

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

September 19, 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)<br>180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA<br>3000 AUSTRALIA |
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**BHP BILLITON PRICES EUR2.0 BILLION and GBP1.75 BILLION BONDS**

BHP Billiton has priced a two tranche Euro bond and a two tranche Sterling bond under its Euro Medium Term Note Programme.

The Euro bond issue comprises EUR1,250 million 2.250% bonds due 2020 and EUR750 million 3.250% bonds due 2027. The Sterling bond issue comprises GBP750 million 3.250% bonds due 2024 and GBP1,000 million 4.300% bonds due 2042.

The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes and in part, redemption of the Group's commercial paper programme.

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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 : September 19, 2012

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

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