

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

1 September 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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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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 Deutsche Bank

Notification of Change of Interests of Directors and Connected Persons  
 (Australian Stock Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3Y)

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| Name of entities | BHP Billiton Limited | BHP Billiton Plc |
|                  | ABN 49 004 028 077   | REG NO 3196029   |

As part of a dual listed company structure, the BHP Billiton Group has agreed to adopt the better of the existing governance practices between BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited. As a result, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Plc or BHP Billiton Limited have primary or secondary listings, all those interest of directors of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Act and the Group's Securities Dealing Code.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.2 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act and otherwise in accordance with the foregoing policy.

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| Name of director    | Dr J G Buchanan |
| Date of last notice | 2 April 2003    |

Part 1 - Change of director's relevant interests in securities

Included in this Part are:

- in the case of a trust, interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust;
- details of the circumstance giving rise to the relevant interest;
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash; and
- changes in the relevant interest of Connected Persons of the director.

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| Direct or indirect interest   | Direct (with spouse)   |
| Nature of indirect interest<br>(including registered holder)  | -  |
| Date of change  | 27 August 2004   |
| No. of securities held prior to change  | 1,000  |
| Class   | Ordinary fully paid shares of US \$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc        |
| Number acquired   | 3,000  |
| Number disposed   |  |
| Value/Consideration   | GBP 5.255 per share  |
| No. of securities held after change   | 4,000  |
| Nature of change<br><br>Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend re-investment plan, participation in buy-back | On-market trade  |
| Any additional information  | The companies were notified of this transaction on 30 August 2004. |

## Part 2 - Change of director's interests in contracts other than as described in Part 3

Included in this Part are:

- only details of a contract in relation to which the interest has changed; and
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash.

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| Detail of contract | - |
| Nature of interest | - |

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| Name of registered holder<br>(if issued securities)                   | - |
| No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change | - |
| Interest acquired   | - |
| Interest disposed   | - |
| Value/Consideration   | - |
| Interest after change   | - |

## Part 3 - Change

**of director's interests in options or other rights granted by the entities**

Included in this Part are only details of options or other rights granted which have changed, save for the total number of securities over which options or other rights are held following this notification.

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| Date of grant  | - |
| Period during which or date on which exercisable   | - |
| Total amount paid (if any) for the grant   | - |
| Description of securities involved:<br>class; number   | - |
| Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise | - |
| Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice          | - |

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| Any additional information | - |
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Part 4 - Contact details

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| Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities | Mr R V Taylor - BHP Billiton Limited<br>Ms E A Hobley - BHP Billiton Plc   |
| Contact details  | Mr R V Taylor Tel: +61 3 9609 3265<br>Fax: +61 3 9609 4372<br>Ms E A Hobley Tel: +44 20 7802 4054<br>Fax: +44 20 7802 3054 |

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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

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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

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date:

1 September 2004