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BHP Billiton Plc – Notification of Major Interest in Shares

The attached notification was received on 24 January 2017 by BHP Billiton Plc from Public Investment Corporation SOC Limited 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

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 For filings with issuer exclude the annex

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ⁱⁱ	BHP BILLITON PLC
2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: ⁱⁱⁱ	PUBLIC INVESTMENT CORPORATION SOC LIMITED
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	23 January 2017
6. Date on which issuer notified:	24 January 2017
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii}	3%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares ^{viii, ix}

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights ^x	
			Direct	Direct ^{xi}	Indirect ^{xii}	Direct	Indirect
BIL	57268229		66684446			3.157%	

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
NONE	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 triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date ^{xvii}	Exercise/ Conversion period ^{xviii}	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights ^{xix, xx}	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
66684446	3.157%

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

N/A

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

N/A

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:

N/A

14. Contact name:

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15. Contact telephone number:

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