

EXHIBIT NO. 5231

**From:** Rainey, David I  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 20 23:44:56 2010  
**To:** Addison, Fergus T; Judson, Michelle H  
**Cc:** Thorseth, Jay C  
**Subject:** Macondo Discovery Review Board  
**Importance:** Normal

Gents,

The Macondo well is at final TD, logging is complete, production casing has been set, and temporary abandonment is in progress. The well is a discovery.

According to the SPU Brownfield Developments Decision Rights Workshop, I have the Decision Rights to declare a discovery and convene the Discovery Review Board. According to the workshop, the two of you have Input to this Decision. I believe that this is still a proposal from the workshop and not yet signed off on. With that caveat, I intend to convene the Macondo Discovery Review Board as follows.

Jay Thorseth (Chair - Exploration/Resource Appraisal Manager)

Bryan Ritchie (Exploration/Resource Appraisal TL)

Kelly McAughan (RE)

Rob Marshall (Subsea GM)

Doris Reiter (Pompano Resource TL)

Russ Stauffer (Commercial PM)

Charles Ward (Macondo PM)

Jami Zinkham (Resource Appraisal Advisor)

With your support, I will notify Mike, James, and Neil that this is how we will proceed.

Please respond with your support or otherwise.

Dave

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