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To: Australian Securities Exchange

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Swiss Stock Exchange
JSE Limited
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Appointment of Dr David Morgan

Further to the announcement on 17 December 2007 advising of the appointment of Dr David Morgan as a Director of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited we now advise details of Dr Morgan's interests in BHP Billiton Limited shares:

Initial Director's Interest Notice (Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3X)

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 of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Securities 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.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and otherwise in accordance with the foregoing policy.

Name of director	Dr David Raymond Morgan
Date of appointment	1 January 2008

Part 1 – Director’s relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Number & class of securities

Nil

Part 2 – Director’s relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of securities
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited on behalf of David Raymond Morgan (indirect interest, Dr D R Morgan beneficial owner).	102,750 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited on behalf of JB Davros Pty Limited as trustee for Raymor Family Trust (indirect interest, Dr D R Morgan beneficial owner).	38,800 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited on behalf of Raymor Superannuation Pty Ltd as trustee for The Raymor Superannuation Fund (indirect interest, Dr D R Morgan beneficial owner).	5,000 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited

Part 3 – Director’s interests in contracts

Detail of contract	N/A
Nature of interest	N/A
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	N/A
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	Nil

Part 4 - Contact details

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