

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
July 18, 2003

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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 17 July 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Date: 17 July 2003

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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BHP Billiton Plc was notified yesterday in a letter from Barclays PLC, dated 11 July 2003, that Barclays PLC no longer has a notifiable interest in the share capital of BHP Billiton Plc.

Letter to BHP Billiton Plc:

"Companies Act 1985 ("The Act") - Part VI

I refer to our previous correspondence and now inform you that as at 10 July 2003 Barclays PLC no longer has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company."

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia  
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Registered in England and Wales  
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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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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 Plc  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date: 17 July 2003