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BHP BILLITON LIMITED: DE-LISTING FROM THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

BHP Billiton hereby announces its intention to cancel its secondary listing of BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares from the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and from trading on the London Stock Exchange.

This action is being taken due to the low liquidity of shares on the London Stock Exchange, the costs associated with the maintenance of the London listing and the confusion caused by having both BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc listed in London.

For the avoidance of doubt, this action does not affect the London listing of BHP Billiton Plc in any way.

Following cancellation, BHP Billiton Limited shares will continue to be traded on the Australian Stock Exchange and as ADRs on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company is circulating full de-listing details to affected shareholders.

It is anticipated that the London listing will be withdrawn with effect from the close of business on Friday 29 April 2005, being not less than 20 business days from the date of this announcement.

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

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