

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
April 21, 2005

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

13 April 2005

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 on 12 April 2005 by BHP Billiton Plc in a communication from Old Mutual plc dated 12 April 2005 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 1 April 2005:

"Please find notification pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, that as at 1st April 2005, Old Mutual Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries had a material interest in 220,657,724 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc, representing 8.94% 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 1 April 2005

| Total Shares issued | Number of Shares | Company | Registered Holder | % of issued shares |
|---------------------|------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| 2,468,147,002 | 130,020,077 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 5.27% |
| | 288,092 | Prudential Portfolio Managers SA (Pty) Ltd (not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 37,674 | | | 0.00% |

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| | | PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | |
| | 225,000 | Polaris Capital (Pty) Ltd (Not and Old Mutual Company) | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 7,772,565 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) Limited | 0.31% |
| | 47,037,817 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets) | 1.91% |
| | 3,196,237 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Mutual & Federal Limited | 0.13% |
| | 330,902 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | BoE Life Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 188,096 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | BoE Life Assurance Company Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 2,741,191 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd | 0.11% |
| | 212,849 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 1,318,601 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets) | 0.05% |
| | 87,784 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd | Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) Limited | 0.00% |
| | 1,269,492 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual Global Asset Fund | 0.05% |
| | 4,988,023 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited | 0.20% |
| | 1,221,777 | Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd | Old Mutual South African Trust Plc | 0.05% |
| | 161,100 | Quantitive Asset Management | ABSA Nominees | 0.01% |
| | 305,211 | | Nedbank Nominees Ltd | 0.01% |

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| | | Quantitative Asset Management | | |
| | 5,004,255 | Quantitative Asset Management | Standard Bank Nominees Ltd | 0.20% |
| | 710,548 | Syfrets Securities | Syfrets Securities Nominees (Pty) Ltd | 0.03% |
| | 5,058,614 | NIB Collective Investment Schemes | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.20% |
| | 168,879 | NIB Securities | NIB IPS Nominees (Pty) Ltd | 0.01% |
| | 3,806,350 | BOE Personal Stockbrokers | BNS Nominees | 0.15% |
| | 3,129 | Old Mutual (STRAC) | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.00% |
| | 4,341,476 | BOE Private Clients | Nedbank Nominees Ltd | 0.18% |
| | 31,491 | BOE Private Clients | Registered Own Name | 0.00% |
| | 130,494 | BOE Fiduciary | Nedcor Bank Nominees | 0.01% |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | 220,657,724 | | | 8.94 |
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BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

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:

13 April 2005

