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BP Exploration & Production Inc.
200 Westlake Park Boulevard
Houston, TX 77079

RE: DEEPWATER HORIZON
FPN: N10036

Dear Sir:

On or about April 21, 2010 an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, 33 USC § § 2701 et. seq., occurred approximately 45 miles offshore from Louisiana on Mississippi Canyon Block 252 in the Gulf of Mexico. The incident involved an explosion and fires on the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) Deepwater Horizon, which subsequently sank. Our information indicates that the resulting oil discharges include discharges from the MODU on or above the surface of the water as well as ongoing discharges of oil from the well head. This notice designates the offshore facility as a source of an oil discharge pursuant to 33 USC § 2714 (a) and notifies BP Exploration & Production Inc., a responsible party, of its responsibility to advertise for claims. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying your guarantor, BP Corporation North America Inc., of this designation and its responsibility for advertising.

Unless you deny designation pursuant to 33 USC § 2714 (b) you must publicly advertise this designation and the procedures by which claims may be presented to you. The advertisement must begin within 15 days of the date of this letter and must continue for no less than 30 days. Enclosure (1) outlines the required content of this advertisement and enclosure (2) is a sample advertisement. You may choose to follow this sample but are not required to do so as long as your advertisement contains the required information. Your advertisement must be disseminated in such a manner that all potential claimants are notified. To accomplish this, we require that you advertise in the newspaper(s) having general circulation in the area(s) where claimants may be affected. We also require that you post notices in marinas, marine supply stores, bait and tackle shops located in the areas impacted by the incident. You must also provide direct notification where individuals have been identified as receiving damages from your spill. You may propose other methods of advertisement and notification, but they may be used only when approved in advance by the National Pollution Funds Center. The advertisement must note that a claimant may present a claim for interim short-term damages representing less than the full amount to which the claimant ultimately may be entitled. And that payment of such claim shall not preclude recovery for damages not reflected in the paid or settled partial claim. Because of the potential magnitude of this incident additional advertising may be required.

You are directed to inform us of the specifics of your advertising, including the name of any newspaper(s) or other publication(s) in which the advertisements run, the geographical area covered by the publications, and how often the advertisement will appear, as appropriate. Send us copies of the advertisement and advise us in writing that you have begun advertising within 20 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive these documents, we will assume that you did not comply. If you do not comply with these requirements, the National Pollution Funds Center will advertise for claims. If we advertise, you will be charged for our costs, as well as for the costs of any administration, adjudication, and payment of claims.

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