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Notification of Major Interests in Shares

The following notification was received today by BHP Billiton Plc in a letter from Putnam Investment Management, LLC and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC dated 7 February 2003 relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 7 February 2003:

"Notification of the Holdings under Part VI of the Companies Act 1985, as amended (the "Companies Act") on the Disclosure of Interest in Shares

Putnam Investment Management, LLC and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC (together "Putnam") are hereby notifying you of certain holdings of its clients pursuant to the above legislation. Each Putnam entity is an investment advisor registered in the United States pursuant to the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

As of February 7, 2003 clients of Putnam hold beneficial interests in 103,911,218 BHP Billiton Plc shares representing 4.210% of the shares outstanding. The shares are held by Putnam's clients for investment purposes only."

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