

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
July 31, 2003

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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 24 July 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke 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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"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" - Elizabeth Hobley/Deputy Secretary - Tel: + 44 (0)20 7802 4054

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

|     |  |    |   |   |   |   |                            |
|-----|--|----|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1.  | Name of company<br><br>BHP BILLITON PLC  |    | 2.  | Name of shareholder having a major interest<br><br>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<br><br>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<br><br>SEE SCHEDULE B ANNEXED HERETO |   |   |                            |
| 5.  | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired<br><br>12,942,267  | 6. | Percentage of issued class<br><br>0.524%<br><br>(see NOTE 14) | 7.  | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 8.  | Percentage of issued class |
| 9.  | Class of security<br><br>ORDINARY US\$0.50   |    | 10.   | Date of transaction<br><br>8 JULY 2003  | 11.                                       | Date company informed<br><br>23 JULY 2003 |                            |
| 12. | Total holding following this notification  |    | 13.   | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  |   |   |                            |

|  |  |     |  |
|--|--|-----|--|
|  | 173,442,473  |     | 7.027%   |
| 14.                                      | Any additional information<br><br>ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES ATTAINING A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)                 | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries<br><br>ELIZABETH HOBLEY +44 (0)20 7802 4054 |
| 16.                                      | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification<br><br>ELIZABETH HOBLEY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, BHP BILLITON PLC |     |  |
| Date of notification <b>24 JULY 2003</b> |  |     |  |

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

As of 8 July 2003

BHP Billiton plc

Schedule A

|  | <u>Number of</u>   | <u>Percent of</u>  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | <u>Shares</u>      | <u>Outstanding</u> |
| <u>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings</u> | <b>173,442,473</b> | <b>7.027%</b>      |

Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:

|                                  |            |        |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------|
| - Capital Guardian Trust Company | 83,209,503 | 3.371% |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------|

- Capital International Limited

33,319,442 1.350%

- Capital International S.A.

21,217,876 0.860%

- Capital International, Inc.

13,524,625 0.548%

- Capital Research and Management Company

22,171,027 0.898%

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Schedule B

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Shares

Bank of New York Nominees

13,583,303

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bank of New York                    |           |
| 3 Birchin Lane                      |           |
| London EC3V 9BY                     |           |
| UK                                  |           |
| Bank One London                     | 871,173   |
| Bankers Trust                       | 5,000,133 |
| 59 1/2 Southmark Street             |           |
| 2nd Floor                           |           |
| London SE1 0HH                      |           |
| UK                                  |           |
| Barclays Bank                       | 4,398,155 |
| Barclays Global Securities Services |           |
| 8 Angel Court                       |           |
| London EC2R 7HT                     |           |
| UK                                  |           |
| Brown Bros.                         | 85,446    |
| One Mellon Bank Center              |           |
| Pittsburgh, PA 15258                |           |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.           | 664,085   |
| 1 Appold Street                     |           |
| Broadgate                           |           |
| London EC2A 2HE                     |           |

UK

Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd. 22,369

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Nominee Shares

Chase Nominees Limited 73,780,976

Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

UK

Citibank London 2,262,978

11 Old Jewry

London EC2R 8D8

UK

Citibank NA 515,650

Toronto

Clydesdale Bank plc 488,715

Credit Suisse London Branch 25,755

24 Bishopsgate

London EC2n4BQ

UK

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Deutsche Bank AG           | 1,802,838 |
| 23 Great Winchester Street |           |
| London EC2P 2AX            |           |
| United Kingdom             |           |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim     | 160,788   |

Nominee Shares

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| HSBC Bank plc                      | 1,379,095 |
| Securities Services, Mariner House |           |
| Pepys Street                       |           |
| London EC3N 4DA                    |           |
| J.P. Morgan                        | 5,643,982 |

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Lloyds Bank                | 165,481 |
| Central Settlement Section |         |
| Branches Stock Office      |         |
| 34 Threadneedle Street     |         |
| London EC2R 8AZ            |         |
| Mellon Bank N.A.           | 777,039 |

London Branch

London

United Kingdom

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited | 2,348,580 |
|------------------------------|-----------|

150 Buchanan Street

Glasgow G1 2DY

United Kingdom

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Midland Bank plc | 15,159,610 |
|------------------|------------|

5 Laurence

Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E, United Kingdom

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Morgan Guaranty | 176,132 |
|-----------------|---------|

83 Pall Mall

London SW1Y 5ES

UK

Nominee Shares

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Morgan Stanley | 132,605 |
|----------------|---------|

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| MSS Nominees Limited | 391,394 |
|----------------------|---------|

Midland Bank plc

Mariner House, Pepys

London EC3N 4DA



|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| National Westminster Bank     | 342,322    |
| Northern Trust                | 1,622,042  |
| c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited |            |
| 155 Bishopsgate               |            |
| London EC2M 3XS               |            |
| UK                            |            |
| Northern Trust AVFC           | 114,832    |
| South Africa                  |            |
| Nortrust Nominees             | 14,820,984 |
| 155 Bishopsgate               |            |
| London EC2M 3XS               |            |
| United Kingdom                |            |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.           | 178,880    |
| 67 Lombard St                 |            |
| London EC3 3DL                |            |
| United Kingdom                |            |
| <u>Nominee Shares</u>         |            |
| ROY Nominees Limited          | 67,496     |

71N Queen Victoria Street

London EC4V 4DE

United Kingdom

Royal Bank of Scotland 4,522,364

Regents House, 42, Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co. 1,755,376

State Street Nominees Limited 19,959,468

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

UK

Vidacos Nominees Ltd. 222,427

Citibank N.A.

Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St.

London SE13 7EX

UK

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| Total | 173,442,473 |
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Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 600 Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria 3000  
Telephone +61 3 9609 3333 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

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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

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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: 24 July 2003