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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

May 30, 2008

BHP BILLITON LIMITED BHP BILLITON PLC (REG. NO. 3196209)

(ABN 49 004 028 077) (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

> VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA (Address of principal executive offices) (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM (Address of principal executive offices)

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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: 30 May 2008

By: Jane McAloon

Name:

Jane McAloon

Title:

Group Company Secretary