

BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

January 24, 2003

"For the information of the local market, please find following notification of major interests in shares filed by BHP Billiton Plc with the London Stock Exchange."

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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|----|---|----|--|--|---|---|----------------------------|
| 1. | Name of company<br><br>BHP BILLITON PLC   |    | 2.   | Name of shareholder having a major interest<br><br>THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC  |   |   |                            |
| 3. | Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18<br><br>NOTIFICATION BY THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATES |    | 4.   | Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them<br><br>SEE ANNEXED LIST |   |   |                            |
| 5. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired<br><br>1,084,853  | 6. | Percentage of issued class<br><br><b>0.044%</b><br><br>(see NOTE 14) | 7.   | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 8.  | Percentage of issued class |
|    |   |    |  |  |   |   |                            |
| 9. | Class of security<br><br>ORDINARY US\$0.50  |    | 10.  | Date of transaction<br><br>3<br>JANUARY<br>2003  | 11.                                       | Date company informed<br><br>7 January 2003 |                            |

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| 12.  | Total holding following this notification<br><br>160,500,206  | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification<br><br>6.50%       |
| 14.  | Any additional information<br><br>ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AN AFFILIATE, CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY, ATTAINING A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries<br><br>INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976 |
| 16.  | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification<br><br>Ines WATSON                             |     |   |
| Date of notification <b>7 JANUARY 2003</b> |   |     |   |

Company Announcements Office, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HP  
 Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (**PLEASE DO NOT POST**)  
 Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| As of 3 January 2003   |                                   |   |
| BHP Billiton Plc   | <u>Number of</u><br><u>Shares</u> | <u>Percent of</u><br><u>Outstanding</u> |
| <u>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG")</u><br><u>holdings</u> | 160,500,206                       | 6.50%                                   |
| Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:                     |                                   |   |
| - Capital Guardian Trust Company                                   | 74,150,101.00                     | 3.00%                                   |
| - Capital International Limited                                    | 26,006,541.00                     | 1.05%                                   |
| - Capital International S.A.                                       | 19,693,459.00                     | 0.80%                                   |

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| - Capital International, Inc.             | 11,372,586.00 | 0.46% |
| - Capital Research and Management Company | 29,277,519.00 | 1.19% |

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| <p>Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc</p> <p>As of 3 January 2003</p> <p><u>Capital Guardian Trust Company</u></p> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF                           | 11,795,148          |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                                       | 2,070,969           |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD  | 29,614,211          |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.<br><br>1 Appold Street<br><br>Broadgate<br><br>London EC2A 2HE                                 | 700,985             |
| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom  | 14,003,372          |

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| Bankers Trust<br>59 1/2 Southwark Street<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>London SE1 0HH      | 2,968,087 |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT | 1,998,572 |
| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8D8                                       | 1,022,102 |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom              | 8,165,620 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House<br>42 Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 55,305    |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc<br>Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA    | 89,394    |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 106,957   |

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| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA  | 39,872            |
| ROY Nominees Limited<br>71N Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4DE<br>United Kingdom  | 66,196            |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 1,453,311         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>74,150,101</b> |

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| <u>Capital International Limited</u>   |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 492,589             |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane  | 7,277,418           |

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| London EC3V 9BY  |           |
| Northern Trust<br>C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS    | 177,600   |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD            | 6,224,607 |
| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                | 58,959    |
| Bankers Trust<br>59 1/2 Southwark Street<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>London SE1 0HH      | 1,154,455 |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT | 657,236   |
| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8DB<br>UK                                 | 531,806   |

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| Morgan Guaranty<br>83 Pall Mall<br>London SW1Y 5ES<br>UK                                     | 176,132   |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom                    | 4,186,833 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 893,386   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street | 53,212    |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto   | 345,694   |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom          | 439,620   |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA       | 650,366   |
| Mellon Bank N.A.<br><br>London Branch<br><br>London<br><br>United Kingdom                    | 777,039   |
| Northern Trust AVFC<br>South Africa  | 114,832   |

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| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 438,469    |
| Bank One London   | 882,473    |
| Clydesdale Bank plc   | 473,815    |
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| TOTAL   | 26,006,541 |

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| <u>Capital International S.A.</u>  |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 28,000              |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                         | 648,401             |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                              | 4,503,146           |



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| Credit Suisse London Branch<br>24 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2N 4BQ<br>UK                   | 25,755    |
| Midland Bank plc<br><br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom            | 427,911   |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT | 1,668,847 |
| Citibank London<br><br>11 Old Jewry<br><br>London EC2R 8DB<br><br>UK                     | 107,324   |
| Brown Bros.<br><br>One Mellon Bank Center<br><br>Pittsburgh, PA 15258                    | 85,446    |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br><br>155 Bishopsgate<br><br>London EC2M 3XS<br><br>United Kingdom | 120,686   |
| Morgan Stanley  | 132,605   |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL       | 3,969,990 |

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| UK   |           |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc<br>Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA            | 219,900   |
| J.P. Morgan  | 4,720,982 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 140,481   |
| National Westminster Bank  | 397,922   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street   | 34,269    |
| Vidacos Nominees Ltd.<br>Citibank N.A.<br>Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St.<br>London SE13 7EX | 222,427   |

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| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.<br>67 Lombard St<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom            | 10,385    |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto  | 73,433    |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom | 1,502,843 |

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| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 652,706    |
| TOTAL  | 19,693,459 |

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| <u>Capital International, Inc.</u>   |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 4,414,781           |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY             | 698,930             |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                  | 3,946,761           |
| Midland Bank plc<br><br>5 Laurence<br><br>Poutney Hill<br><br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom          | 377,914             |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim   | 160,788             |
| Bankers Trust<br><br>59 1/2 Southmark Street   | 32,991              |

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>London SE1 0HH                                   |         |
| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8DB<br>UK                  | 195,505 |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom | 298,798 |

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| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 333,569 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.   | 319,652 |
| Citibank  | 49,647  |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.<br>67 Lombard Street<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom          | 122,495 |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto  | 362,517 |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street  | 35,869  |

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| London EC2P 2AX              |            |
| United Kingdom               |            |
| Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd. | 22,369     |
| Australia                    |            |
| TOTAL                        | 11,372,586 |

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| <u>Capital Research and Management Company</u>   |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 2,919,976           |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br><br>Coleman Street<br><br>London EC2P 2HD          | 26,357,543          |
| TOTAL  | 29,277,519          |

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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 600 Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria  
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