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DEMERGER OF BHP STEEL - LISTING OF NEW BHP BILLITON PLC SHARES

BHP Billiton confirms that 35,200,092 new ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each in BHP Billiton Plc have today been issued to those BHP Billiton Plc shareholders registered on the South African section of the register.

The new shares will rank pari passu in all respects with existing ordinary BHP Billiton Plc shares. A total of 2,468,147,002 ordinary shares are now in issue.

As a matter of record, BHP Billiton confirms that a total of 148,999,117 BHP Billiton Plc shares were issued to BHP Billiton Plc shareholders to reflect the value distributed to BHP Billiton Limited shareholders as a result of the demerger of BHP Steel.

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