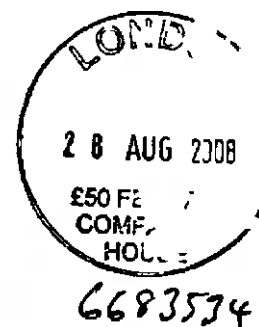


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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF  
BHP BILLITON FINANCE PLC**

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**1. Name**

The name of the company is "BHP Billiton Finance Plc"

**2. Type of Company**

The company is to be a public company

**3. Registered Office**

The company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales

**4. Objects**

The objects for which the company is established are -

- (A) To carry on business as a general commercial company and to carry on any trade or business whatsoever
- (B) To acquire any estate or interest in and to take options over, construct, develop or exploit any property, real or personal, and rights of any kind and the whole or any part of the undertaking, assets and liabilities of any person and to act as a holding company
- (C) To provide services of all descriptions
- (D) To lend money and grant or provide credit and financial accommodation to any person and to deposit money with any person
- (E) To invest money of the company in any investments and to hold, sell or otherwise deal with investments or currencies or other financial assets
- (F) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority or person and to obtain from any government or authority or person any legislation, orders, rights, privileges, franchises and concessions

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- (G) To borrow and raise money and accept money on deposit and to secure or discharge any debt or obligation in any manner and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) by mortgages of or charges upon all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the company or by the creation and issue of securities
- (H) To enter into any guarantee, contract of indemnity or suretyship and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) to guarantee, support or secure, with or without consideration, whether by personal obligation or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the company or by both such methods or in any other manner, the performance of any obligations or commitments of, and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of and any premiums interest dividends and other moneys payable on or in respect of any securities or liabilities of, any person, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is at the relevant time a subsidiary or a holding company of the company or another subsidiary of a holding company of the company or otherwise associated with the company
- (I) To amalgamate or enter into partnership or any profit-sharing arrangement with, or to co-operate or participate in any way with, or to take over or assume any obligation of, or to assist or subsidise any person
- (J) To sell, exchange, mortgage, charge, let, grant licences, easements, options and other rights over, and in any other manner deal with, or dispose of, all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) of the company for any or for no consideration and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) for any securities or for a share of profit or a royalty or other periodical or deferred payment
- (K) To issue and allot securities of the company for cash or in payment or part payment for any real or personal property purchased or otherwise acquired by the company or any services rendered to the company or as security for any obligation or amount (even if less than the nominal amount of such securities) or for any other purpose, and to give any remuneration or other compensation or reward for services rendered or to be rendered in placing or procuring subscriptions of, or otherwise assisting in the issue of, any securities of the company or in or about the formation of the company or the conduct or course of its business
- (L) To establish or promote, or concur or participate in establishing or promoting, any company, fund or trust and to subscribe for, underwrite, purchase or otherwise acquire securities of any company, fund or trust and to act as director of and as secretary, manager, registrar or transfer agent for any other company and to act as trustee of any kind and to undertake and execute any trust and any trust business (including the business of acting as trustee under wills and settlements and as executor and administrator)

