

BHP BILLITON PLC  
Form 6-K  
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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

July 6, 2005

**BHP Billiton**

**Plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English) Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom  
(Address of principal executive office)

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

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The following notification was received on 5 July 2005 by BHP Billiton Plc in a communication from Old Mutual plc dated 5 July 2005 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 1 July 2005:

"Please find notification pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, that as at 1 July 2005, Old Mutual plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries had a material interest in 213,220,031 ordinary shares of BHP Billiton plc, representing 8.64% of the issued share capital. The shares are registered as per the attached schedule."

Registered holdings of BHP Billiton Plc share capital by Old Mutual Companies at 1 July 2005

Total Shares issued	Number of Shares	Company	Registered Holder	% of issued shares
2,468,147,002	120,438,409	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	4.88%
	281,092	Prudential Portfolio Managers SA (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.01%

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		(not an Old Mutual Company)		
	51,774	PeregrineQuant (Pty) Ltd (Not an Old Mutual Company)	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.00%
	336,700	Polaris Capital (Pty) Ltd (Not and Old Mutual Company)	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (South Africa) Ltd	0.01%
	7,644,329	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Unit Trusts (SA) Limited	0.31%
	49,116,203	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets)	1.99%
	3,196,237	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Mutual & Federal Limited	0.13%
	306,032	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	BoE Life Ltd	0.01%
	114,447	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	BoE Life Assurance Company Ltd	0.00%
	2,951,018	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (Namibia) Ltd	0.12%
	212,849	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Holdings (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	0.01%
	1,300,531	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Namibia) (Pty) Ltd (Managed Fund Client Assets)	0.05%
	95,558	Old Mutual Asset Managers (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd	Old Mutual Unit Trusts (Namibia) Limited	0.00%
	1,269,492	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual Global Asset Fund	0.05%
	4,988,023	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual South Africa Equity Trust Limited	0.20%
	1,350,044	Old Mutual Asset Managers (Bermuda) Ltd	Old Mutual South African Trust Plc	0.05%
	150,269		ABSA Nominees	0.01%

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		Quantitative Asset Management		
	293,668	Quantitative Asset Management	Nedbank Nominees Ltd	0.01%
	4,765,755	Quantitative Asset Management	Standard Bank Nominees Ltd	0.19%
	231,561	Syfrets Securities	Syfrets Securities Nominees (Pty) Ltd	0.01%
	5,748,640	Nedcor Collective Investments Limited	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.23%
	139,029	Taquanta Asset Managers (Pty) Ltd	NIB IPS Nominees (Pty) Ltd	0.01%
	3,921,347	BOE Personal Stockbrokers	BNS Nominees	0.16%
	3,129	Old Mutual (STRAC)	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.00%
	4,154,335	BOE Private Clients	Nedbank Nominees Ltd	0.17%
	31,392	BOE Private Clients	Registered Own Name	0.00%
	128,168	BOE Fiduciary	Nedcor Bank Nominees	0.01%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213,220,031</b>			<b>8.64%</b>

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

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**

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

Date: 6 July 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary