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Form 6-K  
April 01, 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 March 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.

Form 20-F        Form 40-F  
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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b) (1):

Yes:  No:

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Yes:  No:

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:

Enclosures:

1. A notification dated 1 March 2004 that there is no further information to be disclosed under Listing Rule 16.4 with respect to the appointment of Mr G N Dawson as a director of the Company.

2. A notification dated 3 March 2004, of the disposal of 16,250 Ordinary shares in The BOC Group plc by Ogier Trustee Limited as a trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995).
3. A notification dated 17 March 2004 advising details of the acquisition of 500 Ordinary shares in the Company by Mr G N Dawson, a director of the Company.
4. A notification dated 30 March 2004, advising that FMR Corp and Fidelity International Limited no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of The BOC Group plc.
5. A notification dated 30 March 2004, of the disposal of 50,000 Ordinary shares in The BOC Group plc by Ogier Trustee Limited as a trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995).

THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 1 MARCH 2004  
AT 09.35 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0103040929-3F3C

1 March 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc - G N DAWSON

Further to the announcement made on 26 February 2004 that Guy Dawson was appointed to the board of The BOC Group plc as a non-executive director with effect from 1 March 2004, it is confirmed that there is no further information to be disclosed under the requirements of Listing Rule 16.4 in relation to his appointment.

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ON 3 MARCH 2004  
AT 15.11 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-0303041511-3017

3 March 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995)

The BOC Group plc (the Company) has been notified of the disposal on 1 March 2004 of 16,250 Ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company at a sale price of 943p per share by Ogier Trustee Limited (the Trustee) as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) (the Trust). These Ordinary shares have been transferred, following exercise of options, to participants in the Company's senior executive share option plans.

Following this disposal of 16,250 Ordinary shares, the Trustee now holds 4,980,177 Ordinary shares.

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Each of the executive Directors of the Company is a potential beneficiary under the Trust and therefore for Companies Act purposes is regarded as interested in all of these 4,980,177 Ordinary shares. Despite this technical interest, each executive Director will only be entitled to receive Ordinary shares from the Trust in satisfaction of options granted to him in respect of these Ordinary shares.

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ON 17 MARCH 2004  
AT 12:47 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-1703041246-EB91

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of director
THE BOC GROUP plc	GUY NEVILLE DAWSON
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, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)
AS IN 2 ABOVE	GUY NEVILLE DAWSON
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 discretionary
N/A	PURCHASE 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 of issued class
500	LESS THAN 0.1%	N/A	N/A

11. Class of security	12. Price per share	13. Date of transaction	14. Date company
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ORDINARY SHARES OF 25p EACH	898.25P	17 MARCH 2004	informed 17 MARCH 2004
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15. Total holding following this notification	16. Total percentage holding of issued class of this notification
500 SHARES	LESS THAN 0.1%

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 option exercisable
N/A	N/A

19. Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the	20. Description of shares or debentures involved
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option	class, number
N/A	N/A

  

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 over options held following this notification
N/A	N/A

  

23. Any additional information	24. Name of contact and telephone number for contact
PURCHASE OF DIRECTOR QUALIFICATION SHARES PURSUANT TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION	CAROL HUNT 01276 807759

  

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

CAROL HUNT, DEPUTY COMPANY SECRETARY  
Date of notification 17 MARCH 2004

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The BOC Group plc Announcement released to a Regulatory Information Service on 30 March 2004 at 16.27 hrs under Ref: PRNUK-3003041627-85C3

SCHEDULE 10

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1. Name of company	2. Name of shareholder having a major interest
The BOC Group plc	FMR Corp and Fidelity International Limited

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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

Notification in respect of party named in 2 above.

4. Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them

See additional information

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  
29 March 2004

11. Date company information was obtained  
30 March 2004

12. Total holding following this notification  
14,823,068

13. Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification  
2.98%

14. Any additional information

15. Name of contact and telephone number for contact

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The BOC Group plc had previously been advised that pursuant to s198 of the Companies Act, FMR Corp and Fidelity Investments Limited had an interest of 3.12% in the issued Ordinary shares of the Company.

Sarah Larkins  
Assistant Company Secretary  
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In a letter dated 29 March 2004 The BOC Group plc has been notified that FMR Corp and Fidelity Investments Limited no longer have a notifiable interest in the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company, such interest now being 2.98%.

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

Sarah Larkins

Date of notification \_\_\_30 March 2004\_\_\_\_\_

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THE BOC GROUP plc ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED TO A REGULATORY INFORMATION SERVICE  
ON 30 MARCH 2004  
AT 16.30 HRS UNDER REF: PRNUK-3003041628-ED96

30 March 2004

THE BOC GROUP plc EMPLOYEE SHARE TRUST (1995)

The BOC Group plc (the Company) has been notified of the disposal on 30 March 2004 of 50,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company at a sale price of 903p per share by Ogier Trustee Limited (the Trustee) as trustee of The BOC Group plc Employee Share Trust (1995) (the Trust). These Ordinary shares have been transferred, following exercise of options, to participants in the Company's senior executive share option plans.

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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: April 1, 2004

By: /s/ Sarah Larkins  
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Name: Sarah Larkins  
Title: Assistant Company Secretary