

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig
“Deepwater Horizon” in the Gulf
of Mexico, on April 20, 2010**

MDL No. 2179

SECTION J

Applies to: *All Cases*

JUDGE BARBIER

MAGISTRATE JUDGE SHUSHAN

ORDER

Before the Court is the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee’s (PSC) **Motion for Court Approval of Proposed Notice and Reply (Rec. Docs. 1126 and 1313)**, as well as responses from Limitation Petitioners Triton Asset Leasing GmbH, Transocean Holdings LLC, Transocean Offshore Drilling Inc., and Transocean Deepwater, Inc. (“Transocean”) (**Rec. Doc. 1279**), from Defendant Cameron International Corporation (“Cameron”) (**Rec. Doc. 1281**), from Defendant BP Exploration and Production, Inc. and BP America Production Company (“BP”) (**Rec. Doc. 1291**), and from other various plaintiffs (**Rec. Docs. 1274, 1280, and 1304**).

Following the April 20, 2010 explosion, fire and capsizing of the Deepwater Horizon mobile drilling vessel, Transocean as the owner of the vessel filed a Petition for Limitation of Liability seeking to limit its liability to the value of the vessel following the casualty. Before the Limitation Action was transferred to this Court, the usual type of notice was approved and published pursuant to Rule F(4) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims. The monition date (deadline for the filing of claims in the limitation) was originally set for November 15, 2010. Subsequently, at the request of the parties, this Court extended the monition date to April 20, 2011, or one calendar year following the casualty.

The PSC has moved the Court to allow additional notice to be published in order to reach the largest possible number of potential claimants and to give them clear notice of the impending

deadline. The PSC is concerned that the previous notice was not in “plain English” and not designed to reach a broad audience due to being published only in the legal notices section of various daily newspapers in the region. The Court shares these concerns and asked the parties to confer with respect to the form and content of the proposed notice.

The parties met on February 18, 2011 and modified the form of the proposed notice and BP suggested further changes on February 21, 2011, which were accepted by the PSC and Transocean. Transocean has now withdrawn any objection to the PSC’s motion. BP maintains its position that no additional notice is necessary, but withdraws its objection as to form of the proposed notice. Cameron maintains its objection to notice and form.

Having reviewed the contents of the proposed notice and the arguments of the parties, the Court finds that further notice to potential claimants should be given, pursuant to Rule F(4). Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee’s **Motion for Court Approval of Proposed Notice (Rec. Doc. 1126)** is hereby **GRANTED** and notice may be disseminated using the content contained in the exhibits attached to this Order. The content of the website listed on the legal notice, www.OilSpillCourtCase.com, and the telephone script for the dedicated toll-free number, 1-877-497-5926, shall be submitted in advance for approval by the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 23rd day of February, 2011.



CARL J. BARBIER
United States District Judge

Legal Notice
Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Lawsuit

To Protect Your Right to Recover Money
Damages Against Transocean,
The Filing Deadline is April 20, 2011.

A New Orleans federal court is overseeing litigation against companies involved in the oil spill and has approved the content of this notice. A trial will be held in February 2012. The trial will decide whether Transocean, the owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig, can limit what it pays claimants under Maritime law. To preserve your ability to recover money damages against Transocean and include your claim in this trial, the Court filing deadline is **April 20, 2011**.

If you had a personal injury, loss of earnings, property damage, business loss, or other economic loss from the oil spill you may be able to participate.

File a Simple Form to Preserve Your Rights

In order to preserve your right to recover against Transocean you need to file an answer and claim by **April 20, 2011**. The Court has simplified the process to file your claim against Transocean. The Court has approved a Direct Filing Short Form. **You can get the Short Form by calling 1-877-497-5926 or visiting the websites listed below.** Filing this Short Form may also join you in the master lawsuit that has been filed against BP and the other defendants. You are not required to use the Short Form. The deadline for claims against Transocean whether you use the Short Form or not is **April 20, 2011**.

There is No Filing Fee

There is no filing fee and a lawyer is not required to file the Short Form. However, if you would like advice regarding your legal rights or about filing this Short Form, you should contact a lawyer.

**Filing with the Gulf Coast Claims Facility (“GCCF”)
is Not the Same as Filing in Court**

The federal lawsuit is separate from the claims process in the GCCF. You may be able to participate in the federal lawsuit even if you already filed a claim with the GCCF. There may be other requirements you have to fulfill to proceed with a lawsuit against BP and the other defendants.

If you have question you should consult a lawyer. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Short Form, visit www.OilSpillCourtCase.com or call 1-877-497-5926.

Get More Information:

1-877-497-5926 www.OilSpillCourtCase.com
www.laed.uscourts.gov/OilSpill/Forms/Forms.htm

30-second TV spot

A federal court is overseeing litigation against companies involved in the oil spill and has approved the content of this message. A trial will be held in February 2012.

To preserve your right to recover money damages from Transocean, you must file a simple form by April 20, 2011.

This is separate from the claims process in the Gulf Coast Claims Facility.

Call 1-877-497-5926 or visit OilSpillCourtCase.com.

60-second Radio spot

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