

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
May 26, 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

15 April 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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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

Date: 15 April 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			
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 1,328,855	6.	Percentage of issued class 0.054%	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8.	Percentage of issued class

9.	Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50	10.	Date of transaction 7 APRIL 2004	11.	Date company informed 14 APRIL 2004
12.	Total holding following this notification 197,590,836	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 8.006%		
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES INCREASING 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 15 APRIL 2004					

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

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 7 April 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Percent of</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	197,590,836	8.006%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		

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● Capital Guardian Trust Company	77,559,536	3.142%
● Capital International Limited	60,061,349	2.433%
● Capital International S.A	23,786,137	0.964%
● Capital International, Inc.	14,012,787	0.568%
● Capital Research and Management Company	22,171,027	0.898%

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	1,924,369
Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY UK	
Bankers Trust	2,662,182
59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SE1 0HH UK	
Barclays Bank	540,759

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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

34,733,643

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	813,100
Mellon Bank N.A.	262,900
London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	2,873,500
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Midland Bank plc	11,269,628
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	9,248,675
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
UK	

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<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	12,112,453
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Total	77,559,536

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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Bank of New York Nominees	14,896,672
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	606,163
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Bank One London	982,973
Chase Nominees Limited	10,791,366
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	930,306
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	400,494

Toronto

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Clydesdale Bank plc	528,515
Deutsche Bank AG	1,611,560
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
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

Registered Name

Local Shares

Morgan Guaranty

239,032

83 Pall Mall

London SW1Y 5ES

UK

MSS Nominees Limited

242,700

Midland Bank plc

Mariner House, Pepys

London EC3N 4DA

Northern Trust

2,774,647

c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Northern Trust AVFC 485,932

South Africa

Nortrust Nominees 7,582,124

155 Bishopsgate

London ECM 3XS

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland 4,914,357

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 1,294,489

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	60,061,349
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Capital International S.A.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees	57,100
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Barclays Bank	2,055,947
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Brown Bros	169,046
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	

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Deutsche Bank AG	659,309
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	
HSBC Bank plc	1,183,157
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	

London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan	8,989,973
Lloyds Bank	31,800
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
London	
Midland Bank plc	1,807,411
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	508,608
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
RBSTB Nominees Ltd	403,585
67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
UK	
State Street Bank & Trust Co	140,481
State Street Nominees Limited	67,600
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	

London E14 5AF

Total	23,786,137
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Capital International, Inc.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	863,048
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bankers Trust	22,991
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Chase Nominees Limited	3,725,428
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank	37,847
Citibank London	68,305

11 Old Jewry

London EC2R 8D8

UK

Citibank NA	478,144
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Toronto

Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788
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Registered Name

Local Shares

HSBC Bank plc	368,300
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Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan Chase Bank	755,600
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Midland Bank plc	517,714
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5 Laurence

Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E

UK

Northern Trust	64,789
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C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

Nortrust Nominees Limited	303,198
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155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Royal Bank of Scotland	464,169
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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	522,188
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State Street Nominees Limited	5,564,283
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	14,012,787
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Capital Research and Management Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Chase Nominees Limited	20,671,027
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
State Street Nominees Limited	1,500,000
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Total	22,171,027

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria
3000
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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

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:

15 April 2004