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

1. OCCURRED
   DATE: 18-MAR-2009    TIME: 0430    HOURS

2. OPERATOR: Apache Corporation
   REPRESENTATIVE: Dugas, David
   TELEPHONE: (337) 354-8124
   CONTRACTOR: HERCULES OFFSHORE DRILLING
   REPRESENTATIVE: Dewberry, David
   TELEPHONE: (713) 350-5100

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

4. LEASE: G09614
   AREA: SS    LATITUDE: 
   BLOCK: 105    LONGITUDE: 

5. PLATFORM A
   RIG NAME: HERCULES 202

6. ACTIVITY: X EXPLORATION (POE)
   DEVELOPMENT/ PRODUCT ON
   (DOCD/ POD)

7. TYPE:
   □ INJURY
     □ REQUIRES RED EVACUATION ON 1
     □ LTA (1-3 days) 1
     □ LTA (>3 days) 1
     □ RWJT (1-3 days) 1
     □ RWJT (>3 days) 1
     □ OTHER INJURY
   □ FATALITY
   □ POLLUTION
   □ FIRE
   □ EXPLOSION
   □ LVC
     □ HI STOR C BLOWOUT
     □ UNDERGROUND SURFACE DEVERTER
     □ SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAIL URE OR PROCEDURES
   □ COLLISION
     □ HI STOR C
     □ >$25K
     □ <$25K

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

9. WATER DEPTH: 35 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 33 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: ESE
    SPEED: 15 M.P.H.

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

13. SEA STATE: 3 FT.
17. Describe in sequence how accident happened:

While conducting crew change operations by boat, the arriving crane operator went to relieve the crane operator scheduled to go home. After the relieving operator took over crane operations, the departing operator walked from the cab of the crane to the rear of the crane to a set of fixed stairs utilized to access the crane from the deck. During this time, the crane was not shut down, it was pivoting on the pedestal. The operator departing the platform was pinned between the handrail on the back of the crane and the handrail post of the fixed stairway. The departing operator sustained a compound fracture of the right ankle, a fractured right tibia, six fractured ribs and a collapsed lung. He was medivac'd to Terrebonne General Medical Center in Houma, LA for examination and treatment.

18. List the probable cause(s) of accident:

During crew change operations, the crane operator coming on tour did not wait for the crane operator that was getting off tour to clear crane walk around before he resumed crane activities. Also the injured person tried to disembark the crane walk around while the crane was in motion.

19. List the contributing cause(s) of accident:

Crane operators need to totally shut down crane activities to allow personnel time to disembark. They should visually check that everyone is clear before crane activities resume.

20. List the additional information:

Hercules Offshore has added Corrective Action C-0904-0020 to their HSE Policy and Operations Manual / Best Practices. This will be in HSE 100.21 sub section 4.2 and include the following: Crane Operators must always be contacted before anyone approaches stair access to the crane; personnel must wait until crane movement has stopped before climbing up to the crane; and the crane operator will treat the ingress and egress as a helicopter approach with the exception of cradling the boom to verify personnel are clear.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: None  NATURE OF DAMAGE: N/a

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): $

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE 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 ON-SITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ON-SITE TEAM MEMBERS: Jerry Freeman /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Bryan A. Domangue

   APPROVED
   DATE: 24-JUN-2009