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Please find attached the results of the business conducted at the meetings of shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited ("Limited") held in Brisbane, Australia on 26 November 2009 and BHP Billiton Plc ("Plc") held in London, United Kingdom on 29 October 2009.

As required by the Dual Listed Companies Structure, a poll was conducted on each of the proposed resolutions. Each resolution is a Joint Electorate Action. The poll results for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc are attached.

The final proxy position for each company (excluding the proxy votes carried from one meeting to the other meeting by the Special Voting Shares) is detailed in Appendix 1. The additional information required in respect of BHP Billiton Plc by the United Kingdom's Companies Act 2006 (as amended by The Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009) is provided in Appendix 2.

Two copies of the resolutions passed at the closure of the poll today have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility, situated at: Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS (Telephone no: +44 (0)20 7066 1000).



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The poll results for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc as follows:

| | <u>Business</u> | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Votes Abstained</u> | <u>Result</u> |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Receipt of the Financial Statements and Reports for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,838,046,338 | 21,060,152 | 118,993,169 | CARRIED |
| 2 | Re-election of Mr Carlos Cordeiro as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,946,925,237 | 23,865,947 | 7,328,358 | CARRIED |
| 3 | Re-election of Mr David Crawford as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,893,440,665 | 66,564,346 | 19,113,762 | CARRIED |
| 4 | Re-election of The Hon E Gail de Planque as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,956,502,934 | 10,108,078 | 11,507,189 | CARRIED |
| 5 | Re-election of Mr Marius Kloppers as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,961,263,493 | 6,257,441 | 10,580,944 | CARRIED |
| 6 | Re-election of Mr Don Argus as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,902,951,818 | 68,328,117 | 6,820,580 | CARRIED |

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| 7 | Election of Mr Wayne Murdy as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,960,863,132 | 9,457,978 | 7,790,095 | CARRIED |
| 8 | Re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditor of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,940,616,309 | 8,628,242 | 28,812,046 | CARRIED |
| 9 | Renewal of the general authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | 2,682,829,361 | 279,687,592 | 15,553,450 | CARRIED |
| 10 | Renewal of the disapplication of pre-emption rights in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution) | 2,790,231,523 | 176,378,755 | 11,224,659 | CARRIED |
| 11 | Approval of the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution) | 2,959,662,730 | 8,108,354 | 10,247,912 | CARRIED |
| 12 | Approval of the cancellation of shares in BHP Billiton Plc held by BHP Billiton Limited on each of the following dates (each one a special resolution): | | | | |
| 12(i) | 30 April 2010 | 2,952,934,478 | 10,999,233 | 14,166,450 | CARRIED |
| 12(ii) | 17 June 2010 | 2,951,571,526 | 11,401,888 | 14,147,378 | CARRIED |
| 12(iii) | 15 September 2010 | 2,952,861,305 | 11,126,576 | 14,132,160 | CARRIED |
| 12(iv) | 11 November 2010 | 2,952,916,669 | 11,102,233 | 14,093,626 | CARRIED |
| 13 | Approval of the Remuneration Report (an ordinary non-binding resolution) | 2,866,489,458 | 69,401,329 | 42,090,615 | CARRIED |

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| 14 | Approval of the grant of awards to Mr Marius Kloppers under the GIS and the LTIP (an ordinary resolution) | 2,893,631,655 | 65,378,929 | 18,897,118 | CARRIED |
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APPENDIX 1
BHP Billiton Limited & BHP Billiton Plc - Final Proxy Position

| | Limited | Plc |
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| 1 | Receipt of the Financial Statements and Reports for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,412,775,717 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | 1,443,917,803 |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,356,307,768 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 2,159,850 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 115,205,613 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,308,099 |
| 2 | Re-election of Mr Carlos Cordeiro as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,524,835,912 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | 1,443,533,623 |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,463,679,970 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 6,708,244 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 3,166,026 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,447,698 |
| 3 | Re-election of Mr David Crawford as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,525,988,482 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | 1,431,597,091 |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,460,421,269 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 11,106,713 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 3,012,687 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,460,500 |

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| 4 | Re-election of The Hon E Gail de Planque as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,520,640,185 | 1,443,555,654 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,458,227,960 | 1,441,250,932 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,005,718 | 2,086,166 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 7,359,412 | 4,149,110 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,406,507 | 218,556 |
| 5 | Re-election of Mr Marius Kloppers as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,525,459,863 | 1,439,648,048 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,466,266,030 | 1,438,187,103 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 5,006,406 | 1,251,257 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 2,524,103 | 8,056,024 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,187,427 | 209,688 |
| 6 | Re-election of Mr Don Argus as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,525,307,766 | 1,443,550,109 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,457,699,957 | 1,388,573,274 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 13,557,399 | 54,766,047 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 2,674,345 | 4,154,455 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,050,410 | 210,788 |
| 7 | Election of Mr Wayne Murdy as a director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,524,363,811 | 1,443,526,787 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |

