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metres, some 375 kilometres northwest of Luanda and reached a total depth of 5,116 metres TVD below sea level.

The well was tested at a flow rate of 3,822 barrels of oil per day (b/d) through a 48/64ths inch choke.

Sonangol is the concessionaire of Block 31. BP Exploration (Angola) Limited as operator holds 26.67 per cent. The other interest owners in Block 31 are Esso Exploration and Production Angola (Block 31) Limited (25 per cent), Sonangol E.P. (20 per cent), Statoil Angola A.S. (13.33 per cent), Marathon International Petroleum Angola Block 31 Limited (10 per cent) and TEPA (BLOCK 31) LIMITED, (a subsidiary of the Total Group) with 5 per cent.

Notes to Editors

BP's involvement with Angola goes back to the mid 1970s. During the 1990s, BP made very substantial investments in Angola's offshore oil and it is now an important part of the company's upstream portfolio. BP has interests in four blocks with operated interests in two.

Operatorship of Block 31 was awarded to BP Exploration (Angola) Limited in May 1999. The block covers an area of 5,349 square kilometres and lies in water depths of between 1,500 and 2,500 metres.

BP also has operated interests (BP 50.00 per cent equity) in Block 18 where the Greater Plutonio Project is currently being developed and is due to come on stream in 2007.

BP has non-operated interests in Block 15, operated by Esso Exploration Angola (Block 15) Limited (BP 26.67 per cent equity) and in Block 17 operated by Total (BP 16.67 per cent equity).

BP also has a 13.6 per cent interest in the Angola LNG project.

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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)

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Dated: 24 April, 2007

/s/ D. J. PEARL

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Deputy Company Secretary