

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 18, 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

September 18, 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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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.

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Company Secretariat

18 September 2012

To:  
Australian Securities Exchange  
London Stock Exchange

cc:  
New York Stock Exchange  
JSE Limited

Notice of 2013 Interim Dividend

Name of entities:  
BHP Billiton Limited  
ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc  
REG NO 3196209

The proposed dates(1) for the 2013 Interim Dividend of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are as follows:

2013 Interim Dividend

Half Yearly Results Announcement and Dividend Declaration:  
20 February 2013

Last day to trade cum dividend on JSE Limited and currency conversion into rand:  
1 March 2013

Ex-Dividend Date (Australian & Johannesburg stock exchanges):  
4 March 2013

Ex-Dividend Date (London & New York stock exchanges(2)):  
6 March 2013

Record Date (including currency conversion and currency election dates,  
except for rand):

8 March 2013

Payment Date:  
28 March 2013

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 4 and 8 March 2013 (inclusive), nor will transfers between the UK register and the South African register be permitted, between the dates of 1 and 8 March 2013 (inclusive).

Jane McAloon  
Group Company Secretary

- (1) Dates are subject to change.
- (2) BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc shares are listed in the form of American Depositary Shares (ADSs) and traded as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) on the NYSE. Each ADS represents two ordinary shares.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

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Registered in Australia  
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Registration number 3196209  
Registered in England and Wales  
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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.

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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

Date : September 18, 2012