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| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,461,541,841 | 1,442,054,523 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,181,198 | 1,249,775 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 3,628,790 | 4,177,977 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,640,772 | 222,489 |
| 8 | Re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditor of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,519,532,549 | 1,427,278,687 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,461,778,233 | 1,421,854,402 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 3,421,297 | 5,180,010 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 8,406,508 | 20,425,013 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,333,019 | 244,275 |
| 9 | Renewal of the general authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,521,462,132 | 1,438,938,643 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,449,313,250 | 1,176,409,878 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 17,396,700 | 262,281,892 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 6,535,965 | 8,720,701 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 54,752,182 | 246,873 |
| 10 | Renewal of the disapplication of pre-emption rights in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,518,729,271 | 1,445,796,865 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,446,481,820 | 1,286,425,984 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 17,198,737 | 159,129,097 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 9,266,040 | 1,907,899 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,048,714 | 241,784 |

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| 11 | Approval of the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,521,466,902 | 1,443,994,378 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,459,883,141 | 1,442,113,542 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 6,448,417 | 1,639,852 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 6,525,562 | 3,710,386 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,135,344 | 240,984 |
| 12 | Approval of the cancellation of shares in BHP Billiton Plc held by BHP Billiton Limited on each of the following dates (each one a special resolution): | | |
| 12(i) | 30 April 2010 | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,518,589,595 | 1,442,988,162 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,454,984,991 | 1,439,877,026 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,148,392 | 2,825,541 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 9,392,987 | 4,716,602 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,456,212 | 285,595 |
| 12(ii) | 17 June 2010 | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,517,627,369 | 1,442,990,091 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,453,505,515 | 1,439,875,542 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,567,943 | 2,826,829 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 9,375,844 | 4,714,673 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,553,911 | 287,720 |
| 12(iii) | 15 September 2010 | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,518,640,832 | 1,442,991,095 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,454,780,879 | 1,439,878,485 |

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| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,294,570 | 2,824,890 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 9,361,630 | 4,713,669 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,565,383 | 287,720 |
| 12(iv) | 11 November 2010 | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,518,683,968 | 1,442,987,923 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,454,773,438 | 1,439,875,780 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 8,271,503 | 2,823,614 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 9,311,181 | 4,716,841 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 55,639,027 | 288,529 |
| 13 | Approval of the Remuneration Report (an ordinary non-binding resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,503,474,496 | 1,430,116,305 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,414,600,587 | 1,395,682,960 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 35,262,330 | 34,161,904 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 24,419,423 | 17,586,498 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 53,611,579 | 271,441 |
| 14 | Approval of the grant of awards to Mr Marius Kloppers under the GIS and the LTIP (an ordinary resolution) | | |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed | 1,516,233,639 | 1,440,597,067 |
| ⇒ | Total number of proxy votes in respect of which the appointments specified that the proxy - | | |
| ◆ | was to vote for the resolution | 1,415,877,975 | 1,436,862,362 |
| ◆ | was to vote against the resolution | 47,541,281 | 3,449,226 |
| ◆ | was to abstain on the resolution | 11,676,617 | 7,107,697 |
| ◆ | may vote at the proxy's discretion | 52,814,383 | 285,479 |

APPENDIX 2
Additional Information

For the purposes of section 341 of the United Kingdom's Companies Act 2006 (as amended by The Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009) and in respect of BHP Billiton Plc, the votes validly cast* as a percentage of the company's total issued share capital (as at 6pm on 27 October 2009) are:

| <u>Item of Business</u> | <u>Votes cast</u> <u>%*</u> |
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| 1 Receipt of the Financial Statements and Reports for BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.72 |
| 2 Re-election of Mr Carlos Cordeiro as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.70 |
| 3 Re-election of Mr David Crawford as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.17 |
| 4 Re-election of The Hon E Gail de Planque as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.70 |
| 5 Re-election of Mr Marius Kloppers as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.53 |
| 6 Re-election of Mr Don Argus as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.70 |
| 7 Election of Mr Wayne Murdy as a director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited | 64.70 |
| 8 Re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditor of BHP Billiton Plc | 63.97 |
| 9 Renewal of the general authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc | 64.49 |
| 10 Renewal of the disapplication of pre-emption rights in BHP Billiton Plc | 64.80 |
| 11 Approval of the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc | 64.72 |
| 12 Approval of the cancellation of shares in BHP Billiton Plc held by BHP Billiton Limited on each of the following dates: | |
| 12(i) 30 April 2010 | 64.68 |
| 12(ii) 17 June 2010 | 64.68 |
| 12(iii) 15 September 2010 | 64.68 |
| 12(iv) 11 November 2010 | 64.68 |
| 13 Approval of the Remuneration Report | 64.10 |
| 14 Approval of the grant of awards to Mr Marius Kloppers under the GIS and the LTIP | 64.57 |

*This calculation does not include the votes cast at the BHP Billiton Limited Annual General Meeting which are added to the votes cast at the BHP Billiton Plc Annual General Meeting to give the final result in relation to each resolution. Final poll results for BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited can be found on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this announcement.