





the concessionaire of Block 31  
and owns 20 per cent equity

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BP Exploration (Angola  
) Limited as operator holds 26.67 per

cent. The other interest owners in Block 31 are Esso Exploration and Production Angola (Block 31) Limited (25 per  
cent)

;  
Statoil Angola A.S. a subsidiary of StatoilHydro ASA (13.33 per

cent)  
;  
Marathon International Petroleum Angola Block 31 Limited (10 per

cent)  
;  
and TEPA (BLOCK 31) Limited  
imited  
, a subsidiary of the Total Group  
(  
5 per

cent  
)

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Note to editors

BP's involvement with  
Angola  
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goes back to the mid 1970s.

During the 1990s, BP made very substantial investments in  
Angola

's offshore oil and it is now an important part of the  
company's upstream portfolio.

BP has interests in four blocks with operated interests in two  
and

has a 13.6 per cent interest in the Angola LNG project.

Operatorship of Block 31 was awarded to BP Exploration

(  
Angola  
) Limited in May 1999.

The Block covers an area of 5,349 square kilometres and lies in water depths of between 1,500 and 2,500 metres.

BP also has operated interests (BP 50

per cent  
equity) in Block 18 where Greater Plutonio started production on 1st October 2007.

BP has non-operated interests in Block 15, operated by Esso Exploration Angola (Block 15) Limited (BP 26.67  
per cent

equity) and in Block 17 operated by Total (BP 16.67 per cent equity).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BP p.l.c.  
(Registrant)

Dated: 15 October, 2008

/s/ D. J. PEARL

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Deputy Company Secretary