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Public Consultation on Offshore Safety

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to the current European Commission public consultation on improving offshore safety in Europe.

In this respect, we would like to draw your attention to the submission on this subject provided by BP to the European Commission on 22nd December 2010, the participation of senior BP executives in industry meetings with the Commissioner for Energy on 11th May 2010 and 14th July 2010 and the statement provided by BP to the European Parliament on 29th March 2011.

In addition, we would like to confirm that we have provided input to the responses submitted by the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP) and Oil and Gas UK on 11th May 2011. Together we believe these submissions substantively address the key questions raised in the Commission consultation on the offshore safety regime in Europe.

BP has also been active in the work being undertaken by the OGP Global Industry Response Group (GIRG), which announced its recommendations on 16th May 2011. These further emphasise the industry's commitment to continuous improvement and the reduction of risk.

I trust that this is of assistance with respect to the European Commission consultation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any further information.

With best wishes

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