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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

February 21, 2017

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

BHP BILLITON PLC (REG. NO. 3196209)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND AND WALES (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

> NEATHOUSE PLACE, LONDON, **UNITED KINGDOM**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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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: February 21, 2017 By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew Title: Company Secretary