

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

6 September 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  BHP BILLITON PLC		2.	Name of shareholder having a major interest  <b>THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC.</b>			
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	6.	Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed  22,892,967	8.	Percentage of issued class  0.928%
9.	Class of security		10.	Date of transaction	11.	Date company informed	

	ORDINARY US\$0.50				3 SEPTEMBER 2004
				<b>1 SEPTEMBER 2004</b>	
12.	Total holding following this notification  172,217,718	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  6.978%		
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 <b>6 SEPTEMBER 2004</b>					

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 1 September 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	172,217,718	6.978%

**Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:**

• Capital Guardian Trust Company	56,840,958	2.303%
• Capital International Limited	59,261,008	2.401%
• Capital International S.A	21,557,124	0.873%
• Capital International, Inc.	12,387,601	0.502%
• Capital Research and Management Company	22,171,027	0.898%

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Schedule B

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees

1,464,431

Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY

UK

Bankers Trust

1,693,182

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59 1/2 Southmark Street

2nd Floor

London SE1 0HH

UK

Barclays Bank

392,759

Barclays Global Securities Services

8 Angel Court

London EC2R 7HT

UK

BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.

421,585

1 Appold Street

Broadgate

London EC2A 2HE

UK

Chase Nominees Limited

24,082,379

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	29,872
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	622,000
Mellon Bank N.A.	213,900
London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	2,435,000
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Midland Bank plc	8,943,828
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

7,404,599

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

Northern Trust

303,600

c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

UK

Royal Trust

31,600

Royal Bank of Scotland

117,705

Regents House, 42 Islington High Street

London N1 8XL

UK

ROY Nominees Limited

38,096

71N Queen Victoria Street

London Ec4V 4DE

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co	150,557
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State Street Nominees Limited	8,420,753
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Canary Wharf

27<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	56,840,958
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Capital International Limited

Registered Name

Local Shares

Bank of New York Nominees	14,405,187
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Bank of New York

3 Birchin Lane

London EC3V 9BY

Bank One London	957,773
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Barclays Bank	832,336
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Bankers Trust	516,863
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Chase Nominees Limited	9,794,772
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Citibank London	1,096,106
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	314,794
Toronto	
Clydesdale Bank plc	471,115

Registered Name

Local Shares

Deutsche Bank AG	1,804,355
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23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

UK

HSBC Bank plc 1,191,817

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan Chase Bank 477,000

KAS UK 409,200

Kass Associate

P O Box 178

1000 AD Amsterdam

Lloyds Bank 171,712

Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

London

Mellon Bank N.A. 928,239

London Branch

London

UK

Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 898,969

150 Buchanan Street  
 Glasgow G1 2DY  
 UK

Midland Bank plc 441,059

5 Laurence  
 Poutney Hill  
 EC4R 0E  
 UK

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Registered Name

Local Shares

Morgan Guaranty 239,032

83 Pall Mall  
 London SW1Y 5ES  
 UK

MSS Nominees Limited 413,400

Midland Bank plc  
 Mariner House, Pepys  
 London EC3N 4DA

National Westminster Bank 472,938

Northern Trust AVFC 485,932

South Africa

Northern Trust	2,904,047
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c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Nortrust Nominees	7,362,191
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155 Bishopsgate

London ECM 3XS

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland	4,845,557
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Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

State Street Australia Limited	27,300
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Australia

Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Bank & Trust Co	5,996,987
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State Street Nominees Limited	1,802,327
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Canary Wharf

27<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Total	59,261,008
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Capital International S.A.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Barclays Bank	1,831,447
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	4,587,695
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	

Citibank London	103,124
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
UK	
Citibank NA	85,633
Toronto	

Credit Suisse London Branch	147,555
24 Bishopsgate	
London EC2N 4BQ	
UK	

Registered Name

Local Shares

Deutsche Bank AG	551,009
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
UK	
HSBC Bank plc	1,076,657
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan	9,483,785

Lloyds Bank	39,000
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
London	
Midland Bank plc	1,921,211
5 Laurence Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E	
United Kingdom	
Morgan Stanley	132,205
National Westminster Bank	271,584
Nortrust Nominees Limited	127,086
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M3XS	

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Registered Name

Local Shares

Pictet & Cie	145,200
Geneva	
RBSTB Nominees Ltd	413,100
67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
UK	
Royal Bank of Scotland	285,906
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
State Street Bank & Trust Co	98,581
State Street Nominees Limited	67,600
Canary Wharf	
27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Total	21,557,124

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Capital International, Inc.



<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	775,248
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bankers Trust	22,991
59 1/2 Southwark Street	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Brown Bros	280,002
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburgh, PA 15258	
Chase Nominees Limited	3,129,110
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

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc	295,900
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
JP Morgan Chase Bank	740,000
Midland Bank plc	472,414
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	411,069

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

RBSTB Nominees Ltd 88,295

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co 524,688

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Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Nominees Limited	4,724,601
Canary Wharf 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	
Total	12,387,601

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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  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square  
London E14 5AF

Total	22,171,027
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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

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

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:

6 September 2004