

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
November 06, 2015

**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**  
**November 6, 2015**

<b>BHP BILLITON LIMITED</b> <b>(ABN 49 004 028 077)</b> <b>(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)</b>	<b>BHP BILLITON PLC</b> <b>(REG. NO. 3196209)</b> <b>(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)</b>
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**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

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**Release Time**       IMMEDIATE  
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**INCIDENT AT SAMARCO**

BHP Billiton understands that a serious incident has occurred at Samarco Mineração S.A.'s iron ore operation in Minas Gerais, Brazil. BHP Billiton holds a 50% interest in that entity. Samarco Mineração S.A. is the operator.

BHP Billiton is concerned for the safety of employees and the local community.

We are in the process of obtaining more details from Samarco Mineração S.A.

We will provide updated information on the situation as soon as we are in a position to do so.

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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: November 6, 2015

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew  
Name: Rachel Agnew  
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