

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
April 11, 2003

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 11 April 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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

Date:

11 April 2003  
Number: 11/03

BHP BILLITON INTENDS TO ISSUE INAUGURAL GLOBAL BOND

BHP Billiton today announced its intention to issue an inaugural global bond. The Company is looking to raise US\$750 million with a maturity of 10 years, the proceeds of which will be used to repay existing debt and for general corporate purposes. The bonds, to be raised in US\$, have been registered with the SEC and application will be made for the listing of the bonds on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The issuer of the notes will be BHP Billiton Finance (USA) Ltd and the notes will be guaranteed by BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited. BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited are both rated by Standard & Poor's as A (positive outlook) and by Moody's as A2 (stable outlook).

The joint book runners for the issue are Citigroup and J.P. Morgan.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: <http://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 LIMITED

/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date: 11 April 2003