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

1. OCCURRED
   DATE: 09-MAR-2009  TIME: 1115 HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
   REPRESENTATIVE: Campise, Debra
   TELEPHONE: (832) 854-2617
   CONTRACTOR: Transocean Offshore
   REPRESENTATIVE: Hillman, Reggie
   TELEPHONE: (713) 232-8447

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

4. LEASE: G23000
   AREA: GC  LATITUDE:
   BLOCK: 847  LONGITUDE:

5. PLATFORM: T.O. DISCOVERER DEEP SEAS

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
   □ HISTORIC BLOWOUT
     □ UNDERGROUND
     □ SURFACE
     □ DEVERTER
     □ SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES
   □ COLLISION
   □ HISTORIC
   □ >$25K
   □ <=$25K

8. CAUSE:
   □ EQUIPMENT FAILURE
   □ HUMAN ERROR
   □ EXTERNAL DAMAGE
   □ SLIP/TRIP/FALL
   □ WEATHER RELATED
   □ LEAK
   □ UPSET H2O TREATING
   □ OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   □ OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 5716 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 117 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: ESE
    SPEED: 17 M.P.H.

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

13. SEA STATE: 4 FT.
Prior to running the riser to latch up to the wellhead after setting Conductor Casing, the connection between the Lower Marine Riser Package (LMRP) and Blow Out Preventer (BOP) was being tested for leaks. This test was being performed while attached to the BOP test stump and suspended over the moon pool and not while in the parking area for the test stump. While testing was in progress, an inadvertent activation of the BOP/wellhead connection function was initiated causing the test stump to be released from the BOP and fall overboard. The rig was positioned approximately 200 feet from the well when this event occurred. The test stump was later found approximately 200 feet by the Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) from the wellhead and did not cause any damage or pollution.

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

The need for a Management of Change (MOC) process was not recognized for this operation. The repairs were being in a manner to expedite the process in order to run riser and continue drilling operations.

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

The need for a lock-out tag-out of the BOP/wellhead connection function was not observed.

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This specific operation will be incorporated into a procedure and the importance of the MOC process will be communicated to all personnel.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: No property damaged. The test stump was lost.

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE: Due to the nature of this event, the Houma District has no recommendations to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE: 

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:
   Ben Coco /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:
   Bryan A. Domangue

APPROVED
DATE: 20-MAY-2009