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BOC GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
July 31, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a -16 or 15d -16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K the period from 17 July to 28 July 2006

The BOC Group plc  
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,  
Surrey GU20 6HJ  
England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

Yes:  No:

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Yes:  No:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes:  No:

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 17 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 14 July 2006 the Company had 514,488,080 Ordinary shares in issue.

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2. A notification dated 18 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 17 July 2006 the Company had 514,496,080 Ordinary shares in issue.
3. A notification dated 19 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 18 July 2006 the Company had 514,501,580 Ordinary shares in issue.
4. A notification dated 19 July 2006 advising that Deutsche Bank AG have a 5.08% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
5. A notification dated 20 July 2006 advising that Credit Suisse have a 8.85% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
6. A notification dated 21 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 20 July 2006 the Company had 514,545,137 Ordinary shares in issue.
7. A notification dated 21 July 2006 advising that Credit Suisse have a 9.19% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
8. A notification dated 24 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 21 July 2006 the Company had 514,568,028 Ordinary shares in issue.
9. A notification dated 24 July 2006 advising that documents related to the recommended cash offer by Linde AG for The BOC Group plc have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility.
10. A notification dated 24 July 2006 advising that Barclays Bank PLC have a 4.92% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
11. A notification dated 26 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 25 July 2006 the Company had 514,632,770 Ordinary shares in issue.
12. A notification dated 26 July 2006 advising that Barclays Bank PLC have a 3.77% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
13. A notification dated 28 July 2006 in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers confirming that at the close of business on 27 July 2006 the Company had 514,646,964 Ordinary shares in issue.
14. A notification dated 28 July 2006 advising that The BOC Group plc will be announcing its results for the nine months ended 30 June 2006 on Wednesday 2 August 2006.
15. A notification dated 28 July 2006 in accordance with Rules 8.1(a) and (b) (i) of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers advising of dealings by directors (together with their close relatives and related trusts) of The BOC Group plc and its subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries and their associated companies.
16. A notification dated 28 July 2006 advising of the publication of the Supplementary Prospectus for The BOC Group plc (pound)850,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme incorporating by reference the Scheme Document in respect of the proposed recommended cash acquisition of The BOC Group plc by Linde AG.
17. A notification dated 28 July 2006 advising that ABN Amro Bank NV London Branch have a 5.05% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.



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The BOC Group plc

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ON 19 JULY 2006  
AT 08.53 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1907060852-1C84

19 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

RULE 2.10 ANNOUNCEMENT

The BOC Group plc ("BOC") announces, in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, that as at the close of business on 18 July 2006 it had in issue 514,501,580 (including those represented by ADSs) ordinary shares of 25 pence each ("BOC Shares").

The ISIN reference number for the BOC Shares is GB0001081206 and for the American Depositary Shares of BOC is CUSIP055617609.

Each American Depositary Share of BOC represents two BOC Shares.

Contacts:

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SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company  
THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of shareholder having a  
DEUTSCHE BANK AG

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 IN RESPECT OF A PARTY NAMED IN 2 ABOVE.

4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares  
SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired  
6. Percentage of issued class  
7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

9. Class of security  
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

10. Date of transaction  
19 JULY 2006

12. Total holding following this notification  
26,119,919

13. Total percentage holding of notification  
5.08%

14. Any additional information  
IN A LETTER DATED 19 JULY 2006, THE BOC GROUP plc ADVISED THAT DEUTSCHE BANK AG HOLDS A 5.08% (PREVIOUSLY 4.15%) INTEREST IN THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY.

