

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 23, 2015

**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**

**September 23, 2015**

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**  
**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**  
**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

**171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,**

**VICTORIA**

**3000 AUSTRALIA**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**BHP BILLITON PLC**  
**(REG. NO. 3196209)**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

**NEATHOUSE PLACE, LONDON,**

**UNITED KINGDOM**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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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 authorised.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: September 23, 2015

By: /s/ Margaret Taylor

Name: Margaret Taylor

Title: Group Company Secretary

23 September 2015

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To: Australian Securities Exchange  
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange  
JSE Limited

**Notice of 2016 Interim Dividend Dates**

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| <b>Name of entities</b> | BHP Billiton Limited<br>ABN 49 004 028 077 | BHP Billiton Plc<br>REG NO 3196209 |
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The proposed dates<sup>1</sup> for the 2016 Interim Dividend of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are as follows:

**2016 Interim Dividend**

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| Half Yearly Results Announcement and Dividend Determination  | 23 February 2016 |
| Last day to trade cum dividend on JSE Limited and currency conversion into RAND                                | 4 March 2016     |
| Ex-Dividend Date (Johannesburg Stock Exchange)   | 7 March 2016     |
| Ex-Dividend Date (Australian & New York <sup>2</sup> stock exchanges)  | 9 March 2016     |
| Ex-Dividend Date (London Stock Exchange)   | 10 March 2016    |
| Record Date (including currency conversion and currency election date for Australian & London stock exchanges) | 11 March 2016    |
| Payment Date   | 31 March 2016    |

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 7 and 11 March 2016 (inclusive), nor will transfers between the UK register and the South African register be permitted, between the dates of 4 March and 11 March 2016 (inclusive).

/s/ Rachel Agnew

**Rachel Agnew**

Company Secretary

<sup>1</sup> Dates are subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> 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

**BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077**

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 171 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria  
3000

**BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209**

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1LH  
United Kingdom

**The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia**