

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
 GULF OF MEXICO REGION  
**ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. OCCURRED  
 DATE: **05-JUN-2008** TIME: **1015** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **GOM Shelf LLC**  
 REPRESENTATIVE: **Garber, John**  
 TELEPHONE: **(337) 354-8126**  
 CONTRACTOR: **Wood Group Production Services**  
 REPRESENTATIVE: **Rogers, Jan**  
 TELEPHONE: **(985) 868-4116**

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR  
 ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE: **00129**  
 AREA: **GI** LATITUDE:  
 BLOCK: **41** LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: **A**  
 RIG NAME:

6. ACTIVITY:  EXPLORATION (POE)  
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
 (DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:

- HISTORIC INJURY
- REQUIRED EVACUATION 1
- LTA (1-3 days)
- LTA (>3 days) 1
- RW/JT (1-3 days)
- RW/JT (>3 days)
- Other Injury

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

- LWC  HISTORIC BLOWOUT
- UNDERGROUND
  - SURFACE
  - DEVERTER
  - SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

COLLISION  HISTORIC  >\$25K  <=\$25K

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
- DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
- INCIDENT >\$25K
- H2S/15MIN./20PPM
- REQUIRED MUSTER
- SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
- OTHER

6. OPERATION:

- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- HELICOPTER
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

8. CAUSE:

- EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- HUMAN ERROR
- EXTERNAL DAMAGE
- SLIP/TRIP/FALL
- WEATHER RELATED
- LEAK
- UPSET H2O TREATING
- OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

9. WATER DEPTH: FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **W**  
 SPEED: **29** M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION:  
 SPEED: M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: **7** FT.

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

On June 5, 2008, at 1000 hours on GOM Shelf LLC's Lease OCS 00129, Grand Isle (GI) Block 41, Platform A, an operator was injured during crew change, in unfavorable weather conditions, when he fell backwards out of the personnel basket causing his foot to be hung-up in the basket's webbing. Four employees were being lowered to the boat's stern deck in 5-7' seas with a 25 knot west wind. The personnel basket was being set on the stern deck when a wave's crest lifted the boat. Subsequently, the wave collapsed causing the employees to fall onto the stern deck as a result of the basket collapsing to the deck. Three of the employees fell forward bracing themselves to avoid any injury. The Injured Person (IP) fractured his ankle and fibula as a result of the weight of the IP's forward motion being restricted by the basket's webbing preventing ankle movement. The IP was evacuated for medical attention. Surgery was performed and the IP is currently resting at home.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

**Human Error:**

The operator conducted a personnel basket crew change in unfavorable weather conditions. Both the sea state and winds were too strong to safely perform the operation.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

**None**

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

**None**

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

**\$**

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

**The New Orleans District makes no recommendations to MMS.**

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **NO**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

**No onsite investigation. /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Troy Trosclair**

APPROVED

DATE: **07-OCT-2008**