

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM F-6

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

For Depository Shares Evidenced by American Depositary Receipts

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### BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(Exact name of issuer of deposited securities as specified in its charter)

**Not applicable**

(Translation of issuer's name into English)

**Victoria, Australia**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization of issuer)

**JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.**

(Exact name of depository as specified in its charter)

**4 New York Plaza, New York, NY 10004**

**Telephone (212) 552-4944**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of depository's principal executive offices)

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**Earl Moore**

**1360 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 150**

**Houston, Texas 77056**

**(713) 961-8414**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*Copy to:*

**Scott A. Ziegler, Esq.**

**Ziegler, Ziegler & Associates LLP**

**570 Lexington Avenue, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**New York, New York 10022**

**(212) 319-7600**

It is proposed that this filing become effective under Rule 466

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o on (Date) at (Time)

If a separate registration statement has been filed to register the deposited shares, check the following box. o

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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| <b>Title of each class of Securities to be registered</b>   | <b>Amount to be registered</b>         | <b>Proposed maximum aggregate price per unit(1)</b> | <b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)</b> | <b>Amount of registration fee</b> |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| American Depositary Shares evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, each American Depositary Shares representing two ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited. | 200,000,000 American Depositary Shares | \$0.05  | \$10,000,000  | \$1177                            |

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(1) Each unit represents one American Depositary Share.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Pursuant to Rule 457(k), such estimate is computed on the basis of the maximum aggregate fees or charges to be imposed in connection with the issuance of American Depositary Receipts evidencing American Depositary Shares.

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**PART I**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

The Prospectus consists of the proposed form of American Depositary Receipt ("ADR" or "American Depositary Receipt") filed as Exhibit (a)(2) to this Registration Statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**CROSS REFERENCE SHEET**

**Item 1. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED**

| <b>Item Number and Caption</b>   | <b>Location in Form of American Depositary Receipt Filed Herewith as Prospectus</b> |
|--|---|
| (1) Name and address of Depository   | Introductory paragraph  |
| (2) Title of American Depositary Receipts and identity of deposited securities   | Face of American Depositary Receipt, top center                                     |
| Terms of Deposit:  |   |
| (i) Amount of deposited securities represented by one unit of American Depositary Shares                                 | Face of American Depositary Receipt, upper right corner                             |
| (ii) Procedure for voting, if any, the deposited securities  | Paragraph (12)  |
| (iii) Collection and distribution of dividends   | Paragraphs (4), (5), (7) and (10)   |
| (iv) Transmission of notices, reports and proxy soliciting material  | Paragraphs (3), (8) and (12)  |
| (v) Sale or exercise of rights   | Paragraphs (4), (5) and (10)  |
| (vi) Deposit or sale of securities resulting from dividends, splits or plans of reorganization                           | Paragraphs (4), (5), (10) and (13)  |
| (vii) Amendment, extension or termination of the Deposit Agreement   | Paragraphs (16) and (17)  |
| (viii) Rights of holders of receipts to inspect the transfer books of the Depository and the list of Holders of receipts | Paragraph (3)   |
| (ix) Restrictions upon the right to deposit or withdraw the underlying securities  | Paragraphs (1), (2), (4), and (5)   |
| (x) Limitation upon the liability of the Depository  | Paragraph (14)  |
| (3) Fees and Charges   | Paragraph (7)   |

**Item 2. AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

| <b>Item Number and Caption</b>   | <b>Location in Form of American Depositary Receipt Filed Herewith as Prospectus</b> |
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| (b) Statement that BHP Billiton Limited is subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and, accordingly, files certain reports with the Commission, and that such reports can be inspected by holders of American Depositary Receipts and copied at public reference facilities maintained by the Commission in Washington, D.C. | Paragraph (8)   |

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 3. EXHIBITS**

- (a)(1) **Form of Deposit Agreement.** Form of Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement among BHP Billiton Ltd. (the "Company"), JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. (fka JPMorgan Chase Bank), as depositary (the "Depositary"), and all Holders from time to time of American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder. Previously filed as an Exhibit to Registration Statement No. 333-110561 which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (a)(2) **Form of ADR.** Filed herewith as Exhibit (a)(2).
- (b) **Any other agreement to which the Depositary is a party relating to the issuance of the American Depositary Shares registered hereunder or the custody of the deposited securities represented thereby.** Not Applicable.
- (c) **Every material contract relating to the deposited securities between the Depositary and the issuer of the deposited securities in effect at any time within the last three years.** Not Applicable.
- (d) **Opinion of Ziegler, Ziegler & Associates LLP, counsel to the Depositary, as to the legality of the securities being registered.** Filed herewith as Exhibit (d).
- (e) **Certification under Rule 466.** Filed herewith as Exhibit (e).
- (f) **Power of Attorney.** Included as part of the signature pages hereto.

**Item 4. UNDERTAKINGS**

- (a) The Depositary hereby undertakes to make available at the principal office of the Depositary in the United States, for inspection by holders of the American Depositary Receipts, any reports and communications received from the issuer of the deposited securities which are both (1) received by the Depositary as the holder of the deposited securities, and (2) made generally available to the holders of the underlying securities by the issuer.
  - (b) If the amounts of fees charged are not disclosed in the prospectus, the Depositary undertakes to prepare a separate document stating the amount of any fee charged and describing the service for which it is charged and to deliver promptly a copy of such fee schedule without charge to anyone upon request. The Depositary undertakes to notify each registered holder of an American Depositary Receipt thirty days before any change in the fee schedule.
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. on behalf of the legal entity created by the Deposit Agreement, certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that all the requirements for filing on Form F-6 are met and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in The City of New York, State of New York, on June 17, 2005.

Legal entity created by the form of Deposit Agreement for the issuance of  
ADRs evidencing American Depositary Shares

By: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Depositary

By: /s/ JOSEPH M. LEINHAUSER

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Name: Joseph M. Leinhauser  
Title: Vice President

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, BHP Billiton Limited certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that all the requirements for filing on Form F-6 are met and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Beijing, China on June 10, 2005.

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

By:           /s/ CHARLES W. GOODYEAR          

Name: Charles W. Goodyear  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Charles W. Goodyear, Christopher J. Lynch and Karen J. Wood, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any and all related registration statements pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Under the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons on June 10, 2005, in the capacities indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>          | <b>Title</b>            |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
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| Don R. Argus              | Chairman                |
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| /s/ CHARLES W. GOODYEAR   |                         |
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| Charles W. Goodyear       | Chief Executive Officer |
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| /s/ CHRISTOPHER J. LYNCH  |                         |
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| Christopher J. Lynch      | Chief Financial Officer |
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| /s/ MIKLOS (MIKE) SALAMON |                         |
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| Miklos (Mike) Salamon     | Executive Director      |
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| /s/ DAVID C. BRINK        |                         |
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| David C. Brink            | Non-Executive Director  |
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/s/ JOHN BUCHANAN

John Buchanan

Non-Executive Director

Michael A. Chaney

Non-Executive Director

/s/ CARLOS CORDIERO

Carlos Cordiero

Non-Executive Director

/s/ DAVID A. CRAWFORD

David A. Crawford

Non-Executive Director

/s/ DAVID A. JENKINS

David A. Jenkins

Non-Executive Director

/s/ LORD RENWICK OF CLIFTON

Lord Renwick of Clifton

Non-Executive Director

/s/ JOHN M. SCHUBERT

John M. Schubert

Non-Executive Director

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGISTRANT**

Under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of America, has signed this Registration Statement in Houston, Texas on June 10, 2005.

Authorized U.S. Representative

By: /s/ EARL K. MOORE

Name: Earl K. Moore

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