

BHP BILLITON LTD
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 Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke 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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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

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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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.

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|-----|--|----|--|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| 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:

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| - 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

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| UK | |
| Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd. | 22,369 |
| Australia | |
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| <u>Nominee Shares</u> | |
| 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 | |

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| Deutsche Bank AG | 1,802,838 |
| 23 Great Winchester Street | |
| London EC2P 2AX | |
| United Kingdom | |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim | 160,788 |

Nominee Shares

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| HSBC Bank plc | 1,379,095 |
| Securities Services, Mariner House | |
| Pepys Street | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |
| J.P. Morgan | 5,643,982 |

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| Lloyds Bank | 165,481 |
| Central Settlement Section | |
| Branches Stock Office | |
| 34 Threadneedle Street | |
| London EC2R 8AZ | |
| Mellon Bank N.A. | 777,039 |

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| 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 | |

Nominee Shares

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| Morgan Stanley | 132,605 |
| MSS Nominees Limited | 391,394 |
| Midland Bank plc | |
| Mariner House, Pepys | |
| London EC3N 4DA | |

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| 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

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| Royal Bank of Scotland | 4,522,364 |
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Regents House, 42, Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

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| State Street Bank & Trust Co. | 1,755,376 |
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| State Street Nominees Limited | 19,959,468 |
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

UK

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| Vidacos Nominees Ltd. | 222,427 |
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Citibank N.A.

Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St.

London SE13 7EX

UK

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| 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 LIMITED
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 24 July 2003