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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 9 September 2008 by BHP Billiton Plc from Lehman Brothers International (Europe) relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

TR-1: NOTIFICATION 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 the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes)	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	☒
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 the notification obligation:	Lehman Brothers International (Europe)
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):	N/A
5. Date of the transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):	08/09/08
6. Date on which issuer notified:	09/09/08
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:	3%
8. Notified details:	N/A

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares if possible using the 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		% of voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
GB0000566504	127,634,299	127,634,299	Below 3%	Below 3%	N/A	Below 3%	N/A

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

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights
N/A				

Total (A+B)

Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
Below 3%	Below 3%

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

N/A

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:	N/A
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	N/A
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	N/A
13. Additional information:	N/A
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