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Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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November 16, 2011

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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$3.0 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton announced today that it has priced a three tranche Global Bond under its debt shelf registration statement, which has been previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Global Bond comprises US\$1,000 million 1.125% Senior Notes due 2014, US\$750 million 1.875% Senior Notes due 2016, and US\$1,250 million 3.250% Senior Notes due 2021.

The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including the retirement of commercial paper.

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 prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. Offers and sales will only be made pursuant to a written prospectus and prospectus supplement, copies of which may be obtained from the joint book runners, Barclays Capital Inc., c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717, 1-888-693-5847 and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179, +1-212-834-4533.

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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 (ABN 49 004 028 077) BHP Billiton

Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

Date: November 16, 2011

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

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