BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
June 19, 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 19 June 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received today by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Putnam Investment Management, LLC and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC dated 13 June 2003 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 13 June 2003:

"Notification of the Holdings under Part VI of the Companies Act 1985, as amended (the "Companies Act") on the Disclosure of Interest in Shares

Putnam Investment Management, LLC and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (together "Putnam") are hereby notifying you of certain holdings of its clients pursuant to the above legislation. Each Putnam entity is an investment advisor registered in the United States pursuant to the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

As of June 13, 2003 clients of Putnam hold beneficial interests in 99,025,431 BHP Billiton Plc shares representing 4.012% of the shares outstanding. The shares are held by Putnam's clients for investment purposes only."

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: 19 June 2003