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BHP BILLITON PRICES US\$5.0 BILLION BOND

BHP Billiton has priced a four 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\$500 million Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2016 paying interest at 3 month US Dollar LIBOR plus 25 basis points, US\$500 million 2.050% Senior Notes due 2018, US\$1,500 million 3.850% Senior Notes due 2023, and US\$2,500 million 5.000% Senior Notes due 2043.

The proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

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