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May 26, 2010

UPDATE ON GULF OF MEXICO OIL SPILL

BP started the "top kill" operations today to stop the flow of oil from the MC252 well in the Gulf of Mexico.

The procedure is intended to stem the flow of oil and gas and ultimately kill the well by injecting heavy drilling fluids through the blow out preventer on the seabed, down into the well.

Pumping started at approx 19.00 UK, 13.00 (CST) and continues.

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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: 26 May 2010

/s/ D. J. PEARL
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D. J. PEARL
Deputy Company Secretary