

BHP Billiton

24 September 2010

BHP Billiton announced approval for development of the Macedon gas field in the Exmouth Sub-basin, Western Australia.

17 November 2010

BHP Billiton announced approval for a further US\$635 million (BHP Billiton share US\$570 million) of capital expenditure that will underpin continued growth in Western Australia Iron Ore's production profile.

20 January 2011

BHP Billiton announced the approval of increased capital expenditure for the Esso Australia operated Kipper and Turrum projects in the Gippsland Basin, offshore Victoria. Kipper's capital expenditure has increased to US\$900 million (BHP Billiton share). Turrum's expenditure has been adjusted to US\$1,350 million (BHP Billiton share).

25 March 2011

BHP Billiton announced approval of a US\$400 million investment to expand Hunter Valley Energy Coal in New South Wales, Australia.

Rio Tinto

14 July 2010

Rio Tinto approved US\$200 million funding towards an expansion of Pilbara operations.

03 August 2010

Rio Tinto announced that it would invest an additional US\$790 million in expansion of Pilbara capacity.

30 August 2010

Rio Tinto announced an investment of US\$1.6 billion (Rio Tinto share US\$1.0 billion) to develop the Hope Downs 4 iron ore project in Western Australia and link with Rio Tinto's existing rail, power and port infrastructure in the Pilbara.

13 September 2010

Rio Tinto announced the acquisition of additional shares of Ivanhoe Mines on automatic conversion of credit facility. Rio Tinto acquired 40,083,206 common shares of Ivanhoe Mines, increasing its ownership by 5.3 per cent to 34.9 per cent of Ivanhoe Mines' outstanding common shares.

24 September 2010

Rio Tinto announced an investment of US\$230 million to expand Pilbara iron ore capacity to 230 Mt/a.

20 October 2010

Rio Tinto approved plans to invest a further US\$3.1 billion (Rio Tinto share \$2.1 billion) in expanding its iron ore infrastructure in the Pilbara.

01 December 2010

Rio Tinto approved a further US\$1.2 billion investment in its drive to lift annual iron ore production capacity in Western Australia's Pilbara region to 283 million tonnes per annum (Mt/a).

As part of this announcement, Rio Tinto added that it has announced new investment of US\$7.2 billion (Rio Tinto share US\$5.1 billion) in the Pilbara since July 2010.

08 February 2011

Rio Tinto approves US\$933 million extension of Marandoo iron ore mine life in Western Australia's Pilbara region by 16 years to 2030.

15 June 2011

Rio Tinto is accelerating its iron ore expansion programme in the Pilbara region of Western Australia with US\$676 million of funding for early works and procurement. As a result, capacity expansion to 333 million tonnes a year (Mt/a) will now be reached in the first half of 2015, six months earlier than planned¹. This is part of a five-year programme started in 2010 to increase capacity in the Pilbara by 50 per cent.

15 September 2011

Rio Tinto is to invest US\$833 million (Rio Tinto share US\$706 million) in major power and fuel supply projects as part of its drive to substantially increase iron ore production capacity in Western Australia.

Xstrata

2 July 2010

Xstrata Coal announced it would recommence A\$186 million of planned investment into key Queensland growth initiatives, including early works and exploration activities associated with its Rolleston West, Sarum and Wandoan Coal projects. Xstrata also announced the resumption of full project activities at its AUD589 million Ernest Henry underground mine and the reinstatement of its AUD30 million north Queensland regional exploration program in light of the Federal Government's decision to replace the Resource Super Profits Tax with the Mineral Resource Rent Tax.

3 August 2010

Xstrata approved the investment of US\$1.1 billion to develop the Ulan West underground thermal coal mine in the central west of New South Wales, Australia.

4 Feb 2011

Xstrata Zinc announced it had secured ownership of the Lady Loretta project in Australia by acquiring the remaining 25% interest in the Lady Loretta Joint Venture held by Cape Lambert Lady Loretta Pty Ltd for AUD30 million (USD30 million).

7 Feb 2011

Xstrata has approved the development of the Ravensworth North open cut mine in the Upper Hunter Valley of New South Wales, Australia for a total investment of \$1.36 billion (A\$1.4 billion).