

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
October 31, 2018

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**Form 6-K**  
**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16**  
**UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**October 31, 2018**

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**  
**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**  
**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

**171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,**

**VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**BHP BILLITON PLC**  
**(REG. NO. 3196209)**  
**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**ENGLAND AND WALES**  
**(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)**

**NOVA SOUTH, 160 VICTORIA STREET**

**LONDON, SW1E 5LB**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**Release Time** IMMEDIATE

**Date** 31 October 2018

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**Moody's Investors Services Review of BHP's Credit Rating**

BHP notes the announcement today, 31 October 2018, by Moody's Investors Service that it has upgraded the long-term issuer ratings of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc from A3 to A2, and the short-term commercial paper ratings from P-2 to P-1.

Moody's outlook for BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc and certain of their subsidiaries is stable.

Further information on BHP can be found at **bhp.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.

BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: October 31, 2018

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew  
Name: Rachel Agnew  
Title: Company Secretary