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### **Company Secretariat**

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#### For announcement to the market

Please find attached the results of the business conducted at the meetings of shareholders of BHP Billiton Limited ("Limited") held in Sydney, Australia on 29 November 2012 and BHP Billiton Plc ("Plc") held in London, United Kingdom on 25 October 2012.

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.

A copy of the resolutions passed at the closure of the poll today has been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: www.Hemscott.com/nsm.do

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

	Business	Votes For	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Result</u>
1	To receive the 2012 Financial Statements and Reports for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton PIc (an ordinary resolution)	2,937,356,945	<u>Against</u> 18,402,089	<u>Abstained</u> 21,942,973	CARRIED
2	To elect Pat Davies as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,965,676,726	4,807,378	7,256,018	CARRIED
3	To re-elect Malcolm Broomhead as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,961,072,597	5,705,099	10,967,477	CARRIED
4	To re-elect Sir John Buchanan as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,879,472,089	78,799,456	19,461,282	CARRIED
5	To re-elect Carlos Cordeiro as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,964,368,970	6,657,205	6,700,092	CARRIED
6	To re-elect David Crawford as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,912,847,550	58,347,510	6,535,888	CARRIED
7	To re-elect Carolyn Hewson as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,965,242,045	6,187,563	6,302,216	CARRIED
8	To re-elect Marius Kloppers as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,941,887,645	29,507,209	6,320,696	CARRIED
9	To re-elect Lindsay Maxsted as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,949,067,944	22,096,679	6,577,129	CARRIED

10	To re-elect Wayne Murdy as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,965,844,306	5,192,078	6,704,181	CARRIED
11	To re-elect Keith Rumble as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,966,623,134	4,376,622	6,742,370	CARRIED
12	To re-elect John Schubert as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton PIc (an ordinary resolution)	2,924,431,445	46,731,418	6,570,389	CARRIED
13	To re-elect Shriti Vadera as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,963,968,801	6,791,941	6,975,035	CARRIED
14	To re-elect Jac Nasser as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,958,233,529	13,094,841	6,316,332	CARRIED
15	To reappoint KPMG Audit Plc as the auditor of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary resolution)	2,934,922,274	18,625,394	24,136,108	CARRIED
16	To renew the general authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton PIc (an ordinary resolution)	2,782,841,496	187,887,252	6,951,434	CARRIED
17	To approve the authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc for cash (a special resolution)	2,856,788,723	113,606,973	7,325,454	CARRIED
18	To approve the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc (a special resolution)	2,956,400,278	14,628,143	6,682,647	CARRIED
19	To approve the 2012 Remuneration Report (a non-binding ordinary resolution)	2,849,666,893	114,640,239	11,939,253	CARRIED
20	To approve the grant of Long-Term Incentive Performance Shares to Marius Kloppers (an ordinary resolution)	2,889,501,021	76,463,066	11,654,228	CARRIED

### APPENDIX 1 BHP Billiton Limited & BHP Billiton Plc - Final Proxy Position

		Limited	Plc
1	To receive the 2012 Financial Statements and (an ordinary resolution)	d Reports for BHP Billiton Limite	ed and BHP Billiton Plc
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,478,045,556	1,474,594,155
⇒ • •	Total number of proxy votes in respect of white was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	ch the appointments specified th 1,428,825,777 3,870,646 19,656,634 45,349,133	nat the proxy - 1,459,900,990 14,497,919 2,271,751 195,246
2	To elect Pat Davies as a Director of each of B resolution)	HP Billiton Limited and BHP Bil	liton Plc (an ordinary
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,492,659,959	1,474,683,948
⇒ • •	Total number of proxy votes in respect of white was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	1,443,460,028 3,808,128 5,081,465 45,391,803	1,473,494,376 985,308 2,182,360 204,264
3	To re-elect Malcolm Broomhead as a Director (an ordinary resolution)	of each of BHP Billiton Limited	and BHP Billiton Plc
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,360,939	1,470,289,663
⇒ • •	Total number of proxy votes in respect of white was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	ch the appointments specified th 1,443,278,115 4,826,941 4,386,341 45,255,883	nat the proxy - 1,469,250,611 835,755 6,575,840 203,297
4	To re-elect Sir John Buchanan as a Director of ordinary resolution)	f each of BHP Billiton Limited a	nd BHP Billiton Plc (an
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,367,480	1,461,777,759
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of white	ch the appointments specified th	nat the proxy -

