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BOC GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
December 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 November 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.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes:  No:

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 7 November 2003 that The BOC Group plc will be announcing its Preliminary Results on Thursday 13 November 2003.

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2. A notification dated 11 November 2003 advising of the lapse of an option over 471 shares under the Company's Savings Related Share Option Scheme by K Rajagopal, a director of the Company.
3. A notification dated 11 November 2003 advising of the lapse of an option over 1,676 shares under the Company's Savings Related Share Option Scheme by K Rajagopal, a director of the Company.
4. A notification dated 13 November 2003 to advise that a copy of the Preliminary Results for the year ended 30 September 2003, were available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.
5. A notification dated 14 November 2003 relating to the purchase of 6,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each in The BOC Group plc by R J Margetts a director of The BOC Group plc.
6. News release dated 17 November 2003 advising that African Oxygen Limited has agreed to sell its holding in Afrox Healthcare.
7. A notification dated 17 November 2003 advising details of the grant of options to J L Walsh, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2003.
8. A notification dated 17 November 2003 advising details of the grant of options to K Rajagopal, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2003.
9. A notification dated 17 November 2003 advising details of the grant of options to R Medori, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2003.
10. A notification dated 17 November 2003 advising details of the grant of options to J A Bevan, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2003.
11. A notification dated 17 November 2003 advising details of the grant of options to A E Isaac, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2003.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY  
INFORMATION SERVICE ON 7 NOVEMBER 2003  
AT 11.48HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0711031146-2C61

7 November 2003

The BOC Group plc - Preliminary Results

The BOC Group plc will be announcing its results for the year ended 30 September 2003 on Thursday 13 November 2003.

Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations  
The BOC Group, Windlesham, UK  
Telephone 01276 477222 (International +44 1276 477222)

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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1. Name of company		2. Name of director	
THE BOC GROUP plc		KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL	
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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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest		4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)	
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE		KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL	
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5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)		6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary	
N/A		LAPSE OF OPTION UNDER THE SAVINGS RELATED SHARE OPTION SCHEME	
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7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class
N/A	N/A	471 SHARES LAPSED	LESS THAN 0.1%
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11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company informed
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH	N/A	1 NOVEMBER 2003	11 NOVEMBER 2003

15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
14,416 ORDINARY SHARES 568,740 OPTIONS	LESS THAN 0.1%

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable
N/A	N/A

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	N/A

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
N/A	N/A

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
OPTION GRANTED ON 19 MARCH 1996, MATURED ON 1 MAY 2003 AND LAPSED UNEXERCISED ON 31 OCTOBER 2003	SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY  
Date of notification 11 NOVEMBER 2003

THE BOC GROUP PLC Announcement released to a Regulatory Information Service at 17.10 Hrs on 11 November 2003 under ref no. PRNUK-1111031707-BADF

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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1. Name of company		2. Name of director	
THE BOC GROUP plc		KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL	
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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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest		4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)	
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE		KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL	
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5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)		6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary	
N/A		LAPSE OF OPTION UNDER THE SAVINGS RELATED SHARE OPTION SCHEME	
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7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class
N/A	N/A	1,676 SHARES LAPSED	LESS THAN 0.1%
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11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company informed
ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH	N/A	1 NOVEMBER 2003	11 NOVEMBER 2003

15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
14,416 ORDINARY SHARES 567,064 OPTIONS	LESS THAN 0.1%

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable
N/A	N/A

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	N/A

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
N/A	N/A

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
OPTION GRANTED ON 11 MARCH 1998, MATURED ON 1 MAY 2003 AND LAPSED UNEXERCISED ON 31 OCTOBER 2003	SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

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Date of notification \_\_\_\_11 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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The BOC Group plc Announcement released to a Regulatory Information Service at 10.36 hrs on 13 November 2003 under ref no PRNUK-1311031033-995B

13 November 2003

THE BOC GROUP plc - NEWS RELEASE ON THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2003

A copy of the above document has been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UK Listing Authority's Document Viewing Facility which, is situated at:

