

BHP BILLITON LTD
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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

August 18, 2010

| <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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RESPONSE TO SPECULATION ABOUT BHP BILLITON AND POTASH CORPORATION OF
SASKATCHEWAN

BHP Billiton confirms that it has made an approach to Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (PotashCorp) regarding a possible acquisition of PotashCorp at a price of US \$130 per common share. To date the Board of PotashCorp has not agreed to engage in discussions.

BHP Billiton continues to review its options and will make a further announcement in due course.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: www.bhpbilliton.com

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Members of the BHP Billiton group which 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.

Date : August 18, 2010

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)
By: /s/ Jane McAloon
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