

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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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

13 December 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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#### Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received on 10 December 2004 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Barclays PLC, dated 9 December 2004, relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 8 December 2004:

"I hereby inform you that as at 8 December 2004 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 3.03%.

Details of this interest, together with a breakdown between registered holders (as required by Section 202(3) of the Act), are enclosed.

#### LEGAL ENTITY REPORT

BHP BILLITON PLC

SEDOL : 0056650

As at 8 December 2004 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, had a notifiable interest in 74,720,461 USD0.50 representing 3.03% of the issued share capital of 2,468,147,002 units

<u>Legal Entity</u>	<u>Holding</u>	<u>Percentage Held</u>
Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd	10,000	0.0004
Barclays Capital Securities Ltd	1,673,959	0.0678
Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust &	2,390,735	0.0969
Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd	740,804	0.0300

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Barclays Global Fund Advisors	4,799,397	0.1945
Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd	3,048,799	0.1235
Barclays Global Investors Ltd	33,908,058	1.3738
Gerrard Ltd	341,691	0.138
Barclays Private Bank Ltd	4,789	0.0002
Barclays Global Investors, N.A.	26,680,767	1.0810
Barclays Global Investors Japan Ltd	1,121,462	0.0454
Group Holding	74,720,461	3.0273

REGISTERED HOLDERS REPORT

BHP BILLITON PLC

SEDOL: 0056650

As at 8 December 2004 Barclays PLC, through the registered holders listed below, had a notifiable interest in 74,720,461 USD0.50 representing 3.03% of the issued share capital of 2,468,147,002 units.

<u>Registered Holder</u>	<u>Account Designation</u>	<u>Holding</u>
Bank of Ireland		439,718
Barclays Capital Nominees Ltd		1,673,959
Barclays Global Investors		23,600
Barclays Trust Co DMC69		10,000
BNP Paribas		222,105
Chase Nominees Ltd	16376	1,462,952
Chase Nominees Ltd	20947	5,750,506
CIBC Mellon Global Securities		25,802
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		3,643,355
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		425,288
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		631,548
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		68,635
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		30,571

<u>Registered Holder</u>	<u>Account Designation</u>	<u>Holding</u>
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		3,414,496
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		865,395
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		45,462
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		588,793
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		27,982

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Investors Bank and Trust Co.		3,502,637
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		1,153,335
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		12,258,982
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		24,512
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		658,213
Investors Bank and Trust Co.		33,314
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16331	814,397
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16338	160,262
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16341	1,453,780
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16341	156,241
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16342	300,858
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16344	46,418
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16345	76,181
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	16400	26,544,622
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	17011	40,662
JP Morgan (BGI Custody)	18408	149,978
JPMorgan Chase Bank		74,072
JPMorgan Chase Bank		71,277
JPMorgan Chase Bank		97,465
JPMorgan Chase Bank		26,510
JPMorgan Chase Bank		30,495
JPMorgan Chase Bank		166,542
JPMorgan Chase Bank		158,472
JPMorgan Chase Bank		340,424
JPMorgan Chase Bank		400,380
JPMorgan Chase Bank		65,662
JPMorgan Chase Bank		3,605
JPMorgan Chase Bank		3,268
JPMorgan Chase Bank		35,459
JPMorgan Chase Bank		306,518
JPMorgan Chase Bank		104,074
JPMorgan Chase Bank		299,582
JPMorgan Chase Bank		1,260,028
JPMorgan Chase Bank		265,441
JPMorgan Chase Bank		2,787
JPMorgan Chase Bank		20,491
JPMorgan Chase Bank		23,820

Master Trust Bank		33,268
Mellon Trust - Boston & SF		368,630
Mellon Trust - Boston & SF		184,328
Mellon Trust of New England		229,805
Mitsubishi Trust International		15,175
Mitsubishi Trust International		24,661
Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA		300,945
Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA		54,406
Northern Trust Bank - BGI SEPA		205,265
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c	BL1	103,269
R C Greig Nominees Limited a/c	CM1	62,045
R C Greig Nominees Limited GP1	GP1	105,112
<u>Registered Holder</u>	<u>Account Designation</u>	<u>Holding</u>
R C Greig Nominees Limited SA1	SA1	71,265
State Street		41,659
State Street		3,561
State Street Boston		2,162,135
State Street Boston		212,015
Sumitomo TB		12,659
Wells Fargo Seattle - Wire Ban		44,538
Zeban Nominees Limited		4,789
	Total	74,720,461

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria  
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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

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

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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:

13 December 2004