

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
July 27, 2012

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

July 27, 2012

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u>
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	BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA
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-	BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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Company Secretariat

27 July 2012

To:  
Australian Securities Exchange  
London Stock Exchange

cc:  
New York Stock Exchange  
JSE Limited

Notice of Dividend and AGM Dates

Name of entities:  
BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077  
BHP Billiton Plc REG NO 3196209

The proposed dates(1) for the 2012 Final Dividend and 2012 Annual General Meetings of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are as follows:

2012 Final Dividend

Preliminary Results Announcement and Dividend Declaration:  
22 August 2012

Last day to trade on JSE Limited and currency conversion into RAND:  
31 August 2012

Ex-Dividend Date (Australian & Johannesburg stock exchanges):  
3 September 2012

Ex-Dividend Date (London & New York stock exchanges(2)):  
5 September 2012

Record Date (including currency conversion and currency election dates  
for Australian & London stock exchanges):  
7 September 2012

Payment Date:  
28 September 2012

Please note that 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 3 and 7 September 2012 (inclusive), nor will transfers between the UK register and the South African register be permitted, between the dates of 31 August and 7 September 2012 (inclusive).

2012 Annual General Meetings (AGM):

The 2012 AGM of BHP Billiton Plc will be held in London on Thursday, 25 October 2012 at 11.00am.

The 2012 AGM of BHP Billiton Limited will be held in Sydney on Thursday, 29 November 2012 at 10.30am.

Jane McAloon  
Group Company Secretary

(1) Dates are subject to change.

(2) BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc shares are listed on the NYSE in the form of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs).

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077  
Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

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 : July 27, 2012

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) BHP Billiton  
Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon  
Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary