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**BHP BILLITON ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL EUROBOND**

BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified natural resources company, announced today the launch of its inaugural Eurobond. The launch follows an extensive pan-European road show to market the bond. The bond is to be documented under the company's recently launched Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) programme.

BHP Billiton's Chief Financial Officer, Chris Lynch commented, "The great success of this issue in such volatile market conditions, illustrates the strength of the BHP Billiton credit story. The bond was well supported and attracted a geographically diverse and high quality order book. The issue size of Euro 750 million should ensure sufficient liquidity in the bond and contributes significantly to the BHP Billiton Group's objective of diversifying its funding sources."

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