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BOC GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
January 02, 2004

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 December 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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

Yes:  No:

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Yes:  No:

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 1 December 2003 advising of a settlement agreed in respect of US Retirement Benefit Plan litigation.
2. A notification dated 10 December 2003 to advise that a copy of the Company's Annual Report 2003 and associated documents, were available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.

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3. A notification dated 11 December 2003 to advise that a copy of the Company's Form 20-F 2003, was available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.
4. A notification dated 16 December 2003, advising details of an exercise and sale of shares by J L Walsh, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Purchase Plan.
5. A notification dated 16 December 2003, advising details of an exercise and sale of shares by R Medori, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Executive Share Purchase Plan.

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 1 DECEMBER 2003  
AT 09.00 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0112030847-BF69

1 December 2003

US Retirement Benefit Plan litigation

The BOC Group's preliminary results statement issued on 13 November 2003 included details of an action filed against The BOC Group Cash Balance Retirement Plan (the Plan) in the US. The Plan was contesting the action and the maximum potential liability was estimated at US\$116 million. Subsequently the parties have reached agreement in principle to settle at US\$69 million.

The settlement will be paid out of Plan assets. A provision of US\$69 million has been made in the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ending on 30 September 2003, which will be published in December. Under UK pension accounting rules (FRS 17) this amount has been recognised in the Group's profit and loss account and has been treated as an exceptional item.

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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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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 10 DECEMBER 2003  
AT 17.15 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1012031714-763D

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10 December 2003

THE BOC GROUP plc - ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Copies of the Report and Accounts 2003, Annual Review and Summary Financial Statements 2003, Notice of Annual General Meeting and Form of Proxy have 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  
E14 5HS

Tel.no. (0)20 7676 1000

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The BOC Group plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE AT 15.50 HRS ON 11 DECEMBER 2003 UNDER REF. NO. PRNUK-1112031545-0B30

11 December 2003

THE BOC GROUP plc - FORM 20-F 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  
E14 5HS

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE AT 17.25 HRS ON 16 DECEMBER 2003  
UNDER REF NO: PRNUK1612031724-8074

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 |    | 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, 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  |    | EXERCISE AND SALE OF EXECUTIVE SHARE PURCHASE PLAN  |

|    |   |    |                            |    |   |     |                         |
|----|---|----|----------------------------|----|---|-----|-------------------------|
| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage issued class |
|    | 10,896                                    |    | LESS THAN 0.1%             |    | 6,000                                     |     | LESS THAN               |

|     |                   |     |                 |     |                     |     |                |
|-----|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------|
| 11. | Class of security | 12. | Price per share | 13. | Date of transaction | 14. | Date completed |
|     |                   |     |                 |     |                     |     |                |

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|                                |                              |                  |             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| ORDINARY SHARES<br>OF 25p EACH | EXERCISE: 677p<br>SALE: 824p | 16 DECEMBER 2003 | 16 DECEMBER |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 15. Total holding following this notification | 16. Total percentage holding of issued cl following this notification |
| 18,071 ORDINARY SHARES<br>524,138 OPTIONS     | 0.11%   |

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 which options held following this notification |
| N/A  | N/A   |

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 23. Any additional information | 24. Name of contact and telephone number queries |
| -----<br>N/A                   | -----<br>KAREN WESTON 01276 807388               |
| -----                          | -----  |

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

KAREN WESTON, ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT  
DATE OF NOTIFICATION 16 DECEMBER 2003

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THE BOC GROUP PLC ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE AT  
17.21HRS ON 16 DECEMBER 2003  
UNDER REF NO: PRNUK-1612031719-02E8

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  |
| -----<br>THE BOC GROUP PLC | -----<br>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, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified) |
| -----<br>IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE   | -----<br>RENE MEDORI   |
| -----   | -----  |

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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   | EXERCISE AND SALE OF EXECUTIVE SHARE PURCHASE PLAN   |

|  |                               |  |                                |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 20,000 ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH           | LESS THAN 0.1%                | 20,000 SHARES SOLD                           | LESS THAN                      |

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|                             |                              |                         |                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 11. Class of security       | 12. Price per share          | 13. Date of transaction | 14. Date completed |
| ORDINARY SHARES OF 25P EACH | EXERCISE: 677p<br>SALE: 824p | 16 DECEMBER 2003        | 16 DECEMBER        |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 15. Total holding following this notification | 16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
| 16,772 ORDINARY SHARES<br>502,148 OPTIONS     | 0.1%   |

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|-----|--|-----|---|
| 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 which options held following this notification |
|     | N/A  |     | N/A   |
| 23. | Any additional information   | 24. | Name of contact and telephone number queries  |
|     | N/A  |     | KAREN WESTON 01276 807388   |
| 25. | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification             |     |   |
|     | KAREN WESTON, ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT<br>Date of notification 16 DECEMBER 2003                        |     |   |

SIGNATURE



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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: January 2, 2004

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins  
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Name: Sarah Larkins  
Title: Assistant Company Secretary

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