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BHP BILLITON PLC - TRANSACTION IN SHARES

BHP Billiton Limited announces that on 12 January 2007 it purchased 1,000,000 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc at an average price of 924.0868 pence per ordinary share.

Following the above purchase, BHP Billiton Plc holds 25,420,000 of its ordinary shares as treasury shares and BHP Billiton Limited holds 73,485,000 of the ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc, for a total of 98,905,000 shares. The total number of BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held as treasury shares and shares held by BHP Billiton Limited) is 2,369,242,002.

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