\$ 100 million in the first semester of 2017;

III – R\$ 100 million in the second semester of 2017;

IV – R\$ 125 million on the first semester of 2018; and

V R\$ 125 million on the second semester of 2018.

SUBSECTION IV.2: Program for improvement of water supply embracing the following measures of reparatory and compensatory characteristic

CLAUSE 171: In municipalities that have locations whose operation of the public supply system was temporarily unavailable due to the EVENT, the Foundation shall build alternative catchment and distribution systems and improving water treatment plants for all municipal centers and locations that capture directly from the channel of the Rio Doce, using the proper technology available to all municipalities, to reduce by 30% (thirty percent) the direct supply dependence on that river, compared to levels prior to the EVENT, as a reparatory measure.

PARAGRAPH ONE: This program shall include field surveys, design studies and basic projects, to be developed in two (2) years from the date of signature of this Agreement. From these activities, the necessary construction work should be completed within three (3) years.

PARAGRAPH TWO: It is considered that the operation of the public water supply system was temporarily unavailable in following municipalities: (I) Alpercata; (Ii) Gov. Valadares; (Iii) Tumiritinga; (Iv) Galilee; (V) Resplendor; (Vi) Itueta; (Vii) Baixa Guandu; and (Viii) Colatina; and (ix) Linhares;

PARAGRAPH THREE: It is considered that the operation of the public water supply system was temporarily unavailable in the following municipalities: a) Mariana: (I) Camargos; (Ii) Pedras; (Iii) Paracatu Low; b) Long Bar: (I) Gesteira; (Ii) Barreto; c) In Santana do Paraiso: (I) Ipaba do Paraiso; d) In Belo Oriente: (I) Waterfall Dark; e) In Periquito: (I) Pedra Corrida; f) Fernandes Tourinho: (I) Senhora da Penha; g) In Governador Valadares: (I) São Vitor; h) In Tumiritinga: (I) Sao Tome do Rio Doce; i) In Aimorés: (I) Santo Antonio do Rio Doce; j) In Baixo Guandu: (I) Mascarenhas; k) In Marilândia: (I) Boninsenha; l) In Linhares: (I) Regência.

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PARAGRAPH FOUR. For municipalities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, the reduction of dependence from direct supply from the Rio Doce may be of up to 50%, and the amounts incurred as a result of what exceeds the percentage established in the main section of this cause shall be deemed a compensatory measure.

PARAGRAPH FIVE. The limit established in the paragraph above may be revised, and additions arising from such revision shall be deemed compensatory measures, in municipalities that produce technical study proving the need for revision to reduce the supply risk, conditional on the approval of the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION V:

EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

***Subsection V.1:** Environmental education program and preparation for environmental emergencies, covering the following measures of reparative nature*

CLAUSE 172: The Foundation shall implement environmental education measures, in partnership with the local governments of municipalities located in the COVERAGE AREA, in accordance with the Federal Law No. 9.795/1999 and its regulatory Decree No. 4,281/2002.

PARAGRAPH ONE: These measures shall be initiated within six (6) months from the signature of this Agreement and shall be kept for a period of ten (10) years from the date of commencement.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The environmental education program shall encompass, in addition to other content provided by law, information relating to environmental emergencies;

CLAUSE 173: The Foundation shall implement measures in order to increase the support structure for emergency and warning systems, which shall have an integrated action system with the Civil Defense in the municipalities of Mariana, Barra Longa, Santa Cruz Escalvado and Rio Doce, to be adopted within one (one) year from the date of signature of this Agreement, and maintained for a period of five (5) years from the beginning of its implementation.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The Foundation shall submit, within six (6) months from the date of signing of this Agreement, diagnostics and study on the need for inclusion of municipalities Santa Cruz do Escalvado and Rio Doce, the actions provided for in the caput, found their bodies Civil defense.

PARAGRAPH TWO: It shall be up to the FOUNDATION submit, within six (6) months from the date of signing of this Agreement, a diagnosis of the specific necessary measures, after consultation with their civil defense agencies, which must also approve the diagnosis.

***SUBSECTION V.2:** information program for the population of ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, of compensatory nature*

CLAUSE 174: The Foundation shall establish a center of technical information in the area of Rio Doce Basin, that will be focused in environmental information on the COVERAGE AREA.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: It should be created and maintained one regional physical base in Minas Gerais and one in Espírito Santo in different municipalities that will host the central technical information provided in the head, those with infrastructure and appropriate equipment to be defined by the Foundation, permanently connected to the center of technical information and located within the ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 intended to communicate and inform the population about the environmental aspects.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The structures mentioned in this program should be implemented by the last business day of December 2016 and maintained for a period of ten (10) years from the date of signature of this Agreement.

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Subsection V.3: *National and international communication program, covering the following nature of reparative measures*

CLAUSE 175: The foundation must submit by July 2016 for consideration and approval of ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, a regional, national and international communication program, through electronic site in at least three languages – English, Portuguese and Spanish – including the actions and programs developed under this Agreement, which shall be kept for 10 (ten) years from the signing of this Agreement.

SECTION VI:

PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

SUBSECTION VI.1: *environmental risk management program in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 of the Rio Doce Basin, covering the following measure of reparatory nature*

CLAUSE 176: The Foundation will present a study to identify potential environmental risks of SAMARCO assets directly affected by the EVENT that may impact on the Rio Doce Basin, and propose preventive and mitigating actions associated with these risks.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: These studies should be presented to ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES within 1 (one) year from the date of signing of this Agreement and shall be reviewed at every renewal of environmental licensing of such assets.

SUBSECTION VI.2: *Subsection VI.2: Research Program and monitoring of the Rio Doce Basin, coastal and marine areas impacted, covering the following reparative and compensatory nature of measures*

CLAUSE 177: The Foundation should develop and implement a permanent systematic qualitative and quantitative monitoring program (PMQQS) of water and sediments, also covering the evaluation of toxicological and Eco toxicological risks on **ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1**, according to the study, for the definition and installation of a monitoring network made up of automated equipment, water samples collection and sediments, and laboratory tests, until December 2016, approved by RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WATER AGENCIES and the ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

FIRST PARAGRAPH. The network referred to in **caput** should be deployed and ready to operate by the last business day of July 2017.

SECOND PARAGRAPH. The monitoring network design, as well as the location of the stations will be approved by WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BODIES and the ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

CLAUSE 178: In addition to the monitoring network mentioned above, the Foundation shall plan and implement a qualitative and quantitative monitoring plan of the Rio Doce's waters and its tributaries, due to the interventions to be performed by the Foundation to detect, track and record any impacts of structural interventions implemented by the Foundation in ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1, to meet removal operations or environmental recovery areas or sections of the Rio Doce and its floodplain, such as dredging and removal of waste and other assistance under this Agreement;

CLAUSE 179: The appropriate WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BODIES and ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES will approve the monitoring plan.

CLAUSE 180: The FOUNDATION must provide an study identifying the irrigation areas along the Rio Doce, considering as the study area a marginal strip of the Rio Doce with a width of 1 km on each side, until December 2016.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: If identified some process of contamination from the EVENT will be proposed specific measures for redress or compensation to be approved by ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES.

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SECTION VII:

MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

SUBSECTION VII.1: *consolidation program of conservation units, covering the following remedial and compensatory measures*

CLAUSE 181: The foundation will fund studies on the impacts of protected areas directly affected by the EVENT, which are: State Park Rio Doce/MG, Biological Reserve of Comboios, Environmental Protection Area of Seaweed and Wildlife Refuge of Santa Cruz, and implement remedial actions that may be necessary, according to the above referenced studies.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The studies provided in the **caput** and repair actions provided should be finalized by July 2017.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The obligations under this Section have nature of remedial measures.

CLAUSE 182: The foundation will fund actions related to the consolidation of two (2) protected areas, namely, the State Park of Rio Doce and the Wildlife Refuge Santa Cruz and the preparation and implementation of the management plan, as well as construction of the main office, of the Environmental Protection Area in the Mouth of the Rio Doce, with an estimated area of 43,400 hectares, to be created by the PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: Among the possibilities of compensatory actions to be defined by the FOUNDATION and approved by the management bodies of Protected Areas, are the preparation, review or implementation of Management Plans of the protected areas or the implementation of the management system areas, including advice, monitoring, physical infrastructure and equipment, as agreed schedule between the Foundation and the management bodies of Protected Areas.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The obligations in **caput** have compensatory measures nature and should be adopted by January 2017.

SUBSECTION VII.2: *Development program for the implementation of the CAR and the PRAs ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1 of the Rio Doce Basin compensatory nature*

CLAUSE 183: It will be up to the Foundation to support and provide technical support for the registration of farms in the Rural Environmental Registry (CAR) when located in **ENVIRONMENTAL AREA 1**, as well as promoting the development and implementation of its Environmental Adjustment Programs (PRA).

FIRST PARAGRAPH: This program should be completed within 10 (ten) years from the signing of this Agreement, with annual milestones.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The FOUNDATION, SAMARCO and the SHAREHOLDERS shall not be liable for any delays and / or changes in the way of executing such a program arising, directly or indirectly, from acts and / or third-party events, including but not limited to individuals who do not agree to provide access and/or information and carry out interventions and/or interference in their property..

