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BHP Billiton Plc – Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The following notification was received on Wednesday 2 April 2014 by BHP Billiton Plc from Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

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Members of the BHP Billiton group which is headquartered in Australia

For filings with the FCA include the annex
For filings with issuer exclude the annex

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ⁱⁱ	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 qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached		
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments		
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights		
Other (please specify):	Acquisition of Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Group Limited from Lloyds Banking Group on 31 March 2014.	X
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: ⁱⁱⁱ	Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited (and/or acting for its affiliates) as discretionary investment manager on behalf of multiple managed portfolios	
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.): ^{iv}		
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: ^v	31 March 2014	
6. Date on which issuer notified:	02 April 2014	
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii}	5%	

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares ^{viii, ix}							
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 ^x	
			Direct	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct	Indirect
GB0000566504	82,076,656	82,076,656	114,065,683		114,065,683		5.40%
GB0000566504	19,578,645	19,578,645	19,578,645		19,578,645		0.93%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^{xiii}	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xiv}	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights
BHP Billiton June 14 PUT Option	20/06/2014		164,000	0.01%
BHP Billiton July 14 PUT Option	20/07/2014		75,000	0.00%

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments ^{xv, xvi}					
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction					
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date ^{xvii}	Exercise/ Conversion period ^{xviii}	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights ^{xix, xx}
					Nominal
					Delta
Total (A+B+C)					
Number of voting rights			Percentage of voting rights		
133,644,567			6.34%		

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

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the 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:

Kirsty Lyons

15. Contact telephone number:

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