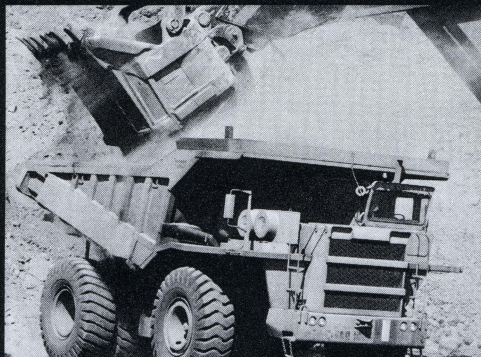


IN 3 MINUTES WE CAN:

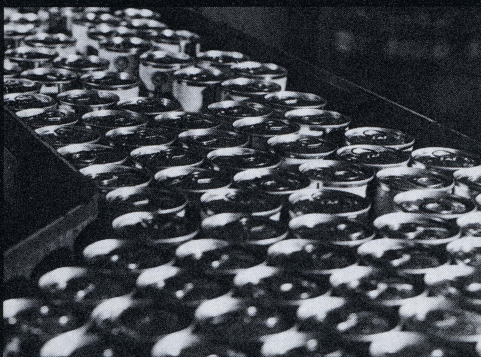
Load 140 tonnes of iron ore.



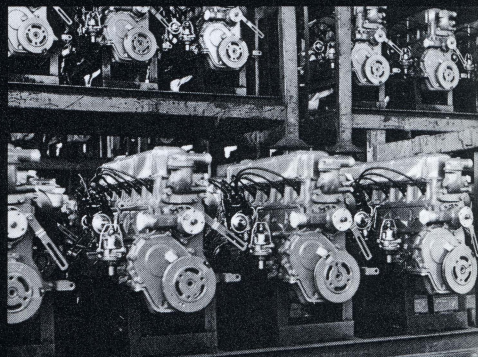
Produce 100 tonnes of coal,



or for 19,000 dozen steel cans for your favourite brew.



There is pig iron for 65 car engines.



From AWI there is enough wire to fence a 2.5 hectares paddock . . .



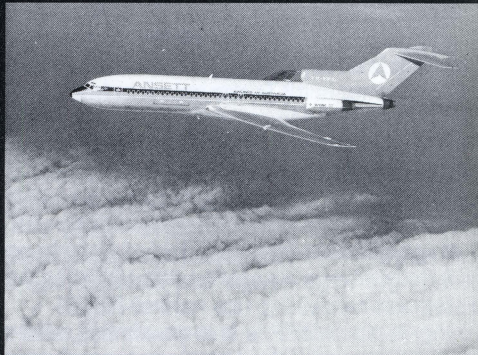
and netting for eleven tennis courts.



From Bass Strait crude oil, enough fuel is produced to run a car for 45 years,



fly a Boeing 727 from Sydney to Hobart . . .

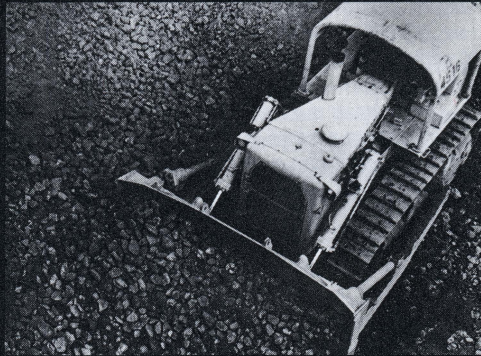


Some 55,000 people work for BHP and its subsidiary companies throughout Australia, and in many of the plants operations go on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They are very busy people. A recent edition of the television programme BHP Report, which is shown in Newcastle, Port Kembla and Whyalla, showed just what BHP can produce in three minutes—the length of the programme

20 tonnes of limestone ...



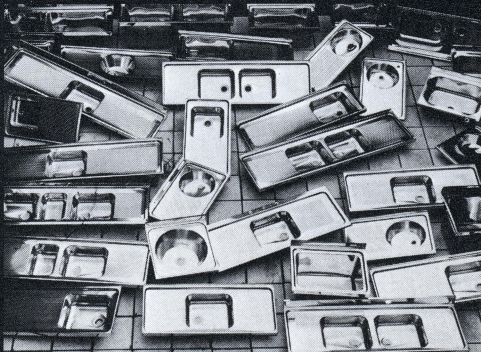
and 10 tonnes of manganese ore.