SECTION VIII:

MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

SUBSECTION VIII.1: *Environmental recovery plan management program of the Rio Doce Basin, estuarine, coastal and marine areas.*

CLAUSE 184: The Foundation should adopt ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS mechanisms and process management, monitoring and evaluation, including information systems, databases, indicators, in accordance with the mechanisms and governance processes set forth in this Agreement.

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FIRST PARAGRAPH: The portfolio management model programs to be adopted should include at least the cost of management, time and scope, with the budget for each program, indicators, targets and timetable.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: This program must be running in six (6) months from the date of signing of this Agreement.

CHAPTER FOUR: GENERAL RULES AND APPLICABLE TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SOCIOECONOMIC

SECTION I:

SPECIALIZED COMPANIES HIRING POSSIBILITY

CLAUSE 185: The ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS will be prepared, planned and carried out by the Foundation, which may hire EXPERTs .

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The hiring of EXPERTs by the Foundation does not relieve the FOUNDATION obligations of preparing, plan and execution of the PROGRAMS according to the terms this Agreement.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The EXPERTs may provide support for the Foundation in the preparation, planning and execution of the PROGRAMS.have

THIRD PARAGRAPH: The EXPERTs must have proven experience in the practice area they will be hired for..

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: The same EXPERT may be hired to work in one or more PROGRAMS, as long as it has proven experience for each of the contracted programs.

FIFTH PARAGRAPH: The Foundation may contract teaching and research entities or nonprofit organizations with recognized competence in the themes of the Plan of Environmental Rio Doce Basin Recovery and estuarine areas, coastal and marine affected.

CLAUSE 186: Unless explicitly stated otherwise, all actions under this Agreement shall be Foundation's responsibility.

SECTION II:

PLANNING AND SUPERVISION

SUBSECTION II.1: Initial Planning:

CLAUSE 187: Within 60 (sixty) days of the incorporation of the Foundation, the Foundation will present an initial plan of the PROGRAMS, activities, actions and measures of each one of the PROGRAMS, and which shall be validated by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, according to the terms of this Agreement, without prejudice of without prejudice to lower specific deadlines set or implementation of emergency actions.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The planning approved by the internal bodies of the Foundation shall provide for the budget, indicators, targets and timetable of each PROGRAM, taking into account the guidelines contained in this Agreement and the applicable technical criteria.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The PUBLIC AUTHORITY may request corrections and adjustments in the PROJECTS and in the planning referred to above **caput**, pursuant to Section XXX

SUBSEÇÃO II.1: Anual planning and Project approvals:

CLAUSE 188: Until the 30th of September of each year, the Foundation will present to the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE a proposal of the following year action plan, which should include the forecast indicators, targets, timetable and specific actions of each program, planned for next year.

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FIRST PARAGRAPH: Until the 30th of November of each year, the Foundation will present to the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE proposed budget for the following year, as well as the schedule of investments and the FOUNDATION equity composition, and such contributions shall comply with the limits established in CLAUSES 169, 226 and 231, also complying with CLAUSE 232.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE may determine the performance of corrections, readjustments or make inquiries in relation to the proposed budget and action plan, including the PROJECTS contained therein, with good reason, which should be provided or answered within thirty (30) days, being possible its extension, if properly justified.

THIRD PARAGRAPH: The course provided for in the **caput** and in the preceding paragraphs does not prevent the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, at an earlier time, to submit to the Foundation the priorities and guidelines for the preparation of the PROJECTS and the action plan.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: Presented planning, and having given its consent, the execution should be started. According to the proposed schedule in the Plan.

CLAUSE 189: In the event of persistent divergences between the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE and the Foundation, the divergence should be submitted to the evaluation of an EXPERT PANEL, as set forth herein, and in turn, if it is not resolved, to the Judiciary appreciation.

CLAUSE 190: The planning of each program will be grouped and consolidated into two major plans: ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY PLAN and PLAN SOCIO-ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

SIXTH PARAGRAPH: The annual budget of the Foundation shall be divided between budget for ENVIRONMENTAL RECOVERY PLAN and budget for SOCIOECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The annual budget should discriminate resources for ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS, and, for each, the amounts allocated to recovery and compensation actions.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The planning for each PROGRAM can be evaluated and approved separately, it being understood that any pending items of a PROGRAM do not prevent the commencement of actions related to programs already approved

CLAUSE 191: The planning and execution of programs must follow the guidelines specified in this Agreement.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The measures to be taken in each PROGRAM can not be limited to the actions described in this agreement, given that the consequences of THE EVENT are dynamic and is still under evaluation and diagnosis.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The need to adopt new measures and actions should be technically justified

CLAUSE 192: A progress report of all these programs must be submitted each month, on the tenth business day of each month to the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The reports must be individualized by PROGRAM, if possible, containing targets and indicators for each of the measures taken.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: In addition to the monthly reports, an annual report should be issued until 20 January of each year, which will have to be submitted for validation by INDEPENDENT AUDIT.

CLAUSE 193: All ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS should be supervised and followed up by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, IMPACTED and by INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM.

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CLAUSE 194: ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS should be subject to continuous monitoring, both to evaluate their effectiveness as to prevent or mitigate impacts of the new impacts due to the implementation of these programs.

CLAUSE 195: Each program should be individually closed when affected the overall goals and objectives set forth herein as certified by independent auditors, after the validation INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, which shall consult the competent body or entity.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The closure of each PROGRAM should be duly substantiated by objective demonstration supported by indicators and technical data, as applicable.

CLAUSE 196: The deadlines set forth in ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS will be suspended when relying on authorization or licensing acts by the PUBLIC AUTHORITY, when it exceeds the statutory deadline.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES should expedite the analysis of cases involving actions related to ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 197: The obligations and commitments resulting from ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS performed by FOUNDATION not exempt the PUBLIC POWER of their legal duties

SECTION III:

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

CLAUSE 198: All the activities of the Foundation will be subject to independent external audit to be carried out by consulting firm among the four (4) top business leaders in action in the country, namely: Ernest & Young (EY); KPMG; Deloitte; or Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), this nominated for INDEPENDENT AUDIT agreement.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The Foundation may hire company or several INDEPENDENT AUDIT institutions listed, provided that demonstrate equivalent structure and expertise.

CLAUSE 199: The INDEPENDENT AUDIT contractor shall follow the activities of the Foundation throughout the period covered by this Agreement.

CLAUSE 200: Thirty (30) days of signing this agreement, INDEPENDENT AUDIT contractor shall commence its activities, and shall:

I – analyze and evaluate the indicators and targets for each of the programs, which will be reviewed annually;

II – analyze and validate the format of the monthly and annual reports and audit the accuracy of the annual report content; -

III – analyze and validate the annual planning of activities related to those programs referred in this Agreement, verifying their effectiveness, appropriateness to the objectives of this agreement and compliance with the technical criteria;

IV – audit the accounts of each of these programs; and

V – audit the effective implementation of the PROJECTS contains in the PROGRAMS and making recommendations as to its effectiveness, making relevant notes.

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FIRST PARAGRAPH: Ninety (90) days of its hiring, INDEPENDENT AUDITOR must submit to the Parties its entire planning and methodological framework necessary to perform and fulfill its responsibilities, should INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE approve the model.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The activity INDEPENDENT AUDITORS should be maintained until the completion of all PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 201: it will be up to INDEPENDENT AUDITORS the completion of audit activities pursuant to this Agreement, both accounting and financial nature as purposive, i.e., monitoring and supervision of the PROGRAMS' implementation quality, goals and objectives fulfillment, due performance of the obligations this Agreement and the approved plans and measurement's adequacy adopted with the environmental and socioeconomic needs established.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The Foundation may hire more than one company or INDEPENDENT AUDITORS institution for performing the activity.

CLAUSE 202: The FOUNDATION is forbidden to hire the INDEPENDENT AUDITORS whose board of directors is composed of former officers or former directors of SAMARCOS and of the SHAREHOLDERS and hiring individuals who compose the staff of INDEPENDENT AUDITORS.

SECTION IV:

PROGRAM REVIEW

CLAUSE 203: After three (3) years from the signing of this agreement, the Foundation will review all PROGRAMS, to ensure and measure the effectiveness of the repair and compensation activities and submit to the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: If the Foundation, the INDEPENDENT AUDIT or the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE, at any time, realize, since technically justified, that the programs are insufficient to remedy, mitigate or compensate for damage arising from the EVENT, the Foundation will review and readjust the terms, targets and indicators of the PROGRAMS, and also reallocate the funds among the PROGRAMS, after its approval by the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The review of remedial measures is not subject to any ceiling and should be established in the amount required to repair the environmental and socioeconomic damage described in this Agreement.

THIRD PARAGRAPH: Proven execution or negligent execution or defective in some of the measures associated with these programs in this Agreement, INDEPENDENT AUDIT and the INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE may determine the need for further action, including compensatory, designed to restore the damage caused and does not apply in this case the second paragraph boundary.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: The review of PROGRAMS must be completed within one (1) year from the date indicated in the **caput**.

FIFTH PARAGRAPH: After a period of ten (10) years from the signing of the agreement, a second review will be conducted in the same manner described in the above paragraphs, which may indicate additional measures to be implemented or maintained for up to ten (10) years from the date the end of this review.

