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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

June 10, 2009

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| | BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA |
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BHP BILLITON METALLURGICAL COAL PRICE NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

BHP Billiton today announced that terms for a significant portion of 2009 BHP Billiton metallurgical coal contracts have been concluded following settlements with key global customers.

Based on settlements to date, US\$ FOB prices for prime metallurgical coal products are expected to decrease by approximately 58 per cent from 2008 levels.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: 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.

Date : June 10, 2009

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

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