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6.2.2 Our remuneration policy underpins our Group strategy

The Remuneration Committee recognises that the implementation of the Group's strategy and our ongoing performance depends on the quality and motivation of our people.

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, low-cost, expandable, upstream assets diversified by commodity, geography and market. Our focus on the safety and health of our workforce, our fundamental drive for sustainability across all our business operations, our concern for the environment and communities within which we work, and our management of operational risks are reflected through our remuneration policy and structures.

The diagram below illustrates how BHP Billiton's remuneration policy and structures serve to support and reinforce the six key drivers of our strategy.

