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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

March 18, 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) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA |
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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$3.25 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton announced today that it has priced a two 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\$1,500 million 5.5% Senior Notes due 2014 and US\$1,750 million 6.5% Senior Notes due 2019.

The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

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A member of the BHP Billiton group which 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.

Date : March 18, 2009

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

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