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BOC GROUP PLC
Form 6-K
September 02, 2003

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 for the month of August 2003

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

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

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Yes: No:

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 4 August 2003 advising that The Capital Group Companies, Inc had notified that they had decreased their interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of The BOC Group plc to 2.98%.

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2. A notification dated 4 August 2003 advising of the acquisition of 58 Ordinary shares in the Company by C J O'Donnell, a director of the Company, under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
3. A notification dated 4 August 2003 advising of the acquisition of 272 Ordinary shares in the Company by R G Mendoza, a director of the Company, under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
4. Notification dated 5 August 2003 advising the availability at the UKLA document viewing facility of copies of the results for the nine months ended 30 June 2003 for The BOC Group plc.
5. A notification dated 20 August 2003 relating to the purchase of 491 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc by M F C Miao, a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc.
6. A notification dated 20 August 2003 relating to the purchase of 491 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc by R G Mendoza, a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc.
7. A notification dated 20 August 2003 relating to the purchase of 500 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc by A R J Bonfield, a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc.
8. A notification dated 20 August 2003 relating to the purchase of 491 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc by F R Arrendondo, a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc.

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ON 4 AUGUST 2003
AT 15.32 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0408031530-54DE

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| 1. Name of company | 2. Name of shareholder having a |
| The BOC Group plc | The Capital Group Companies, |
| ----- | ----- |

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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 holder, the number of shares
- See additional information

Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

5. Number of shares/amount of stock
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
- 31 July 2003

12. Total holding following this notification
13. Total percentage holding of i notification
- 14,853,083
- 2.98%

14. Any additional information
15. Name of contact and telephone
- The BOC Group plc had previously been advised that pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985 that The Capital Group Companies, Inc. had a 3.93% interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.
- David Kinnair
Assistant Company Secretary
01276 807649

In a letter dated 1 August and received on 4 August 2003 The BOC Group plc has been notified that The Capital Group Companies, Inc. no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company, such interest now being 2.98%.

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

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this notification

David Kinnair

Date of notification ___4 August 2003 _____

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ON 4 AUGUST 2003
AT 16.39 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0408031636-8D10

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company

2. Name of director

THE BOC GROUP plc

CHRISTOPHER JOHN O'DONNELL

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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE

CHRISTOPHER JOHN O'DONNELL

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

N/A

PURCHASE OF SHARES UNDER THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

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| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage of issued class |
|----|-------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| | 58 | | LESS THAN 0.01% | | N/A | | N/A |

| 11. | Class of | 12. | Price per | 13. | Date of | 14. | Date |
|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|---------|-----|------|
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| | security | share | transaction | company info |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH | 854P PER SHARE | 1 AUGUST 2003 | 4 AUGUST 2003 |

| 15. | Total holding following this notification | 16. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 2,179 | | LESS THAN 0.01% |

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

| 17. | Date of grant | 18. | Period during which or date on which options exercisable |
|-----|---------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|
| | N/A | | N/A |

| 19. | Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option | 20. | Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| | N/A | | N/A |

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21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

N/A

N/A

23. Any additional information

N/A

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

DAVID KINNAIR 01276 807649

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

DAVID KINNAIR, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification 4 AUGUST 2003

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ON 4 AUGUST 2003
AT 16.43 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0408031640-D4FB

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company

THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of director

ROBERTO GONZALEZ MENDOZA

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

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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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE

ROBERTO GONZALEZ MENDOZA

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

N/A

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP discretionary/non discretionary

PURCHASE OF SHARES UNDER THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

272

8. Percentage of of issued class

LESS THAN 0.01%

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

11. Class of

12. Price per

13. Date of

14. Date

security

share

transaction

company info

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH

854P PER SHARE

1 AUGUST 2003

4 AUGUST 2003

15. Total holding following this notification

10,272

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

LESS THAN 0.01%

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If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant

N/A

18. Period during which or date on which options are exercisable

N/A

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

N/A

20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

N/A

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

N/A

22. Total number of shares or debentures of which options held following this notification

N/A

23. Any additional information

N/A

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

DAVID KINNAIR 01276 807649

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

DAVID KINNAIR, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification 4 AUGUST 2003

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 5 AUGUST 2003
AT 12.47 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0508031245-7424

5 August 2003

THE BOC GROUP plc - NEWS RELEASE ON THE RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30
JUNE 2003

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AT 14.33 HRS ON 20 AUGUST 2003
UNDER REF. NO. PRNUK-2008031431-14C2

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Name of company | 2. | Name of director |
| | The BOC Group plc | | Matthew Feng Chiang MIAU |
| 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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest | 4. | Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified) |
| | Holding in respect of director named in 2 above | | Matthew Feng Chiang MIAU |
| 5. | Please state whether notification relates to | 6. | Please state the nature of the |

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a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP discretionary/non discretionary

N/a Purchase

| | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage of issued class |
|----|-------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|

491 Less than 0.1%

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----|--------------|
| 11. | Class of security | 12. | Price per share | 13. | Date of transaction | 14. | Date company |
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| | Ordinary shares of 25p each | 846.5p | 15 August 2003 | informed | 20 August 2003 |
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| 15. | Total holding following this notification | 16. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
| | 2,772 | | Less than 0.1% |

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|
| 17. | Date of grant | 18. | Period during which or date on which exercisable |
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19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

22. Total number of shares or debentures of which options held following this notification

23. Any additional information

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Carol Hunt Tel: 01276 807759

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

Carol Hunt, Deputy Company Secretary
Date of notification 20 August 2003

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AT 14.30 HRS ON 20 AUGUST 2003
UNDER REF. NO. PRNUK-2008031428-CE15

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company

The BOC Group plc

2. Name of director

Roberto Gonzalez MENDOZA

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| <p>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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest</p> | <p>4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)</p> |
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| Holding in respect of director named in 2 above | Roberto Gonzalez MENDOZA |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|

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| <p>5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)</p> | <p>6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP discretionary/non discretionary</p> |
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| N/a | Purchase |
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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <p>7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired</p> | <p>8. Percentage of issued class</p> | <p>9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed</p> | <p>10. Percentage of issued class</p> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

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|-----|----------------|--|--|
| 491 | Less than 0.1% | | |
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| <p>11. Class of security</p> | <p>12. Price per share</p> | <p>13. Date of transaction</p> | <p>14. Date company</p> |
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| | | | informed |
| Ordinary shares of 25p each | 846.5p | 15 August 2003 | 20 August 2003 |

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|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15. | Total holding following this notification | 16. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
| | 10,763 | | Less than 0.1% |

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

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|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|
| 17. | Date of grant | 18. | Period during which or date on which exercisable |
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| 19. | Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option | 20. | Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|

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| 21. | Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise | 22. | Total number of shares or debentures of which options held following this notification |
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| 23. | Any additional information | 24. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries |
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Carol Hunt Tel: 01276 807759

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

Carol Hunt, Deputy Company Secretary
Date of notification 20 August 2003

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| 1. | Name of company | 2. | Name of director | | | | |
| | The BOC Group plc | | Andrew Robert John BONFIELD | | | | |
| 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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest | 4. | Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified) | | | | |
| | Holding in respect of director named in 2 above | | Andrew Robert John BONFIELD | | | | |
| 5. | Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s) | 6. | Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP discretionary/non discretionary | | | | |
| | N/a | | Purchase | | | | |
| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage of issued class |
| | 500 | | Less than 0.1% | | | | |
| 11. | Class of security | 12. | Price per share | 13. | Date of transaction | 14. | Date company |
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| | | | informed |
| Ordinary shares of 25p each | 846.5p | 15 August 2003 | 20 August 2003 |

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 15. Total holding following this notification | 500 | 16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification | Less than 0.1% |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

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| 17. Date of grant | 18. Period during which or date on which exercisable |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|

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| 19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option | 20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|

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| 21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise | 22. Total number of shares or debentures of which options held following this notification |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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| 23. Any additional information | 24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries |
| Purchase of director qualification shares pursuant to Articles of Association | Carol Hunt Tel: 01276 807759 |

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

Carol Hunt, Deputy Company Secretary
Date of notification 20 August 2003

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AT 14.23 HRS ON 20 AUGUST 2003
UNDER REF. NO. PRNUK-2008031421-181E

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Name of company | 2. Name of director |
| The BOC Group plc | Fabiola Raquel ARREDONDO |

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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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest | 4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified) |
| Holding in respect of director named in 2 above | Fabiola Raquel ARREDONDO |

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| 5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s) | 6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP discretionary/non discretionary |
| N/a | Purchase |

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| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage of issued class |
|----|-------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| | 491 | | Less than 0.1% | | | | |

| 11. | Class of security | 12. | Price per share | 13. | Date of transaction | 14. | Date company informed |
|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|
|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------|

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| | Ordinary shares of 25p each | | 846.5p | | 15 August 2003 | | 20 August 2003 |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--------|--|----------------|--|----------------|

| 15. | Total holding following this notification | 16. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 991 | | Less than 0.1% |

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

| 17. | Date of grant | 18. | Period during which or date on which exercisable |
|-----|---------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|
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| 19. | Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option | 20. | Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|
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21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

22. Total number of shares or debentures of which options held following this notification

23. Any additional information

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Carol Hunt Tel: 01276 807759

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

Carol Hunt, Deputy Company Secretary
Date of notification __20 August 2003_____

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SIGNATURE

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: September 1, 2003

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins

Name: Sarah Larkins
Title: Company Secretarial Assistant

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