BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

January 24, 2003

"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."

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.		Name of company			2.	Nam	ne of shareho	lder ha	aving a	major ii	nterest
		BHP BILLITON F	PLC			THE	E CAPITAL (GROU	IP COM	IPANIE	ES, INC
			hold	Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them SEE ANNEXED LIST							
5.		Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 34,125	6.	Percentage of issued class 0.0014% (see NOTE 14)		shar	nber of es/amount of k disposed		8.	Percen	ntage of issued class
					1						
9.	Class	of security		10.			Date of transaction	11.			Date company informed
	ORD	INARY US\$0.50					16 DECEMBE 2002	R			18 DECEMBER 2002

12.	Total holding following this notification	13.		Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification	
	159,415,353			6.46%	
14.	Any additional information	15.	Name of c	ontact and telephone number for queries	
	ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AN AFFILIATE, CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY, CEASING TO HOLD A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST		INES WA	TSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976	
16.	Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification				
Doto o	Ines WATSON notification 18 DECEMBER 2002				

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

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Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

As of 16 December 2002					
BHP Billiton Plc	Number of	Percent of			
	<u>Shares</u>	Outstanding			
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	159,415,353	6.46%			
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:					
- Capital Guardian Trust Company	73,734,901.00	2.99%			
- Capital International Limited	25,366,888.00	1.03%			

- Capital International S.A.	19,704,459.00	0.80%
- Capital International, Inc.	11,331,586.00	0.46%
- Capital Research and Management Company	29,277,519.00	1.19%

Schedule A

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc

As of 16 December 2002

Capital Guardian Trust Company

Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	11,745,748
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	2,070,969
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	29,513,311
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate	700,985
London EC2A 2HE	
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	13,814,872

Bankers Trust	2,904,087
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Barclays Bank	1,998,572
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Citibank London	1,022,102
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	

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Nortrust Nominees	8,165,620
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
United Kingdom	
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	55,305
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc	89,394
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	106,957

HSBC Bank plc	39,872
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
ROY Nominees Limited	66,196
71N Queen Victoria Street	
London EC4V 4DE	
United Kingdom	
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	1,440,911
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
TOTAL	73,734,901

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Capital International Limited			
Registered Name	Local Shares		
State Street Nominees Limited	459,489		
Canary Wharf			
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square			

London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	6,986,136
Northern Trust	177,600
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Chase Nominees Limited	5,673,536
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Midland Bank plc	58,959
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
Bankers Trust	1,329,455
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	657,236
Citibank London	531,806
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8DB	

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Morgan Guaranty 83 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5ES UK	176,132
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	4,153,633
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	893,386
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	53,212
Citibank NA Toronto	345,694
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	439,620
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	744,366
Mellon Bank N.A.	777,039
London Branch	
London	
United Kingdom	
Northern Trust AVFC South Africa	114,832

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Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited	438,469
150 Buchanan Street	
Glasgow G1 2DY	
United Kingdom	
Bank One London	882,473
Clydesdale Bank plc	473,815
TOTAL	25,366,888

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Capital International S.A.	
Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited	28,000
Canary Wharf	
27th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	648,401

Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	4,503,146
Credit Suisse London Branch 24 Bishopsgate London EC2N 4BQ UK	25,755
Midland Bank plc	427,911
5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	1,668,847
Citibank London	107,324
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8DB	
UK	
Brown Bros.	85,446
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburgh, PA 15258	

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Nortrust Nominees	120,686
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
United Kingdom	

Morgan Stanley	132,605
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	3,969,990
MSS Nominees Limited	219,900
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
J.P. Morgan	4,720,982
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	140,481
National Westminster Bank	397,922
Lloyds Bank	34,269
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	
Vidacos Nominees Ltd. Citibank N.A. Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St. London SE13 7EX	222,427

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RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard St London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	10,385
Citibank NA Toronto	73,433
Deutsche Bank AG	1,502,843

23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
United Kingdom	
HSBC Bank plc	663,706
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	
TOTAL	19,704,459

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Capital International, Inc.	
Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	4,436,781
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	698,930
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	3,946,761
Midland Bank plc	377,914

5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788
Bankers Trust	32,991
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 0HH	
Citibank London	153,505
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8DB	
UK	
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	277,798

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Royal Bank of Scotland	333,569
Regents House, 42, Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
UK	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	319,652
Citibank	49,647
RBSTB Nominees Ltd.	122,495

67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
United Kingdom	
Citibank NA Toronto	362,517
Deutsche Bank AG	35,869
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
United Kingdom	
Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.	22,369
Australia	
TOTAL	11,331,586

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Capital Research and Management Company	
Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	2,919,976
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House	26,357,543
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	

TOTAL	29,277,519
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