

BHP BILLITON PLC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6**

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

April

27, 2006

**BHP Billiton Plc**

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

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(Address of principal executive office)

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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

BHP Billiton announced today the appointment of Mr Ian Ashby, President and Chief Operating Officer, Western Australian Iron Ore to the BHP Billiton Executive Committee. This appointment reflects the increasing importance of Western Australian Iron Ore in the BHP Billiton portfolio by separating the management of our extensive production and development activities in Western Australia from iron ore development activities in other regions. Ian will continue to be based in Perth and will report to Chris Lynch, Group President of Carbon Steel Materials.

**Biographical details:**

Ian Ashby

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Ian has a B Eng Mining from the Melbourne University.

Joined the group in 1987 and appointed President and Chief Operating Officer for Western Australian Iron Ore in December 2004. He was previously Chief Operating Officer for BHP Billiton's Base Metals CSG based in Houston and prior to this held a number of operating and project development roles within the Base Metals and Carbon Steel Materials CSGs.

Ian is a Vice President of the Chamber of Minerals & Energy of Western Australia and a Member of AusIMM.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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## 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.

BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 27 April 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary