

BHP BILLITON LTD
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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
March 11, 2014

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

**(Jurisdiction of incorporation
or organisation)**

171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,

VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA
(Address of principal executive offices)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

**(Jurisdiction of incorporation
or organisation)**

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UNITED KINGDOM
(Address of principal executive offices)

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GLOBAL IRON ORE AND STEEL FORECAST CONFERENCE

BHP Billiton President, Iron Ore, Jimmy Wilson, will present at the Australian Journal of Mining Global Iron Ore and Steel Forecast Conference, in Perth, Western Australia today.

A copy of the presentation is attached and can be found at
http://www.bhpbilliton.com/home/investors/reports/Documents/2014/140311_AustralianJournalofMiningConference.pdf

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

Nicole Duncan

Company Secretary

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

NEWS RELEASE

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BHP BILLITON IRON ORE DELIVERING SIGNIFICANT VALUE

BHP Billiton today outlined how its focus on productivity and capital efficient debottlenecking in its iron ore business is delivering value.

Speaking at the AJM Global Iron Ore and Steel Forecast conference, BHP Billiton Iron Ore President Jimmy Wilson, reiterated the Company's view of the iron ore market and its Western Australia Iron Ore business.

Our market outlook is for continued strong steel demand growth over the next 10 years. Our view that Chinese crude steel production is expected to peak at 1.1 billion tonnes, around 2025, is unchanged. We remain confident that global demand for iron ore will continue to grow, though at a more moderate rate, driven by urbanisation and industrialisation, he said.

BHP Billiton will retain a favourable position on the iron ore cost curve underpinned by the quality of our resource base. These resources further position us to benefit from an increasing market preference for high quality lump and fines iron ore products.

Mr Wilson also reiterated the Company's productivity agenda was underway and delivering significant value.

Our journey to deliver sustainable productivity benefits has encompassed a full review of the supply chain across mines, rail and port. Our initial focus on equipment availability, utilisation and operating rate was followed by low-cost debottlenecking initiatives.

Across our mines we have realised significant productivity improvements that have resulted in increased shovel, truck and ore handling plant availability and utilisation. Where appropriate, we have also installed relocatable crushers to increase high margin volumes.

Over the longer term, BHP Billiton has a low-cost option to expand Jimblebar production to 55 million tonnes per annum (mtpa), as well as debottlenecking of the supply chain, to deliver capital efficient growth towards 270 mtpa (100 per cent basis).

Our Iron Ore business is well positioned to deliver high margin volume growth at a lower cost without the need for an additional mining hub or major port and rail infrastructure, Mr Wilson said.

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

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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: March 11, 2014

By: /s/ Nicole Duncan
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Title: Company Secretary