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Form 6-K
August 01, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a -16 or 15d -16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K for the month of July 2003

The BOC Group plc
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,
Surrey GU20 6HJ
England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes: |_| No: |X|

Enclosures:

1. Notification dated 1 July 2003 in respect of the six monthly block listing return for Savings Related Share Option Schemes and the Executive Option Schemes.
2. Notification dated 14 July 2003 in respect of a strategic review of Afrox Healthcare.

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3. Notification dated 31 July 2003 that The BOC Group plc will be announcing its nine months results on Tuesday 5 August 2003.

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INFORMATION SERVICE AT 16.06 HRS ON 1 JULY 2003
UNDER REF NO PRNUK-0107031604-262A

SCHEDULE 5

BLOCK LISTING SIX MONTHLY RETURN

To: Listing Applications
UK Listing Authority
Financial Services Authority
25, The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London, E14 5HS

Please ensure the entries on this return are
type

1. Name of company	The BOC Group plc
2. Name of scheme	Savings-Related Share Option Scheme
3. Period of return:	From 1 January 2003 to 30 June 2003
4. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock/debt security) not issued under scheme	6,513,994
5. Number of shares issued/allotted under scheme during period:	116,330
6. Balance under scheme not yet issued/allotted at end of period	6,397,664
7. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock/debt securities) originally listed and the date of admission;	Listing granted on 5 April 1978 for Ordinary shares of 25p each

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7. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock/debt securities) originally listed and the date of admission; Listing granted on 20 March 1985 for Ordinary shares of 25p each

Please confirm total number of shares in issue at the end of the period in order for us to update our records 497,586,315 Ordinary shares of 25p each

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Person making return Name: Karen Weston
Position: Administration Assistant, Company Secretarial Department

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UNDER REF. NO. PRNUK-1407030817-9735

Strategic review of Afrox Healthcare

Windlesham, UK, 14 July 2003 -- African Oxygen Limited ("Afox") has today issued a cautionary announcement to the JSE Securities Exchange. The announcement observes that Afrox is in the process of considering its strategic options with regard to its shareholding in Afrox Healthcare Limited. These discussions may or may not lead to a change in the shareholding of Afrox in Afrox Healthcare Limited.

Afrox Managing Director, Rick Hogben, says "Afox Healthcare is a successful business and has delivered good returns for Afrox but, as one would expect, the board continually looks at the markets and businesses in which we operate.

"In terms of good corporate governance, the cautionary announcement was issued to protect current and prospective investors in both Afrox and Afrox Healthcare and is not an indication that any corporate action will necessarily flow from the strategic review process.

"I also want to take this opportunity to assure all doctors and staff in Afrox Healthcare that we are fully aware of their importance to the company and are taking that into account in our deliberations."

Afrox Healthcare Limited is a majority-owned subsidiary of African Oxygen Limited (Afox), BOC's gases company based in South Africa. Both companies are

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listed on the JSE Securities Exchange. The BOC Group owns approximately 56 per cent of Afrox, which in turn owns some 69 per cent of Afrox Healthcare Limited. BOC's economic interest in Afrox healthcare is therefore 39 per cent.

The BOC Group, which serves two million customers in more than 50 countries, is one of the largest and most global of the world's leading gases companies. It employs more than 46,000 people worldwide and had annual sales of over (pound)4 billion in 2002. Further information about The BOC Group may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.boc.com>

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31 July 2003

The BOC Group plc

The BOC Group plc will be announcing its results for the nine months ended 30 June 2003 on Tuesday 5 August 2003.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, The BOC Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 1, 2003

By: /s/ David Kinnair

Name: David Kinnair

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Title: Assistant Company Secretary

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