- (M) To pay all the costs, charges and expenses preliminary or incidental to the promotion, formation, establishment and incorporation of the company, and to procure the registration or incorporation of the company in or under the laws of any place outside England
- (N) To the extent permitted by law, to give financial assistance for the purpose of the acquisition of shares of the company or any company which is at the relevant time the company's holding company or subsidiary or another subsidiary of any such holding company or for the purpose of reducing or discharging a liability incurred for the purpose of such an acquisition
- (O) To grant or procure the grant of donations, gratuities, pensions, annuities, allowances or other benefits, including benefits on death, to, or purchase and maintain any type of insurance for or for the benefit of, any directors, officers or employees or former directors, officers or employees of the company or any company which at any time is or was a subsidiary or a holding company of the company or another subsidiary of a holding company of the company or otherwise associated with the company or of any predecessor in business of any of them, and to the relations, connections or dependants of any such persons, and to other persons whose service or services have directly or indirectly been of benefit to the company or whom the board of directors of the company considers have any moral claim on the company or to their relations, connections or dependants, and to establish or support any funds, trusts, insurances or schemes or any associations, institutions, clubs or schools, or to do any other thing likely to benefit any such persons or otherwise to advance the interests of such persons or the company or its members, and to subscribe, guarantee or pay money for any purpose likely, directly or indirectly, to further the interests of such persons or the company or its members or for any national, charitable, benevolent, educational, social, public, general or useful object
- (P) To cease carrying on or to wind up any business or activity of the company, and to cancel any registration of and to wind up or procure the dissolution of the company in any state or territory
- (Q) To distribute any of the property of the company among its creditors and members or any class of either in cash, specie or kind
- (R) To do all or any of the above things or matters in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others
- (S) To carry on any other activity and do anything of any nature which in the opinion of the board of directors of the company is or may be capable of being conveniently carried on or done in connection with the above, or likely directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render more profitable all or any part of the company's undertaking property or assets or otherwise to advance the interests of the company or of its members

- (T) To do any other thing which in the opinion of the board of directors of the company is or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them
- (U) In this clause "**company**", except where used in reference to this company, shall include any partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether formed, incorporated, domiciled or resident in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, "**person**" shall include any company as well as any other legal or natural person, "**securities**" shall include any fully, partly or nil paid or no par value share, stock, unit, debenture, debenture or loan stock, deposit receipt, bill, note, warrant, coupon, right to subscribe or convert, or similar right or obligation, "**and**" and "**or**" shall mean "**and/or**" where the context so permits, "**other**" and "**otherwise**" shall not be construed ejusdem generis where a wider construction is possible, and the objects specified in the different paragraphs of this clause shall not, except where the context expressly requires, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or the name of the company or the nature of any trade or business carried on by the company, or by the fact that at any time the company is not carrying on any trade or business but may be carried out in as full and ample a manner and shall be construed in as wide a sense as if each of those paragraphs defined the objects of a separate distinct and independent company


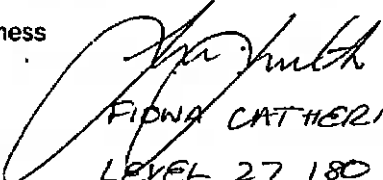
#### **5 Liability of Members**

The liability of the members is limited

#### **6 Share Capital**

The company's share capital is £50,000 divided into 50,000 shares of £1 00 each, and the company shall have the power from time to time to divide the original or any increased capital into classes, and to attach thereto any preferential, deferred, qualified or other special rights, privileges, restrictions or conditions

We, the subscribers of this memorandum of association, wish to be formed into a company pursuant to this memorandum, and we agree to take the number of shares shown opposite our respective names

<u>Name and Address of Subscribers</u>		<u>Number of shares taken by each subscriber</u>
1	<p>Full name            BHP Billiton Plc  Address                Neathouse Place                                London                                SW1V 1BH</p> <p>Signed                 for and on behalf of                                BHP Billiton Plc</p> 	49,500
<p>Witness to the above signature . . . . .</p> <p>Signature of Witness </p> <p>Full name             FIONA CATHERINE DAVIS SMITH</p> <p>Address                LEVEL 27, 180 LONSDALE STREET                                MELBOURNE VIC 3000</p> <p>Occupation            COMPANY SECRETARY</p> <p>Dated                    12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008</p>		

2	Full name	BHP Billiton Group Limited	500
	Address	Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH	
	Signed	for and on behalf of BHP Billiton Group Limited	

*J. Hobley*

Witness to the above signature

Signature of Witness

*Gail McGrath*  
GAIL McGRATH.

Full name

Address

Neathouse Place  
London  
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Occupation

Secretary Manager (London)

Dated

26<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

Total shares taken

50,000