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BHP has a strong commitment to demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance and transparency. We began our journey of voluntarily disclosing our payments of taxes and royalties in 2000 when we first disclosed these payments in our annual Sustainability Report. Since then, we have progressively increased the detail of these annual disclosures.

BHP was a founding supporter of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in 2002 and an early adopter of best practice in disclosure and transparency. Our payments of taxes and royalties reflect the fact that governments bestow upon us the responsibility of converting their natural resource endowments into revenue streams. Through this, governments can provide their citizens with the services and infrastructure necessary to improve their citizens’ quality of life.

Since 2015 BHP has published an annual Economic Contribution and Payments to Governments Report. The Report discloses all BHP payments made to governments during each financial year on a country-by-country and project-by-project basis.
BHP is committed to being a leader in further enhancing disclosure and transparency. For example, we support beneficial ownership disclosure and the establishment of a globally consistent mandatory payment disclosure framework that includes formal equivalency agreements between jurisdictions.

Operating in these EITI implementing countries:
Please check the EITI country list at: http://eiti.org/countries

Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Liberia, United Kingdom

Participation and support to EITI implementing countries
Please answer the below questions.

Has your company provided data in all the EITI implementing countries when asked?

Yes.

In which EITI countries is your company part of the multi-stakeholder group?

Australia, Trinidad and Tobago, United States (until withdrawal)

What kind of support and/or contribution does your company provide to the national EITI process?

International engagement with EITI:
Please describe what your company is doing or planning to do internationally to support the EITI? E.g. member of the international EITI Board, hosting international events, secondments

James Ensor represents BHP on the EITI Board.

Financial contribution to the international EITI:
Please disclose how much your company has contributed to the EITI during the last year. Please note that ICMM members contribute through ICMM and should simply write “Company X is a member of ICMM. ICMM makes a contribution to the international EITI on behalf of all of its members”.

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Other relevant information:
For example, information about whether your company discloses payments to governments on your company website (please provide link)

BHP believes it is critical the public has confidence in the integrity and administration of tax systems. We are a leader in transparency, which remains a key factor in helping to build public trust. The 2017 BHP Economic Contribution Report includes disclosure of all BHP payments of taxes and royalties to our host governments in a country by country and project by project basis, together with disclosure of BHP companies in 'low-tax' jurisdictions. This report complies with the European Union Transparency Directive and the Australian Voluntary Tax Transparency Code.
BHP is proud to have received recognition for our corporate transparency from the *Building Public Trust in Corporate Reporting Awards 2016*. We also support measures such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Base Erosion and Profit Shifting action plan, which assist to curb aggressive tax planning.

**The BHP Billiton Foundation**

The BHP Billiton Foundation works with leading civil society organisations and international institutions to promote responsible governance of natural resource wealth. Good governance supports broader sharing of benefits from sustainable and inclusive development which is funded by taxes and royalty payments from the resources sector.

Through its **Natural Resource Governance Program**, the Foundation is investing in projects that aim to reduce the potential for corruption and bribery across the entire resource value chain – from initial exploration, development and extraction, to the sale and delivery of commodities to customers. These projects will work to provide citizens with access to information that shows the flow of funds related to natural resources in their country.

While transparency underpins good governance, citizens must also be able to understand the data in the public domain as it empowers them to hold institutions to account. Providing more data alone is not sufficient, so the work of the Foundation supports purposeful transparency as a powerful tool to drive positive social change.