

BHP BILLITON PLC
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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

June 23, 2006

BHP Billiton Plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive office)

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Date: 13rd June, 2006

BHP BILLITON PURCHASES 2,000,000 SHARES OF SKYE RESOURCES INC

On 22nd June 2006, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP Billiton, Billiton Development B.V., purchased 2,000,000 common shares of Skye Resources Inc. ("Skye Resources") (TSX:SKR), representing approximately 6.8% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Skye Resources. Before the acquisition, BHP Billiton held 2,846,400 shares of Skye Resources, representing 9.7% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Skye Resources. This acquisition brings the total number of Skye Resources shares owned by BHP Billiton to 4,846,400 common shares, representing 16.5% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Skye Resources. The acquisition is being funded using cash and existing facilities.

BHP Billiton purchased the shares on the TSX for investment purposes and to further BHP Billiton's ongoing interest in mining opportunities in Guatemala. BHP Billiton is continuing to review its investment alternatives and may acquire additional common shares or may sell the shares it now holds in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions to one or more persons.

No other corporation within the BHP Billiton group of companies holds any direct or indirect interest in any securities in the capital of Skye Resources.

The TSX has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of the contents of this news release.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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 Plc

Date: 23 June 2006

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary