

Iron Ore Briefing Service

FIRST QUARTER 2008 – A SPECIAL FEATURE ON CAPEX

“ the aggregate cost of adding capacity globally is moving to a new zone above US\$100/tonne ”

The Metalytics Briefing Service is designed for

- Iron ore producers, traders, and consumers who want succinct targeted data and forecasts
- Equities research and investment analysts

COMMENTARIES

State of the Market

The Brazilian iron ore price settlements strongly reflect fundamental iron ore market tightness. But what does the remaining gap between benchmark and spot prices mean for future prices?

In the Pipeline

Marking Their Territory

The age of the mega-producer is about to dawn. Rio has a conceptual path to 420Mtpa for the Pilbara, and a staggering 630Mtpa globally. BHP Billiton is aiming to take its Pilbara capacity to 350Mtpa. Brazil's Vale has already reached the 300Mtpa level and is targeting 450Mtpa by 2012. These aggressive plans show that the "Big Three" are determined to mark out their territory in the seaborne iron ore market.

We look at Rio and BHPB's Pilbara capacity growth

Feature

Capex Uncapped

Escalating capital costs form a key supporting argument for iron ore price rises and will impact the realisation of proposed projects globally. In recent years, project costs have risen at a much faster rate than prices.

Our analysis puts serious question marks over how much proposed capacity will actually come to fruition, especially in the targeted timeframes.

We present 12 pages of analysis, charts and detailed tables

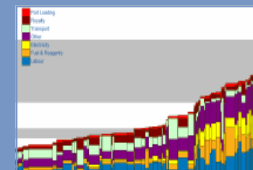
STATISTICAL COMPENDIUM 2000-2015

- Steel Consumption
- Steel production
- Blast Furnace & DRI
- Iron Ore Demand
- Iron Ore Supply, Mine & Company Production
- Iron Ore Trade
- Iron Ore Prices & Price Analytics
- Capability & Forecast Scenarios

DYNAMIC COST MODEL

Analyse costs by:

- product, mine, company, country
- process or input



Explore sensitivity to exchange rates, fuel prices etc.

MINE & PROJECT PROFILES

94 mines in 16 countries

- History and ownership
- Geology & ore details
- Facilities and logistics
- Capacity, plans, production



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