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Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a -16 or 15d -16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K for the month of December 2004

The BOC Group plc
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,
Surrey GU20 6HJ
England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes: No:

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 1 December 2004 advising that FMR Corp and Fidelity Investments Limited have a notifiable interest of 3.09% in the issued Ordinary Share Capital of the Company.

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2. A notification dated 2 December 2004 advising that John Lawrence

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- Walsh will resign as an executive director of the Company with effect from 1 March 2005 and that Kent Masters will be appointed an executive director of the Company with effect from 1 March 2005.
3. A notification dated 6 December 2004 to advise that a copy of the Company's Annual Report 2004 and associated documents, were available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.
 4. A notification dated 7 December 2004 to advise that a copy of the Company's Form 20-F 2004, was available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.
 5. A notification dated 9 December 2004 advising of the sale by Ogier Trustee Limited, as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) of a total of 67,801 Ordinary shares in the Company in which the directors have a technical interest.
 6. A notification dated 15 December 2004 advising of the exercise of an option over 10,000 Ordinary shares held under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme by John Lawrence Walsh, a director of the Company, and subsequent sale of the Ordinary shares acquired.
 7. A notification dated 20 December 2004 advising that Rene Medori, an executive director of the Company, will resign with effect from 31 May 2005.
 8. A notification dated 21 December 2004 advising that BOC, through its subsidiary Thai Industrial Gases PCL, has agreed to sell its shares in Unique Gas and Petrochemicals PCL.
 9. A notification dated 22 December 2004 advising of a number of transactions including the exercise of options held over 75,000 Ordinary shares under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme, transfer of 32,896 Ordinary shares to spouse and sale of 46,086 shares by Rene Medori, a director of the Company and 44,896 Ordinary shares by Valerie Medori, his spouse.
 10. A notification dated 22 December 2004 advising of the sale by Ogier Trustee Limited, as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) of a total of 14,416 Ordinary shares in the Company in which the directors have a technical interest.
 11. A notification dated 22 December 2004 advising of the resignation of Iain Napier as a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc with immediate effect.
 12. A notification dated 24 December 2004 advising of the sale by Ogier Trustee Limited, as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) of a total of 1,926 Ordinary shares in the Company in which the directors have a technical interest.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 1 DECEMBER 2004
AT 16.59 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0112041657-EFFF

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
The BOC Group plc

2. Name of shareholder having a major interest
FMR Corp and Fidelity International 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

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

See additional information

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

6. Percentage of issued class

7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

8. Percentage

9. Class of security
Ordinary shares of 25p each

10. Date of transaction
30 November 2004

11. Date company became aware of the transaction
1 December 2004

12. Total holding following this notification
15,394,774

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
3.09%

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14. Any additional information

In a letter dated 30 November 2004 and received on 1 December 2004 The BOC Group plc has been notified that FMR Corp and Fidelity Investments Limited have a 3.09% notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.

Neither FMR Corp nor Fidelity Investments Limited own shares for their own account. The shares are held by Fidelity on behalf of their clients.

15. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Sarah Larkins
Assistant Company Secretary
01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Sarah Larkins

Date of notification 1 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 2 DECEMBER 2004 AT 12:00 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0212041131-9E32

2 December 2004

Board changes at The BOC Group

The BOC Group announced today that John Walsh will resign as an executive director with effect from 1 March 2005.

Kent Masters, 43, is appointed an executive director, also with effect from 1 March 2005, and will take over Mr Walsh's role as chief executive of Industrial and Special Products. Mr Masters is currently business unit head for Process Gas Solutions, North and Latin America, based at Murray Hill in New Jersey. He will relocate to the UK.

Rob Margetts, chairman of The BOC Group, said: "John Walsh has accepted a senior role with an energy company in his native United States and will return there with his family. He has made a significant contribution to BOC during his 18 years with the Group and we wish him well in his future career. We are fortunate in having management strength in depth in BOC and I am delighted to welcome Kent Masters to his new role and to our board".

Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 6 DECEMBER 2004 AT 12.20 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0612041216-368A

6 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc - ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Copies of the Report and Accounts 2004, Annual Review and Summary Financial Statements 2004, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Form of Proxy have been

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submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility which is situated at:

Financial Services Authority
25 The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London
E14 5HS

Tel.no. (0)20 7676 1000

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 7 DECEMBER 2004 AT 13.32 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0712041331-1E13

7 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc - FORM 20-F 2004

A copy of the above document has been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility, which is situated at:

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 9 DECEMBER 2004 AT 16.06 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0912041605-14F2

9 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995)

The BOC Group plc (the Company) has today been notified of the disposal on 2 December 2004 of 67,801 Ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company at an exercise price of 851p per share by Ogier Trustee Limited (the Trustee) as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) (the Trust). These Ordinary shares have been transferred, following exercise of options, to participants in the Company's senior executive share option plans.

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Following this disposal of 67,801 Ordinary shares, the Trustee now holds 5,549,054 Ordinary shares.

