BHP BILLITON LTD Form 6-K August 28, 2007

# 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 24, 2007

## **BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

# **BHP BILLITON PLC**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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3000 AUSTRALIA

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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#### CORRECTION

The announcement of 23 August 2007 relating to the reduction in share capital of BHP Billiton Plc contained an error: BHP Billiton Limited was quoted as holding 37,511,714 of the ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc following the cancellation. The correct number of shares held by BHP Billiton Limited is 18,725,000, consequently the total number of treasury shares held by BHP Billiton Plc together with shares held by BHP Billiton Limited is 43,635,000, and the the number of BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held as treasury shares and shares held by BHP Billiton Limited) is 2,284,390,288. A replacement announcement is set out below.

Issued by: BHP Billiton Plc
BHP Billiton Limited

To: London Stock Exchange Australian Securities Exchange

Cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited
Swiss Stock Exchange
Deutsche Bank
UBS Zurich

Date: J4 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

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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 18,725,000 of the ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc, for a total of 43,635,000 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 2,284,390,288.

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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: 24 August 2007 By: Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary