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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received today by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Old Mutual plc dated 6 November 2002 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 1 November 2002:

"Notification of interests under Sections 198 - 212 Companies Act 1985

I enclose for your information an updated list of Old Mutual material interests in the share capital of BHP Billiton plc. This follows an aggregate reduction in holdings which are now less than 4% in total.

| <u>Number of Shares</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>Registered Holder</u> | <u>%</u> |
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| K5,255,420 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 1.43% |
| I,622,745 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) | 0.07% |
| I1,526 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) | 0.00% |
| J4,431,896 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) Ltd (Managed fund client assets) | 0.99% |
| J62,435 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd | 0.01% |
| J32,849 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | 0.01% |
| N3,692 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) Ltd (Managed fund client assets) | 0.00% |
| K,705,874 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual Global Asset Fund | 0.15% |
| I0,409,248 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited | 0.42% |
| 871,407 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South African Trust Plc | 0.04% |
| J72,043 | Prudential Portfolio Managers S.A. (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| J90,628 | Coronation Fund Managers (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| L65,385 | Liberty Asset Management (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.02% |
| J69,776 | PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| M,268,312 | Quantative Asset Management | Nominee accounts | 0.21% |
| M,101 | NIB Securities | Nominee accounts | 0.00% |
| N,374,148 | Franklin Templeton/NIB Investments | Nominee accounts | 0.26% |
| N58,444 | Nedcor Investment Bank Ltd | Nominee accounts | 0.03% |
| I,091,288 | Mutual & Federal Limited | Mutual & Federal Limited | 0.04% |
| I14,634 | Mutual & Federal Namibia Limited | Mutual & Federal Namibia Limited | 0.00% |
| L11,651 | Phoenix Assurance Limited | Phoenix Assurance Limited | 0.02% |
| J12,850 | CGU Insurance Limited | CGU Insurance Limited | 0.01% |
| I06,425 | Sentrasure | Sentrasure | 0.00% |

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| K83,124 | BoE Asset Managers Limited | ABSA Nominees | 0.02% |
| M56,700 | BoE Asset Managers Limited | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.02% |
| I,427,443 | BoE Asset Managers Limited | Standard Bank Nominees | 0.06% |
| M3,000 | Acadian Asset Management | Clients of Acadian Asset Management | 0.00% |
| 94,828,044 | | | 3.84% |

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