

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
January 06, 2011

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 6, 2011

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

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

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

BHP BILLITON PLC

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

ENGLAND AND WALES
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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VICTORIA

3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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

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: January 6, 2011

By: /s/ JANE McALOON
Name: **Jane McAloon**
Title: **Group Company Secretary**

Company Secretariat

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5 January 2011

To: Australian Securities Exchange
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

Appointment of Baroness Shriti Vadera

Further to the announcement on 13 December 2010 advising of the appointment of Baroness Shriti Vadera as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited with effect from 1 January 2011 we now advise details of Baroness Vadera's interests in BHP Billiton shares:

Notification of Initial Interests of Directors and Connected Persons

(Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

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 of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Acts and the Group's Securities Dealing document.

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.

Name of director Baroness Shriti Vadera

Date of appointment 1 January 2011

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077
Registered in Australia
Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209
Registered in England and Wales
Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1BH UK

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Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

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

Number & class of securities

Nil

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

Brewin Dolphin Securities Limited on behalf of Standard Life Trustee Company, the sole trustee for Baroness Vadera s Self Invested Pension Plan (indirect interest, Baroness Vadera is the beneficial owner).

5,000 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc

Part 3 Director s interests in contracts

Detail of contract

Nil

Nature of interest

N/A

Name of registered holder

N/A

(if issued securities)

No. and class of securities to which interest relates

N/A

Part 4 Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities

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