* * *	was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	1,426,891,492 21,239,652 4,366,651 45,236,336	1,404,414,674 57,165,667 15,088,547 197,418
5	To re-elect Carlos Cordeiro as a Director of each ordinary resolution)	h of BHP Billiton Limited and E	BHP Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,230,323	1,474,683,484
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which was to vote for the resolution	the appointments specified that 1,442,779,649	at the proxy - 1,473,091,375
•	was to vote against the resolution	5,162,884	1,392,590
	was to abstain on the resolution	4,497,607	2,182,463
* *	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,287,790	199,519
6	To re-elect David Crawford as a Director of each ordinary resolution)	n of BHP Billiton Limited and B	BHP Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,390,884	1,474,689,760
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which	the appointments specified th	at the proxy -
→ ◆	was to vote for the resolution	1,439,651,273	1,424,653,495
•	was to vote against the resolution	8,423,215	49,835,069
•	was to abstain on the resolution	4,343,644	2,176,548
٠	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,316,396	201,196
7	To re-elect Carolyn Hewson as a Director of eac ordinary resolution)	ch of BHP Billiton Limited and	BHP Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,617,943	1,474,688,874
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which	the appointments specified the	at the proxy -
•	was to vote for the resolution	1,442,567,074	1,474,227,220
•	was to vote against the resolution	5,830,889	257,357
•	was to abstain on the resolution	4,114,018	2,177,434
٠	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,219,980	204,297
8	To re-elect Marius Kloppers as a Director of eac ordinary resolution)	h of BHP Billiton Limited and I	BHP Billiton Plc (an
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,576,824	1,474,698,546

$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of whic was to vote for the resolution		
•		1,432,822,970	1,460,765,846
•	was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution	15,672,642 4,134,507	13,732,949 2,167,762
•		45,081,212	199,751
•	may vote at the proxy's discretion	40,001,212	199,751
9	To re-elect Lindsay Maxsted as a Director of e ordinary resolution)	each of BHP Billiton Limited and	BHP Billiton Plc (an
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,366,729	1,474,682,400
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of whic	h the appointments specified that	at the proxy -
•	was to vote for the resolution	1,427,630,144	1,472,826,246
٠	was to vote against the resolution	20,407,374	1,652,857
٠	was to abstain on the resolution	4,376,325	2,183,908
•	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,329,211	203,297
10	To re-elect Wayne Murdy as a Director of each ordinary resolution)	n of BHP Billiton Limited and BH	P Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,241,145	1,474,683,812
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of whic	h the appointments specified the	at the proxy -
→ ◆	was to vote for the resolution	1,443,500,989	1,473,650,983
•	was to vote against the resolution	4,348,180	830,401
	was to abstain on the resolution	4,500,722	2,182,496
	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,391,976	202,428
•		40,001,070	202,420
11	To re-elect Keith Rumble as a Director of each ordinary resolution)	n of BHP Billiton Limited and BHI	P Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,197,259	1,474,685,470
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of whic	h the appointments specified the	at the proxy -
	was to vote for the resolution	1,443,861,962	1,474,097,627
•	was to vote against the resolution	3,977,007	383,814
•	was to abstain on the resolution	4,546,169	2,180,838
•		45,358,290	2,180,838
•	may vote at the proxy's discretion	40,000,280	204,029
12	To re-elect John Schubert as a Director of eac ordinary resolution)	h of BHP Billiton Limited and BH	IP Billiton Plc (an
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,425,975	1,474,615,805

