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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

December 15, 2014

BHP BILLITON LIMITED (ABN 49 004 028 077)

BHP BILLITON PLC (REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Company Secretariat

12 December 2014

To: Australian Securities Exchange¹ London Stock Exchange cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

Appointments of Company Secretary

We advise that on 12 December 2014 Rachel Agnew was appointed as Company Secretary of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc. Ms Agnew will report to the President, Governance and Group Company Secretary. Ms Agnew s appointment coincides with the resignation of Nicole Duncan from the position of Company Secretary following her appointment as Chief Legal Officer and Company Secretary-elect of the demerged entity, South32 Limited.

Also on 12 December 2014, Ms Megan Pepper and Ms Kate Griffiths were appointed as company secretaries of BHP Billiton Limited.

Jane McAloon

President Governance and Group Company Secretary

¹ This release was made outside the hours of operation of the ASX market announcements office.

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 171 Collins Street Melbourne

Victoria 3000

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London

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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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 15 December 2014 By: Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew Title: Company Secretary