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April 21, 2010


Mr. Steven Newman
President and CEO
Transocean Ltd.
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Dear Mr. Newman:

On April 20, 2010, an explosion occurred on a semisubmersible drilling rig off the Gulf of Mexico. The oil rig is operated by Transocean Ltd. under contract with BP Exploration and Production, Inc. According to Transocean's public statement, at the time of the explosion 126 crew members were on board, and some remain unaccounted for.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations requests a briefing on the incident, its possible causes, and on Transocean's recovery efforts by Friday, April 23, 2010. Please contact Ali Golden with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424 to schedule the briefing.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Bart Stupak
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Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
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