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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 12 September 2005 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Cater Allen International Limited, dated 9 September 2005, relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 9 September 2005:

"Notification of Interest in Shares pursuant to Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended)

In accordance with Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), please note that I have been made aware, as of today that the interests of Cater Allen International Limited (CAIL) in the ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc has increased to 123,716,800 common stock or 5.01% of the issued share capital.

This holding has arisen from stock loan transactions done under the relevant approved documentation as a principal trading member of the London Stock Exchange."

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