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THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. When considering what action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice immediately from your broker, banker, legal advisor, accountant or other professional adviser.

Dear Shareholder

BHP Billiton Plc 2018 Dividend Reinvestment Plan

As announced on 20 February 2018, we are pleased to confirm the launch of a Dividend Reinvestment Plan ('DRP').

What is the DRIP?

The DRP is administered by Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited ('Computershare') on the South African branch register of BHP Billiton Plc (the 'Company') and provides you with the opportunity to reinvest your dividend payments to purchase additional ordinary shares in the Company. Reinvesting your dividend payments can be a convenient and easy way to build up your shareholding.

If you choose to join the DRP, on payment of a dividend by the Company, Computershare will pool the cash dividend payment to which you are entitled with the cash dividend payments of all other participants in the DRP. Computershare will instruct a broker to buy as many ordinary shares in the Company as can be bought using the pooled cash dividends (after associated fees and charges have been deducted), and these will be allocated in line with each shareholder's entitlement. Buying existing shares in the market avoids the dilution of existing holdings and provides an efficient and convenient reinvestment option for shareholders, without the Company issuing new shares.

Further details, including the associated fees and charges, are contained in the DRP Terms and Conditions (the 'DRP T&Cs') which are available to view and download on the Company's website at bhp.com. Alternatively you may request a hard copy of the DRP T&Cs by contacting Computershare via the shareholder helpline on 086 1100 933.

Action required

If you wish to participate in the DRP and you are a certificated shareholder, you are required to dematerialise your certificate(s). Should you wish to dematerialise your certificate(s) in order to participate in the DRP, please contact Computershare on +2711 370 5000 (overseas) or call 086 1100 933 between 8:30am to 5:00 pm on business days. If your shares are held with a CSDP/Broker and you wish to participate in the Plan you must submit your election to your CSDP/Broker within their stipulated cut off time as advised to you directly to your CSDP/custodian/broker. A DRP mandate form (the 'DRP mandate form') is available to view and download on the Company's website at bhp.com. Alternatively you may request a hard copy of the DRP mandate form by contacting Computershare via the shareholder helpline on 086 1100 933.

Once your DRP mandate form has been accepted, future dividends to which you are entitled will be reinvested under the DRP until such time as you withdraw from the DRP or the DRP is suspended or terminated in accordance with the DRP T&Cs.

You should only complete and return the DRP mandate form if you would like to participate in the DRP. Otherwise, no action is required and dividends will be paid to you in accordance with your current dividend payment instructions.

Timing

To participate in the DRP in respect of the FY2018 Final Dividend, your service provider must receive your completed DRIP election by the stipulated cut off time set by your service provider.

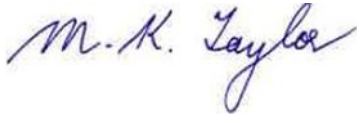
Participation in the DRP is at your option. This letter does not constitute a recommendation to join the DRP. Please note that participation in the DRP may not be cost effective for all participants, and the value of shares, and any

income from them, can fall as well as rise. If you are in any doubt as to what action you should take you should consult an appropriately qualified professional advisor.

Further information

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Computershare on +2711 370 5000 or 086 1100 933. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside South Africa are charged at the applicable international rate. Lines are open between 8.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. (South African time), Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays in South Africa.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. K. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'T'.

Margaret Taylor
Group Company Secretary