

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
July 31, 2003

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

24 July 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

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 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 12,942,267	6.	Percentage of issued class 0.524% (see NOTE 14)	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 8 JULY 2003	11.	Date company informed 23 JULY 2003	
12.	Total holding following this notification		13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification			

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

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>	173,442,473	7.027%

Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:

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

Australia

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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	
 <u>Nominee Shares</u>	
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

Total	173,442,473
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Kingdom
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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 Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 24 July 2003