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BHP BILLITON LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE SOCIETY SECTION AND COMMUNITY REVIEW PUBLICATION

BHP Billiton today launched a new section at www.bhpbilliton.com called Society. BHP Billiton Society online brings together the Company's global community and sustainability content into one central location.

BHP Billiton's online Society section features news, case studies and relevant reports and presentations including our Sustainability Reports, and the latest updates to regulatory and compliance information.

BHP Billiton's Community Review was also released today on the website. To view the Community Review, click here. This publication outlines the Company's approach to community investment and highlights its contribution to communities through economic development, education and training, environment, health, Indigenous communities and disaster relief in a selection of over 40 case studies. The Community Review is separate from the Company's annual Sustainability Report which provides details on its sustainability commitments, standards and performance requirements.

The case studies range from a world-class supplier program in Chile, job creation in South Africa and protecting Australia's environmental biodiversity to girls' education in Pakistan and drought relief in East Africa.

BHP Billiton has a long history of investing in communities and working in partnerships that support the sustainable development of regions where we operate. The Company supports more than 1,200 programs in 16 countries across six continents. Over the past decade, BHP Billiton has committed US\$1.5 billion to a range of community programs globally through business directed charitable giving, local programs and our Corporate Charities.

"We are delighted to showcase our community and sustainability news and information in a new Society section of our website and the Community Review which raises the awareness of BHP Billiton's ongoing commitment to community engagement and support," said Tony Cudmore, President, Corporate Affairs.

"We are committed to *Our Charter* value of Sustainability and consider the long-term future of our business, our people and the societies in which we operate. We are privileged to be in a position where we are able to partner with communities and help contribute to positive change," he said.

Regular community and sustainability news updates will be available on the Society section of BHP Billiton.com and those interested in staying informed can create a new subscription to receive email notification of community news and updated publications by following this link.

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