

BHP BILLITON LTD  
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 27 March 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

600 Bourke Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received on 26 March 2003 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Old Mutual plc dated 26 March 2003 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 21 March 2003:

"Disclosure under s 198 - 212 Companies Act

Please find notification pursuant to Section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, that as at 21<sup>st</sup> March 2003, Old Mutual Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries had a material interest in 120,425,765 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton plc, representing 4.88% of the issued share capital. The shares are registered as per the attached schedule.

Although the disclosure concerns the position as at close of business on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, please note that a net increase in holdings by Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (on behalf of its clients) of 23,270,300 on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003 took Old Mutual Plc's aggregate holdings above 4%."

Registered holdings of BHP Billiton Plc share capital by Old Mutual Companies at 21 March 2003

| <u>Total Shares issued</u> | <u>Number of Shares</u> | <u>Company</u>                                     | <u>Registered Holder</u>                             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 2,468,147,002              | 62,108,585              | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd |
|                            | 0                       |  |  |

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|  |            | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd       | Rodina Investments (Pty) Ltd  |
|  | 0          | PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company)     | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd                            |
|  | 0          | Coronation Fund Managers Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd                            |
|  | 1,151,547  | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd       | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) Limited   |
|  | 25,555,504 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd       | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets) |
|  | 86,000     | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd       | Omnibon No 13 (Pty) Limited   |
|  | 354,183    | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd            | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd                                 |
|  | 232,849    | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd            | Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd   |
|  | 112,125    | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd            | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets)      |
|  | 6,089      | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd       | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) Limited  |
|  | 3,705,874  | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd                  | Old Mutual Global Asset Fund  |
|  | 10,409,248 |  |   |

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|  |           | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited                  |
|  | 871,406   | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South African Trust Plc                            |
|  | 5,373,054 | Quantitive Asset Management             | Nedbank Nominees Ltd  |
|  | 82,845    | Quantitive Asset Management             | Standard Bank Nominees Ltd                                    |
|  | 204,707   | Syfrets Securities                      | Syfrets Securities Nominees (Pty) Ltd                         |
|  | 5,235,100 | Franklin Templeton/NIB Investments      | Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd and Standard Bank Nominees (Pty) Ltd |
|  | 481,879   | Nedcor Investment Bank Multi Manager    | Standard Bank Nominees (Pty) Limited                          |
|  | 5,101     | Nedcor Investment Bank Securities       | Marser Nominees (Pty) Limited                                 |
|  | 1,091,288 | Mutual & Federal Limited                | Mutual & Federal Limited                                      |
|  | 114,634   | Mutual & Federal Namibia Limited        | Mutual & Federal Namibia Limited                              |
|  | 411,651   | CGU Insurance                           | CGU Insurance   |
|  | 212,850   | CGU Holdings                            | CGU Holdings  |
|  | 106,425   | Sentrasure                              | Sentrasure  |
|  | 292,199   | Quaystone Ltd                           | ABSA Nominees Ltd   |
|  | 360,131   | Quaystone Ltd                           | Nedcor Bank Nominees Ltd                                      |
|  | 1,860,491 | Quaystone Ltd                           |   |

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|  |             |  | Standard Bank<br>Nominees (Transvaal)<br>(Pty) Limited |
|  |             |  |  |
|  | 120,425,765 |  | 4.88%  |

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 600 Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria 3000  
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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 LIMITED  
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date: 27 March 2003