UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE GULF OF MEXICO REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1.	OCCURRED DATE: 22-MAY-2008 TIME: 0415 HOURS	STRUCTURAL DAMAGE CRANE OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
2.	OPERATOR: BP Exploration & Production Inc. REPRESENTATIVE: Winfree, Bekki TELEPHONE: (281) 366-8372 CONTRACTOR: Transocean Offshore REPRESENTATIVE: Braquet, Jason TELEPHONE: (281) 366-4506	DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS. INCIDENT >\$25K H2S/15MIN./20PPM REQUIRED MUSTER SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE OTHER
3.	OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:	6. OPERATION:
	LEASE: G09868 AREA: MC LATITUDE: BLOCK: 778 LONGITUDE:	PRODUCTION DRILLING WORKOVER X COMPLETION HELICOPTER MOTOR VESSEL DIDELINE SECMENT NO
5.	PLATFORM: RIG NAME: T.O. DISCOVERER ENTERPRISE	PIPELINE SEGMENT NO. OTHER
	ACTIVITY: EXPLORATION(POE) DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DOCD/POD) TYPE: HISTORIC INJURY REQUIRED EVACUATION 1 LTA (1-3 days) LTA (>3 days) RW/JT (1-3 days) RW/JT (>3 days) RW/JT (>3 days)	8. CAUSE: EQUIPMENT FAILURE X HUMAN ERROR EXTERNAL DAMAGE SLIP/TRIP/FALL WEATHER RELATED LEAK UPSET H20 TREATING OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID OTHER
	Other Injury FATALITY POLLUTION	9. WATER DEPTH: 6037 FT.
	FIRE EXPLOSION LWC HISTORIC BLOWOUT UNDERGROUND	10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: MI. 11. WIND DIRECTION: SPEED: M.P.H.
	SURFACE DEVERTER SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES	12. CURRENT DIRECTION: SPEED: M.P.H.
	COLLISION HISTORIC >\$25K <=\$25K	13. SEA STATE: FT.

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17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

On May 22, 2008 at 0415 hours on Transocean's Discoverer Enterprise Drillship, located at BP Exploration & Production Inc.'s OCS-G-09868, Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 778, an employee injured his right ring finger while repairing a mud pump. The Injured Person (IP) was evacuated for evaluation and was diagnosed with a double fracture that required sutures. On a return visit to the physician, pins were inserted to assist in fracture repair, and the IP was placed on restricted work duty.

Sequence of Events:

The mechanical crew was in the process of replacing a pony rod on the P-2 mud pump. Pump isolation was completed with the bleed-off line left open. The IP was holding one end of the pony rod while another mechanic started the bolt-up to the pump end. The swab rod was then pushed back into the piston liner, when a drill floor representative started the P-1 mud pump. Pressure leaked back to the P-2 pump displacing the swab rod out and against the pony rod, thereby trapping the IP's finger between the rod ends. The IP received antibiotics on the rig and was sent in on the next available flight (non-emergency flight) for further evaluation and treatment. The diagnosis resulted in the IP suffering a lacerated right ring finger and possible fracture.

Update: The IP has a double fracture, received sutures, and a recent physician return visit resulted in pins being inserted to assist in fracture repair. The IP has a restricted work duty release, but is currently on his days off.

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

Human Error:

Lack of communication between the drill floor representative(s) and mechanics.

- 19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:
- 20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE 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:

David Trocquet

APPROVED

DATE: 13-JUL-2008

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