$\begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of wh was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	ich the appointments specified tha 1,442,166,590 5,936,598 4,308,579 45,322,787	t the proxy - 1,433,643,465 40,774,615 2,250,503 197,725
13	To re-elect Shriti Vadera as a Director of eac ordinary resolution)	ch of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP	Billiton Plc (an
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,492,978,536	1,474,676,192
⇒ * * *	Total number of proxy votes in respect of wh was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	1,441,445,310 6,172,937 4,760,143 45,360,289	1,473,883,952 591,904 2,190,116 200,336
14	To re-elect Jac Nasser as a Director of each resolution)	of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP E	Billiton Plc (an ordinary
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,518,188	1,474,685,423
$\Rightarrow$ $\bullet$ $\bullet$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of wh was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	ich the appointments specified tha 1,442,404,206 5,894,343 4,138,149 45,219,639	t the proxy - 1,467,318,229 7,162,847 2,180,885 204,347
15	To reappoint KPMG Audit Plc as the auditor	of BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary rea	solution)
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,492,201,919	1,458,259,161
$\begin{array}{c} \Rightarrow \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array}$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of wh was to vote for the resolution was to vote against the resolution was to abstain on the resolution may vote at the proxy's discretion	ich the appointments specified tha 1,442,110,310 4,805,076 5,491,893 45,286,533	t the proxy - 1,444,330,958 13,725,034 18,607,146 203,169
16	To renew the general authority to issue shar	es in BHP Billiton Plc (an ordinary	resolution)
⇒	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,492,890,158	1,474,726,890

⇒	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which was to vote for the resolution	n the appointments specified that 1,422,600,792	at the proxy - 1,311,659,559
٠	was to vote against the resolution	25,000,082	162,861,049
٠	was to abstain on the resolution	4,800,059	2,139,418
•	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,289,284	206,282
17	To approve the authority to issue shares in BH	P Billiton Plc for cash (a special	resolution)
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,492,589,955	1,474,714,527
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which	n the appointments specified that	at the proxy -
•	was to vote for the resolution	1,436,691,205	1,371,457,597
•	was to vote against the resolution	10,509,151	103,053,444
•	was to abstain on the resolution	5,141,230	2,151,781
٠	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,389,599	203,486
18	To approve the repurchase of shares in BHP B	illiton Plc (a special resolution)	
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,493,184,876	1,474,739,387
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which	n the appointments specified that	at the proxy -
•	was to vote for the resolution	1,437,595,822	1,470,315,795
•	was to vote against the resolution	10,364,898	4,223,682
•	was to abstain on the resolution	4,543,836	2,126,471
٠	may vote at the proxy's discretion	45,224,156	199,910
19	To approve the 2012 Remuneration Report (a	non-binding ordinary resolution)	)
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,487,842,687	1,474,208,992
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which	n the appointments specified that	at the proxy -
•	was to vote for the resolution	1,397,911,851	1,406,569,411
•	was to vote against the resolution	46,558,581	67,443,616
•	was to abstain on the resolution	8,898,853	2,657,313
•	may vote at the proxy's discretion	43,372,255	195,965
20	To approve the grant of Long-Term Incentive F resolution)	Performance Shares to Marius K	(loppers (an ordinary
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes exercisable by all proxies validly appointed	1,489,285,515	1,474,008,842
$\Rightarrow$	Total number of proxy votes in respect of which was to vote for the resolution	n the appointments specified tha 1,400,489,007	at the proxy - 1,444,066,706

٠	was to vote against the resolution	46,278,900	29,750,858
٠	was to abstain on the resolution	8,431,619	2,857,465
٠	may vote at the proxy's discretion	42,517,608	191,278

## 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 25 October 2012) are:

	Item of Business	<u>Votes cast</u> <u>%*</u>
1	Receipt of the Financial Statements and Reports for BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited for the year ended 30 June 2012	69.04%
2	Election of Pat Davies as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
3	Re-election of Malcolm Broomhead as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	68.84%
4	Re-election of Sir John Buchanan as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	68.45%
5	Re-election of Carlos Cordeiro as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
6	Re-election of David Crawford as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
7	Re-election of Carolyn Hewson as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
8	Re-election of Marius Kloppers as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
9	Re-election of Lindsay Maxsted as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
10	Re-election of Wayne Murdy as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
11	Re-election of Keith Rumble as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
12	Re-election of John Schubert as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
13	Re-election of Shriti Vadera as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%

14	Re-election of Jac Nasser as a Director of each of BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited	69.05%
15	Reappointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditor of BHP Billiton Plc	68.28%
16	Renewal of the general authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc	69.05%
17	Approval of the authority to issue shares in BHP Billiton Plc for cash	69.05%
18	Approval of the repurchase of shares in BHP Billiton Plc	69.05%
19	Approval of the 2012 Remuneration Report	69.03%
20	Approval of the grant of Long-Term Incentive Performance Shares to Executive Director	69.02%

\*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 and 3 of this announcement.

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