

BHP BILLITON LTD
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

March 1, 2007

BHP BILLITON LIMITED

(ABN 49 004 028 077)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

3000 AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

BHP BILLITON PLC

(REG. NO. 3196209)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

ENGLAND AND WALES

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)

NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON,

UNITED KINGDOM

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Date: 1 March 2007

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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 28 February 2007 by BHP Billiton Plc from Legal & General Group Plc relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc

Financial Services Authority

TR-1ⁱ: notification of major interests in shares

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| 1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached ⁱⁱ : | BHP Billiton Plc |
| 2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes): | n/a see additional information |
| An acquisition or disposal of voting rights | |

| An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| An event changing the breakdown of voting rights | | | | | | | |
| 3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation iii: | | Legal & General Group Plc (L&G) | | | | | |
| 4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.)iv: | | n/a | | | | | |
| 5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reachedv: | | n/a | | | | | |
| 6. Date on which issuer notified: | | 28/02/07 | | | | | |
| 7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: | | Above 3% (L&G) | | | | | |
| 8. Notified details: | | | | | | | |
| A: Voting rights attached to shares | | | | | | | |
| Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE | Situation previous to the Triggering transaction vi | | Resulting situation after the triggering transaction vii | | | | |
| | Number of Shares | Number of Voting Rights viii | Number of shares | Number of voting rights ix | | % of voting rights | |
| | | | Direct | Direct x | Indirect xi | Direct | Indirect |
| Ord USD 0.50 | 75,230,880 3.04% (under S-198 on 09/06/2002) | | 83,519,892 | 83,519,892 | | 3.55 | |
| B: Financial Instruments | | | | | | | |
| Resulting situation after the triggering transaction xii | | | | | | | |
| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date xiii | Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date xiv | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted. | | % of voting rights | | |

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| Total (A+B) | | | | |
| Number of voting rights | | | % of voting rights | |
| 83,519,892 | | | 3.55 | |

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable

xv:

Legal & General Group Plc (Direct and Indirect) (Group)

Legal & General Investment Management (Holdings) Limited (LGIMH) (Direct and Indirect)

Legal & General Investment Management Limited (Indirect) (LGIM)

Legal & General Group Plc (Direct) (L&G) (83,519,892 - 3.55% = LGAS, LGPL & PMC)

Legal & General Investment Management (Holdings) Limited (Direct)

Legal & General Insurance Holdings Limited (Direct) (LGAS & LGPL)

Legal & General Assurance (Pensions Management) Limited (PMC)

Legal & General Assurance Society Limited (LGAS & LGPL)

Legal & General Pensions
Limited (Direct) (LGPL)

Proxy Voting:

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| 10. Name of the proxy holder: | N/A |
| 11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold: | N/A |
| 12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights: | N/A |

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| 13. Additional information: | Notification using shares in issue figure of 2,348,542,002 First notification under DTR Sourcebook |
| 14. Contact name: | Helen Lewis |
| 15. Contact telephone number: | 020 7528 6742 |

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia
Registered Office: Level 27, 180 Lonsdale Street Melbourne
Victoria 3000
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Registered in England and Wales
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Kingdom
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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 Limited and BHP Billiton Plc

Date: 1 March 2007

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Group Company Secretary