

BHP BILLITON LTD
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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

May 7, 2015

BHP BILLITON LIMITED
(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

BHP BILLITON PLC
(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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To: Australian Securities Exchange¹ cc: New York Stock Exchange
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FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET

BHP BILLITON 2015 GENERAL MEETING RESULTS

Please find attached the results of the business conducted at the meetings of shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited (Limited) held in Perth, Australia and BHP Billiton Plc (Plc) held in London, United Kingdom on 6 May 2015.

As required by the Dual Listed Companies Structure, a poll was conducted on the proposed resolution. The resolution is a Joint Electorate Action. The poll results for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are attached.

The final proxy position for each company (excluding the proxy votes carried from one meeting to the other meeting by the Special Voting Shares) is detailed in Appendix 1. The additional information required in respect of BHP Billiton Plc by the United Kingdom's Companies Act 2006 (as amended by The Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009) is provided in Appendix 2.

A copy of the resolution passed at the closure of the poll today has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM

Rachel Agnew

Company Secretary

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

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The poll results for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc as follows:

| Business | Votes For | Votes Against | Votes Abstained | Result |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1 To approve the Demerger of South32 from BHP Billiton (an ordinary resolution) | 2,957,735,744 | 58,925,870 | 8,716,013 | CARRIED |

APPENDIX 1

BHP Billiton Limited & BHP Billiton Plc - Final Proxy Position

| | Limited | Plc |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1 To approve the Demerger of South32 from BHP Billiton (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,619,833,321 | 1,401,545,608 |
| Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| was to vote for the resolution | 1,554,895,826 | 1,377,845,944 |
| was to vote against the resolution | 35,778,994 | 23,116,529 |
| was to abstain on the resolution | 4,829,911 | 3,820,993 |
| may vote at the proxy's discretion | 29,158,501 | 583,135 |

APPENDIX 2

Additional Information

For the purposes of section 341 of the United Kingdom's Companies Act 2006 (as amended by The Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009) and in respect of BHP Billiton Plc, the votes validly cast* as a percentage of the company's total issued share capital (as at 6pm on 4 May 2015 London time) are:

| Item of Business | Votes cast %* |
|--|------------------|
| 1 To approve the Demerger of South32 from BHP Billiton | 66.36% |

* This calculation does not include the votes cast at the BHP Billiton Limited General Meeting which are added to the votes cast at the BHP Billiton Plc General Meeting to give the final result in relation to each resolution. Final poll results for BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited can be found on page 2 of this announcement.

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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.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: May 7, 2015

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew
Name: Rachel Agnew
Title: Company Secretary