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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$2.25 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton announced today that it has priced a three tranche Global Bond under its debt shelf registration statement which was recently filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Global Bond comprises US\$875 million Floating Rate Notes due 2009, US\$625 million 5.125% Senior Notes due 2012 and US\$750 million of 5.40% Senior Notes due 2017. The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

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