

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
August 17, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

August 17, 2017

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

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**171 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE,
VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA**

**NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,
UNITED KINGDOM**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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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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If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): n/a

Issued by: BHP Billiton Plc
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Australian Securities Exchange
Cc: JSE Limited
New York Stock Exchange
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BHP Billiton Plc Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The attached notification was received on 16 August 2017 by BHP Billiton Plc from Elliott Capital Advisors, L.P. relating to major holdings of shares of BHP Billiton Plc

The notification relates to a major holding in BHP Billiton Plc only, and not in the combined BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited group.

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209
LEI 549300C116EOWV835768
Registered in England and Wales
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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR HOLDINGS (to be sent to the relevant issuer and to the FCA in Microsoft Word format if possible)ⁱ

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attachedⁱⁱ:

BHP Billiton PLC

1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an if appropriate)

Non-UK issuer

2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an)

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify)ⁱⁱⁱ:

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation^{iv}

Name Elliott Capital Advisors, L.P. (for itself and related general partners and investment managers)

City and country of registered office (if applicable)

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)^v

Name Elliott International, L.P.

City and country of registered office (if applicable) Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached^{vi}: 14 August 2017

6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY): 15 August 2017

7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation

| | % of voting rights | | Total number of voting rights of issuer ^{vii} |
|---|---|--|--|
| | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A) | % of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2) Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B) | |
| Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached | 5.04% | 5.04% | 106,448,721 |
| Position of previous notification (if applicable) | | | |

8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached^{viii}

A: Voting rights attached to shares

| Class/type of shares | Number of voting rights ^{ix} | | % of voting rights | |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| | Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1) | Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1) | Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1) | Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1) |
| ISIN code (if possible) | | | | |
| GB0000566504 | 106,448,721 | | 5.04% | |
| SUBTOTAL 8. A | | 106,448,721 | | 5.04% |

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date ^x | Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xi} | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL 8. B 1 | | | | |

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date ^x | Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xi} | Physical or cash settlement ^{xii} | Number of | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | voting rights | |
| SUBTOTAL 8.B.2 | | | | | |

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an X)

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer^{xiii}

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity^{xiv} (please add additional rows as necessary)

| Name ^{xv} | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
|--------------------|--|--|---|
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10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:

Name of the proxy holder

The number and % of voting rights held

The date until which the voting rights will be held

11. Additional information^{xvi}

Place of completion London, United Kingdom

Date of completion 15 August 2017

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 and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: August 17, 2017

By: /s/ Rachel Agnew
Name: Rachel Agnew
Title: Company Secretary