

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
March 25, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

March 24, 2011

| <u>Commission File Number</u> | <u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u> |
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| | BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA |
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| - | BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM |
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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.

Company Secretariat

24 March 2011

To:
Australian Securities Exchange
London Stock Exchange

cc:
New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

Appointment of Lindsay Maxsted

Further to the announcement on 23 March 2011 advising of the appointment of Lindsay Maxsted as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited with effect from 23 March 2011 we now advise details of Mr Maxsted's interests in BHP Billiton shares:

Notification of Initial Interests of Directors and Connected Persons
(Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

Name of entities
BHP Billiton Limited
ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc
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 Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Acts and the Group's Securities Dealing document.

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.

Name of director
Lindsay Maxsted

Date of appointment
23 March 2011

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

Number & class of securities
Nil

Part 2 – Director’s relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

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
Nil

Part 3 – Director’s interests in contracts

Detail of contract
Nil

Nature of interest
N/A

Name of registered holder (if issued securities)
N/A

No. and class of securities to which interest relates
N/A

Part 4 - Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities

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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

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.

Date : March 24, 2011

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary