#### BHP BILLITON LTD

Form 6-K

September 17, 2002

"For the information of the local market, please find following notification of major interests in shares filed by BHP Billiton Plc with the London Stock Exchange"

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#### SCHEDULE 10

#### NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

| 1.      | Name of company   |  |   | 2. | Nam                                 | e of shareho  | lder ha    | aving a | major ii | nterest                         |
|---------|---|--|---|----|-------------------------------------|---|------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|
|         | BHP BILLITON F  | PLC  |   |    | THE                                 | CAPITAL (   | GROU       | IP CON  | 1PANIE   | ES, INC                         |
| 3.      | Please state whether indicates that it is soften the shareholder or in respect of a number interest or in the case holder if it is a hold spouse or children NOTIFICATION GROUP COMPANA BEHALF OF ITS | in respection respective in respective in the contract of the contract in the contract in respective in resp | et of holding<br>in 2 above<br>official<br>in individual<br>that person's<br>ne age of 18<br>E CAPITAL<br>NC ON | 4. | hold                                | ne of the regiser, the number   | er of s    | hares h |          | if more than one<br>ach of them |
| 5.      | Number of<br>shares/amount of<br>stock acquired   | 6.   | Percentage<br>of issued<br>class  | 7. | share<br>stock<br>A N<br>TRA<br>ACC | aber of<br>es/amount of<br>a disposed<br>UMBER OF<br>NSACTION<br>CUMULATE<br>OTIFIABLE<br>ENT | IS<br>D IN | 8.      | 0.03%    | tage of issued class OTE 14)    |
| 9. Clas | ss of security  |  | 10.   |    |                                     | Date of transaction   | 11.        |         |          | Date company informed           |

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|     |   |     | 10<br>SEPT<br>2002 | EMB) | ER   | 13 SEPTEMBER<br>2002 |
|-----|---|-----|--------------------|------|--|----------------------|
| 12. | Total holding following this notification 156,825,980   | 13. | •                  |      | percentage holding owing this notification |                      |
| 14. | Any additional information  ANNOUNCEMENT TRIGGERED BY AN AFFILIATE, CAPITAL GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY, CEASING TO HOLD A NOTIFIABLE INTEREST       | 15. |                    |      | and telephone number +44 (0)20 7747 3976   | -                    |
| 16. | Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification  Ines WATSON  Date of notification 13 SEPTEMBER 2002 |     |                    |      |  |                      |

Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

| As of 10 September 2002                           |               |             |  |  |
|---|---------------|-------------|--|--|
| BHP Billiton plc                                  | Number of     | Percent of  |  |  |
|   | Shares        | Outstanding |  |  |
| The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings | 156,825,980   | 6.35%       |  |  |
| Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:    |               |             |  |  |
| - Capital Guardian Trust Company                  | 73,493,984.88 | 2.98%       |  |  |
| - Capital International Limited                   | 22,715,637.00 | 0.92%       |  |  |

| - Capital International S.A.              | 18,914,155.16.00 | 0.77% |
|---|------------------|-------|
| - Capital International, Inc.             | 12,424,684.00    | 0.50% |
| - Capital Research and Management Company | 29,277,519.00    | 1.19% |

#### Schedule A

## Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton plc

#### As of 10 September 2002

### Capital Guardian Trust Company

| Registered Name   | Local Shares |
|---|--------------|
| State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF | 11,798,513   |
| Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY             | 1,953,883    |
| Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD                  | 29,310,432   |
| BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate London EC2A 2HE                   | 653,185      |
| Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                      | 14,059,903   |

| Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SEI 0HH                  | 3,012,986 |
|---|-----------|
| Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT | 2,053,272 |
| Citibank London   | 1,022,102 |
| 11 Old Jewry  |           |
| London EC2R 8D8   |           |
| UK  |           |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom               | 8,018,018 |
|---|-----------|
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House,<br>42 Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 61,405    |
| MSS Nominees Limited  | 84,394    |
| Midland Bank plc  |           |
| Mariner House, Pepys  |           |
| LondonEC3N 4DA  |           |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.   | 106,957   |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA  | 50,872    |
|   | 66,196    |

| ROY Nominees Limited 71N Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4DE United Kingdom           |            |
|---|------------|
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited<br>150 Buchanan Street<br>Glasgow G1 2DY<br>United Kingdom | 1,241,867  |
| TOTAL   | 73,493,985 |

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| Capital International Limited   |              |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
| Registered Name   | Local Shares |  |  |  |
| State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF | 479,548      |  |  |  |
| Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY             | 6,253,724    |  |  |  |
| Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD                  | 4,105,678    |  |  |  |
| Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                      | 58,959       |  |  |  |
| Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2nd Floor London SEI 0HH                        | 1,301,254    |  |  |  |
|   | 497,535      |  |  |  |

| Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT |         |
|---|---------|
| Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8 UK                                 | 487,106 |
| Morgan Guaranty<br>83 Pall Mall<br>London SW1Y 5ES<br>UK                        | 176,132 |

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| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom              | 3,800,525 |
|--|-----------|
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.  | 1,120,486 |
| Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street    | 53,212    |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto   | 345,694   |
| Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom             | 410,490   |
| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 930,366   |
| Mellon Bank N.A.  London Branch  | 718,039   |

| London                              |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| United Kingdom                      |         |
| Northern Trust AVFC<br>South Africa | 114,832 |
| Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited        | 438,469 |
| 150 Buchanan Street                 |         |
| Glasgow G1 2DY                      |         |
| United Kingdom                      |         |

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| Bank One London     | 882,473    |  |  |
|---------------------|------------|--|--|
| Clydesdale Bank plc | 541,115    |  |  |
| TOTAL               | 22,715,637 |  |  |

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| Capital International S.A.  |              |  |  |
|---|--------------|--|--|
| Registered Name   | Local Shares |  |  |
| Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY | 675,300      |  |  |
| Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD      | 4,812,846    |  |  |

| Credit Suisse London Branch<br>24 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2n4BQ<br>UK           | 25,755    |
|---|-----------|
| Midland Bank plc  | 753,381   |
| 5 Laurence<br>Poutney Hill<br>EC4R 0E, United Kingdom                           |           |
| Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT | 1,668,847 |
| Citibank London   | 121,324   |
| 11 Old Jewry  |           |
| London EC2R 8D8   |           |
| UK  |           |
| Brown Bros.   | 104,046   |
| One Mellon Bank Center  |           |
| Pittsburgh, PA 15258  |           |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom       | 120,686   |

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| Morgan Stanley  | 132,605   |
|---|-----------|
| Royal Bank of Scotland<br>Regents House, 42, Islington High St<br>London N1 8XL<br>UK | 3,976,473 |

| J.P. Morgan   | 4,254,915 |  |  |
|---|-----------|--|--|
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.   | 140,481   |  |  |
| National Westminster Bank   | 397,922   |  |  |
| Lloyds Bank   | 34,269    |  |  |
| Central Settlement Section  |           |  |  |
| Branches Stock Office   |           |  |  |
| 34 Threadneedle Street  |           |  |  |
| Vidacos Nominees Ltd. Citibank N.A. Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St. London SE13 7EX | 222,427   |  |  |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard St London EC3 3DL United Kingdom                       | 6,385     |  |  |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto  | 73,433    |  |  |
| Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom            | 944,654   |  |  |

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| HSBC Bank plc<br>Securities Services, Mariner House<br>Pepys Street<br>London EC3N 4DA | 448,406    |
|--|------------|
| TOTAL  | 18,914,155 |

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| Capital International, Inc.   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Registered Name   | Local Shares |  |
| State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF | 4,774,214    |  |
| Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY             | 863,730      |  |
| Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD                  | 4,140,261    |  |
| Midland Bank plc  | 392,814      |  |
| 5 Laurence  |              |  |
| Poutney Hill  |              |  |
| EC4R 0E, United Kingdom   |              |  |
| Deutsche Bank Mannheim  | 132,788      |  |
| Bankers Trust   | 32,991       |  |
| 59 1/2 Southmark Street   |              |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor   |              |  |
| London SE1 0HH  |              |  |
| Citibank London   | 18,305       |  |
| 11 Old Jewry  |              |  |
| London EC2R 8D8   |              |  |
| UK  |              |  |
| Nortrust Nominees<br>155 Bishopsgate<br>London EC2M 3XS<br>United Kingdom             | 821,917      |  |

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| Royal Bank of Scotland               | 322,569    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Regents House, 42, Islington High St |            |
| London N1 8XL                        |            |
| UK                                   |            |
| State Street Bank & Trust Co.        | 452,199    |
| Citibank                             | 95,647     |
| RBSTB Nominees Ltd.                  | 122,495    |
| 67 Lombard Street                    |            |
| London EC3 3DL                       |            |
| United Kingdom                       |            |
| Citibank NA<br>Toronto               | 173,716    |
| Deutsche Bank AG                     | 42,569     |
| 23 Great Winchester Street           |            |
| London EC2P 2AX                      |            |
| United Kingdom                       |            |
| Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd.         | 38,469     |
| Australia                            |            |
| TOTAL                                | 12,424,684 |

| Capital Research and Management Company  |              |  |  |
|--|--------------|--|--|
| Registered Name  | Local Shares |  |  |
| State Street Nominees Limited<br>Canary Wharf<br>27th Floor, 1 Canada Square<br>London E14 5AF | 2,919,976    |  |  |
| Chase Nominees Limited<br>Woolgate House   | 26,357,543   |  |  |
| Coleman Street   |              |  |  |
| London EC2P 2HD  |              |  |  |
| TOTAL  | 29,277,519   |  |  |

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