Financial Services Authority  
25 The North Colonnade  
Canary Wharf  
London  
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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

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1. Name of company	2. Name of director
THE BOC GROUP plc	ROBERT JOHN MARGETTS

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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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest	4.	Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)
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IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE

ROBERT JOHN MARGETTS

5.	Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)	6.	Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary
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N/A

PURCHASE

7.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8.	Percentage of issued class	9.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10.	Percentage of issued class
	6,000		LESS THAN 0.1%		N/A		N/A

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11.	Class of security	12.	Price per share	13.	Date of transaction	14.	Date company informed
	ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH		820p		14 NOVEMBER 2003		14 NOVEMBER 2003

15.	Total holding following this notification	16.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
	23,000 ORDINARY SHARES		LESS THAN 0.1%

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17.	Date of grant	18.	Period during which or date on which options exercisable
	N/A		N/A

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19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	N/A
21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
N/A	N/A
23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
N/A	KAREN WESTON 01276 807388
25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification	
KAREN WESTON, ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT	
Date of notification ____14 NOVEMBER 2003_____	

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 17 NOVEMBER 2003  
AT 07.11 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1711030709-7642

17 November 2003

Afrox agrees to sell its holding in Afrox Healthcare

On 14 July 2003 African Oxygen Limited ('Afrox') announced a strategic review with regard to its shareholdings in Afrox Healthcare Limited ('Afrox Healthcare'). That strategic review has been completed and today Afrox has announced it has agreed to sell its entire holding in Afrox Healthcare to a consortium of Black Economic Empowerment ('BEE') investors led by Brimstone Investment Corporation Limited and Mvelaphanda Strategic Investments

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(Proprietary) Limited. Afrox Healthcare will become the first significant BEE owned and controlled private hospital and healthcare group in South Africa.

The sale by Afrox and the associated offer by the BEE consortium to minority shareholders in Afrox Healthcare are subject to certain conditions, including clearance from the relevant competition and other regulatory authorities.

Afrox's holding in Afrox Healthcare will be acquired at a price of 13.85 rand per share, increased at an effective rate of 5.6 per cent per annum from 1 October 2003 until the operative completion date. For illustrative purposes, if the operative date is 30 April 2004 the total amount payable for each Afrox Healthcare share will be 13.85 rand, plus 0.45 rand, being the escalation at the effective rate of 5.6 per cent per annum, giving a total of 14.30 rand per share. Afrox has announced its intention to distribute the net proceeds to shareholders.

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BOC, through its 56 per cent shareholding in Afrox, has an economic interest of approximately 38.7 per cent in Afrox Healthcare. The total number of Afrox healthcare shares in issue is approximately 224,120,000. Afrox will have a capital gains tax liability on the proceeds from its sale of Afrox Healthcare shares at an effective rate of 15 per cent. There is a potential secondary tax charge at an effective rate of 12.5 per cent on distributions paid by South African companies

The disposal would have reduced BOC Group earnings per share for the year to 30 September 2003 by a maximum 1.5p on the basis of a full distribution of all sale proceeds to Afrox shareholders.

Tony Isaac, BOC chief executive, commented: 'Afrox Healthcare has grown substantially over recent years and we are delighted to have benefited from that growth. It is now a strong and mature business able to adopt a new role in the developing South African economy. The strength of the rand makes this a very good time for BOC to receive the proceeds from the sale of its interest in Afrox Healthcare.'

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Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations  
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Tel: 01276 477222 (International +44 1276 477222)  
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1. Name of company		2. Name of director	
THE BOC GROUP plc		JOHN LAWRENCE WALSH	
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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest		4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)	
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE		JOHN LAWRENCE WALSH	
5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)		6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary	
N/A		GRANT OF OPTIONS	
7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company informed

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ORDINARY  
SHARES OF  
25P EACH

N/A

14 NOVEMBER 2003

14 NOVEMBER 2003

15. Total holding following this notification

N/A

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

N/A

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant

14 NOVEMBER 2003

18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable

14 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2013 SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE CONDITION

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

N/A

20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

40,323 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

820.25p

22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

535,034

23. Any additional information

AT THE DATE OF GRANT ON 14 NOVEMBER 2003, A CONFIRMED OPTION PRICE WAS NOT AVAILABLE BUT WAS RECEIVED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2003.

