

BHP BILLITON LTD
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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

19 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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Date: 1

9 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	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

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NOTIFICATION BY THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC. ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATES							
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	6.	Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 1,029,000	8.	Percentage of issued class 0.042%
9.	Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50		10.	Date of transaction 13 APRIL 2004	11.	Date company informed 16 APRIL 2004	
12.	Total holding following this notification 196,561,836			13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 7.964%		
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING 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 19 APRIL 2004							

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

Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (PLEASE DO NOT POST)

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 13 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	196,561,836	7.964%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		

• Capital Guardian Trust Company	77,546,536	3.142%
• Capital International Limited	60,059,149	2.433%
• Capital International S.A	23,804,037	0.964%
• Capital International, Inc.	12,981,087	0.526%
• Capital Research and Management Company	22,171,027	0.898%

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BHP Billiton plc

Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

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
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	

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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 9,235,675

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

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	77,546,536

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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	4,912,157

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	60,059,149
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Capital International S.A.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Barclays Bank

2,055,947

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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

Registered Name

Local Shares

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

Registered Name

Local Shares

Nortrust Nominees Limited	178,786
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Pictet & Cie	172,400
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

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	23,804,037
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees 780,148

Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY

Bankers Trust 22,991

59 1/2 Southwark Street

2nd Floor

London SE1 0HH

Chase Nominees Limited 3,276,028

Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank	32,147
Citibank London	68,305
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	424,244
Toronto	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	149,788

Registered Name

Local Shares

HSBC Bank plc	368,300
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	755,600

Midland Bank plc	517,714
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Northern Trust	49,889
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Nortrust Nominees Limited	303,198
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	464,169
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
RBSTB Nominees Ltd	95,995
67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
UK	
State Street Bank & Trust Co	507,688

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State Street Nominees Limited 5,164,883

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	12,981,087
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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	

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Total

22,171,027

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
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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

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:

19 April 2004