

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
February 27, 2012

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of**

**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**February 24, 2012**

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**BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)**

**(Translation of registrant's name into English)**

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**NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,  
UNITED KINGDOM**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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Company Secretariat

24 February 2012

To:  
JSE Limited  
London Stock Exchange

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE (SOUTH AFRICAN RAND)  
– 2012 INTERIM DIVIDEND

Name of entity:  
BHP Billiton Plc  
REG NO 3196209

On 8 February 2012 we declared an interim dividend for the half year ended 31 December 2011 of 55 US cents per share.

The currency exchange rate applicable for the dividend payable in South African cents to shareholders on the BHP Billiton Plc branch register is set out below:

Dividend (55 US cents per share)

Currency:  
South African cents

Exchange rate:  
7.617500

Dividend per ordinary share in local currency:  
418.962500

The exchange rates applicable to the BHP Billiton dividend being paid in other currencies will be based on the foreign currency exchange rates on the Record Date, being 2 March 2012, and announced to the market on 5 March 2012.

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, both dates 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, both dates inclusive.

The dividend will be paid on Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Jane McAloon  
Group Company Secretary

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209  
Registered in England and Wales  
Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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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.

Date : February 24, 2012

BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)  
By: /s/ Jane McAloon  
Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary