SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

November 29, 2010

Commission File Number	Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices
	BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA
-	BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
	Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes __ No <u>X</u>

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the

registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.

Company Secretariat

19 November 2010

To:

Australian Securities Exchange London Stock Exchange

cc:

New York Stock Exchange JSE Limited

BHP BILLITON PLC - TRANSACTION IN SHARES

Name of entities:

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077 BHP Billiton Plc REG NO 3196209

BHP Billiton Limited announces that today it purchased 735,000 Ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc at an average price of 2,319.96 pence per Ordinary share. The highest price paid was 2,350.00 pence per Ordinary share and the lowest price paid was 2,297.00 pence per Ordinary share.

Following purchase, BHP Billiton Limited transferred its interest in the shares to BHP Billiton Plc for nil consideration and cancellation by BHP Billiton Plc.

Following the cancellation, the total number of BHP Billiton Plc Ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares held as treasury shares) will be 2,204,882,544.

Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: www.bhpbilliton.com

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Members of the BHP Billiton group which 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.

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Date: November 29, 2010

BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary