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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 29 March 2005

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration number 3196209

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BHP BILLITON DISPATCHES BIDDER'S STATEMENT FOR WMC RESOURCES LTD

BHP Billiton commenced mailing the Bidder's Statement, together with WMC Resources Ltd's Target's Statement, to WMC Resources Ltd's shareholders today. The key dates for the offer are as follows:

Date of Offer 29 March 2005
Closing Date of Offer* 7.30 pm (Melbourne time) on 6 May 2005

*This date is indicative only and may change as permitted by the Australian Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

A copy of the Bidder's Statement as sent to WMC Resources Ltd's shareholders is attached.

BHP Billiton also advises that all filings required under the U.S. Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 have been made and all applicable waiting periods under that Act have expired. Accordingly, the condition set out in clause 5.1(c) of the Bidder's Statement has been fulfilled.

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

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FURTHER INFORMATION FOR U.S. HOLDERS

BHP Billiton has filed the Bidder's Statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under cover of Form CB. Investors and holders of WMC Resources securities are strongly advised to read the Bidder's Statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. Investors and holders of WMC Resources securities may obtain free copies of the informational document (when available), as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. WMC Resources has issued a target's statement in connection with the offer which investors and holders of WMC Resources securities are strongly advised to read.

This communication is for information purposes only. It shall not constitute an offer to purchase, sell or exchange or the solicitation of an offer to purchase, sell or exchange any securities of WMC Resources. The distribution of this communication may, in some countries, be restricted by law or regulation. Accordingly, persons who come into possession of this document should inform themselves of and observe these restrictions.

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: 29 March 2005