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APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BHP Billiton Chairman, Jac Nasser, today announced the appointment of Malcolm Brinded to the BHP Billiton Board as an independent Non-executive Director, and a member of the Sustainability Committee, effective as of today.

Mr Brinded served on the Royal Dutch Shell plc Board of Directors between 2002 and 2012.

During his 37 year career with Shell he held leadership roles including Executive Director of Exploration and Production, Executive Director of Upstream International and UK Country Chair and Upstream Managing Director.

Mr Brinded is a Non-executive Director of the Network Rail Board in the UK, where he chairs the Safety, Health and Environment Committee, and a Non-Executive Director with global engineering consultancy CH2M Hill, where he chairs the Governance Committee.

Mr Brinded is also Chairman of the Shell Foundation, and Vice President of The Energy Institute in the UK.

Mr Nasser said Mr Brinded's appointment reflected the structured and rigorous approach to the Company's Board succession and planning.

"Malcolm's deep experience in energy, governance and sustainability will make a significant contribution to the Board as we identify and address the future needs of the business and the communities in which we operate," he said.

His appointment to the BHP Billiton Board takes the number of Non-executive Directors to 13. Mr Nasser highlighted the size of the Board reflected overlapping tenures required to successfully manage Board succession.

Malcolm Brinded

Mr Brinded, 61, served on the Royal Dutch Shell plc Board of Directors between 2002 and 2012. He had a 37 year career with the global oil and gas company working in the United Kingdom, Brunei, the Netherlands, and Oman.

Between 2009 and 2012, Mr Brinded was the Executive Director of the Upstream International business. Prior to this role he served as Executive Director in charge of Shell's Exploration and Production business unit; Managing Director responsible for Gas and Power, Trading and IT; Shell UK Country Chairman and Upstream Managing Director of Shell UK.

He has served as Chairman of the Shell Foundation (an independent UK-registered charity) since 2009, has been a Non-Executive Director of the Network Rail Board in the UK since 2010 and a Non-Executive Director of the global engineering company CH2M Hill since 2012.

Mr Brinded graduated from Cambridge University with a First Class degree in engineering. He is a Fellow of the UK Institutions of Civil and Mechanical Engineers and the UK Royal Academy of Engineering. He was formerly a UK Business Ambassador, and a member of the Nigerian

Presidential International Investment Council, the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development and the Shanghai International Business Leaders' Advisory Council.

In 2002, Mr Brinded was awarded the CBE for services to the UK Oil and Gas Industry.

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