15. Name of contact and telephone  
SARAH LARKINS HAS BEEN ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY 01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

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SARAH LARKINS

Date of notification 19 JULY 2006

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 20 JULY 2006  
AT 16.56 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2007061653-F9BE

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Name of company | 2. Name of shareholder having a |
| THE BOC GROUP plc  | CREDIT SUISSE                   |

|  |   |
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| 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 | 4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares  |
| NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE PARTY NAMED IN 2 ABOVE  | CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (EU)<br>CREDIT SUISSE INTERNATIONAL<br>CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (US) |

|  |                               |  |    |
|--|-------------------------------|--|----|
| 5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 6. Percentage of issued class | 7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 8. |
|--|-------------------------------|--|----|

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|----------------------|-------------------------|----|
| 9. Class of security | 10. Date of transaction | 1. |
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ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

18 JULY 2006

12. Total holding following this notification

13. Total percentage holding of notification

45,533,374

8.85%

14. Any additional information

15. Name of contact and telephone

IN A LETTER DATED 20 JULY 2006, THE BOC GROUP plc ADVISED THAT CREDIT SUISSE HOLDS A 8.85% (PREVIOUSLY 9.13%) INTEREST IN THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY.

SARAH LARKINS HAS BEEN ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY 01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS

Date of notification 20 JULY 2006

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE ON 21 JULY 2006 AT 09.02 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2107060901-E98B

21 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

RULE 2.10 ANNOUNCEMENT

The BOC Group plc ("BOC") announces, in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, that as at the close of business on 20 July 2006 it had in issue 514,545,137 (including those represented by ADSs) ordinary shares of 25 pence each ("BOC Shares").

The ISIN reference number for the BOC Shares is GB0001081206 and for the American Depositary Shares of BOC is CUSIP055617609.

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Contacts:

The BOC Group plc

Christopher Marsay, Director Investor Relations 01276 477222

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Neil Bennett 0207 379 5151

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ON 21 JULY 2006
AT 14.57 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2107061455-501E

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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1. Name of company 2. Name of shareholder having a

THE BOC GROUP plc

CREDIT SUISSE

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
4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE PARTY NAMED IN 2 ABOVE

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (EU)
CREDIT SUISSE INTERNATIONAL
CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (US)

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 6. Percentage of issued class 7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 8.

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9. Class of security  
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

10. Date of transaction  
19 JULY 2006

12. Total holding following this notification  
47,287,190

13. Total percentage holding of notification  
9.19%

14. Any additional information  
IN A LETTER DATED 21 JULY 2006, THE BOC GROUP plc ADVISED THAT CREDIT SUISSE HOLDS A 9.19% (PREVIOUSLY 8.85%) INTEREST IN THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY.

15. Name of contact and telephone  
SARAH LARKINS HAS BEEN ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY 01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  
SARAH LARKINS

Date of notification 21 JULY 2006

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 24 JULY 2006  
AT 08.56 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2407060855-56A5

24 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

RULE 2.10 ANNOUNCEMENT

The BOC Group plc ("BOC") announces, in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, that as at the close of business on 21 July 2006 it had in issue 514,568,028 (including those represented by ADSs) ordinary shares of 25 pence each ("BOC Shares").

The ISIN reference number for the BOC Shares is GB0001081206 and for the

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American Depositary Shares of BOC is CUSIP055617609.

Each American Depositary Share of BOC represents two BOC Shares.

### Contacts:

The BOC Group plc

Christopher Marsay, Director Investor Relations 01276 477222

The Maitland Consultancy

Neil Bennett 0207 379 5151

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ON 24 JULY 2006  
AT 09.20 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2407060918-1964

24 July 2006

THE BOC GROUP plc - SCHEME DOCUMENT, FORMS OF PROXY AND LOAN NOTE FORM OF  
ELECTION

Copies of the above documents relating to the recommended cash offer by Linde AG  
for The BOC Group plc have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will  
shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document  
Viewing Facility which is situated at:

Financial Services Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
E14 5HS

Tel.no. (0)20 7066 1000

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 24 JULY 2006  
AT 16.13 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2407061610-A599

### SCHEDULE 10

#### NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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1. Name of company  
THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of shareholder having a  
BARCLAYS BANK PLC - 5,895,08  
BARCLAYS CAPITAL SECURITIES  
BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO L  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS AU  
BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC - 10,54  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TR  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS LT  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISOR  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS CA  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JA  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, N  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TR  
BARCLAYS BANK TRUST COMPANY  
GERRARD LTD - 2,744,827  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JA  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK LTD -

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

4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF PARTIES NAMED IN 2 ABOVE.

