

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
February 21, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15b-16 OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

February 21, 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

**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

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(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

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the registration statement on Form F-3 of BHP Billiton Finance (USA) Limited, BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc filed on October 8, 2009, File No. 333-162380, as amended through the date hereof, and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

**EXHIBITS**

99.1 Unaudited interim financial information as of and for the six months ended December 31, 2011

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: February 21, 2012

By: /s/ Willem J. Murray  
Name: Willem J. Murray  
Title: Group Treasurer