

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
July 14, 2015

**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**  
**July 14, 2015**

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

**171 COLLINS 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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To: Australian Securities Exchange  
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**SIR JOHN BUCHANAN**

It is with profound sadness that the Board of BHP Billiton advises of the passing of Sir John Buchanan yesterday. Sir John served as a Non-Executive Director of BHP Billiton from 2003 up until the time of his death, and was the Senior Independent Director of BHP Billiton Plc.

BHP Billiton Chairman, Jac Nasser, paid tribute to Sir John.

Sir John provided wise counsel to his fellow Directors and to management, and made an invaluable contribution to BHP Billiton. We have lost a highly respected and esteemed colleague who was greatly admired by those who worked with him.

The Directors extend their deepest sympathy to the family of Sir John.

**Rachel Agnew**  
Company Secretary

**BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077**  
Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 171 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria  
3000

**BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209**  
Registered in England and Wales  
Registered Office: Neathouse Place, London SW1V  
1LH United Kingdom

**The BHP Billiton Group 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.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: July 14, 2015

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew  
Name: Rachel Agnew  
Title: Company Secretary