

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

26 November 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

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I advise the following results of the business conducted at the meetings of shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited ("Limited") held on 22 October 2004 and BHP Billiton Plc ("Plc") held on 25 November 2004.

The final proxy position for each company (excluding the proxy votes carried from one meeting to the other meeting by the Special Voting Shares) is detailed in Appendix 1. As required by the Dual Listed Companies Structure, a poll was conducted on each of the proposed resolutions. Because of the nature of that Structure, the poll results for each company on Joint Electorate Actions are identical.

The poll results were:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Votes Abstained</u>	<u>Result</u>
1. Receipt of Financial Statements and Reports of BHP Billiton Limited (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,483,949,138	3,365,409	140,985,551	Carried
2. Receipt of Financial Statements and Reports of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary	3,485,559,214	3,431,640	139,004,448	Carried

resolution and Joint Electorate Action)				
3. Re-election of Mr D R Argus as a director of BHP Billiton Limited (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,584,892,413	32,461,655	14,470,776	Carried
4. Re-election of Mr D R Argus as a director of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,579,584,626	37,507,466	14,318,431	Carried
5. Re-election of Mr D A Crawford as a director of BHP Billiton Limited (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,546,579,112	75,247,195	73,052,648	Carried
6. Re-election of Mr D A Crawford as a director of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,485,627,518	72,527,896	73,235,969	Carried
7. Re-election of Mr C W Goodyear as a director of BHP Billiton Limited (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,592,152,472	29,973,159	30,967,030	Carried
8. Re-election of Mr C W Goodyear as a director of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,592,251,065	29,346,029	31,360,864	Carried
9. Re-election of Dr J M Schubert as a director of BHP Billiton Limited (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,561,751,374	37,192,431	46,905,256	Carried
10. Re-election of Dr J M Schubert as a director of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary	3,547,506,321	36,579,221	47,014,577	Carried

resolution and Joint Electorate Action)				
11. To re-appoint the auditors of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,584,310,295	14,750,610	16,047,056	Carried
12. To renew the Directors' authority to allot shares in BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,197,147,824	412,588,684	22,032,572	Carried
13. To renew the disapplication of pre-emption rights in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,417,024,810	197,050,333	17,581,352	Carried
14. To approve the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,602,800,784	9,117,903	19,866,781	Carried
15. To approve the Remuneration Report (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,489,660,907	64,860,141	77,177,367	Carried
16. To approve the amended Group Incentive Scheme (GIS) (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,505,381,959	70,350,650	55,091,687	Carried
17. To approve the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,454,536,255	109,060,035	67,217,486	Carried
18. To approve grants under the amended GIS and the LTIP to Mr C W Goodyear (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)	3,475,755,531	101,500,457	53,541,374	Carried
19. To approve grants under the amended GIS and the LTIP	3,474,968,927	101,983,993	53,837,827	Carried

to Mr M Salamon (an ordinary resolution and Joint Electorate Action)

K J Wood  
Company Secretary

BHP Billiton Limited & BHP Billiton Plc

Final Proxy Position

	<u>BHP Billiton</u> <u>Limited</u>	<u>BHP Billiton</u> <u>Plc</u>
1. Receipt of Financial Statements and Reports of BHP Billiton Limited		
⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,809,828,380	1,818,548,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,560,675,823	1,772,285,289
◆ was to vote against the resolution	1,606,585	1,715,909
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	102,832,366	38,153,185
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	144,713,606	6,393,693

## 2. Receipt of Financial Statements and Reports of BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,809,826,856	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,561,989,616	1,772,288,234
◆ was to vote against the resolution	1,660,726	1,715,909
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	100,848,495	38,155,953
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	145,328,019	6,392,980

## 3. Re-election of Mr D R Argus as a director of BHP Billiton Limited

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,339,227	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,654,824,869	1,785,011,703
◆ was to vote against the resolution	10,224,691	15,760,097
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	3,096,157	11,374,619

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◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	145,193,510	6,406,657
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<u>Limited</u>	<u>Plc</u>

4. Re-election of Mr D R Argus as a director of BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,339,227	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,653,665,826	1,780,736,039
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◆ was to vote against the resolution	10,679,442	20,323,400
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◆ was to abstain on the resolution	3,226,769	11,091,662
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◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	145,767,190	6,401,975
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5. Re-election of Mr D A Crawford as a director of BHP Billiton Limited

