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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS PRESIDENT MARKETING

Following the appointment of Mr Marius Kloppers to Group President with responsibility for the non-ferrous materials businesses, Mr Tom Schutte, previously Vice President Finance for Marketing, will become President Marketing and will have direct responsibility for all BHP Billiton's marketing activities, reporting to Mike Salamon who was today appointed Executive President of BHP Billiton (see related announcement).

Biographical details:

Tom Schutte
CA (SA) (CAISA), B.Com (Hons), Accountancy, 40

Chief Financial Officer Commercial. From 1 January 2006 President Marketing.

Joined the group in 1990 and appointed Chief Financial Officer Commercial in January 2002. He was previously Marketing Director for Billiton Manganese, held various marketing positions with Samancor Manganese and Manganese Metal Company (MMC) and held previous finance positions with Gencor and Genmin.

He is a member of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and a Member of the European CFO Roundtable

Photograph available on request.

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