

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
GULF OF MEXICO REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED

DATE: 02-NOV-2007 TIME: 1445 HOURS

2. OPERATOR:

Shell Offshore Inc.  
REPRESENTATIVE: DiCarlo, Theresa  
TELEPHONE: (504) 728-6237  
CONTRACTOR: NOBLE DRILLING CORPORATION  
REPRESENTATIVE: Waters, Bob  
TELEPHONE: (985) 677-1155

- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
- CRANE
- OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
- DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
- INCIDENT >\$25K
- H2S/15MIN./20PPM
- REQUIRED MUSTER
- SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
- OTHER Binder bar striking person

3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR  
ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE:

G12166  
AREA: MC LATITUDE:  
BLOCK: 765 LONGITUDE:

- PRODUCTION
- DRILLING
- WORKOVER
- COMPLETION
- HELICOPTER
- MOTOR VESSEL
- PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
- OTHER

5. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: NOBLE JIM THOMPSON

6. ACTIVITY:

- EXPLORATION (POE)
- DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION (DOCD/POD)

8. CAUSE:

- EQUIPMENT FAILURE
- HUMAN ERROR
- EXTERNAL DAMAGE
- SLIP/TRIP/FALL
- WEATHER RELATED
- LEAK
- UPSET H2O TREATING
- OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

7. TYPE:

HISTORIC INJURY

- REQUIRED EVACUATION
- LTA (1-3 days)
- LTA (>3 days) 1
- 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

9. WATER DEPTH: FT.
10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: MI.
11. WIND DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.
12. CURRENT DIRECTION:  
SPEED: M.P.H.
13. SEA STATE: FT.

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS:

On 02 November 2007 at approximately 1445 hours, at Shell Offshore Inc.'s OCS-G 12166, Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 765, a Rigger was injured while off loading risers from the Motor Vessel (M/V) "C-Liberty" to the Noble Jim Thompson. As the Rigger was going down to bind the set of risers, a large swell on port side caused the vessel to roll and the chain to tighten which caused the binder to whip open. The binder bar struck the Rigger on the right side of his face. The Injured Person (IP) was evacuated to a medical facility and underwent surgery on 06 November 2007. When the IP will return to work is unknown at this time, but follow-up medic appointments will provide a better forecast.

18. LIST THE PROBABLE CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

Weather related when high swells caused by rough weather caused the vessel to roll and the chain to tighten, resulting in the binder to whip open.

19. LIST THE CONTRIBUTING CAUSE(S) OF ACCIDENT:

Possible location of the binder bar to the IP.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

None

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

None

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL):

\$

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

The New Orleans District makes no recommendations to the Regional Office of Safety Management.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

N/A

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

No Onsite Investigation /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION  
PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

**Troy Trosclair**

APPROVED

DATE: **20-DEC-2007**

# INJURY/FATALITY/WITNESS ATTACHMENT

OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE

INJURY

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE

FATALITY

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS

NAME:

HOME ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

WORK PHONE:

TOTAL OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE:

YEARS

EMPLOYED BY:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

