

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 27, 2004

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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

22 April 2004

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received on 21 April 2004 by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Cater Allen International Limited, dated 20 April 2004, relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 20 April 2004:

"Notification of Interest in Shares pursuant to Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended)

In accordance with Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), please note that I have been made aware, as at today's date, that the interests of Cater Allen International Limited (CAIL) in the ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc has decreased to 120,839,813 ordinary shares or 4.90% of the issued share capital.

This holding has arisen from a stock borrowing and lending position done under the approved *Master Equity and Fixed Interest Lending Agreement* as a principal trading member of the London Stock Exchange."

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Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria  
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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales  
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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

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Karen Wood  
Title: Company Secretary  
Date:

22 April 2004