

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 17, 2010

**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**

September 17, 2010

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

**BHP BILLITON PLC**

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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**VICTORIA**

**3000 AUSTRALIA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:  Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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If  Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: September 17, 2010

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary



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Registered in Australia

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia

Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V 1BH UK

Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

**Part 1 Change of relevant interests in securities**

Included in this Part are:

in the case of a trust, interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust;

details of the circumstance giving rise to the relevant interest;

details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash; and

changes in the relevant interest of Connected Persons of the director.

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| <b>Direct or indirect interest</b>                                   | Direct   |
| <b>Nature of indirect interest<br/>(including registered holder)</b> | Mr Yeager has an indirect interest in 348 BHP Billiton Limited shares (held as 174 BHP Billiton Limited ADRs) held by Computershare Nominees on behalf of Shareplus participants as Acquired Shares under the scheme (Shareplus is an all-employee share purchase plan of the BHP Billiton Group). |

Mr Yeager also holds an indirect interest in 268 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited (held as 134 BHP Billiton ADRs) held by Cede & Company, and they are held on behalf of Mr Yeager as beneficial owner.

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|   | <b>No change to indirect holding.</b>   |
| <b>Date of change</b>                         | 8 September 2010                        |
| <b>No. of securities held prior to change</b> | 23,364 (Direct)                         |
| <b>Class</b>                                  | Ordinary Shares in BHP Billiton Limited |
| <b>Number acquired</b>                        | 381,373                                 |
| <b>Number disposed</b>                        | 141,101                                 |
| <b>Value/Consideration</b>                    | Exercise of 381,373 at nil cost         |

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|  | Sale of 141,101 at \$37.94   |
| <b>No. of securities held after change</b> | 263,636 (Direct)   |
| <b>Nature of change</b>                    | The acquisition of 325,000 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited following the exercise of Performance Shares under the 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan and 56,373 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited following the exercise of Deferred Shares under the 2008 Group Incentive Scheme. In addition, an on-market sale of 141,101 ordinary shares on the Australian Securities Exchange, made in order to meet expected tax obligations. |

Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under

dividend reinvestment plan, participation in  
buy-back

**Any additional information**

**Part 2 Change of interests in contracts other than as described in Part 3**

Included in this Part are:

only details of a contract in relation to which the interest has changed; and

details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash.

**Detail of contract**

**Nature of interest**

**Name of registered holder**

**(if issued securities)**

**No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change**

**Interest acquired**

**Interest disposed**

**Value/Consideration**

**Interest after change**

**Part 3 Change of interests in options or other rights granted by the entities**

Included in this Part are only details of options or other rights granted which have changed, save for the total number of securities over which options or other rights are held following this notification.

**Date of grant**

**Period during which or date on which exercisable**

**Total amount paid (if any) for the grant**

**Description of securities involved:**

**class; number**

**Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise**



**Part 3 Change of interests in options or other rights granted by the entities (cont d)**

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| <b>Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice</b> | 29,877  | maximum number Deferred Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited) under the GIS                              |
|  | 757,702 | maximum number of Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited) under the LTIP                       |
|  | 348     | maximum number of Matched Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited, held as 86 Limited ADRs) under Shareplus |
|  | 787,927 | Total   |

**Any additional information** This notification is in respect of an exercise of vested 2005 Performance Shares (325,000) under the BHP Billiton Limited Long Term Incentive Plan and the exercise of vested 2008 Deferred Shares (56,373) under the BHP Billiton Limited Group Incentive Scheme.

**Part 4 Contact details**

**Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities** Fiona Smith BHP Billiton Limited

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