

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
October 22, 2004

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

21 October 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

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

"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"

Ines Watson - Assistant Secretary
Tel + 44 (0)20 7802 4176

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.	Name of company			2.	Name of shareholder having a major interest		
	BHP BILLITON PLC				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			4.	Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them		
	NOTIFICATION BY THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC. ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATES				SEE SCHEDULE B ANNEXED HERETO		
5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	6.	Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8.	Percentage of issued class
					27,469,624		1.113%
9.	Class of security			10.	Date of transaction	11.	Date company informed
	ORDINARY US\$0.50						

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			15 OCTOBER 2004	19 OCTOBER 2004
12.	Total holding following this notification 144,748,094	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 5.865%	
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING THEIR INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)	15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7802 4176	
16.	Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification INES WATSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BHP BILLITON PLC			
Date of notification 20 OCTOBER 2004				

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 15 October 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

	<u>Number of</u> <u>Shares</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Outstanding</u>
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	144,748,094	5.865%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		

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• Capital Guardian Trust Company	45,073,576	1.826%
• Capital International Limited	48,799,439	1.977%
• Capital International S.A	16,815,351	0.681%

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	1,297,778
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
UK	
Bankers Trust	1,244,307
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
UK	
Barclays Bank	376,859
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	

UK	
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.	350,085
1 Appold Street	
Broadgate	
London EC2A 2HE	
UK	
Chase Nominees Limited	19,373,604
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
UK	
Citibank	35,300
Citibank London	23,502
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc	27,772
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	622,000

Mellon Bank N.A.	157,100
London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	2,171,300
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Midland Bank plc	7,168,294
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
MSS Nominees Limited	16,310
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
Nortrust Nominees Limited	5,641,687
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
UK	

Registered Name

Local Shares

Northern Trust	257,698
c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
UK	
Royal Trust	31,600
Royal Bank of Scotland	88,405
Regents House, 42 Islington High Street	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
ROY Nominees Limited	32,596
71N Queen Victoria Street	
London Ec4V 4DE	
UK	
State Street Bank & Trust Co	110,738
State Street Nominees Limited	6,046,641
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	

Total 45,073,576

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	12,476,587
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bank One London	542,673
Barclays Bank	721,236
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Bankers Trust	386,263
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Chase Nominees Limited	7,673,772

Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	794,406
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	253,894
Toronto	
Clydesdale Bank plc	567,780

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Deutsche Bank AG	1,688,279
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	
HSBC Bank plc	1,106,617
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	444,900

KAS UK	257,800
Kass Associate	
P O Box 178	
1000 AD Amsterdam	
Lloyds Bank	141,712
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
London	
Mellon Bank N.A.	704,239
London Branch	
London	
UK	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	724,769
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
UK	
Midland Bank plc	313,159
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	

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Registered NameLocal Shares

Morgan Guaranty	239,032
83 Pall Mall	
London SW1Y 5ES	
UK	
MSS Nominees Limited	380,400
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
National Westminster Bank	476,122
Northern Trust AVFC	388,632
South Africa	
Northern Trust	2,466,947
c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Nortrust Nominees	6,315,237
155 Bishopsgate	
London ECM 3XS	
UK	

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Royal Bank of Scotland 3,738,469

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

State Street Australia Limited 27,300

Australia

Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Bank & Trust Co 4,541,487

State Street Nominees Limited 1,427,727

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	48,799,439
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Capital International S.A.

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<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Barclays Bank	1,515,247
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Bank of New York Nominees	19,700
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Brown Bros	169,046
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburg, PA 15258	
Chase Nominees Limited	2,867,295
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	91,124
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	66,633

Toronto

Credit Suisse London Branch 112,155

24 Bishopsgate

London EC2N 4BQ

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

Deutsche Bank AG 524,409

23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

UK

HSBC Bank plc 755,657

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan 7,810,796

Lloyds Bank 18,400

Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

London

Midland Bank plc	1,816,911
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5 Laurence Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E

United Kingdom

Morgan Stanley	111,205
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National Westminster Bank	123,900
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Nortrust Nominees Limited	82,386
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155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

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Registered Name

Local Shares

Pictet & Cie	96,600
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Geneva

RBSTB Nominees Ltd	286,700
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67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland

200,906

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co

98,581

State Street Nominees Limited

47,700

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	16,815,351
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees

803,848

Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY	
Bankers Trust	22,991
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Brown Bros	418,302
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburgh, PA 15258	
Chase Nominees Limited	3,099,310
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank	32,147
Citibank London	79,205
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	391,544
Toronto	

Registered Name

Local Shares

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HSBC Bank plc	236,500
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	740,000
Midland Bank plc	388,814
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
UK	
Northern Trust	49,889
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Nortrust Nominees Limited	370,498
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	342,969
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
RBSTB Nominees Ltd	71,795

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co

470,488

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Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	4,370,401
Total	11,888,701

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Capital Research and Management Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Chase Nominees Limited

20,671,027

Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

State Street Nominees Limited

1,500,000

Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	22,171,027
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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
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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

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:

21 October 2004