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BHP BILLITON APPOINTS DAVID MUNRO AS VICE PRESIDENT STRATEGY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

BHP Billiton, the world's largest diversified natural resources company, today announced the appointment of David Munro as Vice President of Strategy and Business Development. Mr Munro returns from extended leave, prior to which he was President Aluminium within BHP Billiton.

Mr Munro will be based at the Group's offices in London and will report to Chip Goodyear, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer.

Mr Goodyear said: "Dave's understanding of our industry, his strong commercial skills and significant operating experience will continue to be a great resource for this organisation. His ability to work across our Customer Sector Groups from this platform covering corporate strategy, the analysis of major growth initiatives and mergers and acquisitions will further enhance the teamwork across the Group as a whole."

Mr Munro will take up his new role on 1 September 2002.

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