

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 06, 2011

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

December 06, 2011

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u>
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-	BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
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PETROHAWK FORM-10Q FILING WITH SEC

BHP Billiton confirms that Petrohawk Energy Corporation (Petrohawk) has filed its September 2011 Form-10Q with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as required to comply with its obligations under certain of its Financial Agreements (as defined in its filing) which remain outstanding following the acquisition by BHP Billiton Limited.

Petrohawk's financial statements are prepared utilising U.S. accounting standards whereas BHP Billiton financial statements are prepared using International Financial Reporting Standards and will include the impact of the purchase price paid for Petrohawk. BHP Billiton purchased Petrohawk on 20 August 2011 and therefore will only include activity from that date in its consolidated financial statements.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found at: [www.bhpbilliton.com](http://www.bhpbilliton.com)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date : December 06, 2011

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