



Date 19 April 2004

"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"

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A member of the BHP Billiton group which is headquartered in Australia

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. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 	6. Percentage of issued class 	7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 1,029,000	8. Percentage of issued class 0.042%
9. Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50	10. Date of transaction 13 APRIL 2004	11. Date company informed 16 APRIL 2004	
12. Total holding following this notification 196,561,836	13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 7.964%		
14. Any additional information ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AFFILIATES DECREASING THEIR INTEREST (SEE SCHEDULE A ANNEXED HERETO)	15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries 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 19 APRIL 2004			

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Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc as of 13 April 2004

**BHP Billiton Plc
Schedule A**

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of Outstanding</u>
<u>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings</u>	196,561,836	7.964%
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:		
• Capital Guardian Trust Company	77,546,536	3.142%
• Capital International Limited	60,059,149	2.433%
• Capital International S.A.	23,804,037	0.964%
• Capital International, Inc.	12,981,087	0.526%
• Capital Research and Management Company	22,171,027	0.898%

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**BHP Billiton plc
Schedule B**

Capital Guardian Trust Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY UK	1,924,369
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SE1 0HH UK	2,662,182
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT UK	540,759
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate London EC2A 2HE UK	689,985
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD UK	34,733,643
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	39,502

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	34,872
Investors Bank & Trust Co	813,100
Mellon Bank N.A. London Branch London United Kingdom	262,900
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY United Kingdom	2,873,500
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	11,269,628
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	40,910
Nortrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS UK	9,235,675

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42 Islington High Street London N1 8XL UK	119,605
ROY Nominees Limited 71N Queen Victoria Street London Ec4V 4DE UK	59,496
State Street Bank & Trust Co	133,957
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	12,112,453
Total	77,546,536

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Capital International Limited

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	14,896,672
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	950,336
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southwark Street 2 nd Floor London SE1 0HH	606,163
Bank One London	982,973
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	10,791,366
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	930,306
Citibank NA Toronto	400,494

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Clydesdale Bank plc	528,515
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX UK	1,611,560
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	1,157,317
JP Morgan Chase Bank	268,900
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street London	171,712
Mellon Bank N.A. London Branch London UK	1,008,439
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY UK	898,969
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E UK	117,059

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Morgan Guaranty 83 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5ES UK	239,032
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	242,700
Northern Trust c/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M3XS	2,774,647
Northern Trust AVFC South Africa	485,932
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London ECM 3XS UK	7,582,124
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	4,912,157
State Street Australia Limited Australia	27,300
State Street Bank & Trust Co	7,179,987

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1,294,489

Total

60,059,149

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Capital International S.A.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	2,055,947
Brown Bros One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburg, PA 15258	169,046
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	6,058,395
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	135,524
Citibank NA Toronto	85,633
Credit Suisse London Branch 24 Bishopsgate London EC2N 4BQ UK	147,555

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX UK	659,309
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	1,183,157
JP Morgan	8,989,973
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street London	31,800
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E UK	1,807,411
Morgan Stanley	172,205
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	170,700
National Westminster Bank	665,922

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Nortrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M3XS	178,786
Pictet & Cie Geneva	172,400
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	508,608
RBSTB Nominees Ltd 67 Lombard Street London EC3 3DL UK	403,585
State Street Bank & Trust Co	140,481
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	67,600
Total	23,804,037

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Capital International, Inc.

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	780,148
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southwark Street 2 nd Floor London SE1 0HH	22,991
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	3,276,028
Citibank	32,147
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK	68,305
Citibank NA Toronto	424,244
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	149,788

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	368,300
JP Morgan Chase Bank	755,600
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E UK	517,714
Northern Trust C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS	49,889
Nortrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M3XS	303,198
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	464,169
RBSTB Nominees Ltd 67 Lombard Street London EC3 3DL UK	95,995
State Street Bank & Trust Co	507,688

State Street Nominees Limited
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5,164,883

Total

12,981,087

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Capital Research and Management Company

<u>Registered Name</u>	<u>Local Shares</u>
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	20,671,027
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	1,500,000
Total	22,171,027