

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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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<br><br>BHP BILLITON PLC  |    | 2.                         | Name of shareholder having a major interest<br><br><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<br><br>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<br><br>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<br><br>22,892,967 | 8.                    | Percentage of issued class<br><br>0.928% |
| 9. | Class of security  |    | 10.                        | Date of transaction   | 11.   | Date company informed |  |

|  |  |     |   |                  |
|--|--|-----|---|------------------|
|  | ORDINARY US\$0.50  |     | <b>1<br/>SEPTEMBER<br/>2004</b>   | 3 SEPTEMBER 2004 |
| 12.  | Total holding following this notification<br><br>172,217,718   | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification<br><br>6.978%      |                  |
| 14.  | Any additional information<br><br>ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING THEIR INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)                     | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries<br><br>INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7802 4176 |                  |
| 16.  | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification<br><br>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<br/>Shares</u> | <u>Percent of<br/>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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BHP Billiton Plc

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

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 |
|------------------------------|---------|

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| State Street Nominees Limited | 8,420,753 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|

Canary Wharf

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

London E14 5AF

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| Total | 56,840,958 |
|-------|------------|

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 1 September 2004

Capital International Limited

Registered Name

Local Shares

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

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 |
|------------------|-----------|

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| 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

c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Nortrust Nominees 7,362,191

155 Bishopsgate

London ECM 3XS

UK

Royal Bank of Scotland 4,845,557

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 5,996,987

State Street Nominees Limited 1,802,327

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 |
|-------|------------|

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 1 September 2004

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<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>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 |
|-------|------------|

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