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BHP Welcomes Billiton Vote

The BHP Board of Directors today welcomed the result of the Billiton shareholders' vote on the proposed DLC merger with BHP. All resolutions were passed by Billiton shareholders.

BHP Chairman Don Argus said: "We are pleased with the support shown by Billiton shareholders and look forward to the BHP Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Friday where our shareholders will have the opportunity to play their part in the creation of the world's leading diversified resources group."

The implementation of the proposed DLC merger is subject to the outcome of the BHP EGM and receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

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