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**Notification of Change of Interests of Directors and Persons Discharging
Managerial Responsibilities and Connected Persons
(Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3Y)
(Listing Rules & Disclosure Rules of the UK Listing Authority)**

Name of entities	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc
	ABN 49 004 028 077	REG NO 3196029

As part of a dual listed company structure, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited have primary or secondary listings, all those interests of directors and persons discharging managerial responsibilities of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Act and the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.2, the UK Listing Authority Disclosure Rule 3.1.4 and as agent for the director / person discharging managerial responsibilities for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act and in accordance with the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

Name of director / person discharging managerial responsibilities	Mr M Salamon
Date of last notice	6 September 2005
Date issuer informed of transaction	9 December 2005
Date and place of transaction	9 December 2005 on the London Stock Exchange

BHP Billiton Limited is a member of the BHP Billiton group which is headquartered in Australia
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ABN 49 004 028 077
Registered in Australia

BHP Billiton Plc is a member of the BHP Billiton group which is headquartered in Australia
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Part 1 – Change of relevant interests in securities

Included in this Part are:

- in the case of a trust, interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust;
- details of the circumstance giving rise to the relevant interest;
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash; and
- changes in the relevant interest of Connected Persons of the director and/or person discharging managerial responsibilities.

Direct or indirect interest	Indirect
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder and the identity of a Connected Person if applicable)	Mr Salamon has an indirect interest in 1,280,236 ordinary fully paid shares in BHP Billiton Plc. The registered holders are Gardenview Nominees (Pty) Ltd and KB (CI) Nominees Ltd.
No. of securities held prior to change	1,248,861
Class	Ordinary fully paid shares of US\$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc
Number acquired	84,706
Number disposed	31,482
Value/Consideration	Exercise @ nil cost Sale @ GBP 8.94
No. of securities held after change	1,302,085
Nature of change Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back	The exercise of 84,706 ordinary fully paid shares under the Co-Investment Plan, and the same day on-market sale of 31,482 shares in order to meet the associated tax liability. The 53,224 shares retained from the exercise are registered in the name of KB (CI) Nominees Ltd.
Any additional information	Mr Salamon has an indirect interest in 1,280,236 ordinary fully paid shares in BHP Billiton Plc. The registered holders are Gardenview Nominees (Pty) Ltd and KB (CI) Nominees Ltd. Mr Salamon also has a direct interest in 21,849 ordinary fully paid shares in BHP Billiton Plc. Mr Salamon as an Executive Director also has a notifiable interest under United Kingdom legislation in 240,510 shares of BHP Billiton Plc, being the balance of shares held by Billiton ESOP Trustee Limited as trustee of the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Trust.

Part 2 – Change of interests in contracts other than as described in Part 3

Included in this Part are:

- only details of a contract in relation to which the interest has changed; and
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash.

Detail of contract	—
Nature of interest (including the identity of a Connected Person if applicable)	—
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	—
No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change (including total percentage holding)	—
Interest acquired	—
Interest disposed	—
Value/Consideration	—
Interest after change	—
No. and class of securities to which interest related after the change (including total percentage holding)	—

Part 3 – Change of interests in options or other rights granted by the entities

Included in this Part are only details of options or other rights granted which have changed, save for the total number of securities over which options or other rights are held following this notification.

Date of grant	—
Period during which or date on which exercisable	—
Total amount paid (if any) for the grant	—
Description of securities involved: class; number (including percentage of issued holding)	—
Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	—

Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice (including total percentage holding)	<table> <tr> <td>89 056</td><td>maximum number of GIS Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc)</td></tr> <tr> <td>153 894</td><td>maximum number of GIS Deferred Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc)</td></tr> <tr> <td>600 000</td><td>maximum number of Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc) under the LTIP</td></tr> <tr> <td>-----</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>842 950</td><td>Total</td></tr> </table>	89 056	maximum number of GIS Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc)	153 894	maximum number of GIS Deferred Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc)	600 000	maximum number of Performance Shares (ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc) under the LTIP	-----		842 950	Total
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Any additional information	This change is in respect of the exercise of 84,706 shares and the lapse of 10,589 shares under the Co-Investment Plan										

Part 4 – Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities	Mr S A Butcher – BHP Billiton Limited Ms E A Hobley – BHP Billiton Plc
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