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BOC GROUP PLC  
Form 6-K  
September 01, 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 August 2004

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:

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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 3 August 2004, advising that a copy of the results for the nine months ended 30 June 2004 were available at the UKLA Document Viewing Facility.

2. A notification dated 4 August 2004, advising of the acquisition of 58 Ordinary shares in the Company by Sir Christopher J O'Donnell, a director of the Company, under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
3. A notification dated 6 August 2004, advising of the acquisition of 5,400 Ordinary shares in the Company by Mr Robert John Margetts, a director of the Company.
4. A notification dated 10 August 2004, advising that Cater Allen International Limited have a notifiable interest of 4.9% in the issued share capital of The BOC Group plc.
5. A notification dated 12 August 2004, advising that a US court has reversed a judgement against Fluorogas Limited, The BOC Group Inc and The BOC Group plc.
6. A notification dated 23 August 2004, advising that Cater Allen International Limited no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued share capital of The BOC Group plc.

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ON 3 AUGUST 2004  
AT 10.55 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0308041054-27D3

3 August 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc - NEWS RELEASE ON THE RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30  
JUNE 2004

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  
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London  
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NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

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1. Name of company

THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of director

CHRISTOPHER JOHN O'DONNELL

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

IN RESPECT OF A HOLDING OF  
THE DIRECTOR IN 2 ABOVE

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

CHRISTOPHER JOHN O'DONNELL

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

PURCHASE OF SHARES UNDER  
THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT  
PLAN

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

58

8. Percentage of issued class

LESS THAN  
0.01%

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

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	9.31P PER SHARE	2 AUGUST 2004	3 AUGUST 2004

15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
2,274	LESS THAN 0.01%

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

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number for queries

N/A

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 4 August 2004\_\_\_\_\_

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AT 13.30 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0608041329-7C07

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company

THE BOC GROUP plc

2. Name of director

ROBERT JOHN MARGETTS

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

AS IN 2 ABOVE

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

ROBERT JOHN MARGETTS

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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

PURCHASE OF SHARES

7. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

5,400

8. Percentage of issued class

LESS THAN 0.1%

9. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

N/A

10. Percentage of issued class

N/A

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11. Class of security

ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p EACH

12. Price per share

893.96p

13. Date of transaction

6 AUGUST 2004

14. Date company informed

6 AUGUST 2004

15. Total holding following this notification

17,400 SHARES IN HIS OWN NAME  
16,600 SHARES HELD BY HIS WIFE

16. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification

LESS THAN 0.1%

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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

18. Period during which or date on which options exercisable

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

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

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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

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23. Any additional information

24. Name of contact and telephone number for queries

KAREN WESTON 01276 807388

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

KAREN WESTON, ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT  
Date of notification 6 AUGUST 2004

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Ref: PRNUK-1008041640-D6BA

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  
The BOC Group plc  
2. Name of shareholder having a major interest  
Cater Allen International Limited  
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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  
4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them  
See additional information  
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Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

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5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired  
6. Percentage of issued class  
7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed  
8. Percentage of issued class  
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9. Class of security  
Ordinary shares of 25p each  
10. Date of transaction  
9 August 2004  
11. Date company information was first made available to the public  
10 August 2004  
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12. Total holding following this notification      13. Total percentage holding of issued class fo  
notification  
24,352,762      4.90%

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14. Any additional information      15. Name of contact and telephone number for qu  
The BOC Group plc had previously been      Sarah Larkins  
advised that pursuant to s198 of the      01276 807383  
Companies Act, Cater Allen International  
Limited had an interest of 5.00% in the  
issued Ordinary shares of the Company.

In a letter dated 9 August 2004 and received  
on 10 August 2004 The BOC Group plc has  
been notified that Cater Allen International  
Limited now has a notifiable interest of  
4.90% in the issued Ordinary share capital  
of the Company.

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16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  
Sarah Larkins, Assistant Company Secretary

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Date of notification   10 August 2004  

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 12 AUGUST 2004  
AT 08.08 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1208040807-1AF7

12 August 2004

US Court reverses Fluorogas judgement in favour of The BOC Group

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On 21 February 2003, The BOC Group announced that a jury in the US District Court for the Western District of Texas rendered a verdict for approximately USD 132 million against Fluorogas Limited, The BOC Group Inc and The BOC Group plc. In March 2003, the District Court also awarded interest, costs and attorney's fees against Fluorogas and the BOC entities, making them jointly and severally liable for a total of approximately USD 174 million.

On 10 August 2004, the US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the judgement against the BOC entities in its entirety. In addition, the Appellate Court reversed virtually all of the judgement against Fluorogas. All that remains of the original judgement against Fluorogas is USD 170 thousand in reliance damages plus an additional amount for costs, including attorney's fees. As to the attorney's fees, the Appellate Court held that the District Court abused its discretion in making the original award and instructed the District Court to reconsider the amount of attorney's fees in light of the limited recovery on appeal.

At the time of the original jury verdict, BOC said it believed that it represented a misunderstanding of the law and the facts. BOC is delighted that the Appellate Court has agreed with BOC's position.

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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 23 AUGUST 2004  
AT 10.17 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2308041015-7A48

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  
The BOC Group plc  
2. Name of shareholder having a major int  
Cater Allen International Limited  
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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  
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Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

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5.	Number of shares/amount of stock acquired	6.	Percentage of issued class	7.	Number of shares/amount of stock disposed	8.	Percentage of class
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9.	Class of security	10.	Date of transaction	11.	Date company in
	Ordinary shares of 25p each		20 August 2004		20 August 2004

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12.	Total holding following this notification	13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following notification
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14.	Any additional information	15.	Name of contact and telephone number for queries
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The BOC Group plc had previously been advised that pursuant to s198 of the Companies Act, Cater Allen International Limited had an interest of 4.90% in the issued Ordinary shares of the Company.

Sarah Larkins  
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In a letter dated 20 August 2004 and received on 20 August 2004 The BOC Group plc has been notified that Cater Allen International Limited no longer has a notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.

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16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  
Sarah Larkins, Assistant Company Secretary  
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Date of notification \_\_\_10 August 2004\_\_\_\_\_

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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:September 1, 2004

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

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