SIXTH PARAGRAPH: The INTERFEDERATIVE COMMITTEE must approve revisions.

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CLAUSE 204: The SOCIOENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC Programs must be periodically reviewed, common agreed by the parties, and might have its terms and obligations reviewed in common agree by the PROMISEE and the ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES, since technically justified by the FOUNDATION.

SECTION V:

EMERGENCY MEASURES

CLAUSE 205: Samarco shall present, within 10 (ten) days of the signing of this Agreement, a detailed report of the emergency measures that are in progress.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: All emergency measures already in place should be maintained by SAMARCO until the beginning of its effective implementation by the FOUNDATION.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: There should be no step backwards in relation to the quality and service levels already achieved during the implementation of the measures that have emergency nature.

SECTION VI:

OTHER PROVISIONS

CLAUSE 206: The suspension of activities related to the dams of Germano, Fundão and Santarem by SEMAD notice inspection n. 38963/2015 and DNPM notice of interdiction n. 15/2015 shall remain in force. The parties, namely DNPM and the relevant ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY, shall start, in a fast manner, technical analysis of request submitted by the SAMARCO related to the activities of the industrial complex of Germano, and the request must be accompanied by the documents, information and technical projects required by DNPM and the relevant ENVIRONMENTAL BODY, subject to the legislation in force.

CLAUSE 207: The ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS under this Agreement shall be assessed by the PUBLIC AUTHORITY in administrative proceedings of environmental licensing and other proceedings related to topics in connection with the PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 208: The measures and actions of preparation, development and performance resulting from this Settlement shall be the responsibility of the FOUNDATION, except when expressly provided otherwise and subject to the sole paragraph of CLAUSE 235.

CHAPTER FIVE: MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTING PROGRAMS SOCIOECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL

SECTION I:

LAW PRIVATE FOUNDATION

SUBSECTION I.1: general aspects of the FOUNDATION

CLAUSE 209: SAMARCO and SHAREHOLDERS shall establish a private law not for profit Foundation, nominated this agreement as FOUNDATION, with autonomy to manage and implement all the measures provided for in SOCIOECONOMIC and ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, including the promotion of social assistance to the parties IMPACTED as a result of the EVENT.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The foundation will be constituted within 120 (one hundred twenty) and shall start its operation within thirty (30) days from the date of its constitution.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The FOUNDATION will be governed by its bylaws, which is annexed to this Agreement (“Bylaws”).

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THIRD PARAGRAPH: It is entirely up to the Foundation to administer the funds provided by the founding companies in compliance with this Agreement.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: The Foundation's Bylaws, shall determine the composition, functioning, objectives and tasks of the internal organs of the body.

FIFTH PARAGRAPH: Until the Foundation is incorporated and effectively starts its operation, all emergency measures and other obligations of the Foundation under this Agreement shall be performed by SAMARCO.

SIXTH PARAGRAPH: For all planned PROGRAMS provided in this Agreement, the Foundation shall, if necessary, hire a team, managed by top-level professional, to be responsible for its management.

SEVENTH PARAGRAPH: The team must have experience in management, administration and implementation of projects and professional qualifications compatible with the object of their program.

CLAUSE 210: FOUNDATION will hire EXPERTS and INDEPENDENT AUDITS, as detailed in the Chapter of this Agreement Room.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The Foundation may enter into agreements and partnerships with Government entities and civil society organizations to carry out the activities under the its responsibility.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The Foundation governance structure should encourage the management of procurement procedures and the establishment of partnerships.

CLAUSE 211: The Foundation shall have a Board of Governors, an Executive Office, Advisory Council and Fiscal Council, pursuant to the Bylaws.

SUBSECTION I.2: Board of Governors

CLAUSE 212: The Board of Governors, based on the guidelines, orientations and priorities set out in this Agreement, is empowered to adopt, within the Foundation, plans, programs and projects to be proposed by the Executive Office, being heard the Advisory Committee.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The Board of Governors shall also decide on the acts of strategic management of the Foundation, such as the annual and multi-annual planning, budgeting and contracting, which shall observe the provision in Clause 223, as well as the rules contained in the policies and manuals provided therein.

PARAGRAPH TWO: FOUNDATION is not obligated to perform, in whole or in part, any PROGRAM or PROJECT or any other measure that implies in the violation, whether by FOUNDATION, SAMARCO, or any of its shareholders, to rules of the policies and manuals contained in Clause 223. In this case, the PROGRAM, PROJECT, or measure in question should be adapted in order to meet those policies and manuals, and comply with this Agreement:

CLAUSE 213: The Board of Governors shall consist of seven (7) members, of which two (2) members shall be appointed by each founding, and one (1) representative appointed by private Inter-Federative COMMITTEE.

PARAGRAPH ONE: All members of the Board of Governors shall be individuals endowed with technical training and notorious professional experience in the market, consistent with the complexity of the task and the volume of resources to be managed.

PARAGRAPH TWO: The Board of Governors' decisions shall be taken by at least 5 votes of its members.

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SUBSECTION I.3: Executive Office

CLAUSE 214: The Executive Office will be responsible develop, propose, facilitate and implement plans, programs and projects approved by the Board of Governors, and take the specific actions required to implement these, in addition to answering the routine activities of the Foundation.

CLAUSE 215: All members of the Executive Office shall be elected and removed by the Board of Governors and shall be individuals provided with technical training and notorious professional experience in the market, consistent with the complexity of the task and the volume of resources to be managed.

SUBSECTION I.4: Fiscal Council

CLAUSE 216: The Fiscal Council will then implement the activities of management supervision and examination of accounts, verification of conformity of the actions performed both accounting and financial nature.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The Fiscal Council shall consist of seven (7) members, of which one (1) will be appointed by the Board of Governors of the Foundation one (1) for each of the three foundings, one (1) by the Union, one (1) by the State of Minas Gerais and one (1) the State of Espirito Santo.

SUBSECTION I.5: Advisory Committee

CLAUSE 217: The Advisory Committee is the advisory body of the Foundation and may give an opinion on plans, programs and projects, and indicate proposed solutions for the present and future scenarios resulting from the dynamic nature of the damage caused by the rupture of dams.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The Advisory Committee may also listen to the legitimate associations for the defense of the rights of IMPACTED and establish channels of participation of civil society and can, therefore, call specific meetings and listen to organizations interested in the matter to be discussed by the Committee.

CLAUSE 218: The Advisory Committee may act and manifest whatever query or provocation made by the Board of Governors, the Executive Office or Fiscal Council and may issue non-binding recommendation.

CLAUSE 219: The Advisory Committee shall consist of seventeen (17) members appointed as follows:

I – 5 (five) by the Committee of Basin Rio Doce – CBH-DOCE;

II – 2 (two) by the Interministry Commission for the SEA Resources – CIRM;

III – 5 (five) representatives of educational and research institutions and experts with outstanding knowledge, indicated as follows:

- a) 1 (one) by the Federal Prosecution Service – MPF;
- b) 1 (one) by the State Prosecution Service of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais.
- c) 2 (two) by the Foundation’s Board of Governors; and
- d) 1 (one) by the Inter-Federative Committee.

IV – 5 (five) representatives of the impacted communities, being three from the state of Minas Gerais and two from the State of Espírito Santo, appointed by Inter-Federative COMMITTEE.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: By proposal of the Advisory Committee, the Board of Governors may create thematic committees, subcommittees or commissions, in the scope of the Advisory Committee, to address internal issues.

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SECOND PARAGRAPH: A thematic commission composed of 6 (six) representatives of the population to liaise with the impacted communities of the municipalities and districts of Mariana and Bara Longa is hereby created.

CLAUSE 220: Although the recommendations and demonstrations issued by the Advisory Council should not enjoy binding, if the Board of Governors does not follow the recommended understanding, shall formally justify its disagreement, as provided in the Bylaws of the Foundation.

Subsection I.52: General Provisions

CLAUSE 221: The FOUNDATION shall meet the precepts of transparency and efficiency.

CLAUSE 222: FOUNDATION's acts, programs, and projects approved, and FOUNDATION's reports shall be disclosed on a dedicated website.

CLAUSE 223: THE FOUNDATION shall prepare compliance policies and manuals, including anticorruption, money laundering and counterterrorism, trade sanctions and human rights, based on international standards, which shall apply to the PROGRAMS and PROJECTS and other actions implemented by FOUNDATION, including in relation to the hiring and execution of contracts with suppliers.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: With the purpose to meet their own compliance rules, and verify the compliance by FOUNDATION of the provision in the **main section**, SAMARCO or any SHAREHOLDER shall be entitled, at any time, to perform an audit in FOUNDATION.

CLAUSE 224: THE FOUNDATION will be inspected, in accordance with law, by the Prosecution Office.

SUBSECTION I.5: Property Composition

CLAUSE 225: SAMARCO and SHAREHOLDER shall organize and maintain the FOUNDATION, as provided in CLAUSE 209, in order to implement the projects approved by FOUNDATION.

CLAUSE 226: SAMARCO shall make annual contributions in the course of 2016, 2017 and 2018, in the amounts established below, always subject to the terms established in the paragraphs of this clause and of the following clauses:

- I. Contribution, during 2016, of two billion reais (BRL 2,000,000,000.00) ("2016 Contribution");
- II. Contribution, during 2017, of one billion two hundred million reais (BRL 1,200,000,000.00) ("2017 Contribution").
- III. Contribution, during 2018, of one billion two hundred million reais (BRL 1,200,000,000.00) ("2018 Contribution").

