

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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

8 September 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Date: 8 September 2004

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received on 7 September 2004 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Lehman Brothers International (Europe), dated 6 September 2004, relating to a major interest in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 6 September 2004:

"S198 Companies Act 1985 (the "Act")

We write to inform you, pursuant to s198 of the Act, that as at the close of business on 6th September, 2004, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) had an interest in 133,675,973 Ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc (the "Company"). This represents 5.42% of the outstanding share capital of the Company."

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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  
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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

LIMITED

/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date:

8 September 2004