

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
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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 1 October 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received yesterday by BHP Billiton Plc in a communication from Old Mutual plc dated 30 August 2003 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 26 September 2003:

"Please find notification pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, that, as at 26th September 2003, Old Mutual plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, have an interest in 175,201,469 ordinary shares of the company representing 7.10% of the issued share capital. The shares are registered as per the attached schedule."

Registered holdings of BHP Billiton Plc share capital by Old Mutual Companies at 26 September 2003

<u>Total Shares issued</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Registered Holder</u>	<u>% of issued shares</u>
2,468,147,002	94,459,396	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	3.83%
	134,668	Stanlib Asset Management Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company)	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.01%
	402,631	Prudential Portfolio Managers SA (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company)	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.02%
	268,384	PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (Not an Old Mutual	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company	0.01%

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		Company)	(South Africa) Ltd	
	140,609	Coronation Fund Managers Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company)	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.01%
	2,538,073	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) Limited	0.10%
	41,968,758	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets)	1.70%
	108,576	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Omnibon No 13 (Pty) Limited	0.00%
	1,679,383	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd	0.07%
	232,849	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	0.01%
	833,851	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets)	0.03%
	39,376	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) Limited	0.00%
	3,705,874	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual Global Asset Fund	0.15%
	11,730,448	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited	0.48%
	1,032,406	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual South African Trust Plc	0.04%
	27,935	Quantitative Asset Management	ABSA Nominees	0.00%
	3,217,485	Quantitative Asset Management	Nedbank Nominees Ltd	0.13%
	2,921,495	Quantitative Asset Management	Standard Bank Nominees Ltd	0.12%
	115	Syfrets Securities	Syfrets Securities Nominees (Pty) Ltd	0.00%
	627,724	Franklin Templeton/NIB Investments	Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd	0.03%

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	2,277	Old Mutual	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.00%
	1,972,805	BOE Private Clients	Standard Bank Nominees	0.08%
	43,439	BOE Private Clients	Registered Own Name	0.00%
	1,388,838	BOE Private Clients (NTRAC)	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.06%
	89,499	BOE Fiduciary	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.00%
	1,936,848	Mutual & Federal Limited	Mutual & Federal Limited	0.08%
	3,077,844	Quaystone Ltd	Standard Bank Nominees (Transvaal) (Pty) Limited	0.12%
	295,841	Quaystone Ltd	Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd	0.01%
	324,042	Quaystone Ltd	ABSA	0.01%
	175,201,469			7.10%

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: 600 Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria 3000
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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: 1 October 2003