

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 12, 2009

| <u>Commission File Number</u> | <u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u> |
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|  | BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)<br>180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA<br>3000 AUSTRALIA |
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APPOINTMENT OF HUBIE VAN DALSEN AS PRESIDENT METALLURGICAL COAL

BHP Billiton announced today that it has appointed Hubrecht (Hubie) van Dalsen as President Metallurgical Coal, effective 2 February 2009.

Mr van Dalsen was until recently the Managing Director Coal Australia for Rio Tinto, where he has spent almost 20 years in various operational, business development, project development, finance and executive leadership roles.

BHP Billiton Chief Executive Ferrous and Coal Marcus Randolph today welcomed Mr van Dalsen to the executive team.

"Hubie has a long and distinguished career in the mining industry and his depth of knowledge and experience will be an asset to the company. I look forward to working with him to further develop and enhance our metallurgical coal business".

Mr van Dalsen will be based in Brisbane.

Dave Murray, who has been acting as President, Metallurgical Coal and Energy Coal, will remain President, Energy Coal.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

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Registered in Australia

Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

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.

Date : February 12, 2009

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary