

BHP BILLITON PLC
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 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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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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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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|----|--|----|----------------------------|---|--|----|---|
| 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 | 6. | Percentage of issued class | 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 3,542,061 | 8. | Percentage of issued class 0.144% |
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|---|--|-----|---|-----|--|
| 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

Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (PLEASE DO NOT POST)

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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

BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

| <u>Number of</u> | <u>Percent of</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Shares</u> | <u>Outstanding</u> |

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| 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% |

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

BHP Billiton plc

Schedule B

BHP Billiton plc

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

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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

Registered Name

Local Shares

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 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 | |
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| MSS Nominees Limited | 40,910 |
| Midland Bank plc | |
| Mariner House, Pepys | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 9,553,413 |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M 3XS | |
| UK | |

| <u>Registered Name</u> | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| 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 | |
| 27 th 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> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
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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

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 | |
| - | |
| <u>Registered Name</u> | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| MSS Nominees Limited | 242,700 |
| Midland Bank plc | |
| Mariner House, Pepys | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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|-------|------------|
| 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 |

Registered Name

Local Shares

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 178,786 |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M3XS | |
| Pictet & Cie | 97,400 |
| Geneva | |

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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

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|-------|------------|
| Total | 23,254,294 |
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

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 |

Registered Name

Local Shares

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| HSBC Bank plc | 529,451 |
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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

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

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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|-------|------------|
| Total | 13,629,701 |
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Capital Research and Management Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Chase Nominees Limited

20,671,027

Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

State Street Nominees Limited

1,500,000

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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|-------|------------|
| 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

Telephone +61 1300 554 757 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

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:

23 March 2004