BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**October 15, 2015**

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| **BHP BILLITON LIMITED**<br>**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**<br>**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)** | **BHP BILLITON PLC**<br>**(REG. NO. 3196209)**<br>**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)** |
| **VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**<br>**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)** | **ENGLAND AND WALES**<br>**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)** |
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NEWS RELEASE

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**BHP BILLITON PRICES EUR 2.0 BILLION EURO HYBRID NOTES AND GBP600**

**MILLION STERLING HYBRID NOTES**

BHP Billiton has priced EUR2.0 billion of subordinated fixed rate reset notes in the Euro market across two tranches and GBP600 million of subordinated fixed rate reset notes in the Sterling market.

The issuance of these hybrid notes comprises:

1,250 million in a 60.5NC5.5 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 4.750%, paid annually*

750 million in a 64NC9 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 5.625%, paid annually*

£600 million in a 62NC7 maturity bearing an initial coupon of 6.500%, paid annually*

* The coupon for each tranche of notes will reset in accordance with their respective terms at the end of the applicable non-call period and every five years thereafter prior to maturity.

Settlement of the notes is expected to occur on 22 October 2015, in each case subject to customary closing conditions.

The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include, without limitation, the repayment of existing debt of the BHP Billiton Group.

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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.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: October 15, 2015

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew
Name: Rachel Agnew
Title: Company Secretary