

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 30, 2005

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

Form 6-K

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

October 21, 2005

**BHP Billiton**

**Limited**

..... (Translation of registrant's name into English) 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Australia  
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(Address of principal executive office)

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21 October 2005

To: Australian Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange

Swiss Stock Exchange

JSE Securities Exchange SA

London Stock Exchange

Deutsche Bank  
UBS Zurich

Appointment of The Hon. E Gail de Planque

Further to our announcement on 8 September 2005 of the appointment of The Hon. E Gail de Planque as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited we now advise details of Dr de Planque's interests in BHP Billiton Limited shares.

Notification of Change of Interests of Directors and Connected Persons

(Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

Name of entities	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc
	ABN 49 004 028 077	REG NO 3196029

As part of a dual listed company structure, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited have primary or secondary listings, all those interests of directors of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Act and the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act and otherwise in accordance with the foregoing policy.

Name of director	The Hon. E Gail de Planque
Date of appointment	19 October 2005

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

<p>Number &amp; class of securities</p> <p>500 BHP Billiton Limited American Depositary Shares (ADSs) (representing 1,000 BHP Billiton Limited shares). These ADSs are registered in the name of 'NYLife Securities, Inc' a subsidiary of New York Life.</p>
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Part 2 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

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In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of securities
N/A	Nil

Part 3 - Director's interests in contracts

Detail of contract	N/A
Nature of interest	N/A
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	N/A
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	Nil

Part 4 - Contact details

Name of authorised officers <b>responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities</b>	Mr S A Butcher - BHP Billiton Limited Ms E A Hobley - BHP Billiton Plc BHP Billiton Plc
Contact details	Mr S A Butcher Tel: +61 3 9609 3323 Fax: +61 3 9609 4372  Ms E A Hobley Tel: + 44 207 802 4054 Fax: +44 207 802 3054

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria  
3000  
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Registered in England and Wales  
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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.

BHP Billiton Limited

Date: 21 October 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary