

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 21, 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**

September 21 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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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 21 2011

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary

**Company Secretariat**

21 September 2011

To: Australian Securities Exchange  
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange  
JSE Limited

**Notice of 2012 Interim Dividend**

**Name of entities** BHP Billiton Limited  
ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc  
REG NO 3196209

The proposed dates<sup>1</sup> for the 2012 Interim Dividend of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are as follows:

**2012 Interim Dividend**

Half Yearly Results Announcement and Dividend Declaration	8 February 2012
Last day to trade on JSE Limited and currency conversion into RAND	24 February 2012
Ex-Dividend Date (Australian & Johannesburg stock exchanges)	27 February 2012
Ex-Dividend Date (London & New York stock exchanges <sup>2</sup> )	29 February 2012
Record Date (including currency conversion and currency election dates for Australian & London stock exchanges)	2 March 2012
Payment Date	22 March 2012

Please note that BHP Billiton Plc shareholders registered on the South African section of the register will not be able to dematerialise or rematerialise their shareholdings between the dates of 27 February and 2 March 2012 (inclusive), nor will transfers between the UK register and the South African register be permitted, between the dates of 24 February and 2 March 2012 (inclusive).

**Jane McAloon**

**Group Company Secretary**

<sup>1</sup> Dates are subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc shares are listed on the NYSE in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs).

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

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