

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

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

For the Date of

10 February 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Date 10 February 2004  
Number 09/04

**BHP BILLITON SETTLES 2004 COKING COAL PRICES**

BHP Billiton today announced it had settled commercial terms for the majority of annually priced coking coal contracts relating to the BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and BHP Mitsui Coal operations in Queensland, and the BHP Billiton Illawarra Coal operations in New South Wales.

- FOB (\$US) returns for all brands of metallurgical coals have increased by an average of 28 per cent. Sales volumes are expected to remain strong over the course of the contract period, commencing 1 April 2004.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: <http://www.bhpbilliton.com>

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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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

/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date:

10 February 2004