Make enough steel strip for 11 family cars.



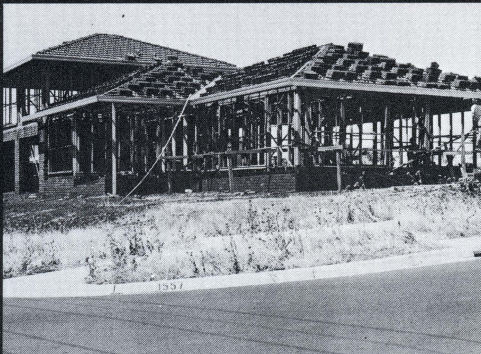
Stainless steel for 34 sinks ...



and 420 hub caps.



If the wire was used to make nails there would be enough to build 30 houses.



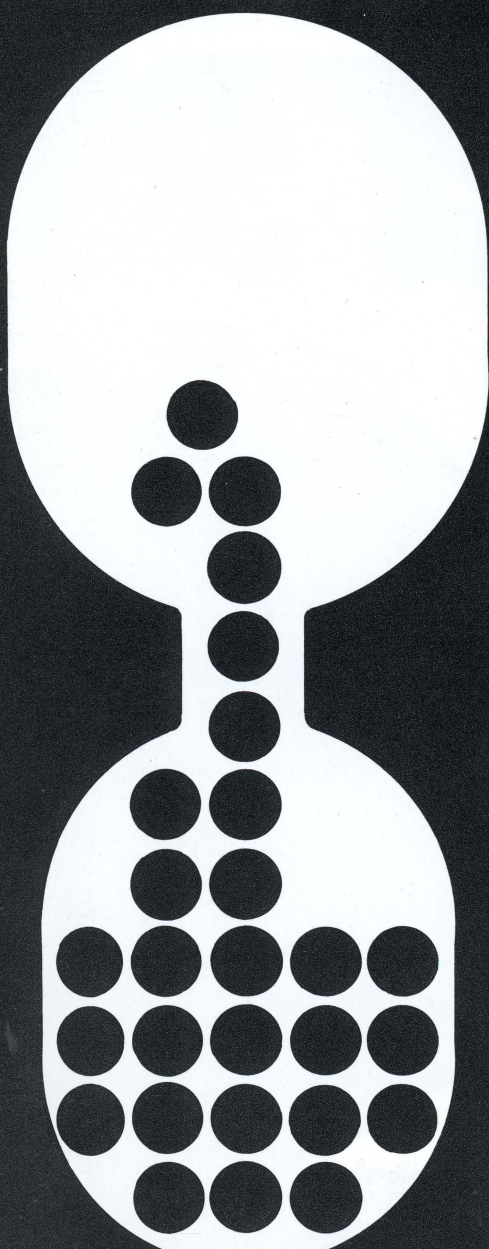
There are also 72 bags of cement.



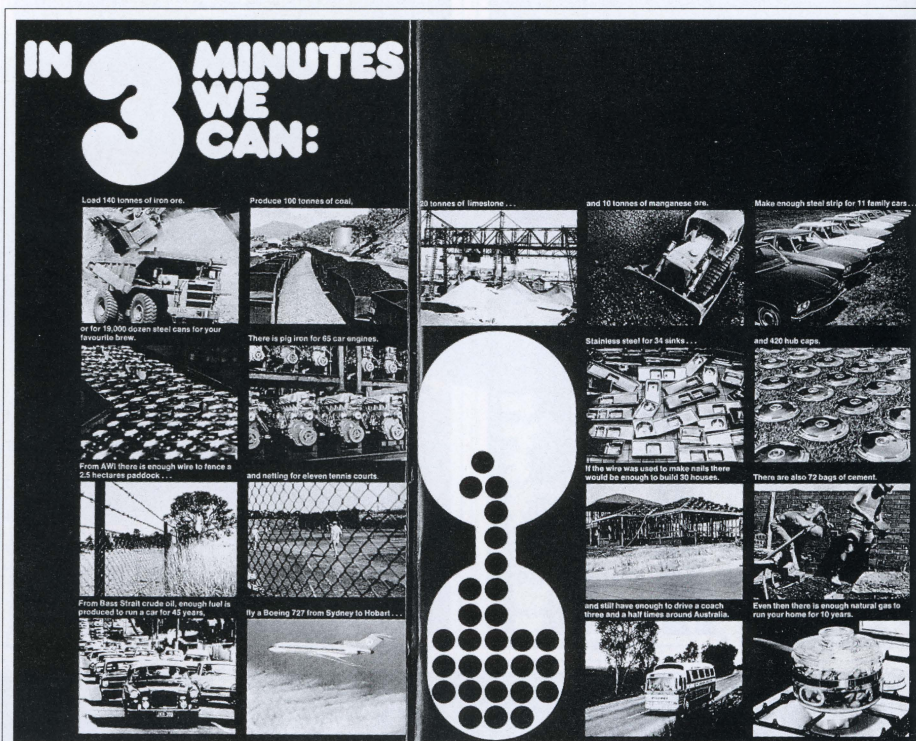
and still have enough to drive a coach three and a half times around Australia.