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

6. Percentage of issued class

7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

9. Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

10. Date of transaction

20 JULY 2006

12. Total holding following this notification

13. Total percentage holding of notification

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25,300,025

4.92%

14. Any additional information

IN A LETTER DATED 21 JULY 2006, THE BOC GROUP plc HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT BARCLAYS PLC HOLDS A 4.92% (PREVIOUSLY 3.72%) INTEREST IN THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY.

15. Name of contact and telephone

CAROL HUNT  
DEPUTY COMPANY SECRETARY  
01276 807759

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

CAROL HUNT

Date of notification 24 JULY 2006

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Registered Holders Report

As at 20 July 2006 Barclays PLC, through the registered holders listed below, had a notifiable interest in 25,300,025 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc.

| Registered Holder                 | Account Information | Holding   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Bank of Ireland                   | 426360              | 2,619     |
| Bank of New York                  |                     | 36,101    |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 1,342,969 |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 26,205    |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 5,895,081 |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 7,740     |
| Barclays Capital Securities Ltd.  |                     | 2,800     |
| Barclays Global Investors Canada  |                     | 36,236    |
| Barclays Trust Co & Others        |                     | 2,036     |
| Barclays Trust Co DMC69           |                     | 13,500    |

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|  |             |           |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Barclays Trust Co R69                  |             | 50,593    |
| BNP Paribas                            |             | 21,721    |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                     | 16376       | 248,661   |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                     | 20947       | 1,955,456 |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                     | 28270       | 31,531    |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                     | 28270       | 166,116   |
| CIBC Mellon Global Securities          |             | 16,366    |
| Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125            | 00068640801 | 2,520     |
| Clydesdale Nominees HGB0225            | 00120146302 | 1,700     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 603856      | 2,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 608459      | 250       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 611717      | 925       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 615411      | 500       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 617906      | 800       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 635860      | 500       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 639311      | 1,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 643975      | 1,500     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 653035      | 1,400     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 658574      | 575       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 658729      | 630       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 660968      | 1,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 770101      | 2,850     |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Limited (GM1) |             | 290,934   |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Ltd (GM3)     | 126066DA    | 1,000     |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Ltd (GM3)     | 220805DN    | 20,500    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 14,500    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 122,148   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 1,271,080 |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 159,761   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 21,670    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |             | 87,344    |

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|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 1,997     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 30,662    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 28,623    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 109,319   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 2,695     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 834,612   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 354,888   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 515,486   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 2,623,976 |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 131,096   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 3,973     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 46,970    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co. |       | 8,145     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co  |       | 57,729    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody)      | 16331 | 107,185   |

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| Registered Holder       | Account Information | Holding   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16338               | 30,522    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16341               | 74,750    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16341               | 281,092   |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16342               | 64,771    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16344               | 24,540    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16345               | 41,507    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16400               | 3,975,042 |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 17011               | 8,628     |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 18408               | 21,705    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |                     | 1,261     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |                     | 60,844    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |                     | 31,234    |

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| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 1,812     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 59,306    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 29,668    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 5,650     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 5,102     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 139,044   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 46,061    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 16,674    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 12,728    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 257       |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 1,384     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 4,604     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 50,829    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 69,062    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 277,750   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 74,380    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 54,752    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 25,882    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 1,325     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank                | 3,953     |
| Master Trust Bank                  | 1,600     |
| Mellon Trust - US Custodian        | 20,733    |
| Mellon Trust - US Custodian        | 37,571    |
| Mellon Trust of New England        | 22,899    |
| Mitsubishi Trust International     | 1,116     |
| Mitsui Asset                       | 8,368     |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 47,770    |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 11,892    |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 57,621    |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited         | 1,673,099 |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1 | 359,702   |

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c BL1 | 73,285     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c CM1 | 52,746     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1     | 153,963    |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1     | 105,668    |
| Reflex Nominees Limited            | 163        |
| State Street Bank & Trust - W1     | 42,696     |
| State Street Bank and Trust Co     | 44,920     |
| State Street Bank and Trust Co     | 27,316     |
| State Street Boston                | 263,697    |
| State Street Trust of Canada       | 38,142     |
| The Northern Trust Company - U     | 27,373     |
| Trust & Custody Services Bank      | 310        |
| Trust & Custody Services Bank      | 5,122      |
| Zeban Nominees Limited             | 5,960      |
| TOTAL                              | 25,300,025 |

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 26 JULY 2006  
AT 09.04 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2607060901-E389

26 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

RULE 2.10 ANNOUNCEMENT

The BOC Group plc ("BOC") announces, in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, that as at the close of business on 25 July 2006 it had in issue 514,632,770 (including those represented by ADSs) ordinary shares of 25 pence each ("BOC Shares").

