

BHP BILLITON PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of

5 December 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

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London SW1V 1BH

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Date 5 December 2003

Number 38/03

REVIEW LEADS TO SELECTION OF SINGLE AUDITOR

BHP Billiton today announced that its Risk Management and Audit Committee had completed a review of its external audit services. At the 2003 Annual General Meetings BHP Billiton announced that it was undertaking a review of its joint audit arrangements.

As part of the review, proposals were invited from PWC and KPMG, the Company's current joint auditors, on ways to enhance the efficiency of the audit going forward.

BHP Billiton said that on the recommendation of the Committee, the Board had resolved that the audit could be more efficiently undertaken by a single audit firm. KPMG, one half of the existing joint audit team, has been selected to continue as auditor.

The Board expressed its appreciation to PWC for its service.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: <http://www.bhpbilliton.com>

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SIGNATURES

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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 Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

5 December 2003