

April 23, 2002

DIRECT NUMBER: (306) 787-5879

Stikeman Elliott
5300 Commerce Court West
199 Bay Street
TORONTO ON M5L 1B9

Attention: Sean Vanderpol

Dear Mr. Vanderpol:

Re: BHP Billiton Limited
Application pursuant to subsection 44(3) of *The Securities Act, 1988*
(the "Act") dated April 10, 2002
Your File: n/a
Our File: 49140

Please be advised that your application of April 10, 2002 has been reviewed and based on the information and representations contained therein the permission requested is granted.

Enclosed is receipt number 69712 in the amount of \$250.00 for the application filing fee.

Yours truly,

"Dean Murrison"

Dean Murrison
Deputy Director, Legal

Enclosure