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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS VICE PRESIDENT INVESTOR RELATIONS
AND COMMUNICATIONS

BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified natural resources company, today announced the appointment of Mark Lidiard as Vice President of Investor Relations and Communications. Mr Lidiard is presently Head of Investor Relations at Powergen plc.

Mr Lidiard will be based at the Group's Corporate Centre in London and will report to Chip Goodyear, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer.

Mr Goodyear said: "Mark is joining at a key time in the evolution of BHP Billiton. The Group's communications activities are a critical element in maximising the performance of our organisation. Major activities for the year ahead include optimising our communications with our internal and external constituencies and communicating the unique investment aspects of BHP Billiton to our worldwide investor base.

"In addition, Mark and his team will be a critical conduit to bring feedback from our constituencies into the strategic process and management decision-making at BHP Billiton. Mark's success at Powergen and his knowledge of the investment marketplace make him an excellent addition to our team and an ideal candidate for this position."

Mr Lidiard said: "BHP Billiton has taken a leadership position in a vastly restructured industry. The Group's existing position and substantial growth profile make this an outstanding opportunity. Communication will be critical to the overall effectiveness of the organisation. As a global organisation we must coordinate how we develop and disseminate the important characteristics of BHP Billiton. I look forward to working with the team to make this happen."

Mr Lidiard will join BHP Billiton following completion of the acquisition of Powergen by E.ON.

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LIDIARD, Mark T

Vice President Investor Relations and Communications
BHP Billiton, 2002

Career

Head of Investor Relations, Powergen plc 2000-02;
Assistant Group Treasurer/Head of Project Finance,
Powergen plc 1997-99; Project Finance Manager, Powergen
plc 1995-97; Project Finance Manager, George Wimpey plc
1992-1994; Analyst, Wimpey Construction Developments
1990-1992; Field Seismologist, Seismograph Services 1987-
1990.

Committees, industry bodies & professional associations

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BHP Billiton Investment Review Committee; Member of Investor Relations Society.

Personal

Born: January 12, 1966
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Family: Married, two children.
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