

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 26, 2015

**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**  
**May 26, 2015**

**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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**UNITED KINGDOM**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**SOUTH32 DEMERGER IMPLEMENTED**

BHP Billiton is pleased to announce that the implementation of the demerger of South32 from BHP Billiton was completed today.

Shares in South32 Limited have been distributed to eligible BHP Billiton shareholders. The number of South32 ordinary shares on issue was 5,323,762,901 as at 25 May 2015.

Holding statements will be dispatched to shareholders by early June 2015.

Commencement dates for normal settlement trading of South32 shares on the ASX and LSE, in addition to regular way trading of South32 ADSs in the over-the-counter market, are expected to occur as outlined in the Shareholder Circular dated 16 March 2015 in relation to the demerger of South32 by BHP Billiton<sup>1</sup>. Normal settlement trading on the JSE commenced on 18 May 2015.

South32's share registries are managed by Computershare Investor Services (Computershare). South32 shareholders should contact Computershare with any questions regarding their shareholding on:

Principal share registry Australia: 1800 019 953 (within Australia) or +61 3 9415 4169 (outside Australia)

Branch share registry South Africa: 011 373 0033 (within South Africa) or +27 11 373 0033 (outside South Africa)

Depository Interests registry United Kingdom: 0870 873 5884 (within UK) or +44 870 873 5884 (outside UK). Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com). Further information on South32 can be found at: [www.south32.net](http://www.south32.net).

<sup>1</sup> Available on the BHP Billiton website at [www.bhpbilliton.com/demerger](http://www.bhpbilliton.com/demerger).

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Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

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: May 26, 2015

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew

Title: Company Secretary