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The difference between the amount of the annual contributions provided in this clause and the amounts actually contributed to FOUNDATION during the relevant fiscal years shall be deposited until December 20 of the relevant year in FOUNDATION's account, observing the provision in CLAUSES 227, 228 and 233

CLAUSE 227: The following values shall be considered for purposes of the contribution provided for the year 2016:

- I. Six hundred million reais (BRL 600,000,000.00), corresponding to fifty million reais (BRL 50,000,000.00) to be deposited monthly by SAMARCO in consideration for the obligations set forth under the Preliminary Deed of Social and Environmental Undertaking, executed with the Prosecution Office of the State of Minas Gerais and the Federal Prosecution Office on November 16, 2015 ("TAC 1bi") in addition to other amounts that may be made available by force of TAC 1bi; and

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- II. Amounts kept as court deposits, totaling three million reais (BRL 300,000,000.00), determined in Public Civil Action 043356-50.2015.8.13.0400, with the Court of Mariana, Minas Gerais.

CLAUSE 228: The amount of BRL 158,523,361.96, according to the ATTACHED spreadsheet, corresponding to amounts already disbursed by SAMARCO for performing actions related to the EVENT, shall be deemed part of the contribution provided for the year 2016.

CLAUSE 229: With the term of thirty (30) days counted from the issuance of the taxpayer identification number CNPJ of the FOUNDATION, SAMARCO will make a initial deposit of two hundred million Reais (BRL 200.000.000,00), which will correspond to the start of the 2016 contribution.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Within the same term established in the main section of this clause, SAMARCO shall submit a schedule of contributions and the composition of the FOUNDATION's assets in the amount of BRL 741,476,638.04 (seven hundred forty-one million four hundred seventy six thousand six hundred thirty-eight Reais and four cents), which will correspond to the difference to be deposited to complete the value of the contribution for the year 2016.

CLAUSE 230: The values with regard to TAC 1bi installments deposited during 2017 will be considered part of 2017 contribution.

CLAUSE 231: From the 2019 year, the amount of annual contributions will be set in an amount sufficient and compatible with the PROJECT implementation forecast for that year, subject to the provisions in CLAUSE 232.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The amount of the annual contributions for the years of 2019, 2020 and 2021, may vary between the minimum amount of BRL 800,000,000.00 (eight hundred million Brazilian Reais) and the maximum amount of BRL 1,600,000,000.00 (one billion, six hundred million Brazilian Reais), due to the need resulting from PROJECTS to be performed in each relevant year.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The difference between the amount of the annual contributions provided in the first paragraph of this Clause and the amounts actually contributed to FOUNDATION during the relevant fiscal years shall be deposited by December 20 of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively in FOUNDATION's account, observing the provision in CLAUSE 233

CLAUSE 232: THE FOUNDATION shall allocate the fixed amount, neither higher nor lower, of R\$ 240,000,000.00 (two hundred and forty million Reais) per year, indexed pursuant to the terms of CLAUSE 257, for a period of fifteen (15) years from 2016, within the annual budgets, for execution of PROJECTS of a compensatory nature and of compensatory measures in the scope of the PROGRAMS, being understood that the amounts not used, in whole or in part, in a certain year shall be added to said fixed amount of the following year.

PARAGRAPH ONE: The following will not be computed in the amount referred in the main section of this clause (i) the amount of R\$ 500.000,000.00 (five hundred million Reais), to be available for the Program of collect and sewage treatment and disposal of solid waste, under the terms of the Clause 169; (ii) The compensatory measures provided in items VII and IX of CLAUSE 6 that arise from the remaining waste, if any, from the break of Fundão dam, after the fulfillment with the SCHEDULE provided in CLAUSES 150 to 152; and (iii) the hypothesis provided in CLAUSE 203, paragraph three.

PARAGRAPH TWO: Subject to the provisions in the previous paragraph, the total amount to be allocated by the FOUNDATION for the performance of PROJECTS of a compensatory nature and of compensatory measures in the scope of the PROGRAMS shall be a fixed total amount, neither higher nor lower, of 3,600,000,000 (three billion six hundred million Reais), duly indexed pursuant to the terms of CLAUSE 257, to be annually distributed, as provided in the main section of this clause.

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CLAUSE 233: 50% of the amounts blocked or deposited with the courts, in cash or cash equivalents of any of the founders (SAMARCO, BHP or VALE), as a result of judicial decisions in collective actions covering measures or actions that are the subject matter of this Agreement, shall be considered as part of the annual contribution.

PARAGRAPH 1: Amounts paid by court order in individual actions seeking compensation for monetary damages resulting from the EVENT, filed by IMPACTED (which in case of legal entities only micro enterprises and small-sized companies will be considered), may also be considered for the purposes of Clause 263 above.

PARAGRAPH 2: The impact arising from the blocks considered in the terms of the main section of this clause shall not commit, in the first three years counted from organization of the FOUNDATION, more than 50% (fifty) percent of the respective annual budget.

PARAGRAPH 3: If there is a court decision authorizing the release, the amount corresponding to 50% computed as contribution pursuant to the terms of the main section of this clause shall be contributed to the FOUNDATION.

PARAGRAPH 4: If the amount corresponding to 50% of the blocked amounts computed as contribution pursuant to the terms of the main section of this clause, added to the contributions already made in the current year, exceed the estimated annual budget, the respective reduction may occur in the following years, and cannot, under any circumstances, have reversal of amounts already contributed by the founders to the FOUNDATION.

PARAGRAPH 5: The obligations performed under other judicial or extrajudicial Agreements, which are included in the subject matter of this Agreement under the PROGRAMS ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIOECONOMIC shall be considered for proof of performance of such obligations under this Agreement. In case such obligations (i) are provided for in the PROJECTS of the relevant year, the amounts incurred in its implementation shall be included for purposes of the annual contribution; or (ii) do not refer in the PROJECTS of the relevant year to the PROGRAMS, then the amounts incurred shall be deducted from year immediately after, unless such deductions impair the PROJECTS in progress.

CLAUSE 234: In the event the FOUNDATION' expenses exceed the limit for the fiscal year, the amount that exceeds the annual budget shall be deducted, in the proportion of 1/3 (one third) for each year, from the annual budgets provided for the following three years.

CLAUSE 235: In addition to the contributions of the founders, any and all goods and rights to be affected, bequeathed, given, and transferred to FOUNDATION shall be considered as part of the contributions of fundings.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: Actions and measures in the scope of the PROJECTS and PROGRAMS can be performed directly by SAMARCO, case in which the relevant expenses, duly evidenced, shall be deducted from the relevant annual contributions, always in compliance with the rules contained in the policies and manuals in CLAUSE 223

CLAUSE 236: Subject to the amounts of the annual contributions, SAMARCO shall maintain a working capital amount in the Foundation of (i) a hundred million Reais , for a ten (10)year term counted from the formal organization of FOUNDATION, and (ii) the working capital shall be ten million reais (BRL10,000,000.00), from the end of this term.

PARAGRAPH 1: In order to meet the regulation provided in the **main section**, on the last business day every month, the FOUNDATION shall prepare an statement of its bank account and, if the amount assessed is less than that mentioned above, SAMARCO should restore such amount within fifteen (15) business days.

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PARAGRAPH 2: For the purposes of Paragraph One, will not be considered the statements of bank accounts provided for in CLAUSES 169 and 250.

CLAUSE 237: VALE and BHP shall have obligation to perform, to the proportion of fifty percent (50%) for each of them, the contributions SAMARCO is required to make under this Agreement and fails to make in the term provided.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: In case SAMARCO delays its contributions in excess of fifteen (15) days, the amount may be demanded from VALE and BHP, in the form of the Clause 266 above, which shall, within ten (10) days perform the corresponding contributions or payments.

CLAUSE 238: FOUNDATION's annual budget should provide, separately, administrative and purposive expenses.

PARAGRAPH 1: For the purposes of this Agreement, administrative expenses are those necessary to organize and maintain the FOUNDATION, pay administrative employees' payroll, rents, any taxes, office supplies, expenses with FOUNDATION attorney's fees, as well as all other administrative costs, whether or not fixed.

PARAGRAPH 2: As used in this Agreement, purposive expenses are those directly related to the preparation, monitoring, performance, and accounting in connection with the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS provided in this Agreement, including salaries or fees of employees or third parties hired for preparing, monitoring, performing, and accounting for, in connection with the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 239: The subject matter of this Agreement is limited only to the amounts allocated to the realization of FOUNDATION's purposive expenses, and SAMARCO shall make the applicable annual contributions aimed at the payment of the administrative expenses of the entity.

CLAUSE 240: Under no circumstance the budget intended to purposive expenses may be allocated, even provisionally, to the realization of administrative expenses.

CLAUSE 241: The following may be considered as assets of the FOUNDATION:

I – amounts resulting from its property, from trusts, and from usufruct;

II – amounts to its benefit transferred by third parties; and

III – contributions to it made by natural persons or legal entities governed by private law.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The FOUNDATION's assets may only be invested for the performance of FOUNDATION's objectives.

