

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 14 May 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

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London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

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Date            14 May 2003  
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BHP BILLITON CONFIRMS COPPER CONCENTRATE INVESTIGATION

BHP Billiton today confirmed that The European Commission (Competition Directorate-General) served notice on BHP Billiton to submit to an investigation in the copper concentrate market.

BHP Billiton understands that this is an industry-wide investigation and currently has no reason to believe that it is the focus of their investigation.

In the last 12 months, BHP Billiton produced approximately 608,000 tonnes of Copper contained in concentrate from its worldwide operations and in total produced approx. 854,000 tonnes of copper (in concentrate and cathode form).

BHP Billiton is co-operating fully with the ongoing investigations.

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Further information on BHP Billiton can be found on our Internet site: <http://www.bhpbilliton.com>

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BHP BILLITON Plc  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date: 14 May 2003