

BHP BILLITON PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 23 April 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

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23 April 2003
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BHP BILLITON SETTLES 2003 COKING COAL PRICES

BHP Billiton today announced commercial terms have been settled for the majority of annually priced coking coal contracts for the year commencing 1 April 2003.

The pricing outcomes relate to the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and BHP Mitsui Coal operations in Queensland, and the BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal operations in New South Wales.

FOB returns for all brands of metallurgical coals have decreased by an average of four per cent. The lower prices reflect market conditions prevailing across most coal types.

Volumes are expected to remain steady.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: <http://www.bhpbilliton.com>

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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

Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 23 April 2003