

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
August 31, 2005

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

August 31, 2005

BHP Billiton Plc

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive office)

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Notification of interests of directors

BHP Billiton Plc announces the following transactions made by Billiton ESOP Trustee Limited, as trustee of the Billiton Employee Share Ownership Trust, in Ordinary shares of US\$0.50 in BHP Billiton Plc.

| Date of Transaction | Type of Transaction | Number of Shares | Price per Share | Date Notified |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 26 August 2005 | Sale | 355,155 | GBP 8.15 | 30 August 2005 |
| 26 August 2005 | Sale | 22,157 | ZAR 95.00 | 30 August 2005 |
| 26 August 2005 | Transfer | 181,359 | N/A | 30 August 2005 |
| 26 August 2005 | Purchase | 287,950 | GBP 8.15 | 30 August 2005 |

These transactions were made on behalf of beneficiaries of the Company's Group Incentive Scheme, not any director or other persons discharging managerial responsibilities subject to the Company's Securities Dealing Code, *with the exception of the trades by Mr M Salamon mentioned below which are included in the total transactions in GB Pounds above:*

| Date of Transaction | Type of Transaction | Number of Shares | Price per Share | Date Notified |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 26 August 2005 | Sale | 63,924 | GBP 8.15 | 30 August 2005 |
| 26 August 2005 | Transfer | 91,595 | N/A | 30 August 2005 |

Following the above transactions, the following individuals (being executive directors and other persons discharging managerial responsibilities under the Company's Securities Dealing Code) have an interest in the balance held by the Trust of 241,316 shares as potential beneficiaries of the Trust: Messrs P S Aiken, J C Fast, I C Fraser, C W Goodyear, R W Kirkby, M Kloppers, C J Lynch, M Salamon and Ms K J Wood.

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in Australia
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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 Plc

Date: 31 August 2005

By: Karen Wood

Name: Karen Wood

Title: Company Secretary