

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
March 05, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 05, 2012

| <u>Commission File Number</u> | <u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u> |
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| | BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA |
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| - | BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM |
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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Company Secretariat

5 March 2012

To:
Australian Securities Exchange
London Stock Exchange

cc:
New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

Notice of Dividend Currency Exchange Rates – 2012 Interim Dividend

Name of entities:
BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077
BHP Billiton Plc REG NO 3196209

On 8 February 2012 we declared an interim dividend for the half year ended 31 December 2011 of 55 US cents. Included in the announcement was the advice that the currency conversion for Australian cents, British pence and New Zealand cents would be based on the foreign currency exchange rates on the Record Date, 2 March 2012, and for South African cents the last date to trade on the JSE Limited, was 24 February 2012(1). The following table details the currency exchange rates applicable for the dividend:

Dividend 55 US cents (paid by):
Australian cents
British pence
New Zealand cents
South African cents(1)

Exchange Rate
1.076917 (AUD)
1.590144 (GBP)
0.833996 (NZD)
7.617500 (RAND)

Dividend per ordinary share in local currency:
51.071717 (AUD)
34.588062 (GBP)

65.947559 (NZD)
418.962500 (RAND)

The dividend will be paid on Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Jane McAloon
Group Company Secretary

(1) On 24 February 2012 we announced to the London Stock Exchange and the JSE Limited the currency exchange rate applicable to the dividend payable in South African cents.

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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.

Date : March 05, 2012

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) BHP Billiton
Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary