

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
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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

December 8, 2005

**BHP Billiton Plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive office)

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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS PRESIDENT MARKETING

Following the appointment of Mr Marius Kloppers to Group President with responsibility for the non-ferrous materials businesses, Mr Tom Schutte, previously Vice President Finance for Marketing, will become President Marketing and will have direct responsibility for all BHP Billiton's marketing activities, reporting to Mike Salamon who was today appointed Executive President of BHP Billiton (see related announcement).

Biographical details:

Tom Schutte  
CA (SA) (CAISA), B.Com (Hons), Accountancy, 40

Chief Financial Officer Commercial. From 1 January 2006 President Marketing.

Joined the group in 1990 and appointed Chief Financial Officer Commercial in January 2002. He was previously Marketing Director for Billiton Manganese, held various marketing positions with Samancor Manganese and Manganese Metal Company (MMC) and held previous finance positions with Gencor and Genmin.

He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Member of the European CFO Roundtable

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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 Plc

Date: 8 December 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary