

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
February 03, 2006

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

January 3, 2006

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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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

3 January 2006

To: Australian Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange

Swiss Stock Exchange

JSE Securities Exchange SA

London Stock Exchange

Deutsche Bank

UBS Zurich

Appointment of Mr Marius J Kloppers as Director

Further to the announcement on 8 December 2005 advising of the appointment of Mr Marius Kloppers as an Executive Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc effective 1 January 2006, we advise details of Mr Kloppers' interests in BHP Billiton Plc shares below:

Initial Notification of Interests of Directors and Connected Persons

(Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

| | | |
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| Name of entities | BHP Billiton Limited | BHP Billiton Plc |
| | ABN 49 004 028 077 | REG NO 3196029 |

As part of a dual listed company structure, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited have primary or secondary listings, all those interests of directors and persons discharging managerial responsibilities of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Act and the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act and otherwise in accordance with the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

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| Name of director | Mr Marius J Kloppers |
| Date of appointment | 1 January 2006 |

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

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| Number & class of securities |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 335 333 ordinary fully paid shares of US\$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc |

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Part 2 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

| Name of holder & nature of interest | Number & class of securities |
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| Mr Kloppers as a Director also has a notifiable interest under United Kingdom legislation in 210 957 ordinary fully paid shares of US\$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc being the balance of shares held by Billiton ESOP Trustee Limited as trustee of the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Trust. | 210 957 ordinary fully paid shares of US\$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc |

Part 3 - Director's interests in contracts

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| Detail of contract | N/A |
| Nature of interest | N/A |
| Name of registered holder (if issued securities) | N/A |
| No. and class of securities to which interest relates | Nil |

Part 4 - Director's interests in options or other rights granted by the entities

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| Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice | 55,378 | maximum number of Group Incentive Scheme (GIS) Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc) |
| | 113 319 | maximum number of GIS Deferred Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc) |
| | 450 000 | maximum number of Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc) under the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP). |
| | ----- 618 697 | Total |

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| Any additional information | - |
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Part 5 - Contact details

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| Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities | Mr S A Butcher - BHP Billiton Limited |
| | Ms E A Hobley - BHP Billiton Plc BHP Billiton Plc |
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Registered in Australia
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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

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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: 3 January 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary