

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
June 29, 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
June 28, 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)

NOVA SOUTH, 160 VICTORIA STREET

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Samarco Update

BHP has agreed to fund a total of US\$211 million (BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (**BHP Brasil**) share) in financial support for the Renova Foundation and Samarco Mineração S.A. (**Samarco**) until 31 December 2018.

An amount of US\$158 million will be used to fund the Renova Foundation to undertake the remediation and compensation programs identified under the Framework Agreement dated 2 March 2016 between Samarco, Vale S.A., BHP Brasil, and the Federal Government of Brazil, the States of Minas Gerais and Espirito Santo and other public authorities. This amount of US\$158 million will be offset against the Group's provision for the Samarco dam failure.

A short-term facility of up to US\$53 million (BHP Brasil's share) will be made available to Samarco to carry out ongoing repair works, maintain Samarco's facilities and support restart planning. Funds will be released to Samarco only as required, and subject to achievement of key milestones.

Further information on BHP can be found at: **bhp.com**

Note:

Samarco Mineração S.A. is jointly owned by BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda and Vale S.A. Our 50 per cent interest is accounted for as an equity accounted investment.

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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: June 28, 2018

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