

BHP BILLITON LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 22, 2012

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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$5.25 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton has priced a five tranche Global Bond under its debt shelf registration statement, which has been previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Global Bond comprises US\$1,000 million Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2014 paying interest at three-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR plus 27 basis points, US\$1,000 million 1.000% Senior Notes due 2015, US\$1,250 million 1.625% Senior Notes due 2017, US\$1,000 million 2.875% Senior Notes due 2022, and US\$1,000 million 4.125% Senior Notes due 2042.

The proceeds will be used for debt refinancing, including the retirement of commercial paper, and general corporate purposes.

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Members of the BHP Billiton Group which 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 : February 22, 2012

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) BHP Billiton
Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

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