

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 RECURRANCE 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**