

BHP BILLITON PLC
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May 19, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

19 May 2005

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

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Date 19 May 2005
Number 21/05

TRANSITION TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)
BHP BILLITON RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

BHP Billiton advises that results for the half year ended 31 December 2004, and balance sheet as at 30 June 2004 have been prepared under IFRS.

Application of IFRS has no impact on BHP Billiton's strategy or cash flows. The majority of IFRS have little or no impact on either the Group's financial results as previously reported under UKGAAP, or existing accounting policies.

For the half year ended 31 December 2004, net profit under IFRS of US\$2.827 billion was US\$70 million higher than under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (UKGAAP).

At 31 December 2004, IFRS attributable shareholders equity was US\$14.336 billion, US\$10 million lower than under UKGAAP.

Details of the Group's IFRS results, and explanations of differences to those previously reported under UKGAAP are available at www.bhpbilliton.com.

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

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

Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

19 May 2005