SECTION II:

INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE

CLAUSE 242: An INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall be formed, the authority of which is defined in this Agreement.

PARAGRAPH 1: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall be an external and independent instance of the FOUNDATION, exclusively composed of GOVERNMENT representatives.

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PARAGRAPH2: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall not remove the need to obtain the environmental licenses from the competent environmental body, nor does it replace the competence legally provided by the licensing bodies and other public bodies.

PARAGRAPH3: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall act as a standing interlocution instance of FOUNDATION, as shall also guide the same when preparing, within the CONTRIBUTION limits, the PROJECTS, defining the priorities in the implementation and execution of PROJECTS, supervising, monitoring, and inspecting its results, without prejudice of the legal competences of the competent bodies.

PARAGRAPH4: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall obtain information with the competent ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES, and other, about the environmental licensing procedures, and other procedures required by FOUNDATION, in order to expedite them during the implementation of PROGRAMAS and PROJECTS.

CLAUSE 243: The Inter-Federative COMMITTEE will act in accordance with the provisions of this AGREEMENT and its REGULATION, to be approved by its members.

CLAUSE 244: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall be composed of the following members:

I – Two (2) representatives from the Ministry of Environment;

II – Two (2) other representative from the Federal Government;

III – Two (2) representatives from the State of Minas Gerais;

IV – Two (2) representatives from the State of Espírito Santo;

V – Two (2) representatives from the municipalities of Minas Gerais affected by the Dam Break;

VI – One (1) representative from the municipalities of the State of Espírito Santo affected by the Dam Break; and

VII – One (1) representative from CBH-Doce;

FIRST PARAGRAPH: Representatives provided in item I above will be designated by the State Ministry of Environment and representatives provided in item II will be designated by Civil Chief Ministry of the Republic Presidency

SECOND PARAGRAPH: It will be up to the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo the indication of their representatives, and of representatives of their respective municipalities.

THIRD PARAGRAPH: CBH-Doce shall appoint the representative referred to in item VIII of its members representatives of Power Public.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: Indications provided in this Clause shall be made within thirty (30) days of the signing of this AGREEMENT and will be published by an act of the Minister of Environment.

FIFTH PARAGRAPH: The participation of the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall not be remunerated, but is considered provision of relevant public service.

SIXTH PARAGRAPH: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall be presided by one of the representatives appointed by the Ministry of the Environment, the other being his replacement in the event of absence or impediment..

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SEVENTH PARAGRAPH: The Chairman of the Inter-Federative COMMITTEE convene the inaugural meeting within forty (40) days of the signing of this AGREEMENT.

EIGHTH PARAGRAPH: The President of the inter-federative COMMITTEE shall submit to proposed REGIMENT until the second meeting of Committee.

NINTH PARAGRAPH: The inter-federative COMMITTEE shall decide, as a rule, by a simple majority of its members, subject to the minimum installation quorum of two thirds of its members, with the Chairman having the casting vote for tie.

TENTH PARAGRAPH : In order to ensure the compliance with its purposes, the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE may request demonstration and / or summon representatives of public agencies for meetings, in order to technically support the Committee's decision-making with regard to matters related to their institutional responsibilities.

ELEVENTH PARAGRAPH: The Inter-Federative COMMITTEE set in its REGULATION procedures for demonstration request and call, and the deadline for meeting the claims.

TWELFTH PARAGRAPH: The INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE may establish thematic chambers may convening representatives from government bodies or entities to compose whenever necessary, considered its respective institutional authorities.

THIRTEENTH PARAGRAPH: The representatives provided for in item II of the main section of this clause shall be from areas responsible for monitoring issues related to the SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS.

FOURTEENTH PARAGRAPH: The representatives provided for in items III and IV of the main section of this clause shall be from areas responsible for monitoring issues related to the SOCIO-ECONOMIC and/or SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

CLAUSE 245: Within the scope of the Plans *[include definition]* and observed the provisions of this Agreement and observed the scope of PROGRAMS, the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall:

- I. Guide the FOUNDATION about the priorities to be met both during the preparation and implementation phases of the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS;
- II. Define the guidelines for the preparation and implementation of the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS by FOUNDATION;
- III. evaluate, supervise, monitor, and inspect the preparation and implementation of the SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRAMS, pointing out the need of correcting any actions performed by FOUNDATION;
- IV. monitor the execution of the Agreement;
- V. assist the FOUNDATION in the interlocution with government authorities;
- VI. pursue an understanding in case of disputes and inconsistencies of requirements of different agents or government authorities;
- VII. validate the plans, programs, and projects presented by FOUNDATION, without prejudice of obtaining the necessary environmental licenses from the competent environmental body and the authority legally provided of the licensing bodies, as well as from other government bodies; and
- VIII. receive FOUNDATION's periodical reports.

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SECTION III:

ADVISORY PANEL OF EXPERTS

CLAUSE 246: An Advisory Panel of Experts shall be constituted as a permanent body external to the FOUNDATION to provide technical opinions that are not binding to the parties, in order to assist in the search for solutions to divergences between the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE and the FOUNDATION.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The Advisory Panel of Experts will have three (3) members, one of whom shall be appointed by the FOUNDATION, one by the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE who, together, shall appoint the third member.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: The Parties may consult the ADVISORY PANEL OF EXPERTS at any time and in any circumstances, and the Panel shall issue a technical opinion on the divergences and questions based on good practices in the scope of the applicable Brazilian legislation.

THIRD PARAGRAPH: In case the divergences between the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE and the FOUNDATION persist after the technical opinion of the ADVISORY PANEL OF EXPERTS, the divergence may be submitted to the Judiciary.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH: For urgent matters, divergences may be submitted directly to the Judiciary, without prejudice to submission of the matter to the PANEL EXPERT ADVISORY concomitantly.

CHAPTER 6: PENALTIES

CLAUSE 247: In case of nonperformance exclusive fault by FOUNDATION, SAMARCO or any of the SHAREHOLDERS of any clauses in this Agreement, save in Act of God or Force Majeure events, the INTER-FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE shall notify in written PROMISEE, SHAREHOLDER, or FOUNDATION on the nonperformance to the breaching party, with copy to the other companies, so they become aware and the breaching party take the necessary measures for performing the obligations or justify the nonperformance thereof;

PARAGRAPH 1: In the term provided in the clause 275 above, the breaching party shall comply completely with the obligation provided or, since duly justified to the Inter-Federative Committee, request delay of the term given.

Paragraph 2: After the set period and remaining non-compliance by the breaching party, it shall submit to fixing punitive fine for unexecuted obligation and persist daily fine while the total breach of the obligation.

Paragraph 3: If the breaching party is the Foundation, after the set period and remaining non-compliance, the SAMARCO will bear punitive fine for unexecuted obligation and persist daily fine while the total breach of the obligation.

Paragraph 4: If the breaching party is SAMARCO, after the set period and remaining non-compliance, this will be subject to the setting of punitive fine for unexecuted obligation and persist daily fine while the total breach of the obligation.

Paragraph 5: If SAMARCO not make payment of the fines provided for in paragraphs three and four, within ten (10) days, VALE and BHP have obligation to make the payment at the rate of 50% (fifty percent) for each one of them.

PARAGRAPH 6: In case of noncompliance of each of the deadlines for presentation of prepared PROJECTS studies and delivery within us and SOCIOECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS by FOUNDATION, SAMARCO will be required to pay a fine of R \$ 100,000.00 (one hundred thousand reais) per item failed to comply with cumulative daily fine of R \$ 10,000.00 (ten thousand reais) while persist the non-compliance by reneged item.

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PARAGRAPH 7: In terms of the case of noncompliance established for the implementation of the planned PROJECTS in each and SOCIOECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS by FOUNDATION, SAMARCO will be obliged to pay a fine of R \$ 1,000,000.00 (one million reais) per item renege, cumulated with a daily fine of R \$ 50,000.00 (fifty thousand reais) per renege item.

PARAGRAPH 8: In case of noncompliance of the terms constitution and initial operation of the Foundation for exclusive fault of the foundings, the (s) default (s) will be (are) required (s) to a fine of R \$ 500,000.00 (five hundred thousand reais) per item renege on aggregate with a daily fine of R \$ 50,000.00 (fifty thousand reais) while persist noncompliance.

PARAGRAPH 9: In case of noncompliance with the terms to make annual contributions, SAMARCO will be required to pay a fine of 10% (ten percent) of the defaulted value, which must be updated by the Selic rate, from the date of default until payment.

PARAGRAPH 10: In case of noncompliance of any obligation not provided for in the preceding paragraphs, the SAMARCO will be obliged to pay a fine of R \$ 50,000.00 (fifty thousand reais) per item renege on aggregate with a daily fine of R\$ 10,000, 00 (ten thousand reais) while persist the non-compliance by renege item.

CLAUSE 248: This includes the concept of exclusive FOUNDATION guilt, any act or omission attributable to the FOUNDATION, employees or agents of SAMARCO, VALE and / or BHP or FOUNDATION and experts.

CLAUSE 249: The fines provided for in this chapter shall be imposed by inter-federative COMMITTEE, after approval by an absolute majority of its members, subject to the provisions of CLAUSE 247.

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The judiciary may modify the amount of the fine, in case it verifies that it has become insufficient or excessive.