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly	1,813,325,034	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,641,204,335	1,696,688,802
◆ was to vote against the resolution	22,910,517	45,984,867
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	3,577,920	69,474,728
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	145,632,262	6,404,679

6. Re-election of Mr D A Crawford as a director of BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed

	1,813,338,227	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,640,324,526	1,699,692,287
◆ was to vote against the resolution	22,980,430	42,984,086
	3,761,241	69,474,728



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◆ was to abstain on the resolution

146,272,030 6,401,975

◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion

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7. Re-election of Mr C W Goodyear as a director of BHP Billiton Limited

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed

1,813,331,218 1,818,553,076

⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution

1,654,013,470 1,764,871,693

◆ was to vote against the resolution

10,269,169 19,592,481

◆ was to abstain on the resolution

3,284,307 27,682,723

◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion

145,764,272 6,406,179

8. Re-election of Mr C W Goodyear as a director of BHP Billiton Plc

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⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,342,345	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,653,866,038	1,764,874,833
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◆ was to vote against the resolution	9,920,783	19,307,954
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◆ was to abstain on the resolution	3,392,550	27,968,314
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◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	146,162,974	6,401,975
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9. Election of Dr J M Schubert as a director of BHP Billiton Limited

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,344,411	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,621,653,583	1,773,813,748
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◆ was to vote against the resolution	19,206,318	17,880,249
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◆ was to abstain on the resolution	26,450,447	20,454,809
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	146,034,063	6,404,270

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10. Election of Dr J M Schubert as a director of BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,075,819	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,620,722,303	1,773,816,218
◆ was to vote against the resolution	18,585,229	17,881,122
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	26,560,816	20,453,761
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	147,207,471	6,401,975

11. To re-appoint the auditors of BHP Billiton Plc

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⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,342,985	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,662,596,611	1,768,721,352
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◆ was to vote against the resolution	1,339,106	30,073,811
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◆ was to abstain on the resolution	2,687,055	13,360,001
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◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	146,720,213	6,397,912
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12. To renew the Directors' authority to allot shares in BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,336,676	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,621,953,026	1,421,905,020
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◆ was to vote against the resolution	32,326,888	380,009,175
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◆ was to abstain on the resolution	11,792,880	10,239,692
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	147,263,882	6,399,189

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13. To renew the disapplication of pre-emption rights in BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,301,301	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,634,783,511	1,628,425,434
◆ was to vote against the resolution	17,349,549	179,406,472
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	13,265,697	4,315,655
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	147,902,544	6,405,515

## 14. To approve the re-purchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,333,081	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,651,220,235	1,798,116,625
◆ was to vote against the resolution	5,074,388	3,809,261
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	9,636,493	10,230,288
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	147,401,965	6,396,902

## 15. To approve the Remuneration Report

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,813,337,884	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,640,274,406	1,696,354,253
	18,106,858	46,440,888

◆ was to vote against the resolution	7,821,256	69,356,111
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	147,135,364	6,401,824
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion		

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16. To approve the amended Group Incentive Scheme (GIS)

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,812,787,691	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,598,780,844	1,754,001,829
◆ was to vote against the resolution	59,387,121	10,622,113
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	7,565,637	47,526,050
	147,054,089	6,403,084

◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion

17. To approve the Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,812,785,055	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		
◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,606,675,585	1,695,199,295
◆ was to vote against the resolution	51,518,065	57,268,608
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	7,535,929	59,681,557
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	147,055,476	6,403,616

18. To approve the grants under the amended GIS and the LTIP to Mr C W Goodyear

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,812,784,810	1,818,553,076
⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -		



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◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,608,874,867	1,715,474,464
◆ was to vote against the resolution	50,810,954	50,098,472
◆ was to abstain on the resolution	6,980,232	46,561,142
◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion	146,118,757	6,418,998

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19. To approve the grants under the amended GIS and the LTIP to Mr M Salamon

⇒ Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,811,270,780	1,818,553,076
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⇒ Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy -

◆ was to vote for the resolution	1,606,485,711	1,715,482,692
◆ was to vote against the resolution	51,275,001	50,090,065
	7,273,546	46,564,281

◆ was to abstain on the resolution

146,236,522

6,416,038

◆ may vote at the proxy's discretion

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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.

BHP BILLITON

LIMITED  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date:

26 November 2004