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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

January 25, 2017

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

BHP BILLITON PLC

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

ENGLAND AND WALES

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,

NEATHOUSE PLACE, LONDON,

VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: Yes No

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

Issued by: BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 25 January 2017

To: London Stock Exchange

Australian Securities Exchange

To: JSE Limited

New York Stock Exchange

For Release: Immediately

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BHP Billiton Plc Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The attached notification was received on 24 January 2017 by BHP Billiton Plc from Public Investment Corporation SOC Limited relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077 BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

LEI WZE1WSENV6JSZFK0JC28 LEI 549300C116EOWV835768

Registered in Australia Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Level 18, 171 Collins Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000
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Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

For filings with the FCA include the annex

For filings with issuer exclude the annex

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ii

BHP BILLITON PLC

2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) **subject to the notification** PUBLIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION SOC LIMITED

4. Full name of shareholder(s)

N/A

(if different from 3.):iv

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: v 23 January 2017

6. Date on which issuer notified: 24 January 2017

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: vi, vii 3%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares viii, ix

	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction			
Class/type of shares	Number of	Number of Voting	Number of shares	- · · · ·	% of voting	rights ^x
if possible using the ISIN CODE	Shares	Rights	Direct	Direc¶#idirect	xii Direct	Indirect
BIL	57268229		66684444	5	3.157%	

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument

Expiration Exercise/ is % of voting Type of financial instrument date xiii Conversion Period exercised/converted. rights **NONE** N/A N/A N/A N/A

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments xv, xvi

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Exercise/ **ExpirationConversion**

perioNumber of voting rights Type of financial instrument price xvii xviii instrument refers/toof voting rights xix, xx

date

Nominal Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights Percentage of voting rights

66684446 3.157%

Exercise

N/A

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instr	uments are
effectively held, if applicable: xxi	

N/A

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder: N/A

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to

hold: N/A

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

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13. Additional information: N/A

14. Contact name: DEVILLIERS MAKONKO

15. Contact telephone number: 012 742 3578

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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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: January 25, 2017 By: /s/ Rachel Agnew

Name: Rachel Agnew Title: Company Secretary