

BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

May 22, 2002

Date 21st May 2002

"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"

Mary Taylor - Deputy Secretary

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SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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| 1. | Name of company BHP BILLITON PLC | 2. | Name of shareholder having a major interest LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED |
| 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 |

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| | | NOTIFICATION REFERS TO SHAREHOLDER NAMED IN PT. 2 ABOVE | | | | PLEASE SEE ANNEXED LIST | |
| 5. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired N/A | 6. | Percentage of issued class N/A | 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed 845,508 | 8. | Percentage of issued class 0.04% |
| 9. | Class of security ORDINARY US\$0.50 | | 10. | Date of transaction A NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS CUMULATING on 17 MAY 2002 | 11. | Date company informed 20 MAY 2002 | |
| 12. | Total holding following this notification 69,046,847 | | 13. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 2.97% | | | |
| 14. | Any additional information LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED NO LONGER HAS A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST IN BHP BILLITON PLC | | 15. | Name of contact and telephone number for queries INES WATSON +44 (0)20 7747 3976 | | | |
| 16. | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification INES WATSON | | | | | | |

Date of notification 20 May 2002

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Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

Annexe

NAME OF THE REGISTERED HOLDER(S)

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 775229

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 886603

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 775245

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 361602

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 754612

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 766793

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 252605

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 360509

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 770286

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 357206

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 866197

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 130007

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Ltd A/c 904332

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