

BHP BILLITON PLC
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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

March 01, 2010

BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,
UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Company Secretariat
26 February 2010

To: JSE Limited
London Stock Exchange

Notice of Dividend Currency Exchange Rate (South African Rand) – 2010 Interim Dividend

Name of entity BHP Billiton Plc REG NO 3196209

On 10 February 2010 we announced an interim dividend for the half year ended 31 December 2009 of 42 US cents per share.

The currency exchange rate applicable for the dividend payable in South African cents to shareholders on the BHP Billiton Plc branch register is set out below*:

Dividend 42.0 US cents per share - South African cents
Exchange Rate - 7.768550
Dividend per ordinary share in local currency - 326.279100

* The exchange rates applicable to the BHP Billiton dividend being paid in other currencies will be based on the foreign currency exchange rates on the Record Date, being 5 March 2010, and announced to the market on 8 March 2010.

BHP Billiton Plc shareholders registered on the South African section of the register will not be able to dematerialise or rematerialise their shareholdings between the dates of 1 and 5 March 2010, both dates inclusive. Transfers between the UK register and the South African register will not be permitted between the dates of 26 February and 5 March 2010, both dates inclusive.

The dividend will be paid on Tuesday, 23 March 2010.

Jane McAloon
Group Company Secretary

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209
Registered in England and Wales
Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

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 : March 01, 2010

BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary