

## press release

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### BHP Billiton is still The Share Centre's top recommendation in the resource sector

- Revenue for full year to June 2010 up 5% to \$52bn, profits of \$19.6bn (up from \$11.6bn)
- The Share Centre lists BHP Billiton as a 'buy'
- Investors should follow BHP Billiton's progress along with Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan

**Nick Raynor, investment advisor at The Share Centre, explains why BHP Billiton is a 'buy' in the resources sector.**

"Results for the full year to 30 June 2010 see BHP Billiton post pre-tax profits of \$19.6bn, up from \$11.6bn and with a 5% increase in revenue to \$52bn. Whilst good, these results are a slight disappointment to the market as there are questions on margin and commodity prices, but of real interest to investors is what BHP Billiton does next in the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan saga.

"BHP Billiton has tabled a \$40bn offer for the fertilizer group but we don't expect them to be drawn into a bidding war or be forced to pay over the odds. Investors need to keep an eye on how much is paid and at that point The Share Centre may review its buy/hold/sell position.

"However, The Share Centre still rates BHP Billiton. The diversity the company offers, through the different number of commodities they mine and produce helps offset any weakness other commodities may suffer. BHP Billiton has close links with China and India and has benefited from the huge growth in that region. Recent weakness in the share price adds even further to the attraction and the dividend is also starting to climb."

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