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BHP BILLITON LIMITED

BHP BILLITON PLC

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BHP Billiton Chairman, Jac Nasser, today announced the appointment of Ken MacKenzie to the BHP Billiton Board as an independent Non-executive Director, effective as of 22 September 2016.

From 2005 until 2015, Mr MacKenzie served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Amcor Limited, a global packaging company with operations in over 40 countries.

Mr MacKenzie is currently a Senior Adviser with McKinsey & Company and serves on the Advisory Boards of American Securities Capital Partners and Adamantem Capital.

Mr Nasser said Mr MacKenzie s appointment reflected the Board s commitment to a structured and rigorous approach to Board succession and planning, having regard to the skills, experience and attributes required to effectively govern the business.

Ken will be a great addition to the Board of BHP Billiton. He will bring extensive global and executive experience, and a deeply strategic approach. He has a proven track record, having led a successful company in a challenging sector for a decade, he said.

Mr MacKenzie s appointment to the BHP Billiton Board takes the number of Non-executive Directors to 11.

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Ken MacKenzie

Mr MacKenzie, 52, served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Amcor Limited from 2005 to 2015. He had a 23 year career with Amcor, gaining extensive experience across all of Amcor s major business segments in the Americas, Australia, Asia and Europe.

During his tenure as Chief Executive Officer of Amcor Limited, Mr MacKenzie successfully created and implemented a transformational company turnaround program rationalising and focusing on segments with strong market positions. He oversaw a period of industry consolidation, executing over 30 mergers and acquisition transactions to further improve scale and industry structure.

Between 2001 and 2005, Mr MacKenzie served as Group Managing Director at Amcor Rentsch. Prior to this, his roles with Amcor included Group General Manager, Flexible Packaging and Group General Manager, Corporate Sales & Marketing at Amcor Australasia, and Director of Finance and Director of Engineering & Information Technology at Amcor Rigid Plastics.

Prior to joining Amcor, Mr MacKenzie worked in the Manufacturing Strategy Practice of Accenture (from 1987 to 1992).

Mr MacKenzie has a Bachelor of Engineering from McGill University, Canada. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Engineers.

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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: August 10, 2016 By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew Title: Company Secretary