

BHP BILLITON LTD
 Form 6-K
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 22nd August 2002

"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"

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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 BHP BILLITON PLC | | 2. | Name of shareholder having a major interest PLC NOMINEES PTY LIMITED | | | |
| 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 NOTIFICATION REFERS TO A NON-BENEFICIAL INTEREST | | 4. | Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them N/A | | | |
| 5. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired 540,360,860 | 6. | Percentage of issued class 21.89% | 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed N/A | 8. | Percentage of issued class N/A |
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| 9. | Class of security | 10. | | 11. | | | |

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| | ORDINARY US\$0.50 | | Date of transaction A NUMBer of transactions SINCE 24 DECEMBER 2002 accumulated in the TOTAL INTEREST DISCLOSED | Date company informed 21 AUGUST 2002 |
| 12. | Total holding following this notification 540,360,860 | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 21.89% | |
| 14. | Any additional information PLC NOMINEES PTY LIMITED IS NOMINEE FOR SHAREHOLDERS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHO HOLD THEIR SHARES VIA THE STRATE ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM FOR SHARES ON THE JSE SECURITIES EXCHANGE SOUTH AFRICA | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976 | |
| 16. | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification INES WATSON | | | |
| Date of notification <u>21 August 2002</u> | | | | |

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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