

BHP BILLITON PLC
Form 6-K
December 27, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Date of 23 December 2004

BHP Billiton Plc

Registration Number 3196209

Neathouse Place

London SW1V 1BH

United Kingdom

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Notification of interests of directors

BHP Billiton Plc announces the following transaction 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 |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 22 December 2004 | Sale | 10,153 | GBP 6.07 | 23 December 2004 |

These transactions were made on behalf of a beneficiary of the Company's Restricted Share Scheme (*not any director of BHP Billiton Plc subject to the Company's Securities Dealing Code*).

Following the above transaction Messrs C W Goodyear and M Salamon have an interest in the balance held by the Trust of 1,445,841 shares as potential beneficiaries of the Trust.

BHP Billiton Limited ABN 49 004 028 077

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
/s/ KAREN WOOD

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Karen Wood
Title: Company Secretary
Date:

23 December 2004