

BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

January 23, 2003

"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."

## SCHEDULE 10

## NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

|    |   |    |                                    |  |   |                       |                            |
|----|---|----|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. | Name of company   |    | 2.                                 | Name of shareholder having a major interest  |   |                       |                            |
|    | BHP BILLITON PLC  |    |                                    | THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC   |   |                       |                            |
| 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 BY THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC ON BEHALF OF ITS AFFILIATES  |    |                                    | SEE ANNEXED LIST   |   |                       |                            |
| 5. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired   | 6. | Percentage of issued class         | 7.   | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 8.                    | Percentage of issued class |
|    | 287,630   |    | <b>0.012%</b><br><br>(see NOTE 14) |  |   |                       |                            |
| 9. | Class of security   |    | 10.                                | Date of transaction  | 11.                                       | Date company informed |                            |
|    | ORDINARY US\$0.50   |    |                                    | 22<br>NOVEMBER<br>2002   |   | 26 NOVEMBER<br>2002   |                            |

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| 12.  | Total holding following this notification<br><br>159,663,299  | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification<br><br>6.47%       |
| 14.  | Any additional information<br><br>ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AN AFFILIATE, CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY, ATTAINING A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries<br><br>INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976 |
| 16.  | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification<br><br>Ines WATSON                             |     |   |
| Date of notification <b>26 NOVEMBER 2002</b> |   |     |   |

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Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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| As of 22 November 2002                                   |                                       |   |
| BHP Billiton Plc   | <u>Number of</u><br><br><u>Shares</u> | <u>Percent of</u><br><br><u>Outstanding</u> |
| <u>The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings</u> | 159,663,299                           | 6.47%                                       |
| Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:           |                                       |   |

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|---|---------------|-------|
| - Capital Guardian Trust Company          | 74,044,667.00 | 3.00% |
| - Capital International Limited           | 25,062,395.00 | 1.02% |
| - Capital International S.A.              | 19,568,913.00 | 0.79% |
| - Capital International, Inc.             | 11,709,805.00 | 0.47% |
| - Capital Research and Management Company | 29,277,519.00 | 1.19% |

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| <p>Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc</p> <p>As of 22 November 2002</p> <p><u>Capital Guardian Trust Company</u></p> |                     |
| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House<br>42 Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK                                     | 55,305              |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br><br>150 Buchanan Street<br><br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br><br>United Kingdom                        | 1,374,911           |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY   | 2,077,269           |
| ROY Nominees Limited   | 66,196              |

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| 71N Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4DE<br>United Kingdom                         |           |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 39,872    |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 106,957   |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc<br>Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA    | 89,394    |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom              | 8,290,020 |

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| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8DB<br>UK                                 | 1,022,102 |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT | 1,998,572 |

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| Bankers Trust<br>59 1/2 Southmark Street<br>2nd Floor<br>London SE1 0HH                        | 2,921,787  |
| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                      | 13,816,672 |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                  | 29,516,211 |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 11,968,414 |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.<br><br>1 Appold Street<br><br>Broadgate<br><br>London EC2A 2HE       | 700,985    |
| TOTAL  | 74,044,667 |

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| <u>Capital International Limited</u>   |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY | 6,986,136           |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 893,386             |

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| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 438,469 |
| Northern Trust AVFC<br>South Africa   | 114,832 |
| Bank One London   | 882,473 |
| Mellon Bank N.A.<br>London Branch<br>London<br>United Kingdom                           | 735,039 |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA  | 744,366 |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom     | 398,415 |

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| Citibank NA<br>Toronto   | 345,694   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street | 53,212    |
|  | 4,102,445 |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom                         |           |
| Morgan Guaranty<br>83 Pall Mall<br>London SW1Y 5ES<br>UK  | 176,132   |
| Citibank London<br><br>11 Old Jewry<br><br>London EC2R 8DB<br><br>UK                              | 531,806   |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT          | 657,236   |
| Bankers Trust<br><br>59 1/2 Southmark Street<br><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br><br>London SE1 0HH   | 1,329,455 |
| Midland Bank plc<br><br>5 Laurence<br><br>Poutney Hill<br><br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom             | 58,959    |
| Northern Trust<br><br>C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited<br><br>155 Bishopsgate<br><br>London EC2M 3XS | 177,600   |

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| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 370,889    |
| Clydesdale Bank plc  | 473,815    |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                              | 5,592,036  |
| TOTAL  | 25,062,395 |

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| <u>Capital International S.A.</u>  |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom            | 120,686             |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Security Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 619,306             |



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| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom            | 1,502,843 |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto   | 73,433    |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd<br>67 Lombard St<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom                        | 10,385    |
| Vidacos Nominees Ltd.<br>Citibank N.A.<br>Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St.<br>London SE13 7EX | 222,427   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street   | 34,269    |
| National Westminster Bank  | 397,922   |

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| State Street Bank & Trust Co.            | 140,481   |
| J.P. Morgan                              | 4,635,736 |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc | 219,900   |

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| Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA  |           |
| Morgan Stanley   | 132,605   |
| Brown Bros.<br>One Mellon Bank Center<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15258                            | 78,746    |
| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8D8<br>UK                                 | 121,324   |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT | 1,668,847 |
| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                | 427,911   |
| Credit Suisse London Branch<br>24 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2N 4BQ<br>UK                   | 25,755    |

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| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                                   | 4,503,146  |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                              | 648,401    |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 28,000     |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42 Islington High Street<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK                        | 3,956,790  |
| TOTAL   | 19,568,913 |

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| <u>Capital International, Inc.</u> |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>             | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim             | 142,088             |

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| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom   | 35,869  |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto  | 362,516 |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.<br>67 Lombard Street<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom          | 122,495 |
| Citibank  | 49,647  |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.   | 319,652 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 333,569 |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom             | 708,818 |

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| Bankers Trust<br>59 1/2 Southmark Street<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>London SE1 0HH | 32,991 |
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| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                      | 377,914    |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                  | 3,954,861  |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY             | 698,930    |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 4,394,581  |
| Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.<br><br>Australia  | 22,369     |
| Citibank London<br><br>11 Old Jewry<br><br>London EC2R 8DB<br><br>UK                           | 153,505    |
| TOTAL  | 11,709,805 |

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| <u>Capital Research and Management Company</u> |                     |
| <u>Registered Name</u>                         | <u>Local Shares</u> |

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| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 2,919,976  |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br><br>Coleman Street<br><br>London EC2P 2HD          | 26,357,543 |
| TOTAL  | 29,277,519 |

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