

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

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **07-MAY-2006** TIME: **0400** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **LLOG Exploration & Production Company**

REPRESENTATIVE: **Bob McMann**

TELEPHONE: **(281) 492-8562**

3. LEASE: **G24154**

AREA: **GC** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **157** LONGITUDE:

4. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: **DIAMOND OCEAN SARATOGA**

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

6. TYPE: FIRE
 EXPLOSION
 BLOWOUT
 COLLISION
 INJURY NO. 3
 FATALITY NO. _____
 POLLUTION
 OTHER _____

7. OPERATION: PRODUCTION
 DRILLING
 WORKOVER
 COMPLETION
 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: **2614** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **90** MI.

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

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

13. SEA STATE: FT.

16. OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
David Cooper

CONTRACTOR: **Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.**

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/
SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:
Ron Davis

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

On May 7, 2006 rig personnel were conducting anchor handling operations. Rig personnel were attempting to uncouple connections between the different sections of the rigs anchor line, which is a normal anchor handling operation. Two sections of cable that had to be disconnected were held together by a " Link". This link is not a swivel link and there was no swivel link located anywhere in the connection. The cable attached to this link had acquired stored torque energy during its moves. The rig personnel were aware of cable's possible stored torque and were using a prybar to suppress the expected small amount of stored torque energy in the cable. When the link was uncoupled the wire caused the link to spin, thus twisting the pry bar from their hands and striking and injuring three employees.

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

The probable cause of this incident was the absence of a swivel link at this anchor line connection. The Operator stated that due to a lack of equipment spares, a swivel was not installed. A swivel would have dissipated any stored torque energy in the anchor line.

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

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

N/A

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to the Regional Office.

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:

Brad Hunter /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Michael J. Saucier

APPROVED

DATE: **03-JUL-2006**

INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE INJURY
 CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE FATALITY
 OTHER _____ WITNESS

NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

WORK PHONE:

TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE:

YEARS

EMPLOYED BY: **Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. / 20293**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **111 Veterans Memorial Blvd.**

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