

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

August 23, 2007

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

3000 AUSTRALIA

(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)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Issued by: BHP Billiton Plc

BHP Billiton Limited

To:
London Stock Exchange
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JSE Limited
Swiss Stock Exchange
Deutsche Bank
UBS Zurich

Date: 23 August 2007

For Release: Immediately

BHP BILLITON PLC - TRANSACTION IN SHARES

BHP Billiton Plc announces that, further to the resolution approved at the AGM held on 26 October 2006 relating to the reduction of share capital in BHP Billiton Plc by the cancellation of all the shares held by BHP Billiton Limited on 30 June 2007, 18,786,714 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc were cancelled on 23 August 2007 and a sum of US\$9,393,357 being equal to the reduction in share capital, was transferred to a special reserve. The total number of shares cancelled under the authorities granted at the AGM currently amounts to 140,121,714.

Following the above transaction, BHP Billiton Plc holds 24,910,000 of its ordinary shares as treasury shares and BHP Billiton Limited holds 37,511,714 of the ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc, for a total of 62,421,714 shares. The total number of BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held as treasury shares and shares held by BHP Billiton Limited) is 2,265,603,574.

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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: 23 August 2007

By: Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon
Title: Group Company Secretary