

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
September 05, 2018

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
September 5, 2018

BHP BILLITON LIMITED
(ABN 49 004 028 077)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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BHP BILLITON PLC
(REG. NO. 3196209)
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Copper Update **Agreement with Guyana Goldfields Inc**

BHP has entered into an agreement with Guyana Goldfields Inc. (**Guyana**) to acquire its 6.1 per cent interest in SolGold Plc (**SolGold**), the majority owner and operator of the Cascabel porphyry copper-gold project in Ecuador.

BHP Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Mackenzie, said the investment in SolGold would give BHP exposure to a high quality copper exploration project in Ecuador, which is a highly prospective location for BHP.

Consistent with our positive long-term outlook, copper is a key exploration focus for BHP as we seek to replenish our resource base and grow this important business.

Under the terms of the agreement with Guyana, BHP will acquire 103.1 million shares in SolGold. SolGold is listed on the London Stock Exchange (**LSE**) and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The purchase price payable by BHP is 26.592 pence per SolGold share, representing a 20 per cent premium to the 20 day volume-weighted average LSE price of 22.16 pence per share as determined on 4 September 2018.

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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: September 5, 2018

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew
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Title: Company Secretary