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August 5, 2010

BP COMMENCES CEMENTING PROCEDURE ON MC252 WELL

HOUSTON - BP today started pumping cement into the MC252 well at 09:15 CDT (15:15 BST) as part of the static kill procedure. All operations are being carried out with the guidance and approval of the National Incident Commander and other government officials. The aim of the procedure is to assist with the strategy to kill and isolate the well. This procedure will complement the ongoing relief well operation.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BP p.l.c.
(Registrant)

Dated: 5 August, 2010

/s/ D. J. PEARL
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Deputy Company Secretary