

BHP BILLITON LTD
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Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
December 9, 2013

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

171 COLLINS 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, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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To: Australian Securities Exchange¹
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

INVESTOR BRIEFING

BHP Billiton Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Mackenzie, will present at the Company's Petroleum investor briefing in Houston, USA on Monday, 9 December 2013.

When discussing his presentation, Mr Mackenzie said: We are pleased to host an important shareholder event in Houston and look forward to discussing the exciting outlook for our Petroleum business.

Our high quality, diversified resource portfolio and proven strategy have delivered outstanding results for our shareholders and we aim to extend this strong track record.

Our production guidance remains unchanged and we expect to deliver growth of 16 per cent, in copper equivalent terms, over the next two years.

When discussing strategy, Mr Mackenzie said: The Company's productivity agenda has the potential to create more value than anything else we do. With all of our operations now on a common information management platform, we can replicate best practice and improve operational performance across the Group. By generating more volume from our existing equipment and lowering unit costs, we will continue to build on the US\$2.7 billion reduction in controllable cash costs delivered in the 2013 financial year.

Our productivity agenda extends to our development projects where we are pursuing a higher rate of return on incremental investment by significantly increasing internal competition for capital and driving project costs down. A 25 per cent reduction in capital and exploration expenditure is planned for this financial year and our level of investment will decline again next year.

The quality and breadth of our portfolio will also allow us to further simplify our business, while retaining the benefits of diversification. A focus on our four key pillars and their major operations will ultimately deliver higher growth, higher margins and stronger investment returns. We have completed six major transactions delivering proceeds of US\$6.5 billion, with US\$2.2 billion received this financial year.

Mr Mackenzie concluded by saying: If we keep getting the basics right and deliver on our commitments, we will substantially increase free cash flow and grow total returns for our shareholders.

A copy of the materials to be presented on Monday, 9 December 2013 is attached.

¹ This release was made outside the hours of operation of the ASX market announcements office.

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 171 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria

3000 Australia

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

The tour will continue on Tuesday 10 December 2013, with the remaining material released on that day.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: www.bhpbilliton.com

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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.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: December 9, 2013

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary