

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
GULF OF MEXICO REGION

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

For Public Release

1. OCCURRED

DATE: **08-OCT-2013** TIME: **2230** HOURS

2. OPERATOR: **Shell Offshore Inc.**

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

CONTRACTOR:

REPRESENTATIVE:

TELEPHONE:

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

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

6. OPERATION:

4. LEASE: **G05916**

AREA: **GC** LATITUDE:

BLOCK: **245** LONGITUDE:

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

5. PLATFORM:

RIG NAME: **NOBLE DRILLER**

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 1
 - LTA (1-3 days)
 - LTA (>3 days)
 - RW/JT (1-3 days)
 - RW/JT (>3 days) 1
 - Other Injury

- FATALITY
- POLLUTION
- FIRE
- EXPLOSION

- LWC
- HISTORIC BLOWOUT
 - UNDERGROUND
 - SURFACE
 - DEVERTER
 - SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES

COLLISION HISTORIC >\$25K <=\$25K

9. WATER DEPTH: **2908** FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: **92** MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: **N**
SPEED: **1** M.P.H.

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

13. SEA STATE: **1** FT.

17. INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: -

On October 8, 2013, while in the process of rigging up the equipment needed to run riser, a Floorhand got his finger pinched between the elevators and the bale on the rig floor causing severe injury which required evacuation for medical treatment.

Before starting the job, the crew held a pre-job safety meeting and completed a Job Safety Analysis (JSA) to inform crew members of hazards involved with the upcoming operations. At the time of the incident, two new trainees were being coached by a senior Floorhand while attempting to open the 750 ton manual elevators. The trainees were being instructed on how to operate the manual elevators by the senior Floorhand.

As he was instructing the trainees, the senior Floorhand placed his right hand around the ear of one of the bales. When the elevators came open, they rolled to the bottom of the bale's ear and pinched the senior Floorhand's finger. The Injured Person (IP) was treated on the rig by the Medic and was evacuated to the hospital for further treatment. Ultimately, surgery was required and the IP was placed on light duty.

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

* Poor Body Placement: The senior Floorhand failed to recognize his hand placement while instructing his trainees.

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

* The senior Floorhand was experienced with the work scope but he was not experienced with the aspects of coaching and instructing which led him to be complacent.

*The Job Safety Analysis (JSA) did not cover the specific pinch point between the elevators and the bales. -

20. LIST THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

N/A

21. PROPERTY DAMAGED:

N/A

NATURE OF DAMAGE:

N/A

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL) :

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE NARRATIVE:

The Houma District has no recommendations at this time.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: **NO**

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING. NARRATIVE:

N/A

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

19-DEC-2013

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS:

Cemal Ozoral / James Richard /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

PANEL FORMED: **NO**

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR:

Bryan A. Domangue

APPROVED

DATE: **16-JUL-2014**