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Although he will initially have no BP board committee appointments, Mr. Flint will join the audit committee in the first half of 2005.

Sir Robin Nicholson and Mr. Charles Knight will be retiring from the BP board at the 2005 AGM. Both are members of the board's remuneration committee, with Sir Robin as chairman. Dr. DeAnne Julius, a current member of the remuneration committee, will take the chair in succession to Sir Robin. Mr. John Bryan has now been appointed to the remuneration committee.

Mr. Tony Burgmans and Sir Tom McKillop, both recently appointed non-executive directors of the board, have joined the ethics and environment assurance committee and the remuneration committee respectively.

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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: 21 October, 2004

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