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**BHP BILLITON CREATES NEW CUSTOMER SECTOR GROUP**

BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified natural resources company, today announced the creation of a new customer sector group (CSG) to encompass the existing businesses of diamonds, titanium minerals, Integris and Exploration & Technology. The new CSG is to be named Diamonds and Specialty Products.

The new CSG will be run by Marcus Randolph, President, Diamonds and Specialty Products, who will continue to report to Chip Goodyear, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer.

Mr Goodyear said: "The Diamonds and Specialty Products CSG combines a number of emerging businesses within BHP Billiton. Marcus' existing contribution to the Minerals development area, his knowledge of our business and his creativity in finding solutions which enhance the value of our opportunities will continue to contribute greatly to the success of this new CSG and to BHP Billiton."

The creation of the new CSG is effective immediately.

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