





5 aircraft (helicopters and fixed wing including a large payload capacity C-130 (Hercules) for dispersant deployment)

In Houma, La. where the field operations response is being coordinated, almost 500 personnel on- and offshore have already been deployed to coordinate the oil spill response. BP's team of operational and technical experts are working in coordination with several agencies, organizations and companies including United States Coast Guard, Minerals Management Service, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, and Marine Spill Response Corporation. More teams have been mobilized in Houston and New Orleans to support the effort.

According to Steve Benz, President and CEO of the Marine Spill Response Corporation (MSRC), "At BP's request we are mounting the single, largest response effort in MSRC's 20-year history. The many years of working together with BP on drills and exercises has proved invaluable to us as we move forward on this response effort."

"Given the current conditions and the massive size of our response, we are confident in our ability to tackle this spill offshore," Hayward added.

Along with the response teams in action, additional resources, both people and equipment, continue to arrive for staging throughout the Gulf states in preparation for deployment should they be needed.

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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 April 2010

/s/ D. J. PEARL

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Deputy Company Secretary