

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

December 6, 2007

**BHP BILLITON LIMITED**

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

**BHP BILLITON PLC**

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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**Notification of Major Interests in Shares**

The following notification was received yesterday by BHP Billiton Plc from Old Mutual plc relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

**TR-1(i): notification of major interests in shares**

|                                                                                                                |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached(ii): | BHP Billiton Plc |
| 2. Reason for the notification<br><br>(please tick the appropriate box or boxes):                              |                  |

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|                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| An acquisition or disposal of voting rights                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                             | X |
| An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached |                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |
| An event changing the breakdown of voting rights                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |
| 3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation(iii):                                                                               | Old Mutual plc                                                                                                                                                                              |   |
| 4. Full name of shareholder(s)<br>(if different from 3.)(iv):                                                                                        | Old Mutual Investment Group (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd<br>Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd<br>Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd<br>Syfrets Securities Ltd<br>BOE (Pty) Ltd |   |
| 5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached(v):                                                                 | 3rd December 2007                                                                                                                                                                           |   |
| 6. Date on which issuer notified:                                                                                                                    | 5th December 2007                                                                                                                                                                           |   |
| 7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:                                                                                                      | From 3% to <3%                                                                                                                                                                              |   |
| 8. Notified details:<br><br>N/a                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |

| A: Voting rights attached to shares                         |                                                            |                                |                                                                                    |                              |                        |                    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Class/type of shares<br><br>if possible using the ISIN CODE | Situation previous to the Triggering transaction (iii) >3% |                                | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction (iii)<br>Current less than 3% |                              |                        |                    |          |
|                                                             | Number of Shares                                           | Number of Voting Rights (viii) | Number of shares                                                                   | Number of voting rights (ix) |                        | % of voting rights |          |
|                                                             |                                                            |                                | Direct                                                                             | Direct <sup>x</sup>          | Indirect <sup>xi</sup> | Direct             | Indirect |
|                                                             |                                                            |                                |                                                                                    |                              |                        |                    |          |

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|              |       |     |     |          |    |         |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|----------|----|---------|
| GB0000566504 | 3.84% | Nil | Nil | 62482257 | 0% | <3<br>% |
|--------------|-------|-----|-----|----------|----|---------|

B: Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction (xii)

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date (xiii) | Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date (xiv) | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| NIL                          | NIL                    | NIL                                     | NIL                                                                                     | NIL                |

Total (A+B)

| Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 62482257                | <3%                |

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable (xv):

Old Mutual Investment Group (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd

Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd

Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd

Syfrets Securities Ltd

BOE (Pty) Ltd

Proxy Voting:

|                                                                  |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 10. Name of the proxy holder:                                    | N/A |
| 11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:     | N/A |
| 12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights: | N/A |

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 13. Additional information:   |               |
| 14. Contact name:             | Peter Keynes  |
| 15. Contact telephone number: | 020 7002 7119 |

**ANNEX**

**NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES (xvi)**

| A: Identity of the person or legal entity subject to the notification obligation |                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Full name<br>(including legal form for legal entities)                           | Old Mutual plc                                   |
| Contact address<br>(registered office for legal entities)                        | Old Mutual plc, 2 Lambeth Hill, London, EC4V 4GG |
| Phone number                                                                     | 020 7002 7119                                    |
| Other useful information<br>(at least legal representative for legal persons)    |                                                  |

**BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077**  
 Registered in Australia  
 Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street  
 Melbourne Victoria 3000  
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 Registered in England and Wales  
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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 Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 6 December 2007

By: Jane McAloon

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Name: Jane McAloon  
Title: Group Company Secretary