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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

April 18, 2012

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ Registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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