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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$5.25 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton has priced a five tranche Global Bond under its debt shelf registration statement, which has been previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Global Bond comprises US\$1,000 million Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2014 paying interest at three-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR plus 27 basis points, US\$1,000 million 1.000% Senior Notes due 2015, US\$1,250 million 1.625% Senior Notes due 2017, US\$1,000 million 2.875% Senior Notes due 2022, and US\$1,000 million 4.125% Senior Notes due 2042.

The proceeds will be used for debt refinancing, including the retirement of commercial paper, and general corporate purposes.

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