

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 28, 2018

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,

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(Address of principal executive offices)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

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

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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NEWS RELEASE

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BHP completes sale of Fayetteville Onshore US assets

BHP has completed the sale of its Fayetteville Onshore US gas assets to a wholly owned subsidiary of Merit Energy Company (**Merit**). Merit acquired 100% of the issued share capital of BHP Billiton Petroleum (Arkansas) Inc. and 100% of the membership interests in BHP Billiton Petroleum (Fayetteville) LLC, which hold the Fayetteville assets, for a total consideration of US\$0.3 billion.

Completion of the sale of BHP's interests in the Eagle Ford, Haynesville and Permian Onshore US oil and gas assets to BP American Production Company (a subsidiary of BP Plc) is expected to occur by the end of October 2018. Completion of that sale is subject to the satisfaction of customary regulatory approvals and conditions precedent.

About the Fayetteville Onshore US assets

The Fayetteville production operation is located in north central Arkansas and consists of approximately 258,000 net acres¹. In the 2018 financial year Fayetteville produced 13.3 million barrels of oil equivalent (79.9 billion cubic feet of gas).

Further information on BHP can be found at: **bhp.com**

¹ BHP Annual Report 2018

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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: September 28, 2018

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew

Title: Company Secretary