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 26 JULY 2006  
AT 16.29 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2607061627-CD3D

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company

THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of shareholder having a

BARCLAYS BANK TRUST COMPANY  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS CA  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK LTD -  
BARCLAYS CAPITAL INC - 10,54  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JA  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TR  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JA  
GERRARD LTD - 2,728,008  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS AU  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, N  
BARCLAYS PRIVATE BANK AND TR  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS LT  
BARCLAYS CAPITAL SECURITIES  
BARCLAYS LIFE ASSURANCE CO L  
BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISOR

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 IN RESPECT OF PARTIES  
NAMED IN 2 ABOVE.

4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.



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| Registered Holder                 | Account Information | Holding   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Bank of Ireland                   | 426360              | 2,619     |
| Bank of New York                  |                     | 36,101    |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 1,341,891 |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 26,205    |
| Barclays Capital Nominees Limited |                     | 7,740     |
| Barclays Capital Securities Ltd.  |                     | 2,800     |
| Barclays Global Investors Canada  |                     | 36,236    |
| Barclays Trust Co & Others        |                     | 2,036     |
| Barclays Trust Co DMC69           |                     | 13,500    |
| Barclays Trust Co R69             |                     | 50,593    |
| BNP Paribas                       |                     | 21,721    |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                | 16376               | 248,661   |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                | 20947               | 1,955,456 |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                | 28270               | 31,531    |
| Chase Nominees Ltd                | 28270               | 166,116   |
| CIBC Mellon Global Securities     |                     | 16,366    |
| Clydesdale Nominees HGB0125       | 00068640801         | 2,520     |
| Clydesdale Nominees HGB0225       | 00120146302         | 1,700     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 603856              | 2,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 608459              | 250       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 611717              | 925       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 615411              | 500       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 617906              | 800       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 635860              | 500       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 639311              | 1,000     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 643975              | 1,500     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 653035              | 1,400     |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 658574              | 575       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 658729              | 630       |
| Gerrard Nominees Limited          | 660968              | 1,000     |

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|  |          |           |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Gerrard Nominees Limited               | 770101   | 2,850     |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Limited (GM1) |          | 290,934   |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Ltd (GM3)     | 126066DA | 1,000     |
| Greig Middleton Nominees Ltd (GM3)     | 220805DN | 20,500    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 122,148   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 21,670    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 158,137   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 14,500    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 1,271,080 |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 2,695     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 834,612   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 2,612,077 |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 109,319   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 131,096   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 28,623    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 30,662    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 57,729    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 354,888   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 87,344    |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 8,145     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 1,997     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 515,486   |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co.           |          | 3,973     |
| Investors Bank and Trust Co            |          | 46,970    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody)                | 16331    | 107,185   |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody)                | 16338    | 30,522    |

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| Registered Holder       | Account Information | Holding |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16341               | 74,750  |

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|                         |       |           |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16341 | 274,841   |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16342 | 64,771    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16344 | 24,540    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16345 | 41,507    |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 16400 | 3,975,042 |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 17011 | 8,628     |
| JP Morgan (BGI Custody) | 18408 | 21,705    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 1,261     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 60,844    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 31,234    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 1,812     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 29,668    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 5,102     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 8,401     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 59,306    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 46,061    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 139,044   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 16,674    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 1,384     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 257       |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 54,752    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 4,604     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 50,829    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 69,062    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 277,750   |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 74,380    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 25,882    |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 1,325     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 3,953     |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank     |       | 12,728    |
| Master Trust Bank       |       | 1,600     |

