

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

December 19, 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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Date: 19 December 2007

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**BHP BILLITON FINANCE B.V. - PUBLICATION OF PROSPECTUS**

The following Prospectus has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and is available for viewing:

Prospectus relating to the U.S.\$5,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of BHP Billiton Finance Limited and BHP Billiton Finance B.V., guaranteed (in respect of Notes issued by BHP Billiton Finance Limited) by BHP Billiton Limited and (in respect of Notes issued by BHP Billiton Finance B.V.) by BHP Billiton Plc.

To view the full Prospectus, plus the documents referred to therein, please paste the following URLs into the address bar of your browser.

- the prospectus relating to a US\$5 billion European Medium Term Note programme

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by BHP Billiton Finance Limited and BHP Billiton Finance B.V.;

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- the audited annual financial statements of BHP Billiton Finance Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2006;

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- the 2007 BHP Billiton Annual Report.

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**BHP Billiton Finance B.V. Registered Number**

**27154589**

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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: 19 December 2007

By: Jane McAloon

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Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary