

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE  
GULF OF MEXICO REGION  
**ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. OCCURRED

DATE: 17-MAY-2009 TIME: 0910 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: BHP Billiton Petroleum (GOM) Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE: Wilson, Susan

TELEPHONE: (713) 599-6349

CONTRACTOR: Global Marine Drilling Co.

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

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

4. LEASE: G20084

AREA: GC LATITUDE:

BLOCK: 653 LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: GSF C.R. LUIGS

6. ACTIVITY:

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

7. TYPE:

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

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

6. OPERATION:

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

8. CAUSE:

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 4239 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 120 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: NW  
SPEED: 8 M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION: N  
SPEED: 1 M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: 2 FT.

17. DESCRIBE IN SEQUENCE HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED:

The rig crew were in the process of backloading 22" casing when the port forward crane malfunctioned. The casing was being lifted from the port forward outboard pipe rack and was being loaded onto a workboat on the port side. The load was approximately 10 feet above the deck of the workboat when two joints of 22" casing (17,500 lbs) were dropped from the crane. No injuries occurred and no visible signs of damage to the vessel or the crane have been reported.

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

The probable cause of the accident was a whipline winch failure.

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

None.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: NATURE OF DAMAGE:

The property damaged was the winch motor. N/a

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): \$3,500

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to report to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

None.

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Casey Bisso /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Bryan A. Domangue

APPROVED

DATE: 06-JUL-2009