

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
February 29, 2012

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 29, 2012

| <u>Commission File Number</u> | <u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u> |
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|  | BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)<br>180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA<br>3000 AUSTRALIA |
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PETROHAWK FORM 10-K FILING WITH SEC

BHP Billiton confirms that Petrohawk Energy Corporation (Petrohawk) has filed its 2011 Form-10K with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as required to comply with its obligations under certain of its Financial Agreements (as defined in its filing) which remain outstanding following the acquisition by BHP Billiton Limited.

Petrohawk's financial statements are prepared utilising United States accounting standards whereas BHP Billiton financial statements are prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards and include the impact of the purchase price paid for Petrohawk. BHP Billiton purchased Petrohawk on 20 August 2011 and therefore only consolidates its activities in its financial statements from that date.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: [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.

Date : February 29, 2012

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) BHP Billiton  
Plc (REG. NO. 3196209)

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