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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

April

26, 2006

BHP Billiton Plc

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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BHP BILLITON BOARD APPOINTMENTS

BHP Billiton Chairman Don Argus today announced the appointment of two additional non-executive directors, Paul Anderson and Jacques Nasser, to the BHP Billiton Board, effective 6 June 2006.

Mr Anderson was Managing Director and CEO of BHP Billiton from 1998 to 2002, and presided over the merger of BHP and Billiton in 2001. He is currently Chairman of Duke Energy having relinquished the CEO role following Duke's recent merger with Cinergy Corp.

Mr Nasser had a 33 year career with the Ford Motor Company in various leadership positions in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America and the United States. He served as CEO of Ford from 1998-2001.

Mr Argus said that both appointments would be invaluable additions to the BHP Billiton Board, bringing with them a wide range of international business skills.

"Jacques brings with him more than 30 years' experience in running large-scale global businesses and is held in high regard in business communities throughout the world.

"Paul has an extensive background in natural resources and energy and, as an architect of the merger that created BHP Billiton, has a deep understanding of the strategy behind the company's success.

"Both Jacques and Paul will be strong additions to our Board and I am delighted they have agreed to join us," Mr Argus said.

Mr Nasser resides in the United States. He is currently a Partner of One Equity Partners and is a director on the boards of News Corporation's British Sky Broadcasting, Brambles Industries and Quintiles Transnational Corporation. He is also a member of the International Advisory Board of Allianz.

Mr Anderson also resides in the United States. He is currently a director of Qantas Airways, a member of the US President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and Adjunct Professor in Global Sustainability at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia.

Mr Argus said that the appointments would bring the number of BHP Billiton directors to 14. The Group's established process of continually reviewing the mix of skills and competencies of directors will continue to ensure that the Board is made up of members best able to promote shareholder interests and effectively govern the Group.

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.

BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 26 April 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary