

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
September 10, 2008

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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

September 9, 2008

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

**(ABN 49 004 028 077)**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

**180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA**

**3000 AUSTRALIA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**BHP BILLITON PLC**

**(REG. NO. 3196209)**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**ENGLAND AND WALES**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

**NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 8 September 2008 by BHP Billiton Plc from Lehman Brothers International (Europe) relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

**TR-1: notification of major interests in shares**

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|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:   | BHP Billiton Plc                       |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Reason for the notification<br>(please tick the appropriate box or boxes)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| An acquisition or disposal of voting rights  | X                                      |  |  |  |  |
| An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached |  |  |  |  |  |
| An event changing the breakdown of voting rights   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify):  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:  | Lehman Brothers International (Europe) |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Full name of shareholder(s)<br>(if different from 3.):  | N/A                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Date of the transaction<br>(and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):  | 05/09/08                               |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Date on which issuer notified:  | 08/09/08                               |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:  | 5%                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Notified details:   | N/A                                    |  |  |  |  |

| A: Voting rights attached to shares                         |  |                         |  |                         |          |                    |          |
|---|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Class/type of shares<br><br>if possible using the ISIN CODE | Situation previous to the Triggering transaction |                         | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction |                         |          |                    |          |
|   | Number of Shares                                 | Number of Voting Rights | Number of shares                                     | Number of voting rights |          | % of voting rights |          |
|   |  |                         | Direct   | Direct                  | Indirect | Direct             | Indirect |
|   |  |                         |  |                         |          |                    |          |

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| GB0000566504   | 95,927,932      | 95,927,932                        | 127,634,299   | 127,634,299        | N/A                | 5.78% | N/A |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-----|
| <b>B: Financial Instruments</b>                      |                 |                                   |   |                    |                    |       |     |
| Resulting situation after the triggering transaction |                 |                                   |   |                    |                    |       |     |
| Type of financial instrument                         | Expiration date | Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted. |                    | % of voting rights |       |     |
| N/A  |                 |                                   |   |                    |                    |       |     |
| Total (A+B)  |                 |                                   |   |                    |                    |       |     |
| Number of voting rights                              |                 |                                   |   | % of voting rights |                    |       |     |
| 127,634,299  |                 |                                   |   | 5.78%              |                    |       |     |

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

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:

N/A

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 13. Additional information:   | N/A                 |
| 14. Contact name:             | Olanike Bola-Lateef |
| 15. Contact telephone number: | +44 (0)20 7102 8709 |

**BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077**

Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000  
Telephone +61 1300 554 757 Facsimile +61 3 9609 3015

**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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 9 September 2008

By: Jane McAloon

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Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary