

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of

18 November 2003

BHP Billiton Limited

ABN 49 004 028 077

180 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne Victoria 3000

Australia

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received today by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Lehman Brothers dated 14 November 2003 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 13 November 2003:

"S.198 Companies Act 1985 (the "Act")

We write to inform you, pursuant to s198 of the Act, that as at the close of business on 13th November, 2003, Lehman Brothers International (Europe) had an interest in 164,495,598 Ordinary shares of BHP Billiton Plc (the "Company"). This represents 6.66% of the outstanding share capital of the Company."

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria
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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

SIGNATURES

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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

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/s/ KAREN WOOD

Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary

Date:

18 November 2003