

BHP BILLITON LTD
Form 6-K
September 10, 2008

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

September 9, 2008

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)

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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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received on 8 September 2008 by BHP Billiton Plc from Lehman Brothers International (Europe) relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

TR-1: 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:	BHP Billiton Plc					
2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes)						
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights						X
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						
Other (please specify):						
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:			Lehman Brothers International (Europe)			
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):			N/A			
5. Date of the transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):			05/09/08			
6. Date on which issuer notified:			08/09/08			
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:			5%			
8. Notified details:			N/A			

A: Voting rights attached to shares							
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the Triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect

GB0000566504	95,927,932	95,927,932	127,634,299	127,634,299	N/A	5.78%	N/A
B: Financial Instruments							
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction							
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period/ Date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.		% of voting rights		
N/A							
Total (A+B)							
Number of voting rights			% of voting rights				
127,634,299			5.78%				

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

N/A

Proxy Voting:

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:	N/A
14. Contact name:	Olanike Bola-Lateef
15. Contact telephone number:	+44 (0)20 7102 8709

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

Registered in Australia

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BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209

Registered in England and Wales

Registered Office: Neathouse Place London SW1V 1BH

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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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: 9 September 2008

By: Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon
Title: Group Company Secretary