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Appendix 3X of the Listing Rules

Initial Notification of Interests of Directors and Connected Persons

Name of entities	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc
	ABN 49 004 028 077	REG NO 3196209

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 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.

This Initial Notification is filed in consequence of Listing Rules of the ASX which requires the following information concerning a director on appointment to that office.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.1 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 Buchanan
Date of appointment	1 February 2003

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered hold	Part 1 - 1	Director's relevant	interests in sec	arities of which	n the director is	the registered holde
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In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Number & class of securities		
Nil		

Part 2 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest	Number & class of securities
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Part 3 - Director's interests in contracts

Detail of contract	-
Nature of interest	-
Name of registered holder	-
(if issued securities)	

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No. and class of securities to which interest relates	-
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Part 4 - Contact details

Name of authorised officers	Mr R V Taylor - BHP Billiton Limited
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