

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May

9, 2006

**BHP Billiton Plc**

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

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(Address of principal executive office)

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## SALE OF SOUTHERN CROSS FERTILISERS

BHP Billiton announced today that it has entered into an agreement for the sale of Southern Cross Fertilisers Pty Ltd (SCF) to Incitec Pivot Limited.

SCF produces high-analysis phosphate fertilisers from its facilities in northern Queensland and was originally acquired by BHP Billiton as part of the acquisition of WMC Resources Limited (WMC). The WMC fertilisers business was identified as a non-core asset at the time of the acquisition and its sale follows the earlier sale of SCF's one third interest in Hi-Fert Pty Ltd in December 2005.

Completion of the transaction is expected to occur during July 2006, following the conclusion of SCF's scheduled triennial major maintenance outage, with the final consideration subject to working capital adjustments, if any. Completion is subject to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission not opposing the sale.

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

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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 Plc

Date: 9 May 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

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