

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
April 23, 2018

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
April 21, 2018

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)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SAMARCO UPDATE

The 12th Federal Court in Brazil has approved an additional 66 days for Samarco Mineração S.A. (**Samarco**), Vale S.A. (**Vale**), BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda (**BHP Brasil**) and the Federal Prosecutors to continue discussions on the negotiation of the framework for the settlement of the Public Civil Claims related to the Samarco dam failure. The extension will end on 25 June 2018. Until that time, the interim security arrangements and the current suspension of legal proceedings will remain in place.

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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: April 21, 2018

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew

Title: Company Secretary