Each of the executive Directors of the Company is a potential beneficiary under the Trust and therefore for Companies Act purposes is regarded as interested in all of these 5,549,054 Ordinary shares. Despite this technical interest, each executive Director will only be entitled to receive Ordinary shares from the Trust in satisfaction of options granted to him in respect of these Ordinary shares.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE ON 15 DECEMBER 2004 AT 14.30 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1512041428-65A0

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of director		
THE BOC GROUP plc	JOHN LAWRENCE WALSH		

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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and more than one holder, the number of held by each of them (if notified)		
AS IN 2 ABOVE	JOHN LAWRENCE WALSH		

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)	6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary		
N/A	EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTIONS AND OF SHARES ACQUIRED		

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class
10,000	LESS THAN 0.01%	10,000	LESS THAN 0.01%

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11.	Class of	12. Price per	13. Date of	14. Date

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security	share	transaction	company informe
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p EACH	722P EXERCISE 941.7P SALE	15 DECEMBER 2004	15 DECEMBER 200

15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
22,175 SHARES 627,407 OPTIONS	0.13%

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If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures which options held following this not

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number queries

KAREN WESTON, 01276 807388

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making

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this notification

KAREN WESTON, COMPANY SECRETARIAL ADMINISTRATOR
Date of notification: 15 DECEMBER 2004

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 20 DECEMBER 2004 AT 12.00 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2012041146-71E4

20 December 2004

Board change at The BOC Group

The BOC Group plc announced today that Rene Medori, Group finance director, will resign as an executive director with effect from 31 May 2005. Mr Medori has accepted a role with Anglo American plc.

Rob Margetts, chairman of The BOC Group said, "Rene Medori has been with BOC for seventeen years, the last four as Group finance director, during which time he has made an important contribution to the Group. We wish him well in his future career".

Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 21 DECEMBER 2004 AT 09. 11 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK- 2112040910-22C0

21 December 2004

BOC agrees to sell its shares in Unique Gas & Petrochemicals

BOC, through its subsidiary Thai Industrial Gases PCL (TIG), the holding company of Unique Gas and Petrochemicals, has signed an agreement today to sell its shares in Unique Gas and Petrochemicals PCL (UGP) to VSPP Development Co Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Siam Gas Co Ltd.

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The net asset value is approximately 2.2 billion Baht (around (pound)28 million).

UGP's core business is liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The sale agreement involves the divestment by TIG of its entire interest in UGP's LPG and bulk ammonia business to VSPP, retaining only its cylinder ammonia and aqueous ammonia businesses.

For further information please contact Nigel Abbott, tel: 07774 161634

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE ON 22 DECEMBER 2004 AT 09.37 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2212040936-304A

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of director		
THE BOC GROUP plc	RENE MEDORI		

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 or in respect of 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 (if notified)		
AS IN 2 ABOVE AND SPOUSE	RENE MEDORI - 46,086 VALERIE MEDORI - 44,896		

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)	6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary		
DIRECTOR AND SPOUSE (MRS VALERIE MEDORI)	TRANSFER OF 3,982 SHARES TO SPOUSE; EXERCISE OF 75,000 EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTIONS; TRANSFER OF 28,914 SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE TO SPOUSE; SALE OF 44,896 SHARES TO SPOUSE; AND SALE OF 46,086 SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE BY DIRECTOR		

7. Number of	8. Percentage of	9. Number of	10. Percentage of

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shares/amount	issued class	shares/amount	issued class
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of stock acquired		of stock disposed	
75,000	0.015%	90,982	0.018%
11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date completed
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p EACH	919P (15,000), 914P (30,000) & 851P (30,000) EXERCISE 946.2088P SALE	21 DECEMBER 2004	21 DECEMBER 2004
15. Total holding following this notification		16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification	
790 SHARES 541,935 OPTIONS		0.108%	

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable
19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures which options held following this notification
23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number queries
	KAREN WESTON, 01276 807388

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25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

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KAREN WESTON, COMPANY SECRETARIAL ADMINISTRATOR
Date of notification: 21 DECEMBER 2004

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ON 22 DECEMBER 2004 AT 09.40 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2212040939-EB2E

22 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995)

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Following this disposal of 14,416 Ordinary shares, the Trustee now holds 5,534,638 Ordinary shares.

Each of the executive Directors of the Company is a potential beneficiary under the Trust and therefore for Companies Act purposes is regarded as interested in all of these 5,534,638 Ordinary shares. Despite this technical interest, each executive Director will only be entitled to receive Ordinary shares from the Trust in satisfaction of options granted to him in respect of these Ordinary shares.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 22 DECEMBER 2004 AT 12.00 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2212041031-A588

22 December 2004

Board change at The BOC Group plc

Iain Napier, chief executive of Taylor Woodrow plc, has resigned with immediate effect as a non-executive director of The BOC Group plc following his recent appointment as joint vice chairman of Imperial Tobacco Group PLC.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 24 DECEMBER 2004 AT 11.19 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2412041117-E737

24 December 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995)

The BOC Group plc (the Company) has been notified of the disposal on 23 December 2004 of 1,926 Ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company at an exercise price of 851p per share by Ogier Trustee Limited (the Trustee) as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) (the Trust). These Ordinary shares have been transferred, following exercise of options, to participants in the Company's senior executive share option plans.

Following this disposal of 1,926 Ordinary shares, the Trustee now holds 5,532,712 Ordinary shares.

Each of the executive Directors of the Company is a potential beneficiary under the Trust and therefore for Companies Act purposes is regarded as interested in all of these 5,532,712 Ordinary shares. Despite this technical interest, each executive Director will only be entitled to receive Ordinary shares from the Trust in satisfaction of options granted to him in respect of these Ordinary shares.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, The BOC Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 4, 2005

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins

Name: Sarah Larkins
Title: Assistant Company Secretary

