

BP PLC  
Form 6-K  
November 16, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

for the period ended 16 November 2009

**BP p.l.c.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**1 ST JAMES'S SQUARE, LONDON, SW1Y 4PD, ENGLAND**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes                      No    |X|  
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press release

**November 16, 2009**

**APPRAISAL WELL CONFIRMS WESTERN EXTENSION OF  
THE  
KASKIDA FIELD IN THE  
GULF OF MEXICO**

BP today confirmed that an appraisal well to test a western extension of the Kaskida field has confirmed oil in Lower Tertiary reservoirs five miles to the west of the Kaskida discovery well. The well, drilled to a total depth of 32,500 feet, is located in Keathley Canyon block 291 in 5,675 feet of water and 250 miles southwest of New Orleans.

Appraisal activities will continue with a WATS (wide azimuth towed streamer) seismic acquisition survey in early 2010 and a well test in 2011.

"This well builds on the success of our recent Tiber discovery to further strengthen BP's leading position in the emerging Lower Tertiary play in the US Gulf of Mexico," said Andy Inglis, chief executive, Exploration and Production, "and supports the continuing growth of our deepwater Gulf of Mexico business into the second half of the next decade."

Kaskida is operated by BP, with a 70 per cent working interest with co-owner Devon (30 per cent).

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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)

Dated: 16 November 2009

/s/ D. J. PEARL  
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D. J. PEARL  
Deputy Company Secretary