

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â BHP BILLITON LTD		(Month/Day/Year)	PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP [HK]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/20/2011	
180 LONSDALE STREET,Â MELBOURNE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
VICTORIA 3000,Â C3Â			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value 0.001 per share	257,942,735	I	See Footnotes <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date	Expiration	Amount or	or Indirect
Exercisable	Date	Number of	(I)
		Shares	(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BHP BILLITON LTD 180 LONSDALE STREET MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000, C3	^	^ X	^	^
BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd. BHP BILLITON CENTRE 180 LONSDALE STREET MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000, C3	^	^ X	^	^
BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	^	^ X	^	^
BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	^	^ X	^	^
BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	^	^ X	^	^
North America Holdings II Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

/s/ David Williamson, Head of Group Legal & Chief Compliance Officer, BHP Billiton Limited	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Director, BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd.	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc.	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc.	08/26/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ David Powell, Vice President, North America Holdings II Inc.

08/26/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This form is a joint filing by BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP Billiton Limited ("PTY"), BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTY ("LLC"), BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc., a subsidiary jointly owned by PTY and LLC ("USA"), BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of USA ("Parent") and North America Holdings II Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub").

(2) Shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares"), of Petrohawk Energy Corporation ("Petrohawk") acquired pursuant to the tender offer effected pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 14, 2011, by and among BHP Billiton Limited, Parent, Merger Sub and Petrohawk.

(3) Shares were held by Merger Sub. As Merger Sub is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of each of BHP Billiton Limited, PTY, LLC and USA and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, each of BHP Billiton Limited, PTY, LLC, USA and Parent may be deemed to have acquired indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares.

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