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BHP BILLITON LODGES BIDDER'S STATEMENT FOR WMC RESOURCES LTD

BHP Billiton today lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission the Bidder's Statement for its cash offer of A\$7.85 per share for the entire issued capital of WMC Resources Ltd (WMC).

BHP Billiton intends to mail both the Bidder's Statement and WMC's Target's Statement to WMC shareholders from 29 March 2005.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site:
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FURTHER INFORMATION FOR U.S. HOLDERS

BHP Billiton will file the Bidder's Statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under cover of Form CB. Investors and holders of WMC securities are strongly advised to read the Bidder's Statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. Investors and holders of WMC securities may obtain free copies of the informational document (when available), as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. WMC will issue a target's statement in connection with the offer which investors and holders of WMC securities are strongly advised to read.

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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 PLC

/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:22 March 2005