

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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**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 2, 2005

**BHP Billiton Limited**

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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL & EXCELLENCE OFFICER

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BHP Billiton announced today the appointment of Mr Marcus Randolph to the position of Chief

Human Capital & Excellence Officer. Mr Randolph replaces Mr Ian Fraser, formerly Group Vice President - Human Resources. In this role Mr Randolph will have responsibility for Human Resources, Business Excellence and Information Technology and will join the Office of the Chief Executive.

Mr Randolph joined BHP Billiton in 1999 and became President of Diamonds and Specialty

Products in 2002. Mr Randolph is very familiar with all of BHP Billiton's businesses, having been a member of the Executive Committee since 2001. As a result, he has direct, first hand experience in talent identification, people development and succession planning and the role that the Company's employees play in creating an excellent, high performing and sustainable organisation.

Commenting on the appointment, BHP Billiton's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chip Goodyear, said:

"Marcus' operating experience combined with the knowledge he brings as a senior manager in our organisation make him the ideal candidate for this role. This appointment will allow us to continue strengthening our focus on the recruitment, development and retention of our most valuable asset - our people. Business Excellence and Information Technology are the critical tools for streamlining processes and sharing excellence within the Company. Combining these functions highlights the importance of people and the essential role they play in bringing excellence to overall business performance at BHP Billiton."

Mr Randolph's appointment will be effective immediately.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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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

Date: 2 September 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary