

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**

February 7, 2008

BHP Billiton Plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive office)

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BHP BILLITON PLC - REDUCTION IN SHARE CAPITAL

BHP Billiton Plc announces that, further to the resolution approved at the AGM held on 25 October 2007 relating to the reduction of share capital in BHP Billiton Plc by the cancellation of all the shares held by BHP Billiton Limited on 31 December 2007, 25,515,350 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc were cancelled today and a sum of US\$12,757,675 being equal to the reduction in share capital, was transferred to a special reserve. The total number of shares cancelled under the authorities granted at the AGM currently amounts to 237,025,800.

Following the above transaction, BHP Billiton Plc holds 24,113,658 of its ordinary shares as treasury shares and BHP Billiton Limited no longer holds any ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc. The total number of BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held as treasury shares) is 2,207,007,544.

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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: 7 February 2008

By: Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon
Title: Group Company Secretary