CLAUSE 250: The value of collected fines should be reverted to NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FUND, created by Law No. 7,797, of July 10, 1989.

PARAGRAPH ONE: A (s) founding (s) who make) the payment of a fine under this Chapter may (will) agreed with the relevant environmental authorities and other public bodies involved, where appropriate, the allocation and application of the value of fines additional compensatory measures not provided for in this Agreement.

PARAGRAPH TWO: In the case provided for in the preceding paragraph, the fines should be segregated until use in bank account of the specific FOUNDATION for this purpose.

CLAUSE 251: The impact of the penalties set forth in this chapter, with executive efficiency obligation to pay, there will cumulatively and not elide the fulfillment of the principal obligation, with the possibility of judicial enforcement of this obligation.

CLAUSE 252: The daily fines referred to in this Chapter shall be applied by calendar day, taking its beginning on the first business day following the notification of the decision referred to in CLAUSE 249.

CHAPTER 7: FINAL CLAUSES AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

CLAUSE 253: This Agreement shall be submitted to judicial homologation, entailing dismissal with judgment on the merits for case n° 69758-61.2015.4.01.3400, pending before the 12th Court of the Minas Gerais Judiciary Section, and such court shall remain competent for enforcement of the settlement:

SOLE PARAGRAPH: The homologation of this Settlement will resolve and put an end to present and future disputes among the parties, concerning the subject matter of case 69758-61.2015.4.01.3400, processed before the 12th Court of the Judiciary Section of Minas Gerais.

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CLAUSE 254: This Agreement can be used to all the lawful purposes and also to be presented in the records of any other lawsuit that have as target any obligation deriving from the Event or from this Agreement, with the target of request their joinder into the lawsuit.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: The Parties hereby expressly recognize that the lawsuits listed in Annex XXX are within the scope of this Agreement,

CLAUSE 255: The 12th Federal Court of the Judiciary Section of the State of Minas Gerais shall be competent to decide any incident resulting from the execution of this Agreement that cannot be resolved by the undersigning parties.

CLAUSE 256: Without prejudice of the copy with the obligations set forth herein, the execution of this Agreement shall not affect the responsibilities in the civil, administrative, or criminal instances, nor shall it be construed as a admission, or allocation, either individually or collectively, of authorship or liability, in whole or in part.

CLAUSE 257: The amounts provided in this Settlement, except as otherwise expressly provided, shall be indexed based on the variation of the IPCA (Broad Consumer Price Index), or another index that may replace it, verified from the date of signature of this Settlement and their payment.

CLAUSE 258: Divergences of interpretation arising from this Agreement shall be subject to judgment of the 12th Federal Court of the Judicial Section of Minas Gerais.

CLAUSE 259: The terms mentioned in this Agreement, if not provided otherwise, shall be counted as provided in Act 9784/1999

CLAUSE 260: This Agreement shall remain in force for a term of fifteen (15) years, renewable for one year successively until the entire performance of all obligations provided hereunder.

The PARTIES sign this instrument, in 16 identical counterparts, so it becomes legally effective.

Brasília, March 2, 2016

FEDERAL SOLICITOR-GENERAL

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS

SOLICITOR-GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ESPÍRITO SANTO

SOLICITOR-GENERAL OF THE STATE OF ESPÍRITO SANTO

CEO OF SAMARCO MINERACÃO S.A

PROJECT AND ECO-EFFICIENCY OFFICER OF SAMARCO MINERAÇÃO S/A

CEO OF VALE S.A.

CORPORATE INTEGRITY OFFICER OF VALE S.A.

BHP BILLITON BRASIL LTDA.

BHP BILLITON BRASIL LTDA.

	Company Name	Country
	Wholly owned subsidiaries	
1	141 Union Company	United States
2	Albion Downs Pty Ltd	Australia
3	Araguaia Participações Ltda	Brazil
4	BHP Billiton (AUS) DDS Pty Ltd	Australia
5	BHP Billiton (Towage Services) Pty Ltd	Australia
6	BHP Billiton (Trinidad) Holdings Ltd	Saint Lucia
7	BHP Billiton (Trinidad-2C) Ltd	Canada
8	BHP Billiton (Trinidad-3A) Ltd	Trinidad and Tobago
9	BHP Billiton (UK) DDS Limited	United Kingdom
10	BHP Billiton (UK) Limited	United Kingdom
11	BHP Billiton Aluminium Australia Pty Ltd	Australia
12	BHP Billiton Aluminium Limited	United Kingdom
13	BHP Billiton Aluminium Technologies Limited	Jersey
14	BHP Billiton Australia UK Finance Limited	British Virgin Islands
15	BHP Billiton Boliviana de Petróleo Inc.	United States
16	BHP Billiton Brasil Investimentos de Petróleo Ltda	Brazil
17	BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda	Brazil
18	BHP Billiton Canada Inc.	Canada
19	BHP Billiton Capital Inc.	United States
20	BHP Billiton Chile Inversiones Ltda	Chile
21	BHP Billiton Company BV	Netherlands
22	BHP Billiton Diamonds (Eurasia) LLC	Russian Federation
23	BHP Billiton Direct Reduced Iron Pty Ltd	Australia
24	BHP Billiton Energy Coal Australia Pty Ltd	Australia
25	BHP Billiton Energy Coal Inc.	United States
26	BHP Billiton Eurasia BV	Netherlands
27	BHP Billiton Executive Services Company Pty Ltd	Australia
28	BHP Billiton Finance (USA) Ltd	Australia
29	BHP Billiton Finance BV	Netherlands
30	BHP Billiton Finance Limited	Australia
31	BHP Billiton Finance Plc	United Kingdom
32	BHP Billiton Foreign Holdings Inc.	United States
33	BHP Billiton Foundation	United States
34	BHP Billiton Freight Singapore Pte Limited	Singapore
35	BHP Billiton Group Limited	United Kingdom
36	BHP Billiton Group Operations Pty Ltd ^(a) ^(b)	Australia
37	BHP Billiton Holdings Limited	United Kingdom
38	BHP Billiton Innovation Pty Ltd ^(a)	Australia
39	BHP Billiton International Metals BV	Netherlands
40	BHP Billiton International Services Limited	United Kingdom
41	BHP Billiton International Trading (Shanghai) Co. Ltd	China
42	BHP Billiton Investment Holdings Limited	United Kingdom
43	BHP Billiton IO Mining Pty Ltd	Australia
44	BHP Billiton IO Pilbara Mining Pty Ltd	Australia
45	BHP Billiton IO Workshop Pty Ltd	Australia
46	BHP Billiton Iron Ore Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia
47	BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd	Australia

	Company Name	Country
48	BHP Billiton Japan Limited	Japan
49	BHP Billiton Limited Employee Equity Trust	Jersey
50	BHP Billiton Lonsdale Investments Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
51	BHP Billiton Marine & General Insurances Pty Ltd	Australia
52	BHP Billiton Marketing AG	Switzerland
53	BHP Billiton Marketing Asia Pte Ltd	Singapore
54	BHP Billiton Marketing BV	Netherlands
55	BHP Billiton Marketing Inc.	United States
56	BHP Billiton Marketing Services India Pvt. Ltd	India
57	BHP Billiton Marketing UK Limited	United Kingdom
58	BHP Billiton MetCoal Holdings Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
59	BHP Billiton Mine Management Company	United States
60	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia
61	BHP Billiton New Mexico Coal Inc.	United States
62	BHP Billiton Nickel Operations Pty Ltd	Australia
63	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
64	BHP Billiton Olympic Dam Corporation Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
65	BHP Billiton Petróleo Holdings de México S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
66	BHP Billiton Petróleo Operaciones de México S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
67	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc.	United States
68	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Arkansas Holdings) Inc.	United States
69	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Arkansas) Inc.	United States
70	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Australia) Pty Ltd	Australia
71	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Strait) Pty Ltd	Australia
72	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bimshire) Limited	United Kingdom
73	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Brazil) Limited	United Kingdom
74	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Carlisle Bay) Limited	United Kingdom
75	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Colombia) Corporation	Canada
76	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Deepwater) Inc.	United States
77	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Fayetteville) LLC	United States
78	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Foreign Exploration Holdings) LLC	United States
79	BHP Billiton Petroleum (GOM) Inc.	United States
80	BHP Billiton Petroleum (International Exploration) Pty Ltd	Australia
81	BHP Billiton Petroleum (KCS Resources) LLC	United States
82	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Mexico Holdings) LLC	United States
83	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Mexico) Limited	United Kingdom
84	BHP Billiton Petroleum (New Ventures) Corporation	Canada
85	BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc.	United States
86	BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd	Australia
87	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Philippines) Corporation	Canada
88	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Sabah) Corporation	Canada
89	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Sarawak) Limited	United Kingdom
90	BHP Billiton Petroleum (South Africa 3B/4B) Limited	United Kingdom
91	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 14) Limited	United Kingdom
92	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 23A) Limited	United Kingdom
93	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 23B) Limited	United Kingdom
94	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 28) Limited	United Kingdom
95	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 29) Limited	United Kingdom
96	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 3) Limited	United Kingdom
97	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 5) Limited	United Kingdom

