

BHP BILLITON PLC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of

16 February 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

For the information of the local market, please find following notification of major interests in shares filed by BHP Billiton Plc with the London Stock Exchange.

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.	Name of company BHP BILLITON PLC		2.	Name of shareholder having a major interest THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC.			
3.	Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 NOTIFICATION BY THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC. ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATES		4.	Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them SEE SCHEDULE B ANNEXED HERETO			
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 26,361,569	6.	Percentage of issued class 1.068%	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8.	Percentage of issued class
9.	Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50		10.	Date of transaction 11 FEBRUARY 2004	11.	Date company informed 13 FEBRUARY 2004	
12.	Total holding following this notification 199,804,042		13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 8.095%			
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES ATTAINING AN		15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7802 4176			

	INCREASED INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)		
16.	Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification INeS WATSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BHP BILLITON PLC		
Date of notification 16 FEBRUARY 2004			

Company Announcements Office, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HP

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 11 February 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Percent of</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	199,804	8.095%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		

• Capital Guardian Trust Company	83,085,474	3.366%
• Capital International Limited	52,226,043	2.116%
• Capital International S.A	29,131,229	1.180%
• Capital International, Inc.	13,190,269	0.534%

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees

2,053,369

Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY

UK

Bankers Trust

2,812,682

59 1/2 Southmark Street

2nd Floor

London SE1 0HH

UK

Barclays Bank

1,803,968

Barclays Global Securities Services

8 Angel Court

London EC2R 7HT

UK

BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.	795,085
1 Appold Street	
Broadgate	
London EC2A 2HE	
UK	
Chase Nominees Limited	36,868,033
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
UK	
Citibank London	39,502
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
HSBC Bank plc	34,872
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
Investors Bank & Trust Co	629,100
Mellon Bank N.A.	280,400

London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	2,734,911
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Midland Bank plc	12,521,818
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
MSS Nominees Limited	43,610
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
Nortrust Nominees Limited	9,673,313
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
UK	
Royal Bank of Scotland	123,105

Regents House, 42 Islington High Street

London N1 8XL

UK

ROY Nominees Limited 65,996

71N Queen Victoria Street

London Ec4V 4DE

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co 133,957

State Street Nominees Limited 12,471,753

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	83,085,474
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Capital International Limited

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees 13,440,962

Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Barclays Bank	820,336
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Bankers Trust	709,263
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Bank One London	982,973
Clydesdale Bank plc	568,615
Deutsche Bank AG	826,920
Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	
Chase Nominees Limited	10,748,267

Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
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Citibank London	1,330,800
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
HSBC Bank plc	1,157,317
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	268,900
Lloyds Bank	171,712
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
London	
Mellon Bank N.A.	1,008,439
London Branch	
London	
UK	

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Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	898,969
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
UK	
Midland Bank plc	117,059
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Morgan Guaranty	239,032
83 Pall Mall	
London SW1Y 5ES	
UK	
-	
MSS Nominees Limited	242,700
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
Northern Trust	2,637,947
c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Northern Trust AVFC	485,932

South Africa

Nortrust Nominees 7,326,724

155 Bishopsgate

London ECM 3XS

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland 15,600

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

State Street Australia Limited 27,300

Australia

State Street Bank & Trust Co 7,179,987

State Street Nominees Limited 1,020,289

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	52,226,043
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Capital International S.A.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees	694,712
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Barclays Bank	2,055,947
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Brown Bros	162,046
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburg, PA 15258	
Chase Nominees Limited	6,058,395
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	135,524
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	59,333

Toronto

Credit Suisse London Branch 147,555

24 Bishopsgate

London EC2N 4BQ

UK

Deutsche Bank AG 1,391,949

23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

UK

HSBC Bank plc 979,206

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan 8,722,782

Lloyds Bank 28,300

Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

London	
Midland Bank plc	1,481,611
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Morgan Stanley	172,205
MSS Nominees Limited	170,700
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
National Westminster Bank	615,922
Nortrust Nominees Limited	178,786
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Pictet & Cie	89,000
Geneva	

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Royal Bank of Scotland 5,506,090

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

RBSTB Nominees Ltd 273,085

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co 140,481

State Street Nominees Limited 67,600

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	29,131,229
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees 876,038

Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bankers Trust	32,991
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Chase Nominees Limited	3,682,128
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	115,752
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	358,917
Toronto	
Deutsche Bank AG	35,869
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788

HSBC Bank plc	529,451
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
Midland Bank plc	517,714
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Northern Trust	119,789
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Nortrust Nominees Limited	312,198
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	464,169
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
RBSTB Nominees Ltd	95,995

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co	496,588
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State Street Nominees Limited	5,391,882
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	13,190,269
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Capital Research and Management Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Chase Nominees Limited	20,671,027
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Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

State Street Nominees Limited	1,500,000
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	22,171,027
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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
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3000
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Registered in England and Wales
Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United
Kingdom
Telephone +44 20 7802 4000 Facsimile +44 20 7802 4111

The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP BILLITON

Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

16 February 2004