

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **BHP BILLITON ANNOUNCES AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION (ACCC) APPROVAL OF BID FOR WMC RESOURCES LTD**

BHP Billiton advises that the ACCC has notified BHP Billiton that it does not propose to intervene in BHP Billiton's acquisition of WMC Resources Ltd.

Accordingly, the condition set out in clause 5.1(e) of the Bidder's Statement has been fulfilled. This is the third condition of the offer that has been satisfied.

The offer is \$7.85 for each WMC Resources Ltd share and the closing date\* of the offer is 7.30 pm (Melbourne time) on 6 May 2005.

\*This date is indicative only and may change as permitted by the Australian Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

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**Further Information for U.S. holders**

BHP Billiton has filed the Bidder's Statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under cover of Form CB. Investors and holders of WMC Resources securities are strongly advised to read the Bidder's Statement and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. Investors and holders of WMC Resources securities may obtain free copies of the informational document (when available), as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). WMC Resources has issued a target's statement in connection with the offer which investors and holders of WMC Resources securities are strongly advised to read.

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