

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 |
|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    |                            | 63,251                                                                                                   |                                           | 0.003%                | (see NOTE 14)              |
| 9. | Class of security                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    | 10.                        | Date of transaction                                                                                      | 11.                                       | Date company informed |                            |
|    | ORDINARY US\$0.50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |                            | 25 NOVEMBER 2002                                                                                         |                                           | 28 NOVEMBER 2002      |                            |

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| 12.                                          | Total holding following this notification<br><br>159,600,048                                                                                    | 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, CEASING TO HOLD 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>28 NOVEMBER 2002</b> |                                                                                                                                                 |     |                                                                                         |

Company Announcements Office, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HP

Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (**PLEASE DO NOT POST**)

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| As of 25 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> | 159,600,048                           | 6.47%                                       |
| Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:           |                                       |                                             |

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| - Capital Guardian Trust Company          | 73,904,367.00 | 2.99% |
| - Capital International Limited           | 25,139,444.00 | 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% |

Schedule A

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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> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF                             | 11,968,414          |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                                         | 2,070,969           |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                                              | 29,516,211          |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd.<br><br>1 Appold Street<br><br>Broadgate                                                          | 700,985             |

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| London EC2A 2HE                                                                                      |            |
| Midland Bank plc<br>5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                            | 13,807,072 |
| Bankers Trust<br><br>59 1/2 Southmark Street<br><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br><br>London SE1 0HH      | 2,921,787  |
| Barclays Bank<br><br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br><br>8 Angel Court<br><br>London EC2R 7HT | 1,998,572  |
| Citibank London<br><br>11 Old Jewry<br><br>London EC2R 8D8                                           | 1,022,102  |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br><br>155 Bishopsgate<br><br>London EC2M 3XS<br><br>United Kingdom  | 8,165,620 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House<br>42 Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 55,305    |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc                                               | 89,394    |

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| Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA                                                 |            |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.                                                           | 106,957    |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA  | 39,872     |
| ROY Nominees Limited<br>71N Queen Victoria Street<br>London EC4V 4DE<br>United Kingdom  | 66,196     |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 1,374,911  |
| TOTAL                                                                                   | 73,904,367 |

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| <u>Capital International Limited</u>                                                     |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>                                                                   | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square | 370,889             |

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| London E14 5AF                                                                                    |           |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                | 6,986,136 |
| Northern Trust<br><br>C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited<br><br>155 Bishopsgate<br><br>London EC2M 3XS | 177,600   |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br><br>Woolgate House<br><br>Coleman Street<br><br>London EC2P 2HD         | 5,592,036 |
| Midland Bank plc<br><br>5 Laurence<br><br>Poutney Hill<br><br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom             | 58,959    |
| Bankers Trust<br><br>59 1/2 Southmark Street<br><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br><br>London SE1 0HH   | 1,329,455 |
| Barclays Bank<br>Barclays Global Securities Services<br>8 Angel Court<br>London EC2R 7HT          | 657,236   |
| Citibank London<br><br>11 Old Jewry<br><br>London EC2R 8DB                                        | 531,806   |

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| Morgan Guaranty<br>83 Pall Mall<br>London SW1Y 5ES<br>UK                                     | 176,132   |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom                    | 4,179,494 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.                                                                | 893,386   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street | 53,212    |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto                                                                       | 345,694   |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom          | 398,415   |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA       | 744,366   |
| Mellon Bank N.A.<br><br>London Branch<br><br>London<br><br>United Kingdom                    | 735,039   |
| Northern Trust AVFC<br>South Africa                                                          | 114,832   |

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| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 438,469    |
| Bank One London                                                                         | 882,473    |
| Clydesdale Bank plc                                                                     | 473,815    |
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| TOTAL                                                                                   | 25,139,444 |

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| <u>Capital International S.A.</u>                                                                          |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>                                                                                     | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 28,000              |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY                         | 648,401             |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                              | 4,503,146           |



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

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| Nortrust Nominees<br><br>155 Bishopsgate<br><br>London EC2M 3XS<br><br>United Kingdom | 120,686   |
| Morgan Stanley                                                                        | 132,605   |
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL       | 3,956,790 |

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| UK                                                                                             |           |
| MSS Nominees Limited<br>Midland Bank plc<br>Mariner House, Pepys<br>London EC3N 4DA            | 219,900   |
| J.P. Morgan                                                                                    | 4,635,736 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.                                                                  | 140,481   |
| National Westminster Bank                                                                      | 397,922   |
| Lloyds Bank<br>Central Settlement Section<br>Branches Stock Office<br>34 Threadneedle Street   | 34,269    |
| Vidacos Nominees Ltd.<br>Citibank N.A.<br>Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St.<br>London SE13 7EX | 222,427   |

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| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.<br>67 Lombard St<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom            | 10,385    |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto                                                              | 73,433    |
| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom | 1,502,843 |

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| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 619,306    |
| 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> |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 4,394,581           |
| Bank of New York Nominees<br>Bank of New York<br>3 Birchin Lane<br>London EC3V 9BY             | 698,930             |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House<br>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                  | 3,954,861           |
| Midland Bank plc<br><br>5 Laurence<br><br>Poutney Hill<br><br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom          | 377,914             |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim                                                                         | 142,088             |
| Bankers Trust                                                                                  | 32,991              |

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| 59 1/2 Southmark Street<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>London SE1 0HH        |         |
| Citibank London<br>11 Old Jewry<br>London EC2R 8DB<br>UK                  | 153,505 |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom | 708,818 |

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| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 333,569 |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.                                                         | 319,652 |
| Citibank                                                                              | 49,647  |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.<br>67 Lombard Street<br>London EC3 3DL<br>United Kingdom          | 122,495 |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto                                                                | 362,516 |

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| Deutsche Bank AG<br>23 Great Winchester Street<br>London EC2P 2AX<br>United Kingdom | 35,869     |
| Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.<br>Australia                                           | 22,369     |
| TOTAL                                                                               | 11,709,805 |

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| <u>Capital Research and Management Company</u>                                                 |                     |
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| <u>Registered Name</u>                                                                         | <u>Local Shares</u> |
| 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>Coleman Street<br>London EC2P 2HD                  | 26,357,543          |
| TOTAL                                                                                          | 29,277,519          |

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