Even then there is enough natural gas to run your home for 10 years.

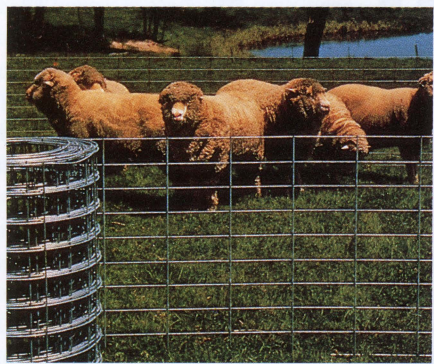


Back in 1973, someone had the bright idea to find out what the Company could produce in three minutes. The results appeared in this article in the February 1973 edition of BHP Review. Its snapshot of Company activity focused exclusively on mining, steel and petroleum products. Almost 20 years later, it seemed a good time for BHP Review to take another look at what goes on at BHP in three short minutes. As readers will see, things are very different now.



A large coil of wire, likely for fencing, with a tag attached. The tag has the word 'WIRE' printed twice and some smaller, less legible text. The wire is coiled in a dense, circular pattern, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

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4. ...which is how long it takes BHP Steel's Business and Industrial Products Division to turn coiled steel into 167 500 m of typical fencing wire...



7. From BHP Petroleum's share of crude oil production worldwide, enough fuel is produced to fly a Boeing 737 jet aircraft from Sydney to Auckland, New Zealand.



10. Environmental technology enables waste materials – sewage sludge, granulated slag and coal wash – to be turned into 12 tonnes of high quality soil substitute, enough for a good-sized garden.



13. The Newcastle EMD plant produces enough electrolytic manganese dioxide from BHP manganese ore to make 2 500 batteries.



5. ...while the Sheet and Coil Products Division produces enough COLORBOND® to roof two houses.



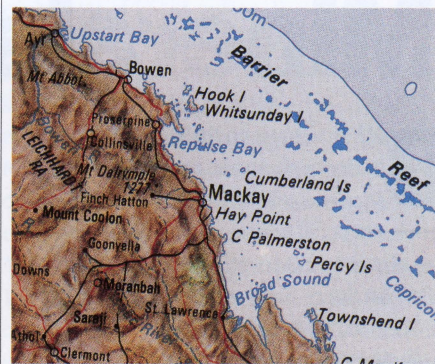
8. BHP Transport's chartered fleet moves 150.24 tonnes and the Australian flag fleet moves 76.91 tonnes of minerals and other cargo.



11. We recycle 100 litres of waste oil for use in coal handling.



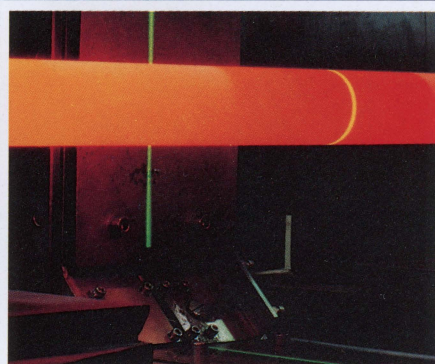
14. Back at BHP Petroleum our share of natural gas production worldwide is enough to heat 1 000 houses for a day...



6. BHP Engineering can survey 3.2 square kilometres of the coastal sea floor using the revolutionary Laser Airborne Depth Sounder, developed by BHPE and Vision Systems Ltd.



9. The computing power provided by BHP Information Technology can perform 19 800 tasks requested by the system's 5 000 on-line users.



12. At the Newcastle Rod and Bar Mill, 1.5 km of bar steel is opto-electronically examined for flaws by the bar profile guage, developed by BHP Instruments.



15. ...or make 24 million cups of coffee.