THE OPTIONS, GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003, MAY BE SATISFIED BY A NEW ISSUE OF SHARES TO THE DIRECTOR OR BY A TRANSFER

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

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OF SHARES FROM THE BOC GROUP plc  
EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995). THE  
TRUST HAS THE RIGHT TO SUBSCRIBE  
THE NUMBER OF SHARES REQUIRED TO  
SATISFY THE OPTION. OTHER EMPLOYEES  
(INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS) MAY  
RECEIVE SHARES ON A SIMILAR BASIS  
BUT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE  
OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS, EACH  
DIRECTOR IS DEEMED TO BE INTERESTED  
ONLY IN THE NUMBER OF SHARES  
AVAILABLE UNDER THE OPTION GRANTED  
TO HIM, AND NOT IN ANY SHARES WHICH  
MAY BE ACQUIRED BY SUCH OTHER  
EMPLOYEE FROM THE TRUST.  
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25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this  
notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification \_\_\_\_\_17 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

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1. Name of company

THE BOC GROUP plc

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2. Name of director

KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL

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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

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4. Name of the registered holder(s) and,  
if more than one holder, the number  
of shares held by each of them (if  
notified)

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of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

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 IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE  
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 KRISHNAMURTHY RAJAGOPAL  
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 5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)  
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 6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary  
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 N/A  
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 GRANT OF OPTIONS  
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 7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired  
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 8. Percentage of issued class  
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 9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed  
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 10. Percentage of issued class  
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 N/A  
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 N/A  
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 11. Class of security  
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 12. Price per share  
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 13. Date of transaction  
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 14. Date company  
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 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH  
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 N/A  
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 14 NOVEMBER 2003  
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 14 NOVEMBER 2003  
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 15. Total holding following this notification  
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 16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  
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 N/A  
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 N/A  
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 If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.  
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 17. Date of grant  
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 18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable  
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 14 NOVEMBER 2003  
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 14 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2013 SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE CONDITION  
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19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	40,323 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003
21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
820.25p	607,387
23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
<p>AT THE DATE OF GRANT ON 14 NOVEMBER 2003, A CONFIRMED OPTION PRICE WAS NOT AVAILABLE BUT WAS RECEIVED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2003.</p> <p>THE OPTIONS, GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003, MAY BE SATISFIED BY A NEW ISSUE OF SHARES TO THE DIRECTOR OR BY A TRANSFER OF SHARES FROM THE BOC</p>	SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995). THE TRUST HAS THE RIGHT TO SUBSCRIBE THE NUMBER OF SHARES REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE OPTION. OTHER EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS) MAY RECEIVE SHARES ON A SIMILAR BASIS BUT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS, EACH DIRECTOR IS DEEMED TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN THE NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE OPTION GRANTED TO HIM, AND NOT IN ANY SHARES WHICH MAY BE ACQUIRED BY SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEE FROM THE TRUST.

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

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SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification \_\_\_\_17 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of director		
THE BOC GROUP plc	RENE MEDORI		
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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)		
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE	RENE MEDORI		
5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)	6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary		
N/A	GRANT OF OPTIONS		
7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company
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ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH	N/A	14 NOVEMBER 2003	14 NOVEMBER 2003 informed
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15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
N/A	N/A

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable
14 NOVEMBER 2003	14 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2013 SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE CONDITION

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	42,243 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
820.25p	522,148

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
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AT THE DATE OF GRANT ON 14 NOVEMBER  
2003, A CONFIRMED OPTION PRICE WAS  
NOT AVAILABLE BUT WAS RECEIVED ON  
17 NOVEMBER 2003.

SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

THE OPTIONS, GRANTED UNDER THE BOC  
GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME  
2003, MAY BE SATISFIED BY A NEW  
ISSUE OF SHARES TO THE DIRECTOR OR  
BY A TRANSFER OF SHARES FROM THE BOC

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GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST  
(1995). THE TRUST HAS THE RIGHT TO  
SUBSCRIBE THE NUMBER OF SHARES  
REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE OPTION.  
OTHER EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTORS) MAY RECEIVE SHARES ON A  
SIMILAR BASIS BUT, FOR THE PURPOSES  
OF DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS'  
INTERESTS, EACH DIRECTOR IS DEEMED  
TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN THE NUMBER  
OF SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE OPTION  
GRANTED TO HIM, AND NOT IN ANY SHARES  
WHICH MAY BE ACQUIRED BY SUCH OTHER  
EMPLOYEE FROM THE TRUST.

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25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this  
notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification \_\_\_\_17 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

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1. Name of company	2. Name of director
THE BOC GROUP plc	JOHN ANDREW BEVAN

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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE	JOHN ANDREW BEVAN

5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)	6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary
N/A	GRANT OF OPTIONS

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	8. Percentage of issued class	9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	10. Percentage of issued class
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company
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ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH	N/A	14 NOVEMBER 2003	informed 14 NOVEMBER 2003
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15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
N/A	N/A

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant	18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable
14 NOVEMBER 2003	14 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2013 SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE CONDITION

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option	20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number
N/A	36,574 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003

21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification
820.25p	345,226

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries
<p>AT THE DATE OF GRANT ON 14 NOVEMBER 2003, A CONFIRMED OPTION PRICE WAS NOT AVAILABLE BUT WAS RECEIVED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2003.</p> <p>THE OPTIONS, GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003, MAY BE SATISFIED BY A NEW ISSUE OF SHARES TO THE DIRECTOR OR BY A TRANSFER OF SHARES FROM THE BOC</p>	SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995). THE TRUST HAS THE RIGHT TO SUBSCRIBE THE NUMBER OF SHARES REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE OPTION.

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OTHER EMPLOYEES (INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS) MAY RECEIVE SHARES ON A SIMILAR BASIS BUT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS, EACH DIRECTOR IS DEEMED TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN THE NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE OPTION GRANTED TO HIM, AND NOT IN ANY SHARES WHICH MAY BE ACQUIRED BY SUCH OTHER EMPLOYEE FROM THE TRUST.

25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY  
Date of notification \_\_\_\_17 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of director
THE BOC GROUP plc	ANTHONY ERIC ISAAC
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 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest	4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)
IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE	ANTHONY ERIC ISAAC

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5. Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

N/A

6. Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

GRANT OF OPTIONS

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

N/A

8. Percentage of issued class

N/A

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

11. Class of security

ORDINARY  
SHARES OF  
25P EACH

12. Price per share

N/A

13. Date of transaction

14 NOVEMBER 2003

14. Date company

informed

14 NOVEMBER 2003

15. Total holding following this notification

N/A

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

N/A

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

17. Date of grant

14 NOVEMBER 2003

18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable

14 NOVEMBER 2006 TO 14 NOVEMBER 2013 SUBJECT TO A PERFORMANCE CONDITION

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option

N/A

20. Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number

36,574 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003

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21. Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise

22. Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification

820.25p

1,302,691

23. Any additional information

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

AT THE DATE OF GRANT ON 14 NOVEMBER 2003, A CONFIRMED OPTION PRICE WAS NOT AVAILABLE BUT WAS RECEIVED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2003.

SARAH LARKINS 01276 807383

THE OPTIONS, GRANTED UNDER THE BOC GROUP EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION SCHEME 2003, MAY BE SATISFIED BY A NEW ISSUE OF SHARES TO THE DIRECTOR OR BY A TRANSFER OF SHARES FROM THE BOC

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25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

SARAH LARKINS, ASSISTANT COMPANY SECRETARY

Date of notification \_\_\_\_17 NOVEMBER 2003\_\_\_\_\_

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: December 1, 2003

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins

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Name: Sarah Larkins

Title: Assistant Company Secretary