

17 February 2010

To: Australian Securities Exchange
London Stock Exchange

cc: New York Stock Exchange
JSE Limited

**Notification of Change of Interests of Directors and Connected Persons
(Australian Securities Exchange Listing Rules Appendix 3Y)
(Listing Rules & Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK Listing Authority)**

Name of entities	BHP Billiton Limited	BHP Billiton Plc
	ABN 49 004 028 077	REG NO 3196209

As part of a dual listed company structure, the Group voluntarily notifies all stock exchanges on which either BHP Billiton Limited or BHP Billiton Plc have primary or secondary listings, all those interests of directors and persons discharging managerial responsibilities of both entities in the securities of both entities (and changes to those interests) which are required to be disclosed under the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Listing Rules, the Listing Rules and Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the United Kingdom Listing Authority, the Australian Corporations Act, the United Kingdom Companies Acts and the Group's Securities Dealing Procedure.

We (the entities) advise the following information under ASX Listing Rule 3.19A.2, the UK Listing Authority Disclosure and Transparency Rule 3.1.4 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Australian Corporations Act and in accordance with the Group's Securities Dealing Procedure.

Name of director	Mr D R Argus AC
Date of last notice	12 November 2009
Date issuer informed of transaction	16 February 2010
Date and place of transaction	15 February 2010 on the Australian Securities Exchange & London Stock Exchange
Nature of transaction	Purchase of 7,300 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited and 5,940 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc

Part 1 – Change of relevant interests in securities

Included in this Part are:

- in the case of a trust, interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust;
- details of the circumstance giving rise to the relevant interest;
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash; and
- changes in the relevant interest of Connected Persons of the director.

Direct or indirect interest	Indirect
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder)	<p>15,800 BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares, registered holder is Alamiste Pty Ltd</p> <p>5,940* BHP Billiton Plc ordinary shares, registered holder is Mr DR & Mrs PA Argus designated 'Alamiste Super Fund Account'</p> <p>132,390 BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares, registered holder is Alamiste Pty Ltd</p> <p>196,800* BHP Billiton Limited ordinary shares, registered holder is Mr DR & Mrs PA Argus designated 'Alamiste Super Fund Account'</p> <p>* Note – totals above include the shares acquired from the transactions.</p>
Date of change	15 February 2010
No. of securities held prior to change	<p>321,890 (BHP Billiton Limited)</p> <p>15,800 (BHP Billiton Plc)</p>
Class	<p>Ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited</p> <p>Ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc</p>
Number acquired	<p>7,300 (BHP Billiton Limited)</p> <p>5,940 (BHP Billiton Plc)</p>
Number disposed	—
Value/Consideration	<p>\$40.59 per BHP Billiton Limited share (average)</p> <p>£19.30 per BHP Billiton Plc share (average)</p>
No. of securities held after change	<p>329,190 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited</p> <p>21,740 ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Plc</p>
Nature of change Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back	On-market purchase of ordinary shares in BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc
Any additional information	Mr Argus is a potential beneficiary of the indirect interests detailed above.

Part 2 – Change of interests in contracts other than as described in Part 3

Included in this Part are:

- only details of a contract in relation to which the interest has changed; and
- details and estimated valuation if the consideration is non-cash.

Detail of contract	—
Nature of interest	—
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	—
No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change	—
Interest acquired	—
Interest disposed	—
Value/Consideration	—
Interest after change	—

Part 3 – Change of interests in options or other rights granted by the entities

Included in this Part are only details of options or other rights granted which have changed, save for the total number of securities over which options or other rights are held following this notification.

Date of grant	—
Period during which or date on which exercisable	—
Total amount paid (if any) for the grant	—
Description of securities involved: class; number	—
Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise	—

Part 3 – Change of interests in options or other rights granted by the entities (cont'd)

Total number of securities over which options or other rights held at the date of this notice	—
Any additional information	—

Part 4 – Contact details

Name of authorised officers responsible for making this notification on behalf of the entities	Fiona Smith – BHP Billiton Limited Geof Stapledon – BHP Billiton Plc
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