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BHP Billiton Plc – Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The attached notification was received on 16 August 2017 by BHP Billiton Plc from Elliott Capital Advisors, L.P. relating to major holdings of shares of BHP Billiton Plc

The notification relates to a major holding in BHP Billiton Plc only, and not in the combined BHP Billiton Plc and BHP Billiton Limited group.

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The BHP Billiton Group is headquartered in Australia

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TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR HOLDINGS (to be sent to the relevant issuer and to the FCA in Microsoft Word format if possible)

1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attachedⁱ:		BHP Billiton PLC		
1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)				
Non-UK issuer				<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Reason for the notification (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")				
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments				<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights				<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) ⁱⁱⁱ :				<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation^{iv}				
Name		Elliott Capital Advisors, L.P. (for itself and related general partners and investment managers)		
City and country of registered office (if applicable)				
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.) ^v				
Name		Elliott International, L.P.		
City and country of registered office (if applicable)		Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands		
5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached^{vi}:		14 August 2017		
6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):		15 August 2017		
7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation				
	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A)	% of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights of issuer ^{vii}
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached	5.04%	-	5.04%	106,448,721

Position of previous notification (if applicable)				
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8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached^{viii}

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	Number of voting rights ^{ix}		% of voting rights	
	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)
GB0000566504	106,448,721	-	5.04%	-
SUBTOTAL 8. A	106,448,721		5.04%	

B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^x	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xi}	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.	% of voting rights
		SUBTOTAL 8. B 1		

B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date ^x	Exercise/ Conversion Period ^{xi}	Physical or cash settlement ^{xii}	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
			SUBTOTAL 8.B.2		

9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation (please mark the applicable box with an "X")			
Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer ^{xiii}			X
Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity ^{xiv} (please add additional rows as necessary)			
Name ^{xv}	% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold

10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:	
Name of the proxy holder	
The number and % of voting rights held	
The date until which the voting rights will be held	

11. Additional information^{xvi}

Place of completion	London, United Kingdom
Date of completion	15 August 2017