

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 19, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6-K**

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

December 5, 2005

**BHP Billiton Limited**

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(Address of principal executive office)

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5 December 2005

To:  
Australian Stock Exchange  
London Stock Exchange

PETROLEUM GULF OF MEXICO OPERATIONS

Following a report in today's edition of the Australian Financial Review I refer to the news release lodged with stock exchanges on 13 October 2005 titled 'BHP Billiton's Update on US Gulf of Mexico Operations'. A copy of the presentation given by BHP Billiton Group President Energy, Phil Aiken on Friday 2 December can be found on our website at [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

Karen Wood  
Company Secretary

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Registered in Australia  
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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

Date: 5 December 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary