

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
January 25, 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**

**January 25, 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,**

**NEATHOUSE PLACE, LONDON,**

**VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA**

**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  
**Date:** 25 January 2017  
**To:** London Stock Exchange  
Australian Securities Exchange  
**To:** JSE Limited  
New York Stock Exchange  
**For Release:** Immediately  
**Contact:** Geof Stapledon +44 (0) 20 7802 4176

**BHP Billiton Plc Notification of Major Interest in Shares**

The attached notification was received on 24 January 2017 by BHP Billiton Plc from Public Investment Corporation SOC Limited relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

**BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077**

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Registered in Australia

Registered Office: Level 18, 171 Collins Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Tel +61 1300 55 4757 Fax +61 3 9609 3015

**BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209**

LEI 549300C116EOWV835768

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place,  
London SW1V 1LH United Kingdom

Tel +44 20 7802 4000 Fax +44 20 7802 4111

**Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia**

**For filings with the FCA include the annex**

**For filings with issuer exclude the annex**

**TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES<sup>i</sup>**

**1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:** <sup>ii</sup>

BHP BILLITON PLC

**2. Reason for the notification** (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

**3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:** <sup>iii</sup>

PUBLIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION SOC LIMITED

**4. Full name of shareholder(s)**

N/A

(if different from 3.):<sup>iv</sup>

**5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:** <sup>v</sup>

23 January 2017

**6. Date on which issuer notified:**

24 January 2017

**7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:** <sup>vi, vii</sup>

3%

**8. Notified details:****A: Voting rights attached to shares** <sup>viii, ix</sup>

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction			
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights <sup>x</sup>	
			Direct	Indirect <sup>xii</sup>	Direct	Indirect
BIL	57268229		66684446		3.157%	

**B: Qualifying Financial Instruments****Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date <sup>xiii</sup>	Exercise/Conversion Period <sup>xiv</sup>	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.	% of voting rights
NONE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments** <sup>xv, xvi</sup>**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date <sup>xvii</sup>	Exercise/Conversion period <sup>xviii</sup>	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights	Nominal	Delta

**Total (A+B+C)**

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
66684446	3.157%

**9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:** <sup>xxi</sup>

N/A

**Proxy Voting:**

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>10. Name of the proxy holder:</b>                                    | N/A                |
| <b>11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:</b>     | N/A                |
| <b>12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:</b> | N/A                |
| <b>13. Additional information:</b>                                      | N/A                |
| <b>14. Contact name:</b>  | DEVILLIERS MAKONKO |
| <b>15. Contact telephone number:</b>                                    | 012 742 3578       |

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: January 25, 2017

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