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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

September 21, 2016

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

BHP BILLITON PLC (REG. NO. 3196209)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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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: September 21, 2016 By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew Title: Company Secretary

NEWS RELEASE

Release Time IMMEDIATE

Date 21 September 2016

Release Number 22/16

CHANGES TO THE BHP BILLITON BOARD & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

BHP Billiton Chairman, Jac Nasser, today announced that John Schubert will retire from the Board at the conclusion of the BHP Billiton Limited Annual General Meeting in November 2016.

Dr Schubert has been a Non-executive Director of BHP Limited since June 2000 and a Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc since June 2001.

Mr Nasser thanked Dr Schubert for his valuable contribution to the Board and outstanding service to BHP Billiton during his 16 year tenure.

We wish John all the best for the future and will miss his wise counsel and judgement.

Dr Schubert will step down as Chairman of the Sustainability Committee with effect from 22 September 2016 but will remain a member of the Sustainability Committee until his retirement.

Malcolm Brinded has been appointed as the Chairman of the Sustainability Committee with effect from 22 September 2016. Mr Brinded has been a Non-executive Director of BHP Billiton since April 2014.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: bhpbilliton.com

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