



1885 - 1935 The early years

- 1885 BHP formed to mine silver, lead and zinc
- 1915 BHP commenced steelmaking in Newcastle
- 1918 John Lysaght (Australia) founded to serve building and construction market with galvanised sheets
- 1928 Australian Iron & Steel Limited (AIS) formed to operate Port Kembla Steelworks
- 1935 BHP acquires AIS

1965 - 1989 BHP establishes Australian and downstream operations; begins rollforming in Asia

- 1965 Singapore rollformer established
- 1966 First COLORBOND[®] steel produced
- 1968 Rollformers established in PNG, Fiji and Malaysia
- 1971 BHP acquires 50% of John Lysaght; starts feeding COLORBOND[®] steel to rollformers in Asia
- 1972 Western Port works opens
- 1973 Indonesia and New Caledonia rollformers established
- 1979 John Lysaght becomes wholly owned
- 1980 ASC Pacific acquired in the United States
- 1989 71% of New Zealand Steel acquired

1990 - 2001 Further expansion in Asia, entry into mid and downstream US market

- 1991 US metal and coated painting begins in Rancho, Cucamongo and California
- 1992 100% of New Zealand Steel acquired
- 1993 International division established
- 1995 Metal coating line and paint line established in Indonesia
- 1996 North Star mini mill Delta, Ohio commissioned; metal coating and paint lines established in Malaysia; expanded rollformers in Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand
- 1998 Kalama metal coating/coated painting line commissioned in US
- 1999 Cold rolled mill, metal coating & painting lines established in Thailand; Newcastle steelworks closed
- 2000 BHP steel long products division divested to become OneSteel; BHP sells US metal coating and painting lines and components
- 2001 BHP merges with Billiton Plc



2002 - Today BlueScope becomes an independent company; further investment

- 2002 15 July BHP Steel listed on the ASX
- 2003 Name changed to BlueScope Steel following shareholder approval at Annual General Meeting
- 2004 Acquires Butler Manufacturing, leading designer and producer of pre-engineered buildings in North America and China
- 2005 Vietnam metal coating/coated painting line commissioned; Tata BlueScope Steel JV announced
- 2006 Metallic coating and painting facility opens in Suzhou, China, BlueScope's largest investment in Asia, second Thai metal coating line commissioned
- 2007 Smorgon Steel Distribution acquired, divestment of Vistawall North America
- 2008 Western Sydney Service Centre opens, acquisition of IMSA Steel Corp in USA - Steelscape, ASC Profiles, Varco Pruden and Metl-Span
- 2011 BlueScope Australia and New Zealand business unit established; exit from Australia export business and closure of some manufacturing facilities at Port Kembla Steelworks and Western Port
- 2012 Divestment of Metl-Span, reconfiguration of Asia and US businesses under Global Buildings Solutions and Building Products, NS BlueScope Coated Products JV announced
- 2013 BlueScope ANZ announced acquisition of Orrcon Steel, Fielders, and OneSteel Sheet and Coil assets, and expansion of Taharoa iron sands export operations
Launch of next generation of COLORBOND[®] steel and ZINCALUME[®] steel, both with new Activate[™] technology
- 2014 Acquisition of Fletcher Building's Pacific Steel Group coil and wire manufacturing business in New Zealand
- 2015 BlueScope moves to full ownership of North Star BlueScope Steel
- 2017 Sale of Taharoa export iron sands business
- 2018 Australian Steel Products and New Zealand & Pacific Islands business units established