



**FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT TO STOCK EXCHANGES
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In response to a request from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission the following announcement is being made by way of clarification.

The resignation of Mr Brian Gilbertson from the BHP Billiton Group announced earlier today, is not related to any concerns by the Board about the financial performance of the Group.

As announced earlier today Mr Gilbertson's resignation will not result in any change in the Company's strategy nor in initiatives previously announced.

The Company's half year preliminary profit announcement will be made, as scheduled, on 24 February 2003.

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