

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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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

December 01, 2009

| <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)<br>180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA<br>3000 AUSTRALIA |
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DAVID MORGAN RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR

It is with regret that the Board of BHP Billiton has today accepted the resignation of Dr David Morgan as a Director.

Dr Morgan has advised that he has accepted an appointment as Managing Director, JC Flowers, Europe and Asia Pacific, based in London.

Given the time demands of this position, Dr Morgan believes it is necessary to relinquish all of his existing professional positions including his Directorship of BHP Billiton.

Dr Morgan said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Board during a period of change and tremendous challenges. I wish the company and my Board colleagues every future success."

Chairman Don Argus, said, "On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my disappointment that Dr Morgan has chosen to depart BHP Billiton. Dr Morgan was a highly committed and hard working Board member who made a valuable contribution to the Board.

"From a personal point of view I have a great level of respect for David's professionalism and achievements and I wish him all the best in his new role."

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://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.

Date : December 01, 2009

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary