

BHP BILLITON LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 29, 2012

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

August 28, 2012

<u>Commission File Number</u>	<u>Translation of registrant's name into English; Address of principal executive offices</u>
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	BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) NEATHOUSE PLACE, VICTORIA, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
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-	BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077) 180 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA 3000 AUSTRALIA
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information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-.

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Issued by:  
BHP Billiton Plc

Date:  
28 August 2012

To:  
London Stock Exchange  
Australian Securities Exchange

cc:  
JSE Limited  
New York Stock Exchange

For Release:  
Immediately

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BHP Billiton Plc: Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The following notification was received on 24 August 2012, by BHP Billiton Plc from Norges Bank relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077  
Registered in Australia  
Registered Office: 180 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia  
Tel +61 1300 55 4757 Fax +61 3 9609 3015

BHP Billiton Plc Registration number 3196209  
Registered in England and Wales  
Registered Office: Neathouse Place  
London SW1V 1BH United Kingdom  
Tel +44 20 7802 4000 Fax +44 20 7802 4111

Members of the BHP Billiton Group which is headquartered in Australia

TR1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:

BHP Billiton Plc  
GB0000566504

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 qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached  NA

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments  NA

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights  NA

Other (please specify):  NA

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

Norges Bank

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):

NA

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:

22nd August 2012

6. Date on which issuer notified:

24th August 2012

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:

3 percent

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class type of shares (if possible using the ISIN CODE):

GB0000566504

Situation previous to the triggering transaction:

Number of Shares:

63,516,359

Number of Voting Rights:

63,516,359

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction:

Number of shares (Direct):

63,247,753

Number of voting rights (Direct):

63,247,753

Number of voting rights (Indirect):

NA

Percentage of voting rights (Direct):

2.99 percent

Percentage of voting rights (Indirect):

NA

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction:

Type of financial instrument:

NA

Expiration date:

NA

Exercise Conversion Period:

NA

Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised converted.

NA

Percentage of voting rights:

NA

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction:

Type of financial instrument:

CFD

Exercise price:

NA

Expiration date:

NA

Exercise Conversion period:

NA

Number of voting rights instrument refers to:

3,000

Percentage of voting rights:

Nominal:

0.0001 percent

Delta:

0.0001 percent

Total (A+B+C):

Number of voting rights:

63,247,753

Percentage of voting rights:

2.99 percent

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

NA

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

Norges Bank

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

NA

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

NA

13. Additional information:

None

14. Contact name:

Jonas Lexmark

15. Contact telephone number:

+47 2407 3134

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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.

Date : August 28, 2012

BHP Billiton Plc (REG. NO. 3196209) BHP Billiton Limited (ABN 49 004 028 077)

By: /s/ Jane McAloon

Name: Jane McAloon

Title: Group Company Secretary