

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
February 27, 2004

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

24 December 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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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Direct or indirect interest	Direct
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder)	-
Date of change	J3 December 2003
No. of securities held prior to change	K49 692
Class	Ordinary Shares of BHP Billiton Limited
Number acquired	J06 511 after exercising 100 000 options
Number disposed	-
Value/Consideration	\$14.29 per option
No. of securities held after change	M56 203
Nature of change Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back	Exercise of options
Any additional information	<p>Mr Goodyear has an indirect interest in shares of BHP Billiton Limited held in the form of 41 302 American Depositary Shares. The registered holder is Cede and Company, and they are held on behalf of Mr Goodyear as beneficial owner.</p> <p>Mr Goodyear has an indirect interest in shares of BHP Billiton Plc held in the form of 1000 American Depositary Shares. The registered holder is Cede and Company, and they are held on behalf of Mr Goodyear and his wife as beneficial joint owners.</p> <p>There is no change to report to the above holdings.</p> <p>Mr Goodyear as an Executive Director also has a notifiable interest under United Kingdom legislation in 139 804 shares of BHP Billiton Plc, being the balance of shares held by Billiton ESOP Trustee Limited as trustee of the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Trust.</p>

Part 2 - Change of director's interests in contracts other than as described in Part 3

Included in this Part are:

- only details of a contract in relation to which the interest has changed; and
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash.

Detail of contract	-
Nature of interest	-
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	-
No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change	-
Interest acquired	-
Interest disposed	-
Value/Consideration	-
Interest after change	-

Part 3 - Change

of director's interests in options or other rights granted by the entities

Included in this Part are only details of options or other rights granted which have changed, save for the total number of securities over which options or other rights are held following this notification.

Date of grant	-
Period during which or date on which exercisable	-
Total amount paid (if any) for the grant	-
Description of securities involved: class; number	-

Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	-
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Part 3 - Change

of director's interests in options or other rights granted by the entities (cont'd)

Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">1 394 575</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="width: 75%;">840 725 maximum number of options over 1 394 575 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">136 573</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>127 400 maximum number of Performance Rights to 136 573 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">292 529</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Group Incentive Scheme Performance Shares</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">28 093</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>maximum number of Group Incentive Scheme Deferred Shares</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="border-top: 1px solid black; height: 10px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1 851 770</td> <td style="text-align: center;"></td> <td>Total</td> </tr> </table>	1 394 575	-	840 725 maximum number of options over 1 394 575 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited	136 573	-	127 400 maximum number of Performance Rights to 136 573 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Limited	292 529	-	Group Incentive Scheme Performance Shares	28 093	-	maximum number of Group Incentive Scheme Deferred Shares				1 851 770		Total
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Any additional information	<p>This change represents a reduction in the maximum number of options and the number of ordinary shares they convert to on exercise following the exercise of 100 000 options by Mr Goodyear.</p> <p>Mr Goodyear also holds rights over shares of BHP Billiton Limited under the BHP Billiton Limited Executive Share Scheme as detailed above.</p>																		

Part 4 - Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities	Mr R V Taylor - BHP Billiton Limited
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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

/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

24 December 2003