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press release

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**BP AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN CEMENTING PROCEDURE**

ON MC252 WELL

HOUSTON - BP has received authorization from the National Incident Commander (NIC) to conduct cementing operations on the MC252 well as part of the static kill procedure. Pumping operations are expected to begin Thursday, August 5th.

All operations are being carried out with the guidance and approval of the NIC and other government officials.

The aim of the procedure is to assist with the strategy to kill and isolate the well, and will complement the upcoming relief well operation.

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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: 05 August 2010

/s/ D. J. PEARL  
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D. J. PEARL  
Deputy Company Secretary