

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
March 02, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

12 February 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received yesterday by BHP Billiton Plc in a communication from Old Mutual plc dated 11 February 2004 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 6 February 2004:

"Please find notification pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, that as at 6th February 2004, Old Mutual Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries had a material interest in 197,616,150 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc, representing 8.01% of the issued share capital. The shares are registered as per the attached schedule."

Registered holdings of BHP Billiton Plc share capital by Old Mutual Companies at 6 February 2004

| Total Shares issued | Number of Shares | Company | Registered Holder | % of issued shares |
|---------------------|------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| 2,468,147,002 | 103,654,830 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 4.20% |
| | 1,134,769 | Stanlib Asset Management Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.05% |
| | 534,713 | Prudential Portfolio Managers SA (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.02% |

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| | | (not an Old Mutual Company) | | |
| | 220,270 | PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 265,325 | Coronation Fund Managers Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 3,380,528 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) Limited | 0.14% |
| | 47,438,404 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets) | 1.92% |
| | 206,309 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Omnibon No 13 (Pty) Limited | 0.01% |
| | 1,953,383 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd | 0.08% |
| | 232,849 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 992,581 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets) | 0.04% |
| | 45,728 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) Limited | 0.00% |
| | 4,679,874 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual Global Asset Fund | 0.19% |
| | 12,280,448 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited | 0.50% |
| | 1,139,599 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South African Trust Plc | 0.05% |
| | 53,835 | Quantitative Asset Management | ABSA Nominees | 0.00% |
| | 3,235,985 | Quantitative Asset Management | Nedbank Nominees Ltd | 0.13% |
| | 2,907,495 | Quantitative Asset Management | Standard Bank Nominees Ltd | 0.12% |
| | 7,407 | Syfrets Securities | | 0.00% |

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| | | | Syfrets Securities Nominees (Pty) Ltd | |
| | 79,300 | Franklin Templeton/NIB Investments | Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd | 0.00% |
| | 0 | Old Mutual | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.00% |
| | 2,408,372 | BOE Private Clients | Standard Bank Nominees | 0.10% |
| | 30,684 | BOE Private Clients | Registered Own Name | 0.00% |
| | 1,345,035 | BOE Private Clients (NTRAC) | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.05% |
| | 134,582 | BOE Fiduciary | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.01% |
| | 1,936,848 | Mutual & Federal Limited | Mutual & Federal Limited | 0.08% |
| | 5,185,603 | Quaystone Ltd | Standard Bank Nominees (Transvaal) (Pty) Limited | 0.21% |
| | 1,626,652 | Quaystone Ltd | Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd | 0.07% |
| | 504,742 | Quaystone Ltd | ABSA | 0.02% |
| | | | | |
| | 197,616,150 | | | 8.01% |

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria
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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

SIGNATURES

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

LIMITED
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

12 February 2004

