

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
March 09, 2005

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

8 March 2005

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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Date:

8 March 2005

Notification of Major Interests in Shares

"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 THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC.
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.	6.	7.	8.

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	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired		Percentage of issued class		Number of shares/amount of stock disposed		Percentage of issued class
					25,715,949		1.042%
9.	Class of security	10.		Date of transaction	11.		Date company informed
	ORDINARY US\$0.50			3 March 2005			7 MARCH 2005
12.	Total holding following this notification	13.		Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification			
	95,465,710			3.868%			
14.	Any additional information	15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries				
	ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING THEIR INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)		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 8 MARCH 2005							

Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 3 March 2005

BHP Billiton Plc

Schedule A

	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Percent of</u>
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	95,465,710	3.868%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		

• Capital Guardian Trust Company	22,360,625	0.906%
• Capital International Limited	35,593,083	1.442%
• Capital International S.A	9,661,786	0.391%
• Capital International, Inc.	10,180,264	0.412%
• Capital Research and Management Company	17,669,952	0.716%

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Schedule B

Capital Guardian Trust Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited	3,235,406
Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees	580,698

Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Northern Trust	96,198
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Chase Nominees Limited	8,891,594
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd	199,785
1 Appold Street	
Broadgate	
London EC2A 2HE	
Midland Bank plc	4,082,672
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
London EC4R OE	
Bankers Trust	701,175
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 OHH	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>

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Barclays Bank	297,959
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Citibank London	5,802
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
Royal Trust	15,300
Nortrust Nominees	2,318,539
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	29,805
Regents House, 42 Islington High St	
London N1 8XL	
MSS Nominees Limited	16,310
Midland Bank plc	
Mariner House, Pepys	
London EC3N 4DA	
State Street Bank & Trust Co	142,138

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<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Citibank	14,500
HSBC Bank plc	12,672
Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	
Mellon Bank N.A. London Branch London	63,600
ROY Nominees Limited 71N Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4DE	16,296
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY	918,755
JP Morgan Chase Bank	721,421

Total	22,360,625
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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited	892,367
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees	9,052,163
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Northern Trust	2,401,516
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Chase Nominees Limited	5,314,021
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Midland Bank plc	223,559

5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
London EC4R OE	
Bankers Trust	257,863
59 1 / 2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 OHH	
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Barclays Bank	400,436
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Citibank London	438,329
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	
<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Morgan Guaranty	239,032
83 Pall Mall	
London SW1Y 5ES	
Nortrust Nominees	5,236,543
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	2,372,369

Regents House, 42 Islington High Street

London N1 8XL

MSS Nominees Limited	64,200
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Midland Bank plc

Mariner House, Pepys

London EC3N 4DA

State Street Bank & Trust Co	3,114,668
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National Westminster Bank	388,322
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Lloyds Bank	120,212
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Central Settlement Section

Branches Stock Office

34 Threadneedle Street

Citibank NA	131,294
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Toronto

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Registered Name

Local Shares

Deutsche Bank AG	1,250,679
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23 Great Winchester Street

London EC2P 2AX

State Street Australia Limited

27,300

Australia

HSBC Bank plc

992,117

Securities Services, Mariner House

Pepys Street

London EC3N 4DA

Mellon Bank N.A.

560,839

London Branch

London

Northern Trust AVFC

388,632

South Africa

KAS UK

148,600

Kass Associate

P.O. Box 178

1000 AD Amsterdam

Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited

515,769

150 Buchanan Street

Glasgow G1 2DY

Bank One London

357,973

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Clydesdale Bank plc	352,980
JP Morgan Chase Bank	351,300
Total	35,593,083

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Capital International S.A.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
State Street Nominees Limited	27,865
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees	59,500
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	

Chase Nominees Limited	1,863,877
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Credit Suisse London Branch	102,755
24 Bishopsgate	
London EC2N 4BQ	
Midland Bank plc	1,169,511
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
EC4R OE	
Barclays Bank	460,747
Barclays Global Securities Services	
8 Angel Court	
London EC2R 7HT	
Pictet & Cie, Geneva	49,200

Registered Name

Local Shares

Citibank London	65,324
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	

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Brown Bros	111,946
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburgh, PA 15258	
Nortrust Nominees	41,386
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Morgan Stanley	61,605
Royal Bank of Scotland	122,726
Regents House, 42 Islington High Street	
London N1 8XL	
J.P. Morgan	4,629,396
National Westminster Bank	90,100
Lloyds Bank	14,200
Central Settlement Section	
Branches Stock Office	
34 Threadneedle Street	

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Registered Name

Local Shares

RBSTB Nominees Ltd	144,200
67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
UK	
Citibank NA	38,633
Toronto	
Deutsche Bank AG	328,609
23 Great Winchester Street	
London EC2P 2AX	
HSBC Bank plc	280,206
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	

Total	9,661,786
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Capital International, Inc.

Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Nominees Limited	3,704,901
Canary Wharf	
27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square	
London E14 5AF	
Bank of New York Nominees	829,799
Bank of New York	
3 Birchin Lane	
London EC3V 9BY	
Northern Trust	49,889
C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited	
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Chase Nominees Limited	2,756,010
Woolgate House	
Coleman Street	
London EC2P 2HD	
Midland Bank plc	282,614
5 Laurence	
Poutney Hill	
London EC4R OE	
Bankers Trust	22,991
59 1/2 Southmark Street	
2 nd Floor	
London SE1 OHH	

Citibank London	60,200
11 Old Jewry	
London EC2R 8D8	

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Brown Bros	277,602
One Mellon Bank Center	
Pittsburgh, PA 15258	
Nortrust Nominees	361,450
155 Bishopsgate	
London EC2M 3XS	
Royal Bank of Scotland	217,469
Regents House, 42 Islington High Street	
London N1 8XL	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	406,653
Sumitomo Trust & Banking	80,600
Fiduciary & Securities Business Dept.	
1-5 Nihonbashi - Honcho 4-chome	
Cho-ku, Tokyo 103	
Citibank	32,147

RBSTB Nominees Ltd	37,295
67 Lombard Street	
London EC3 3DL	
UK	
Citibank NA	413,644
Toronto	

Registered Name

Local Shares

HSBC Bank plc	155,700
Securities Services, Mariner House	
Pepys Street	
London EC3N 4DA	

JP Morgan Chase Bank	491,300
Total	10,180,264

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Capital Research and Management Company

Registered Name

Local Shares

State Street Nominees Limited	1,500,000
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Canary Wharf

27th Floor, 1 Canada Square

London E14 5AF

Chase Nominees Limited

16,169,952

Woolgate House

Coleman Street

London EC2P 2HD

Total	17,669,952
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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
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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

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:

8 March 2005