	Company Name	Country
98	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 6) Limited	United Kingdom
99	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Trinidad Block 7) Limited	United Kingdom
100	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Tx Gathering) LLC	United States
101	BHP Billiton Petroleum (TxLa Operating) Company	United States
102	BHP Billiton Petroleum (Victoria) Pty Ltd	Australia
103	BHP Billiton Petroleum (WSF Operating) Inc.	United States
104	BHP Billiton Petroleum Great Britain Limited	United Kingdom
105	BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc.	United States
106	BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC	United States
107	BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty Ltd	Australia
108	BHP Billiton Petroleum Investments (Great Britain) Pty Ltd	Australia
109	BHP Billiton Petroleum Limited	United Kingdom
110	BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (GP) LLC	United States
111	BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (LP) LLC	United States
112	BHP Billiton Petroleum Properties (N.A.) LP	United States
113	BHP Billiton Petroleum Pty Ltd	Australia
114	BHP Billiton Petroleum Trading and Marketing Pty Ltd	Australia
115	BHP Billiton PNG Services Limited	Papua New Guinea
116	BHP Billiton Resources International (RSA) Pty Ltd	Australia
117	BHP Billiton Services Jersey Limited	Jersey
118	BHP Billiton Shared Business Services Pty Ltd	Australia
119	BHP Billiton Shared Services Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia
120	BHP Billiton SSM Development Pty Ltd	Australia
121	BHP Billiton SSM Indonesia Holdings Pty Ltd	Australia
122	BHP Billiton SSM Indonesia Pte Ltd	Singapore
123	BHP Billiton SSM International Pty Ltd	Australia
124	BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities	United Kingdom
125	BHP Billiton UK Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands
126	BHP Billiton UK Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands
127	BHP Billiton WAIO Pty Ltd	Australia
128	BHP Billiton Western Mining Resources International Pty Ltd	Australia
129	BHP Billiton World Exploration Inc.	Canada
130	BHP Billiton Yakabindie Nickel Pty Ltd	Australia
131	BHP Billiton Zambia Limited	Zambia
132	BHP Capital No. 20 Pty Ltd	Australia
133	BHP Chile Inc.	United States
134	BHP Coal Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
135	BHP Copper Inc.	United States
136	BHP Development Finance Pty Ltd	Australia
137	BHP Escondida Inc.	United States
138	BHP Finance (International) Inc.	United States
139	BHP Group Resources Pty Ltd	Australia
140	BHP Hawaii Inc.	United States
141	BHP Holdings (International) Inc.	United States
142	BHP Holdings (Resources) Inc.	United States
143	BHP Holdings (USA) Inc.	United States
144	BHP Holdings International (Investments) Inc.	United States
145	BHP Internacional Participacoes Ltda	Brazil
146	BHP International Finance Corp.	United States
147	BHP Khanij Anveshana Private Limited	India

	Company Name	Country
148	BHP Mineral Resources Inc.	United States
149	BHP Minerals Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Australia
150	BHP Minerals Europe Limited	United Kingdom
151	BHP Minerals Exploration Inc.	United States
152	BHP Minerals Holdings Proprietary Ltd	Australia
153	BHP Minerals India Pvt. Ltd	India
154	BHP Minerals International Exploration Inc.	United States
155	BHP Minerals International LLC	United States
156	BHP Minerals Service Company	United States
157	BHP Navajo Coal Company	United States
158	BHP Peru Holdings Inc.	United States
159	BHP Petroleum (Argentina) S.A.	Argentina
160	BHP Petroleum (Ashmore Operations) Pty Ltd	Australia
161	BHP Petroleum (Cambodia) Pty Ltd	Australia
162	BHP Petroleum (Tankers) Limited	Bermuda
163	BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd (a) (b)	Australia
164	BHP Queensland Coal Limited (a)	United States
165	BHP Resources Inc.	United States
166	BHP Titanium Minerals Pty Ltd	Australia
167	BHPB Freight Pty Ltd (a) (b)	Australia
168	BHPB Resolution Holdings LLC	United States
169	Billiton Australia Finance Pty Ltd	Australia
170	Billiton Coal Australia Holdings BV	Netherlands
171	Billiton Development (Zambia) Limited	Zambia
172	Billiton Development BV	Netherlands
173	Billiton ESOP Trustee Limited	Jersey
174	Billiton Executive Pension Scheme Trustee Limited	United Kingdom
175	Billiton Guinea BV	Netherlands
176	Billiton Investment 3 BV	Netherlands
177	Billiton Investment 8 BV	Netherlands
178	Billiton Investments Ireland Limited	Ireland
179	Billiton Manganese Australia Pty Ltd	Australia
180	Billiton Marketing Holding BV	Netherlands
181	Billiton Suriname Holdings BV	Netherlands
182	Broadmeadow Mine Services Pty Ltd (a) (b)	Australia
183	Broken Hill Proprietary (USA) Inc.	United States
184	Carson Hill Gold Mining Corporation	United States
185	Central Queensland Services Pty Ltd (a) (b)	Australia
186	Coal Mines Australia Pty Ltd	Australia
187	Compania Minera Cerro Colorado Ltda	Chile
188	Consolidated Nominees (Pty) Ltd	South Africa
189	Dampier Coal (Queensland) Pty Ltd	Australia
190	Global BHP Copper Ltd	Cayman Islands
191	Global Offshore Oil Exploration (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	South Africa
192	Hamilton Brothers Petroleum Corporation	United States
193	Hamilton Oil Company Inc.	United States
194	Hay Point Services Pty Ltd (a)	Australia
195	Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd	Australia
196	IPS USA Inc.	United States
197	Jenipapo Recursos Naturais Ltda	Brazil

Company Name	Country
198 Marcona International S.A.	Panama
199 Minera Spence S.A.	Chile
200 Mt Arthur Coal Pty Ltd	Australia
201 Mt Arthur Underground Pty Ltd	Australia
202 Petrohawk Energy Corporation	United States
203 Phoenix Mining Finance Company Proprietary Limited	South Africa
204 Pilbara Gas Pty Ltd	Australia
205 PT BHP Billiton Indonesia	Indonesia
206 PT BHP Billiton Services Indonesia	Indonesia
207 PT Billiton Indonesia	Indonesia
208 QNI International Pty Ltd	Australia
209 QNI Philippines Inc.	Philippines
210 RAL Cayman Inc.	Cayman Islands
211 Rio Algom Exploration Inc.	Canada
212 Rio Algom Investments (Chile) Inc.	Canada
213 Rio Algom Limited	Canada
214 Rio Algom Mining LLC	United States
215 Riocerro Inc.	Cayman Islands
216 Riochile Inc.	Cayman Islands
217 South Texas Shale LLC	United States
218 Stein Insurance Company Limited	Guernsey
219 Tamakaya Energía SpA	Chile
220 The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Pty Ltd ^{(a) (b)}	Australia
221 The World Marine & General Insurance Plc	United Kingdom
222 UMAL Consolidated Pty Ltd	Australia
223 United Iron Pty Ltd	Australia
224 Westminer Insurance Pte Ltd	Singapore
225 Winwell Resources LLC	United States
226 WMC (Argentina) Inc.	United States
227 WMC Corporate Services Inc.	United States
228 WMC Finance (USA) Ltd	Australia
229 WMC Mineracao Ltda	Brazil
230 WMC Resources Marketing Limited	Canada
Subsidiaries where the effective interest is less than 100 per cent	
231 BHP Billiton (Philippines) Inc. (99.99%)	Philippines
232 BHP Billiton Brasil Exploração e Produção de Petróleo Ltda (99.99%)	Brazil
233 BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd (80%)	Australia
234 BHP Billiton Petroleum (Eagle Ford Gathering) LLC (75%)	United States
235 BHP Iron Ore (Jumblebar) Pty Ltd (85%)	Australia
236 Consórcio Santos Luz de Imóveis Ltda (90%)	Brazil
237 Lubilanji Mining SPRL (Lumi SPRL) (51%)	The Democratic Republic of the Congo
238 Minera Escondida Ltda (57.5%)	Chile
239 PT Juloi Coal (75%)	Indonesia
240 PT Kalteng Coal (75%)	Indonesia
241 PT Lahai Coal (75%)	Indonesia
242 PT Maruwai Coal (75%)	Indonesia
243 PT Pari Coal (75%)	Indonesia
244 PT Ratah Coal (75%)	Indonesia
245 PT Sumber Barito Coal (75%)	Indonesia

