

BP PLC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K  
Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
6 May 2010

Commission File Number 1-06262  
BP p.l.c.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
1 ST JAMES'S SQUARE, LONDON, SW1Y 4PD, ENGLAND  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Moody's press release

The following is an extract from a press release issued by Moody's Investors Service on 5 May 2010:

“Moody's Investors Service has today revised to negative from stable the outlook on the Aa1 senior unsecured ratings of BP plc (BP) and its guaranteed subsidiaries, and the Aa2 long term issuer ratings of BP Corporation North America Inc. and BP Finance plc.

Moody's action reflects the considerable uncertainty associated with the financial liabilities and clean-up costs that BP may incur as a result of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused by the explosion on the Transocean Deepwater Horizon drilling rig. Moody's notes the comprehensive response effort put in place by BP with the support of the US authorities and in cooperation with some of its industry peers. However, it remains impossible at this stage to assess the full extent of the costs and business impact of this accident on BP's results. Therefore, while BP's current financial position, which has recently benefited from robust operating results and cash flow generation underpinned by the recovery in oil prices, provides some cushion against the potential financial impact of the incident, Moody's believes that it is too early to exclude scenarios leading to downward pressure on the Aa1 rating.”

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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: 6 May 2010

/s/ D J Pearl

D J PEARL

Deputy Company Secretary