## 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

April 15, 2014

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7):

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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_X\_\_\_

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the

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

Company Secretariat

15 April 2014

To: Australian Securities Exchange London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange JSE Limited

Appointment of Malcolm Brinded

Further to the announcement on 15 April 2014 advising of the appointment of Malcolm Brinded as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited with effect from 15 April 2014 we now advise details of Mr Brinded's interests in BHP Billiton shares:

Notification of Initial Interests of Directors and Connected Persons (Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

Name of entities BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077 BHP Billiton Plc REG NO 3196029

As part of a dual listed company structure, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited have primary or secondary listings, all those interests of directors of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Acts and the Group's Securities Dealing document.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act.

Name of director Malcolm Brinded Date of appointment

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Part 1 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Number & class of securities Nil

Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest Investment Funds Direct Nominees Limited (indirect interest, Mr Brinded has a beneficial interest) Number & class of securities 12,000 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc

Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts

Detail of contract Nil Nature of interest N/A Name of registered holder (if issued securities) N/A No. and class of securities to which interest relates N/A

Part 4 - Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities Nicole Duncan – BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc Contact details Nicole Duncan Tel: +61 3 9609 2917 Fax: +61 3 9611 1044 Elizabeth Hobley Tel: +44 20 7802 4054 Fax: +44 20 7802 3054

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209 Registered in England and Wales Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1LH United Kingdom

Members of the BHP Billiton Group which 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 : April 15, 2014

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

 By:
 /s/ Nicole Duncan

 Name:
 Nicole Duncan

 Title:
 Company Secretary