

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
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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

17 September 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 16 September 2004 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Lehman Brothers International (Europe), dated 14 September 2004, relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 10 September 2004:

"S198 Companies Act 1985 (the "Act")

We write to inform you, pursuant to s198 of the Act, that as at the close of business on 10th September, 2004, the interest of Lehman Brothers International (Europe) in the ordinary share capital of BHP Billiton Plc has fallen below 3%."

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
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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

SIGNATURES

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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

Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date:

17 September 2004