

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
May 08, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
May 8, 2015

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Company Secretariat

7 May 2015

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To: Australian Securities Exchange¹
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

DEMERGER DIVIDEND

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| Name of entities | BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077 | BHP Billiton Plc Registration Number 3196209 |
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Following the approval of the proposed demerger of South32 by the shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc on 6 May 2015, the BHP Billiton Board today resolved to approve the in-specie distribution of South32 Limited (ABN 84 093 732 597) shares to shareholders in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc as described in the Shareholder Circular dated 16 March 2015 (the **Demerger Dividend**).

As a result of the Demerger Dividend, each eligible shareholder will receive one South32 Limited share for each BHP Billiton share held on the applicable record date. Each BHP Billiton ADS holder will receive 0.4 South32 ADSs for each BHP Billiton ADS held on the applicable record date (each South32 ADS representing five South32 Limited shares).

| Shareholding | Ex-date | Record date | Distribution date |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BHP Billiton Limited | 18 May 2015 (Melbourne) | 20 May 2015 (Melbourne) | 24 May 2015 (Melbourne) |
| BHP Billiton Plc (other than holders of shares dematerialised into Strate) | 18 May 2015 (London) | 19 May 2015 (London) | 25 May 2015 (London) |
| BHP Billiton Plc (holders of shares dematerialised into Strate) | 18 May 2015 (Johannesburg) | 22 May 2015 (Johannesburg) | 25 May 2015 (Johannesburg) |
| BHP Billiton ADS holders | 18 May 2015 (New York) | 20 May 2015 (New York) | On or about 29 May 2015 |

(New York)

A share sale facility has been established for certain eligible shareholders who hold 10,000 or fewer BHP Billiton shares. These shareholders may elect to have all the South32 Limited shares they receive sold by the sale agent with the proceeds remitted to them following the demerger.

¹ This release was made outside the hours of operation of the ASX market announcements office.

South32 Limited shares will not be distributed to ineligible shareholders. Instead, South32 Limited shares which these shareholders would otherwise have been entitled to receive will be transferred to the sale agent to be sold with the proceeds remitted to them following the demerger.

This statement was approved by the BHP Billiton Board.

Jane McAloon

Group Company Secretary

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 171 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria
3000

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V
1LH United Kingdom

The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: May 8, 2015

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary