

BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

January 24, 2003

"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."

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 ANNEXED LIST			
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
	34,125		0.0014% (see NOTE 14)				
9.	Class of security		10.	Date of transaction	11.	Date company informed	
	ORDINARY US\$0.50			16 DECEMBER 2002		18 DECEMBER 2002	

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12.	Total holding following this notification 159,415,353	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 6.46%
14.	Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AN AFFILIATE, CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY, CEASING TO HOLD A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST	15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976
16.	Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification Ines WATSON		
Date of notification 18 DECEMBER 2002			

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Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

As of 16 December 2002		
BHP Billiton Plc	<u>Number of</u> <u>Shares</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Outstanding</u>
<u>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG")</u> <u>holdings</u>	159,415,353	6.46%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		
- Capital Guardian Trust Company	73,734,901.00	2.99%
- Capital International Limited	25,366,888.00	1.03%

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- Capital International S.A.	19,704,459.00	0.80%
- Capital International, Inc.	11,331,586.00	0.46%
- Capital Research and Management Company	29,277,519.00	1.19%

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<p>Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc</p> <p>As of 16 December 2002</p> <p><u>Capital Guardian Trust Company</u></p>	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	11,745,748
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	2,070,969
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	29,513,311
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate London EC2A 2HE	700,985
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	13,814,872

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Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 nd Floor London SE1 0HH	2,904,087
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	1,998,572
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8	1,022,102

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Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	8,165,620
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	55,305
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	89,394
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	106,957

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HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	39,872
ROY Nominees Limited 71N Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4DE United Kingdom	66,196
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY United Kingdom	1,440,911
TOTAL	73,734,901

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<u>Capital International Limited</u>	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	459,489

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London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	6,986,136
Northern Trust C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS	177,600
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	5,673,536
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	58,959
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 nd Floor London SE1 0HH	1,329,455
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	657,236
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB	531,806

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Morgan Guaranty 83 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5ES UK	176,132
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	4,153,633
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	893,386
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	53,212
Citibank NA Toronto	345,694
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	439,620
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	744,366
Mellon Bank N.A. London Branch London United Kingdom	777,039
Northern Trust AVFC South Africa	114,832

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Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY United Kingdom	438,469
Bank One London	882,473
Clydesdale Bank plc	473,815
TOTAL	25,366,888

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<u>Capital International S.A.</u>	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	28,000
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	648,401

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Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	4,503,146
Credit Suisse London Branch 24 Bishopsgate London EC2N 4BQ UK	25,755
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	427,911
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	1,668,847
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB UK	107,324
Brown Bros. One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258	85,446

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Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	120,686
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Morgan Stanley	132,605
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	3,969,990
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	219,900
J.P. Morgan	4,720,982
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	140,481
National Westminster Bank	397,922
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	34,269
Vidacos Nominees Ltd. Citibank N.A. Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St. London SE13 7EX	222,427

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RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard St London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	10,385
Citibank NA Toronto	73,433
Deutsche Bank AG	1,502,843

23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	663,706
TOTAL	19,704,459

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<u>Capital International, Inc.</u>	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	4,436,781
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	698,930
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	3,946,761
Midland Bank plc	377,914

5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 nd Floor London SE1 0HH	32,991
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB UK	153,505
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	277,798

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Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	333,569
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	319,652
Citibank	49,647
RBSTB Nominees Ltd.	122,495

67 Lombard Street London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	
Citibank NA Toronto	362,517
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	35,869
Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd. Australia	22,369
TOTAL	11,331,586

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<u>Capital Research and Management Company</u>	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	2,919,976
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	26,357,543

TOTAL	29,277,519
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