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|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Mellon Trust - US Custodian        | 20,733     |
| Mellon Trust - US Custodian        | 37,571     |
| Mellon Trust of New England        | 22,899     |
| Mitsubishi Trust International     | 1,116      |
| Mitsui Asset                       | 8,368      |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 47,770     |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 11,892     |
| Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA     | 57,621     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited         | 1,661,699  |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c AK1 | 358,577    |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c BL1 | 73,285     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c CM1 | 52,746     |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1     | 150,494    |
| R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1     | 104,843    |
| Reflex Nominees Limited            | 163        |
| State Street Bank & Trust - W1     | 42,696     |
| State Street Bank and Trust Co     | 44,920     |
| State Street Bank and Trust Co     | 39,215     |
| State Street Boston                | 263,697    |
| State Street Trust of Canada       | 38,142     |
| The Northern Trust Company - U     | 27,373     |
| Trust & Custody Services Bank      | 310        |
| Trust & Custody Services Bank      | 5,122      |
| Zeban Nominees Limited             | 5,960      |
| TOTAL                              | 19,381,923 |

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28 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

RULE 2.10 ANNOUNCEMENT

The BOC Group plc ("BOC") announces, in accordance with Rule 2.10 of the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers, that as at the close of business on 27 July 2006 it had in issue 514,646,964 (including those represented by ADSs) ordinary shares of 25 pence each ("BOC Shares").

The ISIN reference number for the BOC Shares is GB0001081206 and for the American Depositary Shares of BOC is CUSIP055617609.

Each American Depositary Share of BOC represents two BOC Shares.

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The Maitland Consultancy

Neil Bennett 0207 379 5151

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28 July 2006

The BOC Group plc

The BOC Group plc will be announcing its results for the nine months ended 30 June 2006 on Wednesday 2 August 2006.

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FORM 8.1

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DEALINGS BY OFFERORS, OFFEREE COMPANIES OR THEIR ASSOCIATES  
FOR THEMSELVES OR FOR DISCRETIONARY CLIENTS  
(Rules 8.1(a) and (b) (i) of the Takeover Code)

### 1. KEY INFORMATION

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Name of person dealing (Note 1)  | See attached Schedule            |
| Company dealt in   | The BOC Group plc                |
| Class of relevant security to which the dealings being disclosed relate (Note 2) | Ordinary shares of 25 pence each |
| Date of dealing  | See attached Schedule            |

### 2. INTERESTS, SHORT POSITIONS AND RIGHTS TO SUBSCRIBE

(a) Interests and short positions (following dealing) in the class of relevant security dealt in (Note 3)

|   | Long                  |                       |   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
|   | Number                | (%)                   |   |
| (1) Relevant securities                     | See attached Schedule | See attached Schedule | S |
| (2) Derivatives (other than options)        | N/A                   | N/A                   |   |
| (3) Options and agreements to purchase/sell | N/A                   | N/A                   |   |
| Total                                       | See attached Schedule | See attached Schedule | S |

(b) Interests and short positions in relevant securities of the company, other than the class dealt in (Note 3)

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Class of relevant security: Long

|   | Number | (%) | Number |
|---|--------|-----|--------|
| (1) Relevant securities                     | N/A    | N/A |        |
| (2) Derivatives (other than options)        | N/A    | N/A |        |
| (3) Options and agreements to purchase/sell | N/A    | N/A |        |
| Total                                       | N/A    | N/A |        |

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(c) Rights to subscribe (Note 3)

| Class of relevant security: | Details               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ordinary Shares of 25p each | See attached Schedule |

3. DEALINGS (Note 4)

(a) Purchases and sales

| Purchase/sale         | Number of securities | Price per unit (Note 5) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| See attached Schedule |                      |                         |

(b) Derivatives transactions (other than options)

| Product name,<br>e.g. CFD | Long/short (Note 6) | Number of securities (Note 7) | Price per unit |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| N/A                       | N/A                 | N/A                           | N/A            |

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(c) Options transactions in respect of existing securities

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

| Product name, e.g. call option | Writing, selling, purchasing, varying etc. | Number of securities to which the option relates (Note 7) | Exercise price | Type, e.g. American, European etc. | Expiry date | Op pa un |
|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| N/A                            | N/A  | N/A   | N/A            | N/A                                | N/A         | N/A      |

