

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
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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

January

27, 2006

BHP Billiton

Plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English) Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom
(Address of principal executive office)

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27 January 2006

To: Australian Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange

London Stock Exchange

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Foreign Currency Dividend Payments

As set out in the 2005 Notice of Annual General Meeting, BHP Billiton intends to continue its existing practice of setting the foreign currency conversion rates for dividends prior to the announcement of each dividend, and advising these rates when the dividend is announced.

If shareholders wish to alter the currency in which they receive a dividend, BHP Billiton now requires that they complete and return an appropriate election form no later than the close of business **two days prior** to the announcement of the dividend. For the forthcoming dividend, which is due to be announced on 15 February 2006, this will be the close of business on **13 February 2006**. Election forms received after this time will not apply.

Election forms may be obtained from, and should be returned to, the appropriate office of BHP Billiton's share registrar as follows:

BHP Billiton Plc

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Tel: (44 870) 889 3148

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BHP Billiton Limited

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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

Date: 27 January 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary