

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
May 25, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

23 March 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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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Date: 23 March 2004

Notification of Major Interests in Shares

"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"

Ines Watson - Assistant Secretary

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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
	6.	7.	8.

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5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired		Percentage of issued class		Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 3,542,061		Percentage of issued class 0.144%
9.	Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50	10.	Date of transaction 18 MARCH 2004	11.	Date company informed 22 MARCH 2004		
12.	Total holding following this notification 196,261,981	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 7.952%				
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING THEIR INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)	15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7802 4176				
16.	Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification INeS WATSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BHP BILLITON PLC						
Date of notification 22 MARCH 2004							

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

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Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 18 March 2004

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BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

	Number of	Percent of
	Shares	Outstanding
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	196,261,981	7.952%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		
• Capital Guardian Trust Company	78,508,372	3.181%
• Capital International Limited	58,698,587	2.378%
• Capital International S.A	23,254,294	0.942%
• Capital International, Inc.	13,629,701	0.552%
• Capital Research and Management Company	22,171,027	0.898%

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BHP Billiton plc

Schedule B

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees

1,926,069

Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY

UK

Bankers Trust	2,688,982
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
UK	
Barclays Bank	540,759
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
UK	
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.	689,985
1 Appold Street	
Broadgate	
London EC2A 2HE	
UK	
Chase Nominees Limited	34,620,043
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
UK	
Citibank London	39,502
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	

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<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc	34,872
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
Investors Bank & Trust Co	629,100
Mellon Bank N.A.	262,900
London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	2,881,500
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Midland Bank plc	12,166,026
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
MSS Nominees Limited	40,910

Midland Bank plc

Mariner House, Pepys

London EC3N 4DA

Nortrust Nominees Limited

9,553,413

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

Royal Bank of Scotland

119,605

Regents House, 42 Islington High Street

London N1 8XL

UK

ROY Nominees Limited

59,496

71N Queen Victoria Street

London Ec4V 4DE

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co

133,957

State Street Nominees Limited

12,121,253

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total 78,508,372

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	14,022,217
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Barclays Bank	950,336
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Bankers Trust	709,263
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Bank One London	982,973
Clydesdale Bank plc	528,515

Deutsche Bank AG	1,611,560
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	

Chase Nominees Limited	10,734,167
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	

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<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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

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

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Registered Name Local Shares

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	7,368,024
155 Bishopsgate	
London ECM 3XS	
UK	
Royal Bank of Scotland	4,859,149
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 1,166,289

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	58,698,587
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Capital International S.A.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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

85,633

Toronto

Credit Suisse London Branch

147,555

24 Bishopsgate

London EC2N 4BQ

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

Deutsche Bank AG

659,309

23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

UK

HSBC Bank plc

1,022,006

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan

8,974,973

Lloyds Bank	31,800
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
London	
Midland Bank plc	1,511,411
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	665,922
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Nortrust Nominees Limited	178,786

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Pictet & Cie

97,400

Geneva

Royal Bank of Scotland

563,816

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

RBSTB Nominees Ltd

352,785

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	23,254,294
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Capital International, Inc.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	882,038
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bankers Trust	32,991
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Chase Nominees Limited	3,752,428
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	115,752
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	366,617
Toronto	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc	529,451
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	521,600
Midland Bank plc	517,714
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Northern Trust	64,789
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
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67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co	525,888
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State Street Nominees Limited	5,314,283
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	13,629,701
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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

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
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria
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
LIMITED
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

23 March 2004