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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 4 September 2008 by BHP Billiton Plc from Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

TR-1: Notifications of Major Interests in Shares

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:				BHP Billiton Plc			
2. Reason for notification (yes/no)							
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights						YES	
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached							
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights							
Other (please specify):							
3. Full name of person(s) subject to notification obligation:				Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited			
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3):				Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited Credit Suisse International Credit Suisse Business Finance and Products Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC			
5. Date of transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):				2.09.08			
6. Date on which issuer notified:				4.09.08			
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:				3%			
8: Notified Details							
A: Voting rights attached to shares							
Class/type of shares If possible use ISIN code	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of shares	Number of voting rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		Percentage of voting rights	
				Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
ORD-GB0000566504	n/a	n/a	73961961	73961961	n/a	3.35%	n/a
ADR-US05545E2090	n/a	n/a	8200	8200	n/a	0.0004%	n/a

B: Financial Instruments**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ conversion period/date	No. of voting rights that may be acquired (if the instrument exercised/converted)	Percentage of voting rights
Option	12.09.08		400000	0.017
Option	19.12.08		260000	0.012
Option	17.10.08		200000	0.009
Option	19.12.08		500000	0.022
Option	20.03.09		30000	0.001
Option	19.09.08		30000	0.001
Option	19.09.08		33000	0.015

Total (A+B)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
75423161	3.42%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and /or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

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Proxy Voting:**10. Name of proxy holder:****11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:****12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:****13. Additional information:****14 Contact name:**

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