

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
April 16, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 15 April 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Date 15 April 2003
Number 12/03

BHP BILLITON SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES US\$850 MILLION GLOBAL BOND

BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified natural resources company, announced today the successful launch of its 10 year Global Bond. The proceeds from the issue, which was expanded from US\$750 million to US\$850 million due to strong demand, will be used to repay existing debt and for general corporate purposes.

BHP Billiton's Chief Financial Officer, Chris Lynch, commented, "The success of this issue in terms of the expanded size, the quality of the book and the pricing achieved again illustrates the strength of the BHP Billiton credit story. This is the first issue in the US market for the combined BHP Billiton Group, and following on from the success of our inaugural Eurobond in October 2002, will further our objective of diversifying funding sources."

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. A written prospectus meeting the requirements of section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 may be obtained from the joint book runners, Citigroup at 390 Greenwich Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10013 or J.P. Morgan at 270 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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

/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date: 15 April 2003