

BHP BILLITON PLC  
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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

4 June 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

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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"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"

Elizabeth Hobley - Deputy Secretary  
Tel + 44 (0)20 7802 4054

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 |
|    |   |    |                            |                     | 2,394,675  |                       | <b>0.097%</b>              |
| 9. | Class of security   |    | 10.                        | Date of transaction | 11.  | Date company informed |                            |
|    | ORDINARY US\$0.50   |    |                            | 1 JUNE 2004         |  | 3 June 2004           |                            |

|   |  |     |  |
|---|--|-----|--|
| 12.                                     | Total holding following this notification<br><br>195,110,685   | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification<br><br>7.905%           |
| 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>ELIZABETH HOBLEY +44 (0)20 7802 4054 |
| 16.                                     | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification<br><br>ELIZABETH HOBLEY, DEPUTY SECRETARY, BHP BILLITON PLC |     |  |
| Date of notification <b>3 JUNE 2004</b> |  |     |  |

Company Announcements Office, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HP

Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (PLEASE DO NOT POST)

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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

### BHP Billiton Plc

#### Schedule A

|  | <u>Number of</u><br><u>Shares</u> | <u>Percent of</u><br><u>Outstanding</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings</b> | <b>195,110,685</b>                | <b>7.905%</b>                           |
| <b>Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:</b>    |                                   |   |
| • Capital Guardian Trust Company                         | 74,009,278                        | 2.999%                                  |
| • Capital International Limited                          | 60,479,056                        | 2.450%                                  |

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|   |            |        |
|---|------------|--------|
| • Capital International S.A               | 25,648,337 | 1.039% |
| • Capital International, Inc.             | 12,802,987 | 0.519% |
| • Capital Research and Management Company | 22,171,027 | 0.898% |

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BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

| <u>Registered Name</u>              | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank of New York Nominees           | 1,836,169           |
| Bank of New York                    |                     |
| 3 Birchin Lane                      |                     |
| London EC3V 9BY                     |                     |
| UK                                  |                     |
| Bankers Trust                       | 2,360,982           |
| 59 1/2 Southmark Street             |                     |
| 2nd Floor                           |                     |
| London SE1 0HH                      |                     |
| UK                                  |                     |
| Barclays Bank                       | 511,059             |
| Barclays Global Securities Services |                     |
| 8 Angel Court                       |                     |
| London EC2R 7HT                     |                     |

UK

BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 629,285

1 Appold Street

Broadgate

London EC2A 2HE

UK

Chase Nominees Limited 32,656,860

Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

UK

Citibank London 39,502

11 Old Jewry

London EC2R 8D8

UK

Registered Name

Local Shares

HSBC Bank plc 34,872

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan Chase Bank 622,000

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Investors Bank & Trust Co    | 775,100    |
| Mellon Bank N.A.             | 245,600    |
| London Branch                |            |
| London                       |            |
| United Kingdom               |            |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited | 2,774,800  |
| 150 Buchanan Street          |            |
| Glasgow G1 2DY               |            |
| United Kingdom               |            |
| Midland Bank plc             | 10,611,228 |
| 5 Laurence                   |            |
| Poutney Hill                 |            |
| EC4R 0E, United Kingdom      |            |
| MSS Nominees Limited         | 37,010     |
| Midland Bank plc             |            |
| Mariner House, Pepys         |            |
| London EC3N 4DA              |            |
| Nortrust Nominees Limited    | 8,819,075  |
| 155 Bishopsgate              |            |
| London EC2M 3XS              |            |
| UK                           |            |

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| <u>Registered Name</u>                  | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| Northern Trust                          | 423,300             |
| c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited           |                     |
| 155 Bishopsgate                         |                     |
| London EC2M 3XS                         |                     |
| UK                                      |                     |
| Royal Trust                             | 31,600              |
| Royal Bank of Scotland                  | 115,105             |
| Regents House, 42 Islington High Street |                     |
| London N1 8XL                           |                     |
| UK                                      |                     |
| ROY Nominees Limited                    | 55,396              |
| 71N Queen Victoria Street               |                     |
| London Ec4V 4DE                         |                     |
| UK                                      |                     |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co            | 150,557             |
| State Street Nominees Limited           | 11,279,778          |

Canary Wharf

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

London E14 5AF

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| Total | 74,009,278 |
|-------|------------|

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

Capital International Limited

| <u>Registered Name</u>              | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank of New York Nominees           | 14,652,472          |
| Bank of New York                    |                     |
| 3 Birchin Lane                      |                     |
| London EC3V 9BY                     |                     |
| Bank One London                     | 982,973             |
| Barclays Bank                       | 950,336             |
| Barclays Global Securities Services |                     |
| 8 Angel Court                       |                     |
| London EC2R 7HT                     |                     |
| Bankers Trust                       | 606,163             |
| 59 1/2 Southwark Street             |                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor               |                     |



|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| London SE1 0HH         |            |
| Chase Nominees Limited | 10,712,571 |
| Woolgate House         |            |
| Coleman Street         |            |
| London EC2P 2HD        |            |
| Citibank London        | 1,347,106  |
| 11 Old Jewry           |            |
| London EC2R 8D8        |            |
| UK                     |            |
| Citibank NA            | 400,494    |
| Toronto                |            |

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Registered Name

Local Shares

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Clydesdale Bank plc        | 528,515   |
| Deutsche Bank AG           | 1,559,555 |
| 23 Great Winchester Street |           |
| London EC2P 2AX            |           |
| UK                         |           |
| HSBC Bank plc              | 1,162,817 |

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan Chase Bank 457,600

Lloyds Bank 171,712

Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

London

Mellon Bank N.A. 1,008,439

London Branch

London

UK

Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 898,969

150 Buchanan Street

Glasgow G1 2DY

UK

Midland Bank plc 117,059

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                | 242,700   |
| Midland Bank plc                    |           |
| Mariner House, Pepys                |           |
| London EC3N 4DA                     |           |
| Northern Trust AVFC                 | 485,932   |
| South Africa                        |           |
| Northern Trust                      | 2,774,647 |
| c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited       |           |
| 155 Bishopsgate                     |           |
| London EC2M3XS                      |           |
| Nortrust Nominees                   | 7,761,531 |
| 155 Bishopsgate                     |           |
| London ECM 3XS                      |           |
| UK                                  |           |
| Royal Bank of Scotland              | 4,916,657 |
| Regents House, 42 Islington High St |           |
| London N1 8XL                       |           |

UK

State Street Australia Limited 27,300

Australia

State Street Bank & Trust Co 7,179,987

Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Nominees Limited 1,294,489

Canary Wharf

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

London E14 5AF

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| Total | 60,479,056 |
|-------|------------|

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Capital International S.A.

Registered Name

Local Shares

Barclays Bank 2,091,347

Barclays Global Securities Services

8 Angel Court

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| London EC2R 7HT             |           |
| Brown Bros                  | 169,046   |
| One Mellon Bank Center      |           |
| Pittsburg, PA 15258         |           |
| Chase Nominees Limited      | 5,870,095 |
| Woolgate House              |           |
| Coleman Street              |           |
| London EC2P 2HD             |           |
| Citibank London             | 135,524   |
| 11 Old Jewry                |           |
| London EC2R 8D8             |           |
| UK                          |           |
| Citibank NA                 | 85,633    |
| Toronto                     |           |
| Credit Suisse London Branch | 147,555   |
| 24 Bishopsgate              |           |
| London EC2N 4BQ             |           |
| UK                          |           |
| Deutsche Bank AG            | 659,309   |
| 23 Great Winchester Street  |           |
| London EC2P 2AX             |           |
| UK                          |           |
| HSBC Bank plc               | 1,201,357 |

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

JP Morgan 10,773,758

Lloyds Bank 31,800

Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

London

Midland Bank plc 1,807,411

5 Laurence Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E

United Kingdom

Morgan Stanley 172,205

MSS Nominees Limited 170,700

Midland Bank plc

Mariner House, Pepys

London EC3N 4DA

National Westminster Bank 785,322

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Nortrust Nominees Limited | 178,786 |
| 155 Bishopsgate           |         |
| London EC2M3XS            |         |

Registered Name

Local Shares

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Pictet & Cie | 172,400 |
|--------------|---------|

Geneva

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd | 372,500 |
|--------------------|---------|

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 615,508 |
|------------------------|---------|

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| State Street Bank & Trust Co | 140,481 |
|------------------------------|---------|

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| State Street Nominees Limited | 67,600 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

Canary Wharf

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

London E14 5AF

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| Total | 25,648,337 |
|-------|------------|

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

Capital International, Inc.

| <u>Registered Name</u>    | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Bank of New York Nominees | 780,148             |
| 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            |                     |
| Chase Nominees Limited    | 3,163,295           |
| Woolgate House            |                     |
| Coleman Street            |                     |
| London EC2P 2HD           |                     |
| Citibank                  | 32,147              |



|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Citibank London        | 68,305  |
| 11 Old Jewry           |         |
| London EC2R 8D8        |         |
| UK                     |         |
| Citibank NA            | 409,244 |
| Toronto                |         |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim | 149,788 |

| <u>Registered Name</u>             | <u>Local Shares</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| HSBC Bank plc                      | 368,300             |
| Securities Services, Mariner House |                     |
| Pepys Street                       |                     |
| London EC3N 4DA                    |                     |
| JP Morgan Chase Bank               | 755,600             |
| Midland Bank plc                   | 517,714             |
| 5 Laurence                         |                     |
| Poutney Hill                       |                     |

EC4R 0E

UK

Northern Trust 49,889

C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M 3XS

Nortrust Nominees Limited 303,198

155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

Royal Bank of Scotland 464,169

Regents House, 42 Islington High St

London N1 8XL

UK

RBSTB Nominees Ltd 95,995

67 Lombard Street

London EC3 3DL

UK

State Street Bank & Trust Co 507,688

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Registered Name

**Local Shares**

State Street Nominees Limited 5,114,516

Canary Wharf

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

London E14 5AF

|       |            |
|-------|------------|
| Total | 12,802,987 |
|-------|------------|

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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

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3000

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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

Plc  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date:

4 June 2004