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BHP Billiton Plc - Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The following notification was received on Monday 27 January 2014 by BHP Billiton Plc from Norges Bank relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc.

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Members of the BHP Billiton group which is headquartered in Australia

TR-1: 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	appro	oriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights			х
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying			
financial instruments			
An event changing the breakdown of voting rig	ghts		
Other (please specify):			
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:	Norge	s Bank	
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):iv	N/A		
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: ^V	24 January 2014		
6. Date on which issuer notified: 27 January 2014			
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: vi, vii	Above 3%		

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares viii, ix							
Class/type of shares Situation previous to the triggering transaction Resulting situation after the triggering transaction			ng transactior	1			
if possible using the ISIN CODE			Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
	Shares	Voting Rights	Direct	Direct xi	Indirect xii	Direct	Indirect
GB0000566504	63,340,432	63,340,432	63,675,432	63,675,432		3.01%	

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date xiii	Exercise/ Conversion Period xiv	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments xv, xvi						
Resulting situation	after the trig	gering transa	ction			
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date xvii	Exercise/ Conversion period xviii	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting	rights XIX,
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nominal	Delta
					N/A	N/A

Total (A+B+C)		
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights	
63,675,432	3.01%	

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: xxi		
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Proxy Voting:		
10. Name of the proxy holder:	Norges Bank	
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	

13. Additional information:	None
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