

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

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **26-JAN-2007** TIME: **1500** HOURS

2. OPERATOR:

**Shell Offshore Inc.**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Theresa DiCarlo**

TELEPHONE: **(832) 461-8941**

CONTRACTOR: **Helmerich & Payne**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Dave Trotter**

TELEPHONE: **(504) 728-1076**

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

4. LEASE:

**G06896**

AREA: **VK** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **956** LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM:

**A-Ram Powell**

RIG NAME: **H&P 205**

6. ACTIVITY:

EXPLORATION(POE)  
 DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION  
 (DOCD/POD)

7. TYPE:

- HISTORIC INJURY
- REQUIRED EVACUATION
  - LTA (1-3 days)
  - LTA (>3 days)
  - 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 **Rigging Down**

8. CAUSE:

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

9. WATER DEPTH: **3214** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **80** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.

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

13. SEA STATE: **6** FT.

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

While preparing to lower the derrick, the cable of the derrick lowering winch pulled out of the factory made open spelter socket. The cable was attached to the bottom lowering sheave body, which is in turn secured to the derrick. An attempt was made to lift the derrick slightly to relieve tension allowing the slides to be removed more easily. As the weight increased, the cable was pulled out of the socket. Only 3 of 8 slices had been removed prior to the failure. When the cable failure was identified, the crews began to push the slides back into place

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

**Cable pulled out of rope socket.**

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

**Brand new cable not properly assembled by manufacturer. Manufacturer has taken responsibility for the failure.**

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

**None**

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

**None**

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

**\$**

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

**No Recommendations**

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

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

**06-FEB-2007**

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

**Eric Neal /**

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Troy Trosclair**

APPROVED

DATE: **11-APR-2007**