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Chief Financial Officer  
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Tinto Limited shareholders should carefully consider the following:

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BHP Billiton results are reported under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). References to Underlying EBIT and other items. A reconciliation to profit from operations is contained within the profit announcement

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Overview  
Year ended June 2008

HSEC

Outstanding operating and financial results

Annual production records set in 7 commodities

Underlying EBITDA up 22% to US\$28.0 billion

Underlying EBIT up 21% to US\$24.3 billion

Attributable profit of US\$15.4 billion, up 12%

Earnings per share of 275 US cents, up 18%

Underlying EBIT margin and ROCE

of

48%

and

38%

respectively

Growth projects proceeding well  
with significant volume growth achieved  
in FY2008 and expected in FY2009

Final

dividend

rebased

to

41

US

cents

per

share

an

increase

of

52%,

consistent with outlook and higher earnings and cash flow

,

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Outstanding results driven by strategy and execution

Notes:

a)  
FY2002 to FY2005 calculated on the basis of UKGAAP. Subsequent periods calculated under IFRS.

Underlying EBIT

(a)

(US\$bn)

H2

H1

9.6

14.7

3.1

3.5

5.5

9.9

15.3

20.1

24.3

0

5

10

15

20

25

FY2002

FY2003

FY2004

FY2005

FY2006

FY2007

FY2008

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0  
50  
100  
150

200

A track record of project delivery

Copper  
equivalent  
production  
growth

(a)

(Indexed, 100=FY2001)

Projects successfully delivered:

44 since the DLC merger

10 completed in FY2008

10% growth estimated in FY2009

Completed projects ramping up in FY2009

Atlantis South, Genghis Khan,  
Samarco, Ravensthorpe/Yabulu  
Exp.,  
Cliffs, Koala Underground, Spence,  
Escondida Sulphide Leach and  
Pinto Valley

First production expected in FY2009

GEMCO, Neptune, Shenzi, NWS  
Train 5, NWS Angel and Alumar

Notes:

a) Production

from  
continuing  
operations  
converted  
to  
copper  
equivalent  
units  
using  
FY2008  
average  
realised  
prices.



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Diversity = Stability and Strength  
%  
EBIT Margin  
(1)

FY2002  
FY2003  
FY2004  
FY2005  
FY2006  
FY2007  
FY2008

0  
10  
20  
30  
40  
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Petroleum  
Aluminium  
Base Metals  
D&SP  
SSM  
Iron Ore  
Manganese  
Met Coal  
Energy Coal  
BHP Billiton

(1)  
FY2002  
to  
FY2005  
are  
calculated  
under  
UKGAAP.  
Subsequent  
periods

are  
calculated  
under IFRS.  
All periods exclude third party trading activities.

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Short-term global challenges exist

Global economic activity is moderating

Financial market instability, housing  
market decline and inflationary  
pressures

Emerging economies not immune

Inflationary pressures

Some decline in fixed asset  
investment growth (isolated to  
a small number of industries)

Exchange rate appreciation  
reducing export competitiveness

0%

2%

4%

6%

Jun-06

Sep-06

Dec-06

Mar-07

Jun-07

Sep-07

Dec-07

Mar-08

Jun-08

United States

annual

GDP

growth

(a)

(Annual growth, %)

China annual

GDP

growth

(b)

(Annual growth, %)

8%

10%

12%

14%

Jun-06

Sep-06

Dec-06

Mar-07

Jun-07

Sep-07

Dec-07

Mar-08

Jun-08

Notes:

a)

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

b)

Source: CEIC

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However, long-term fundamentals of emerging/developing  
economies remain intact

2.8%

2.3%

1.3%

2.9%

3.5%

6.4%

6.7%

7.0%

9.8%

10.1%

9.4%

10.1%

0%

2%

4%

6%

8%

10%

12%

Average historical growth

CY1990-CY2000

Average historical growth

CY2001-CY2007

Average forecast growth

CY2008-CY2009

Average forecast growth

CY2010-CY2013

Developed Economies

Emerging & Developing Economies

China

Source: World economic outlook database, April 2008.

IMF world GDP growth

(%)



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Supply-side constraints are limiting the industry's response

Equipment stress

Industrial action and wage disputes

Labour shortages

Equipment shortages

Significant cost pressures, including fuel

Energy and power constraints

Declines in ore-grade levels

Rising tariffs

Infrastructure bottlenecks

Developments are increasingly tending to be:

Smaller

Lower grade

Higher risk geographies

Equipment shortages

longer lead times and project delivery dates

Rising capital costs

Resources nationalism

Existing Supply

Future Supply Growth

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0  
2,000  
4,000  
6,000

8,000  
10,000  
12,000  
14,000  
CY2007  
CY2008  
CY2009F  
CY2010F  
CY2011F  
CY2012F

Accelerating growth from a diversified portfolio of projects

% of growth CY2007-2012

(Estimated & unrisked)

Note: Growth in production volumes on a copper equivalent units basis between CY2007 and CY2012 calculated using BHP Billiton estimates for BHP Billiton production. Production volumes exclude BHP Billiton's Specialty Products operation and all bauxite production.

All  
energy  
coal  
business  
are  
included.

Alumina  
volumes  
reflect  
only  
tonnes  
available  
for  
external  
sale.

Conversion  
of  
production forecasts to copper equivalent units completed using long term consensus price forecasts, plus BHP Billiton assumptions for diamonds, domestic coal and manganese.

Prices  
as  
at  
July  
2008.  
Production  
in  
copper  
equivalent

tonnes

(Copper equivalent tonnes '000s)

45%

37%

18%

Steelmaking

Materials

Energy

Non-Ferrous

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Ordinary dividends per share  
(US cents per share)  
0  
10

20  
30  
40  
50  
60  
70

FY2005  
FY2006  
FY2007  
FY2008

H1  
H2

0  
50  
100  
150  
200  
250  
300

FY2005  
FY2006  
FY2007  
FY2008

Earnings per share  
(US cents per share)

Note:

BHP Billiton's EPS represents reported underlying EPS for the financial year ending 30 June.

Delivering superior returns to shareholders

CAGR 36%

CAGR 37%

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Summary

Excellent operating and financial results



Long-term demand outlook remains strong despite some short-term economic uncertainty

Supply-side constraints are limiting the ability for the industry to respond to demand growth

BHP Billiton's portfolio of assets focused in stable geographies provides a competitive advantage

Future growth being delivered from lower risk projects  
Liverpool Bay

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Indicative Timetable for the Offer  
Feb  
Mar  
Nov

Dec  
Jan  
Oct  
Sep  
Aug  
Jul  
Jun  
May  
Apr  
Mar  
Feb  
Jan  
2009  
2008  
6-Feb-2008

BHP Billiton  
announced pre-  
conditional offers for  
all of the outstanding  
shares of Rio Tinto  
Offer Announcement  
Satisfaction of Regulatory Approval Pre-conditions

30-May-2008:

Form  
CO  
filed  
with  
the  
European  
Commission

3-Jul-2008:

US merger review completed

4-Jul-2008:

Entered into Phase 2 investigation with the  
European Commission

European  
Commission  
decision  
due  
by  
December  
2008

All regulatory processes expected to be completed or  
waived by the **end of 2008**

Offer Period  
Early 2009

UK Offer Timetable

50% minimum  
acceptance condition  
must be satisfied in  
both the Rio Tinto plc  
and Rio Tinto Ltd  
offers by **Day 60**

