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BOC GROUP PLC
Form 6-K
August 02, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a -16 or 15d -16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Report on Form 6-K for the month of July 2004

The BOC Group plc
Chertsey Road, Windlesham,
Surrey GU20 6HJ
England

(Name and address of registrant's principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes: |_| No: |X|

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 1 July 2004, advising details of the exercise of an option by A E Isaac, a director of the Company, under The BOC Group plc Senior Executives Share Option Scheme and sale of shares.

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2. A notification dated 1 July 2004 in respect of the six monthly block listing return for Savings Related Share Option Schemes and the Executive Option Schemes.
3. A notification dated 15 July 2004, advising that Cater Allen International Limited no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued share capital of The BOC Group plc.
4. A notification dated 26 July 2004, advising that Cater Allen International Limited have a notifiable interest of 5% in the issued share capital of The BOC Group plc.
5. A notification dated 29 July 2004, advising that The BOC Group plc will be announcing its Nine Months results on 3 August 2004.
6. A notification dated 30 July 2004, advising of the completion of the sale of The BOC Group's US packaged gas business to Airgas on 30 July.

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ON 1 JULY 2004
AT 14:35 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0107041433-346E

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

| | | | |
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| 1. | Name of company | 2. | Name of director |
| | The BOC Group plc | | Anthony Eric Isaac |
| 3. | Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest | 4. | Name of the registered holder(s) and, more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified) |
| | In respect of director named in 2 above | | Anthony Eric Isaac |

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| 5. | Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s) | 6. | Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary |
| | N/a | | Exercise of option and sale of shares |

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|----|---|----|----------------------------|----|---|-----|-------------------------|
| 7. | Number of shares/amount of stock acquired | 8. | Percentage of issued class | 9. | Number of shares/amount of stock disposed | 10. | Percentage issued class |
| | 45,000 | | Less than 0.1% | | 45,000 | | Less than |

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|-----|-----------------------------|-----|---|-----|---------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 11. | Class of security | 12. | Price per share | 13. | Date of transaction | 14. | Date completed/informed |
| | Ordinary shares of 25p each | | Exercise price: 716p Sale price: 921.17p | | 1 July 2004 | | 1 July 2004 |

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|-----|---|-----|--|
| 15. | Total holding following this notification | 16. | Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification |
| | 8,057 shares 1,409,211 options over shares | | Less than 0.1% 0.28% including options over shares |

If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes.

| | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----|--|
| 17. | Date of grant | 18. | Period during which or date on which options exercisable |
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| 19. | Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option | 20. | Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number |
|-----|--|-----|---|

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| 21. | Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise | 22. | Total number of shares or debentures which options held following this notification |
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| 23. | Any additional information | 24. | Name of contact and telephone number queries |
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| | | | Carol Hunt 01276 807759 |
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25. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Carol Hunt, Deputy Company Secretary
Date of notification 1 July 2004

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ON 1 JULY 2004 AT 17.00 HRS
UNDER REF: PRNUK-0107041659-8D09

SCHEDULE 5

BLOCK LISTING SIX MONTHLY RETURN

To: Listing Applications
UK Listing Authority
Financial Services Authority
25, The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf
London, E14 5HS

Please ensure the entries on this return are typed

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Name of company | The BOC Group plc |
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2. Name of scheme Savings-Related Share Option Scheme

3. Period of return: From 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004

4. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock/debt security) not issued under scheme 6,199,435

5. Number of shares issued/allotted under scheme during period: 542,528

6. Balance under scheme not yet issued/allotted at end of period 5,656,907

7. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock/debt securities) originally listed and the date of admission; Listing granted on 5 April 1978 for Ordinary shares of 25p each

Please confirm total number of shares in issue at the end of the period in order for us to update records 498,652,254 Ordinary Shares of 25p each

Contact for queries: Karen Weston

Address: The BOC Group plc, Chertsey Windlesham, Surrey, GU20 6HJ

Name: Karen Weston

Telephone: 01276 807388

Person making return
Position: Administration Assistant

Name: Karen Weston
Signature: Karen Weston

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BLOCK LISTING SIX MONTHLY RETURN

To: Listing Applications
UK Listing Authority
Financial Services Authority
25, The North Colonnade
Canary Wharf

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ON 15 JULY 2004
AT 08.38 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1507040837-92D8

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company
The BOC Group plc
2. Name of shareholder having a major interest
Cater Allen International Limited

3. Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18
4. Name of the registered holder(s) and holder, the number of shares held by
See additional information

Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired
6. Percentage of issued class
7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed
8. Percentage of stock disposed

9. Class of security
Ordinary shares of 25p each
10. Date of transaction
7 July 2004
11. Date of notification
14 July 2004

12. Total holding following this notification
13. Total percentage holding of issued shares following this notification

14. Any additional information

The BOC Group plc had previously been advised that pursuant to s198 of the Companies Act, Cater Allen International Limited had an interest of 3.49% in the issued Ordinary shares of the Company.

In a letter dated 7 July 2004 and received on 14 July 2004 The BOC Group plc has been notified that Cater Allen International Limited no longer has a notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.

15. Name of contact and telephone number

Sarah Larkins
01276 807383

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Sarah Larkins, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification ___15 July 2004_____

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 26 JULY 2004
AT 14.25 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2607041423-4625

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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1. Name of company
The BOC Group plc

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4. Name of the registered holder(s) and holder, the number of shares held by

See additional information

Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

5. Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

6. Percentage of issued class

7. Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

8. Percentage of issued class

9. Class of security
Ordinary shares of 25p each

10. Date of transaction
21 July 2004

11. Date of notification
26 July 2004

12. Total holding following this notification
24,852,762

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
5%

14. Any additional information
In a letter dated 21 July 2004 and received on 26 July 2004 The BOC Group plc has been notified that Cater Allen International Limited have a 5.00% notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company.

15. Name of contact and telephone number
Sarah Larkins
01276 807383

The Company has been advised that this holding has arisen from stock lending transactions.

16. Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Sarah Larkins, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of notification ____26 July 2004_____

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 29 JULY 2004
AT 08.18 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-2907040814-9370

29 July 2004

The BOC Group plc

The BOC Group plc will be announcing its results for the nine months ended 30 June 2004 on Tuesday 3 August 2004.

Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations

Tel: 01276 477222 (International +44 1276 477222)

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE
ON 30 JULY 2004
AT 16.06 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-3007041605-325A

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Sale of US packaged gas business completed

In January 2004 The BOC Group announced its intention to sell its US packaged gas business to Airgas. On 2 April 2004 it announced it had signed a formal asset purchase agreement with Airgas and expected to complete the transaction by 31 July 2004. The consideration was to be USD200 million in cash, of which USD175 million was payable upon the closing of the transaction, with up to an additional USD25 million to be paid on or about 15 November 2005.

The transaction was completed on 30 July 2004 and the initial cash payment of USD175 million was received.

Contact: Christopher Marsay, Director - Investor Relations

Tel: 01276 477222 (International +44 1276 477222)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, The BOC Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 2, 2004

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins

Name: Sarah Larkins
Title: Assistant Company Secretary

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