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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 23, 2011

<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 Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
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BHP BILLITON BOARD CHANGES

BHP Billiton Chairman, Jac Nasser, today announced that Mr Alan Boeckmann will retire from the Board and Mr Lindsay Maxsted will be appointed as an independent Non-executive Director, both effective as of today.

Mr Maxsted is Chairman of infrastructure company, Transurban Group, and a Non-executive Director of Westpac Banking Corporation, where he is Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Risk Management Committee. He was previously KPMG Australia CEO from January 2001 to December 2007.

"Alan Boeckmann has made an extremely valuable contribution to the BHP Billiton Board and the Remuneration Committee through his extensive global project experience and business acumen.

"We will miss his contribution and wish him and his family continued success.

"Lindsay Maxsted's appointment follows a rigorous succession planning process to identify candidates with the skills and expertise to be able to make a significant contribution to the Board. His financial acumen and extensive experience make him an excellent addition as a Non-executive Director.

"His appointment reflects our continual focus on the renewal of the Board's skills and experience", Mr Nasser said.

A corporate recovery specialist, Mr Maxsted spent his career managing a number of Australia's largest corporate, workout and turnaround engagements. He continues to undertake consultancy work in the restructuring advisory field.

The appointment of Mr Maxsted means the number of BHP Billiton directors remains at 12.

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

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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.

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