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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of

23 July 2003

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

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United Kingdom

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

BHP Billiton Plc received the following notification yesterday in a letter from Barclays PLC dated 21 July 2003.

Letter to BHP Billiton Plc:

"Companies Act 1985 ("The Act") - Part VI

I hereby inform you that as at 16 July 2003 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed on the attached schedule, has a notifiable interest in the capital of your Company of 3.12 %.

Details of the interest, together with a breakdown between registered holders (as required by Section 202(3) of the Act), are enclosed."

LEGAL ENTITY REPORT

BHP BILLITON PLC

SEDOL : 0056650

As at 16 July 2003 Barclays PLC, through the legal entities listed below, had a notifiable interest in 76,992,116 ORD USD0.50 representing 3.12% of the issued share capital of 2,468,147,002 units

| <u>Legal Entity</u> | <u>Holding</u> | <u>Percentage Held</u> |
|---|----------------|------------------------|
| Barclays Private Bank Ltd | 2,010 | 0.0001 |
| Barclays Global Investors, N.A. | 28,587,357 | 1.1583 |
| Barclays Global Investors Japan Trust & | 3,021,105 | 0.1224 |
| Barclays Global Investors Japan | 54,021 | 0.0022 |
| Barclays Nikko Global Investors Ltd | 885,084 | 0.0359 |
| Barclays Global Investors Australia Ltd | 707,150 | 0.0287 |
| Barclays Global Fund Advisors | 687,154 | 0.0278 |
| Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd | 4,529 | 0.0002 |
| Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd | 4,934,462 | 0.1999 |
| Barclays Global Investors Ltd | 37,350,579 | 1.5133 |
| Barclays Capital Securities Ltd | 758,665 | 0.0307 |
| | 76,992,116 | 3.1195 |
| Group Holding | | |

REGISTERED HOLDERS REPORT

BHP BILLITON PLC

SEDOL: 0056650

As at 16 July 2003 Barclays PLC, through the registered holders listed below, had a notifiable interest in 76,992,116 ORD USD0.50 representing 3.12% of the issued share capital of 2,468,147,002 units.

| <u>Registered Holder</u> | <u>Account Designation</u> | <u>Holding</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| ALMIXFTTL-18408-CHASE MANHATTA | ALMIXFTT | 357,250 |
| ASUKEXTTL-20947-CHASE MANHATTA | ASUKEXTT | 13,875,076 |
| Bank of Ireland | BNX009IE | 676,471 |
| BARCLAYS CAPITAL NOMINEES LIM | | 758,665 |
| Barclays Global Investors Japa | BTS026IE | 28,568 |
| Barclays Trust Co & Others | | 4,529 |
| BLEEQTTTL-17011-CHASE MANHATTA | BLEEQTTT | 38,896 |
| BLENTFUKQ-16344-CHASE MANHATTA | BLENTFUK | 119,046 |

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| BLENTPUKQ-16345-CHASE MANHATTA | BLENTPUK | 446,027 |
| BLEQFDUKQ-16331-CHASE MANHATTA | BLEQFDUK | 914,687 |
| BLEQPTUEA-16341-CHASE MANHATTA | BLEQPTUE | 715,141 |
| BLEQPTUKQ-16341-CHASE MANHATTA | BLEQPTUK | 2,257,751 |
| BLINTNUKQ-Z1AJ-dummy | BLINTNUK | 162,019 |
| BLINTPUKQ-16342-CHASE MANHATTA | BLINTPUK | 280,895 |
| BLUKINTTL-16400-CHASE MANHATTA | BLUKINTT | 21,902,527 |
| <u>Registered Holder</u> | <u>Account Designation</u> | <u>Holding</u> |
| BOSTON SAFE DEPOSIT AND TRUST | 591668 | 558,865 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 500227 | 11,577,970 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 502872 | 4,325,757 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 508068 | 1,272,292 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 527191 | 3,836,034 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 536747 | 813,147 |
| CHASE MANHATTAN BANK | 552942 | 826,068 |
| Chase Manhattan Bank | 585439 | 35,253 |
| CHATRKTTL-16376-CHASE MANHATTA | CHATRKTT | 1,215,726 |
| CITIBANK, N.A. (United States) | 597367 | 253,156 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 428169 | 237,458 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 519891 | 10,837 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 519909 | 44,433 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 519917 | 7,452 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 519925 | 6,247 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 555879 | 46,962 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 573039 | 268,718 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 583293 | 1,217,513 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 588888 | 24,512 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 590421 | 64,616 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 595966 | 595,742 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 598856 | 33,874 |
| INVESTORS BANK AND TRUST CO. | 911140 | 65,047 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK | 540186 | 257,109 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK | 555465 | 450,041 |
| JPMORGAN CHASE BANK | 599123 | 71,289 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTC034IE | 31,939 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTC045IE | 280,083 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTGF01IE | 124,526 |

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| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTGF04IE | 331,922 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTGF05IE | 192,025 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTGF07IE | 55,587 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTK001IE | 296,122 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS004IE | 267,478 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS005IE | 45,284 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS011IE | 103,945 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS015IE | 39,156 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS018IE | 7,222 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS019IE | 12,362 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS024IE | 27,268 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS028IE | 1,071,025 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS031IE | 8,538 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS033IE | 23,872 |
| JPMorgan Chase Bank | BTS036IE | 74,183 |
| Mitsubishi Trust International | BNN018IE | 12,499 |
| Mitsubishi Trust International | BNN024IE | 9,900 |
| Mitsubishi Trust International | BNN033IE | 14,775 |
| Mitsubishi Trust International | BNN046IE | 35,927 |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA | 581610 | 234,815 |
| NORTHERN TRUST BANK - BGI SEPA | 584069 | 138,785 |
| State Street | BNN005IE | 1,737 |
| State Street | BNN032IE | 26,811 |
| State Street | BNX012IE | 45,988 |
| State Street | BNX019IE | 54,021 |
| <u>Registered Holder</u> | <u>Account Designation</u> | <u>Holding</u> |
| State Street | BNX021IE | 1,577 |
| STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST - US | 713101 | 2,498,180 |
| Sumitomo TB | BNN029IE | 16,143 |
| Sumitomo TB | BNN031IE | 9,917 |
| Sumitomo TB | BNN036IE | 11,531 |
| Sumitomo TB | BN052IE | 21,808 |
| UBS Limited | 583996 | 209,489 |
| ZEBAN NOMINEES LIMITED | | 2,010 |
| | Total | 76,992,116 |

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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 Plc
/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date: 23 July 2003