(ii) Exercising

| Product name, e.g. call option | Number of securities | Exercise price per unit (Note 5) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| N/A                            | N/A                  | N/A                              |

(d) Other dealings (including new securities) (Note 4)

| Nature of transaction (Note 8) | Details | Price per unit (if applicable) (Note 5) |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|
| N/A                            | N/A     | N/A                                     |

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4. OTHER INFORMATION

Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives

Full details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding between the person disclosing and any other person relating to the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option referred to on this form or relating to the voting rights or future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to which any derivative referred to on this form is referenced. If none, this should be stated.

None

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Is a Supplemental Form 8 attached? (Note 9)

- NO

Date of disclosure

28 July 2006

Contact name

Sarah Larkins

Telephone number

01276 807383

Name of offeree/offeror with which associated

The BOC Group plc

Specify category and nature of associate status (Note 10)

Category (3) - directors (together with close relatives and related trusts) of the Group plc and its subsidiaries and their associated companies

Notes

The Notes on Form 8.1 can be viewed on the Takeover Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk)

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SCHEDULE  
Form 8.1 Aggregated Dealings Disclosure

For category 3 associates the period 14 July to 28 July 2006

Part A - Purchases and Sales

| Name         | Date of dealing | Purchase/Sale | Number of shares | Price ((pound)) |   |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006      | Sale (ESOS)   | 6,732            | 1600p           | 1 |
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006      | Sale (ESOS)   | 5,000            | 1600p           | 1 |
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006      | Sale (ESOS)   | 5,000            | 1600p           | 1 |

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|              |            |                 |       |       |   |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------|-------|---|
| Steven ELLIS | 26/07/2006 | Sale (ESOS)     | 3,268 | 1603p | 1 |
| Steven ELLIS | 26/07/2006 | Sale (ESOS)     | 8,797 | 1603p | 1 |
| Peter HYLAND | 21/07/2006 | Purchase (SAYE) | 1,275 | 698p  | 1 |

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Part B - Exercising Options

| Name         | Date of exercise | Product name (e.g. option/award) | Number of shares acquired | Exercise price ((pound)) per share |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006       | Option (ESOS)                    | 6,732                     | 1016p                              |
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006       | Option (ESOS)                    | 5,000                     | 993p                               |
| Steven ELLIS | 24/07/2006       | Option (ESOS)                    | 5,000                     | 851p                               |
| Steven ELLIS | 26/07/2006       | Option (ESOS)                    | 3,268                     | 1016p                              |
| Steven ELLIS | 26/07/2006       | Option (ESOS)                    | 8,797                     | 873.25p                            |
| Peter HYLAND | 21/07/2006       | Option (SAYE)                    | 1,275                     | 698p                               |

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Publication of Prospectus

The following prospectus has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and is available for viewing:

Supplementary Prospectus for The BOC Group plc (pound)850,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme incorporating by reference the Scheme Document in respect of the proposed recommended cash acquisition of The BOC Group plc (the "Issuer") by Linde AG

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For further information, please contact

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The BOC Group plc  
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Sarah Larkins - Assistant Company Secretary  
The BOC Group plc  
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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

THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of shareholder having a

ABN AMRO BANK NV LONDON BRAN

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

4. Name of the registered holder, the number of shares

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person's spouse or children under the age of 18

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE PARTY  
NAMED IN 2 ABOVE

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired      6. Percentage of issued class      7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

9. Class of security      10. Date of transaction

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

27 JULY 2006

12. Total holding following this notification      13. Total percentage holding of notification

26,008,069

5.05%

14. Any additional information      15. Name of contact and telephon

IN A LETTER DATED 28 JULY 2006, THE BOC GROUP plc ADVISED THAT ABN AMRO BANK NV LONDON BRANCH HOLDS A 5.05% (PREVIOUSLY 3.03%) INTEREST IN THE ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY.

SARAH LARKINS HAS BEEN ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY 01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS

Date of notification    28 JULY 2006

SIGNATURE

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

Date: July 31, 2006

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins

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Name: Sarah Larkins  
Title: Assistant Company Secretary

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