	Company Name	Country
	Joint operations	
246	Bass Strait (50%)	Australia
247	BHP Billiton SaskPower Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Knowledge Centre Inc. (50%)	Canada
248	Blue Ocean Bulk Shipping Limited (50%)	Liberia
249	BM Alliance Coal Marketing Pty Limited (50%)	Australia
250	BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Limited (50%)	Australia
251	BM Alliance Marketing Pte Ltd (50%)	Singapore
252	BMA Japan KK (50%)	Japan
253	Bruce (16%)	United Kingdom
254	Central Queensland Coal Associates (50%)	Australia
255	Eagle Ford (<1-100%)	United States
256	Fayetteville (<1-100%)	United States
257	Greater Angostura (45%)	Trinidad and Tobago
258	Gregory (50%)	Australia
259	Gulf of Mexico (23.9-44%)	United States
260	Haynesville (<1-100%)	United States
261	JW4 (68%)	Australia
262	Keith (31.83%)	United Kingdom
263	Macedon (71.43%)	Australia
264	Minerva (90%)	Australia
265	Mt Goldsworthy (85%)	Australia
266	Mt Newman (85%)	Australia
267	North West Shelf (8.33-16.67%)	Australia
268	North West Shelf Gas Pty Limited (16.67%)	Australia
269	North West Shelf Liaison Company Pty Ltd (16.67%)	Australia
270	North West Shelf Lifting Coordinator Pty Ltd (16.67%)	Australia
271	North West Shelf Shipping Service Company Pty Ltd (16.67%)	Australia
272	Permian (<1-100%)	United States
273	Posmac (65%)	Australia
274	Pyrenees (40-71.43%)	Australia
275	Red Mountain (50%)	Australia
276	Red Mountain Infrastructure Pty Ltd (50%)	Australia
277	ROD Integrated Development (38%)	Algeria
278	South Blackwater Coal Pty Limited (50%)	Australia
279	Southern Natural Gas Development Pty Limited (50%)	Australia
280	Stybarrow (50%)	Australia
281	Thakweneng Mineral Resources (Pty) Ltd (50%)	South Africa
282	Westralian Bulk Charter Services Pty Ltd (50%)	Australia
283	Wheellarra (51%)	Australia
284	Yandi (85%)	Australia
	Joint ventures and associates	
285	Caesar Oil Pipeline Company LLC (25%)	United States
286	Carbones del Cerrejón Limited (33.33%)	Anguilla
287	Cerrejón Zona Norte S.A. (33.33%)	Colombia
288	Cleopatra Gas Gathering Company LLC (22%)	United States
289	CMC-Coal Marketing Company Limited (33.33%)	Ireland
290	Compañía Minera Antamina S.A. (33.75%)	Peru
291	Global Coal Limited (70.97%)	United Kingdom
292	Global HubCo BV (33.33%)	Netherlands

	Company Name	Country
293	Marine Well Containment Company LLC (10%)	United States
294	NCIG Holdings Pty Ltd (35.47%)	Australia
295	Resolution Copper Mining LLC (45%)	United States
296	Rightship Pty Limited (33.33%)	Australia
297	Samarco Mineração S.A. (50%)	Brazil
	Minority investment	
298	Beijing Iron Ore Trading Center Corporation (6.25%)	China
299	China Administration Company Pty Ltd (16.67%)	Australia
300	Commonwealth Steamship Insurance Company Pty Limited (29.72%)	Australia
301	Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd (9.66%)	Australia
302	Euronimba Limited (43.50%)	Jersey
303	GlobalORE Pte. Ltd (14.29%)	Singapore
304	Half-Tide Marine Pty Ltd (14.97%)	Australia
305	Integrated Logistics Company Pty Ltd (12.50%)	Australia
306	International Gas Transportation Company Limited (16.67%)	Bermuda
307	Interstate Steamship Insurance Company Pty Ltd (24.91%)	Australia
308	Metalysis Limited (6.85%)	United Kingdom
309	Newcastle Coal Shippers Pty Ltd (1.75%)	Australia
310	Pilbara Pastoral Company Pty Limited (25%)	Australia
311	The Baltic Exchange Limited (Min Int) (0.04%)	United Kingdom

(a) These companies are parties to the Limited Deed of Cross Guarantee, originally entered into on 6 June 2016, and members of the Closed Group, as at 30 June 2016.

(b) These companies are parties to the Limited Deed of Cross Guarantee and are relieved from the Corporations Act 2001 requirements for preparation, audit and lodgement of financial reports and Directors' reports.

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

CEO Certification

I, Andrew Mackenzie, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the companies as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The companies' other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the companies and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the companies, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the companies' disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the companies' internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the companies' internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The companies' other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the companies' auditors and the audit committee of the companies' board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the companies' ability to record, process, summarise and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the companies' internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Andrew Mackenzie

Name: Andrew Mackenzie

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 21 September 2016

SECTION 302 CERTIFICATION

CFO Certification

I, Peter Beaven, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the companies as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The companies' other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the companies and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the companies, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the companies' disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the companies' internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the companies' internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The companies' other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the companies' auditors and the audit committee of the companies' board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the companies' ability to record, process, summarise and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the companies' internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Peter Beaven

Name: Peter Beaven

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: 21 September 2016

SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code) in connection with the Annual Report on Form 20-F of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited, (the “Companies”) for the annual period ended 30 June 2016 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned officer of the Companies, hereby certifies, to such officer’s knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Companies.

/s/ Andrew Mackenzie

Name: Andrew Mackenzie

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 21 September 2016

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed “filed” by the Company for purposes of §18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code) in connection with the Annual Report on Form 20-F of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited, (the “Companies”) for the annual period ended 30 June 2016 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), the undersigned officer of the Companies, hereby certifies, to such officer’s knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Companies.

/s/ Peter Beaven

Name: Peter Beaven
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Date: 21 September 2016

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed “filed” by the Company for purposes of §18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.



Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms

The Board of Directors of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statement (No. 333-206983) on Form F-3 of BHP Billiton Finance (USA) Limited and the registration statements (Nos. 333-100496, 333-141531 and 333-160636) on Form S-8 of BHP Billiton Limited of our reports dated 21 September 2016, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of the BHP Billiton Group (comprising BHP Billiton Plc, BHP Billiton Limited and their respective subsidiaries) as of 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2015, and the related consolidated income statements, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statements for each of the years in the three-year period ended 30 June 2016, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of 30 June 2016, which reports appear in the 30 June 2016 Annual Report on Form 20-F of the BHP Billiton Group.

/s/ KPMG LLP
KPMG LLP
London, United Kingdom
21 September 2016

/s/ KPMG
KPMG
Melbourne, Australia
21 September 2016

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Disclosure of Mine Safety and Health Administration (“MSHA”) Safety Data

BHP Billiton’s mining operations in the United States are subject to regulation by MSHA under the U.S. Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the “Mine Act”). MSHA inspects mines and issues various citations and orders when it believes a violation has occurred under the Mine Act, and it typically proposes a civil penalty, or fine, related to the alleged violation.

The following disclosures are provided pursuant to Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (“Dodd-Frank”), which requires certain disclosures by companies operating mines regulated under the Mine Act and which are required to file periodic reports under the U.S Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The disclosures reflect only our U.S. mining operations as the requirements of Dodd-Frank do not apply to mines operated outside the United States.

During the year ended 30 June 2016, none of the mines operated by BHP Billiton received written notice from MSHA of (a) a pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that are of such nature as could have significantly and substantially contributed to the cause and effect of mine health or safety hazards under section 104(e) of the Mine Act or (b) the potential to have such a pattern.

The information in the table below reflects citations and orders issued by MSHA inspectors to the relevant BHP Billiton site during the year ended 30 June 2016. This data may not match or reconcile with the data MSHA maintains on its public website.

In evaluating this information, consideration should be given to factors such as: (a) the number of citations and orders may vary depending on the size, nature of operations and operational status of the mine, (b) the number of citations issued may vary from inspector to inspector and mine to mine, and (c) citations and orders may be contested and appealed, a process which may result in a reduction in severity and amount, or they might be dismissed.

Mine Safety Disclosures	Navajo Navajo Coal Company	San Juan San Juan Coal Company *
Mine Act Section 104 – Significant and Substantial Citations ¹	1	9
Mine Act Section 104(b) Orders ²	0	0
Mine Act Section 104(d) Citations and Orders ³	0	0
Mine Act Section 110(b)(2) Flagrant Violations	0	0
Mine Act Section 107(a) Imminent Danger Orders	0	1
Total US\$ Value of Proposed MSHA Assessments	\$ 499.00	\$ 14,161.00
Total Number of Mining Related Fatalities	0	0
Received Notice of Pattern of Violations Under Mine Act Section 104(e) ⁴	No	No
Received Notice of Potential to Have Pattern of Violations Under Mine Act Section 104(e)	No	No

* Represents a divested entity. Statistics are for the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 January 2016, the date of divestment.

¹ Represents the total number of citations issued by MSHA for violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could significantly and substantially contribute to the cause and effect of a coal or other mine safety or health hazard if left unabated.

² Represents the total number of orders issued for failure to abate a citation under Mine Act Section 104(a) within the period prescribed by MSHA.

³ Represents the total number of citations and orders issued by MSHA for unwarrantable failure to comply with mandatory health or safety standards.

⁴ Represents whether the mine received written notice from MSHA of a pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could have significantly and substantially contributed to the cause and effect of coal or other mine health or safety hazards.

Mine Safety Disclosures	<u>Navajo</u> <u>Navajo</u> <u>Coal</u> <u>Company</u>	<u>San Juan</u> <u>San Juan</u> <u>Coal</u> <u>Company</u> *
Total number of pending legal actions before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission ("FMSHRC")	0	0
• Number of pending contests of citations and orders	0	0
• Number of pending contests of proposed penalties	0	0
• Number of pending complaints for compensation	0	0
• Number of pending complaints of discharge, discrimination or interference	0	0
• Number of pending applications for temporary relief	0	0
• Number of pending appeals of judges' decisions or orders to the FMSHRC	0	0
Total number of legal actions instituted by the FMSHRC	0	0
Total number of legal actions before the FMSHRC resolved	1	0

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