

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
April 23, 2018

**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**  
**April 21, 2018**

**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)**

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**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Release Time** IMMEDIATE

**Date** 21 April 2018

**Location** Melbourne

**Release Number** 05/18

**SAMARCO UPDATE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Federal Court in Brazil has approved an additional 66 days for Samarco Mineração S.A. (**Samarco**), Vale S.A. (**Vale**), BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (**BHP Brasil**) and the Federal Prosecutors to continue discussions on the negotiation of the framework for the settlement of the Public Civil Claims related to the Samarco dam failure. The extension will end on 25 June 2018. Until that time, the interim security arrangements and the current suspension of legal proceedings will remain in place.

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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: April 21, 2018

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew

Title: Company Secretary