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press release

**May 3, 2010**

**CLARIFICATION ON GULF OF MEXICO OIL SPILL FLOW**

BP would like to clarify that, contrary to some media reports, the actions it has taken to date on the blow out preventer have not resulted in any observed reduction in the rate of flow of oil from the MC252 well.

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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: 4 May 2010

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