

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 14, 2008

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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

May 14, 2008

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

**180 LONSDALE 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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### **BHP BILLITON PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS ON ITS FUTURE GROWTH PROFILE**

Marius Kloppers, Chief Executive Officer of BHP Billiton, spoke at the Merrill Lynch Global Mining conference in Florida on Tuesday, 13 May 2008. During his presentation, he reviewed BHP Billiton's strategy of focussing on tier 1, low-cost and long-life assets. He also highlighted the Group's scale and diversification as well as its focus on high margin commodities both in its current production profile and future development pipeline.

As part of his speech, he went on to outline BHP Billiton's superior potential for growth relative to Rio Tinto. Over the period between 2007 and 2012, BHP Billiton's compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is expected to be 6.9 per cent on a copper equivalent volume basis. On a comparable basis, Rio Tinto is expected to deliver a CAGR of around 6 per cent. More importantly BHP Billiton's growth is driven by higher margin commodities such as petroleum and iron ore.

For further information please refer to Marius Kloppers' presentation at the Merrill Lynch Global Mining conference.

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

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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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 14 May 2008

By: Jane McAloon

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Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary