

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
September 09, 2004

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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 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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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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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"

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  ORDINARY US\$0.50		10.	Date of transaction  <b>1 SEPTEMBER 2004</b>	11.	Date company informed  3 SEPTEMBER 2004	

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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>Percent of</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
<b>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings</b>	<b>172,217,718</b>	<b>6.978%</b>
<b>Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:</b>		
• Capital Guardian Trust Company	56,840,958	2.303%

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• 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

59 1/2 Southmark Street

2nd Floor

London SE1 0HH

UK

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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

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
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

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees	14,405,187
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Bank One London	957,773
Barclays Bank	832,336
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	



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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
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5 Laurence Poutney Hill

EC4R 0E

United Kingdom

Morgan Stanley	132,205
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National Westminster Bank	271,584
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Nortrust Nominees Limited	127,086
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155 Bishopsgate

London EC2M3XS

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Registered Name

Local Shares

Pictet & Cie	145,200
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Geneva

RBSTB Nominees Ltd	413,100
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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.

Registered Name

Local Shares

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	

Registered Name

Local Shares

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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

Plc  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date:

6 September 2004