

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

16 February 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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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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.

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 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 26,361,569 | 6. | Percentage of issued class 1.068% | 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 8. | Percentage of issued class |
| 9. | Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50 | | 10. | Date of transaction 11 FEBRUARY 2004 | 11. | Date company informed 13 FEBRUARY 2004 | |
| 12. | Total holding following this notification 199,804,042 | | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 8.095% | | | |

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| 14. | Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES ATTAINING AN INCREASED 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 16 FEBRUARY 2004 | | | |

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

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 11 February 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 | 199,804 | 8.095% |
| Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds: | | |

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|----------------------------------|------------|--------|
| • Capital Guardian Trust Company | 83,085,474 | 3.366% |
| • Capital International Limited | 52,226,043 | 2.116% |
| • Capital International S.A | 29,131,229 | 1.180% |

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| • Capital International, Inc. | 13,190,269 | 0.534% |
| • Capital Research and Management Company | 22,171,027 | 0.898% |

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BHP Billiton plc

Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Capital Guardian Trust Company

| <u>Registered Name</u> | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank of New York Nominees | 2,053,369 |
| Bank of New York | |
| 3 Birchin Lane | |
| London EC3V 9BY | |
| UK | |
| Bankers Trust | 2,812,682 |
| 59 1/2 Southmark Street | |
| 2nd Floor | |
| London SE1 0HH | |
| UK | |
| Barclays Bank | 1,803,968 |
| Barclays Global Securities Services | |
| 8 Angel Court | |

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| London EC2R 7HT | |
| UK | |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. | 795,085 |
| 1 Appold Street | |
| Broadgate | |
| London EC2A 2HE | |
| UK | |
| Chase Nominees Limited | 36,868,033 |
| Woolgate House | |
| Coleman Street | |
| London EC2P 2HD | |
| UK | |
| Citibank London | 39,502 |
| 11 Old Jewry | |
| London EC2R 8D8 | |
| UK | |
| HSBC Bank plc | 34,872 |
| Securities Services, Mariner House | |
| Pepys Street | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |
| Investors Bank & Trust Co | 629,100 |

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| Mellon Bank N.A. | 280,400 |
| London Branch | |
| London | |
| United Kingdom | |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited | 2,734,911 |
| 150 Buchanan Street | |
| Glasgow G1 2DY | |
| United Kingdom | |
| Midland Bank plc | 12,521,818 |
| 5 Laurence | |
| Poutney Hill | |
| EC4R 0E, United Kingdom | |
| MSS Nominees Limited | 43,610 |
| Midland Bank plc | |
| Mariner House, Pepys | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 9,673,313 |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M 3XS | |
| UK | |

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Royal Bank of Scotland 123,105

Regents House, 42 Islington High Street

London N1 8XL

UK

ROY Nominees Limited 65,996

71N Queen Victoria Street

London Ec4V 4DE

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co 133,957

State Street Nominees Limited 12,471,753

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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| Total | 83,085,474 |
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Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 11 February 2004

Capital International Limited

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees 13,440,962

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| Bank of New York | |
| 3 Birchin Lane | |
| London EC3V 9BY | |
| Barclays Bank | 820,336 |
| Barclays Global Securities Services | |
| 8 Angel Court | |
| London EC2R 7HT | |
| Bankers Trust | 709,263 |
| 59 1/2 Southwark Street | |
| 2nd Floor | |
| London SE1 0HH | |
| Bank One London | 982,973 |
| | |
| Clydesdale Bank plc | 568,615 |
| | |
| Deutsche Bank AG | 826,920 |
| Great Winchester Street | |
| London EC2P 2AX | |
| UK | |
| Chase Nominees Limited | 10,748,267 |

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| Woolgate House | |
| Coleman Street | |
| London EC2P 2HD | |
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| Citibank London | 1,330,800 |
| 11 Old Jewry | |
| London EC2R 8D8 | |
| 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 | |

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| 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 | |
| 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 | 2,637,947 |
| c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited | |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M3XS | |
| Northern Trust AVFC | 485,932 |

South Africa

Nortrust Nominees 7,326,724

155 Bishopsgate

London ECM 3XS

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland 15,600

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 1,020,289

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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| Total | 52,226,043 |
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Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 11 February 2004

Capital International S.A.

Registered NameLocal Shares

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bank of New York Nominees | 694,712 |
| 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 | 162,046 |
| 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 | 59,333 |

Toronto

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| Credit Suisse London Branch | 147,555 |
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24 Bishopsgate

London EC2N 4BQ

UK

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| Deutsche Bank AG | 1,391,949 |
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23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

UK

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| HSBC Bank plc | 979,206 |
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Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

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| JP Morgan | 8,722,782 |
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| Lloyds Bank | 28,300 |
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Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| London | |
| Midland Bank plc | 1,481,611 |
| 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 | 615,922 |
| | |
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 178,786 |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M3XS | |
| Pictet & Cie | 89,000 |
| Geneva | |

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Royal Bank of Scotland 5,506,090

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

RBSTB Nominees Ltd 273,085

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

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| Total | 29,131,229 |
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees 876,038

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| Bank of New York | |
| 3 Birchin Lane | |
| London EC3V 9BY | |
| Bankers Trust | 32,991 |
| 59 1/2 Southwark Street | |
| 2nd Floor | |
| London SE1 0HH | |
| Chase Nominees Limited | 3,682,128 |
| Woolgate House | |
| Coleman Street | |
| London EC2P 2HD | |
| Citibank London | 115,752 |
| 11 Old Jewry | |
| London EC2R 8D8 | |
| UK | |
| Citibank NA | 358,917 |
| Toronto | |
| Deutsche Bank AG | 35,869 |
| 23 Great Winchester Street | |
| London EC2P 2AX | |
| UK | |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim | 160,788 |

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| HSBC Bank plc | 529,451 |
| Securities Services, Mariner House | |
| Pepys Street | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |
| Midland Bank plc | 517,714 |
| 5 Laurence | |
| Poutney Hill | |
| EC4R 0E | |
| UK | |
| Northern Trust | 119,789 |
| C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited | |
| 155 Bishopsgate | |
| London EC2M 3XS | |
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 312,198 |
| 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

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| State Street Bank & Trust Co | 496,588 |
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| State Street Nominees Limited | 5,391,882 |
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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| Total | 13,190,269 |
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Capital Research and Management Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Chase Nominees Limited | 20,671,027 |
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Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| State Street Nominees Limited | 1,500,000 |
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

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| Total | 22,171,027 |
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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria
3000
Telephone +61 1300 554 757 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

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:

16 February 2004