

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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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

Tel + 44 (0)20 7802 4176

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 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 |

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|---|--|-----|---|-----|--|
| 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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BHP Billiton plc

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 |

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

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 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 |

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

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

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

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

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| 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 | |

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 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

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| 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

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| Citibank NA | 478,144 |
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Toronto

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| Deutsche Bank Mannheim | 160,788 |
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Registered Name

Local Shares

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|---------------|---------|
| HSBC Bank plc | 368,300 |
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Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

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| JP Morgan Chase Bank | 755,600 |
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| Midland Bank plc | 517,714 |
|------------------|---------|

5 Laurence

Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E

UK

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Northern Trust | 64,789 |
|----------------|--------|

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 522,188

State Street Nominees Limited 5,564,283

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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| 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
Telephone +61 1300 554 757 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

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