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for the period ended October, 2015

BP p.l.c.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Group results
Third quarter and nine months 2015

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Third quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter		Nine months	Nine months
2014	2015	2015	\$ million	2015	2014
1,290	(5,823)	46	Profit (loss) for the period(a)	(3,175)	8,187
1,095	(443)	1,188	Inventory holding (gains) losses*, net of tax	246	855
2,385	(6,266)	1,234	Replacement cost profit (loss)*	(2,929)	9,042
			Net (favourable) unfavourable impact of non-operating items* and fair value accounting effects*, net of tax	8,638	855
652	7,579	585	Underlying replacement cost profit*	5,709	9,897
3,037	1,313	1,819	Replacement cost profit (loss)		
12.97	(34.25)	6.73	per ordinary share (cents)	(16.01)	49.04
0.78	(2.05)	0.40	per ADS (dollars)	(0.96)	2.94
			Underlying replacement cost profit		
16.51	7.17	9.92	per ordinary share (cents)	31.18	53.67
0.99	0.43	0.60	per ADS (dollars)	1.87	3.22

- BP's third-quarter replacement cost (RC) profit was \$1,234 million, compared with \$2,385 million a year ago. After adjusting for a net charge for non-operating items of \$756 million and net favourable fair value accounting effects of \$171 million (both on a post-tax basis), underlying RC profit for the third quarter was \$1,819 million, compared with \$3,037 million for the same period in 2014. For the nine months, RC loss was \$2,929 million, compared with a profit of \$9,042 million a year ago. After adjusting for a net charge for non-operating items of \$8,655 million and net favourable fair value accounting effects of \$17 million (both on a post-tax basis), underlying RC profit for the nine months was \$5,709 million, compared with \$9,897 million for the same period in 2014. Non-operating items include a restructuring charge of \$151 million for the quarter and \$638 million for the nine months. Cumulative restructuring charges from the beginning of the fourth quarter 2014 are expected to total around \$2.5 billion by the end of 2016. RC profit or loss for the group, underlying RC profit or loss and fair value accounting effects are non-GAAP measures and further information is provided on pages 3 and 28.

- All amounts relating to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill have been treated as non-operating items, with a net pre-tax charge of \$426 million for the third quarter and \$11,513 million for the nine months. For further information on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and its consequences see page 10 and Note 2 on page 16. See also Legal proceedings on page 32.
- Including the impact of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, net cash provided by operating activities for the third quarter and nine months was \$5.2 billion and \$13.3 billion respectively, compared with \$9.4 billion and \$25.5 billion for the same periods in 2014. Excluding amounts related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, net cash provided by operating activities for the third quarter and nine months was \$5.4 billion and \$14.3 billion respectively, compared with \$9.4 billion and \$25.8 billion for the same periods in 2014.
- Net debt* at 30 September 2015 was \$25.6 billion, compared with \$22.4 billion a year ago. The net debt ratio* at 30 September 2015 was 20.0%, compared with 15.0% a year ago. Net debt and the net debt ratio are non-GAAP measures. See page 24 for more information.
- Total capital expenditure on an accruals basis for the third quarter was \$4.3 billion, compared with \$5.3 billion for the same period in 2014. For both periods almost all of the capital expenditure was organic*. For the nine months, total capital expenditure on an accruals basis was \$13.4 billion, of which organic capital expenditure was \$13.2 billion, compared with \$17.0 billion for the same period in 2014, of which organic capital expenditure was \$16.3 billion. See page 26 for further information. Our current plans are for organic capital expenditure to be in the range \$17-19 billion per annum in the near term and closer to \$19 billion for 2015.
- BP today announced a quarterly dividend of 10.00 cents per ordinary share (\$0.600 per ADS), which is expected to be paid on 18 December 2015. The corresponding amount in sterling will be announced on 7 December 2015. See page 23 for further information.

* For items marked with an asterisk throughout this document, definitions are provided in the Glossary on page 30.

(a) Profit attributable to BP shareholders.

The commentaries above and following should be read in conjunction with the cautionary statement on page 35.

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- In October 2013, BP announced plans to divest a further \$10 billion of assets before the end of 2015, having completed its earlier divestment programme of \$38 billion. Transactions to date have reached around \$7.8 billion. Disposal proceeds were \$0.3 billion for the third quarter and \$2.6 billion for the nine months. The nine-months amount includes proceeds from our Toledo refinery partner, Husky Energy, in place of capital commitments relating to the original divestment transaction that have not been subsequently sanctioned.
- The effective tax rate (ETR) on RC profit or loss for the third quarter and nine months was 52% and 45% respectively compared with 42% and 35% for the same periods in 2014. Excluding the one-off deferred tax adjustment in the first quarter 2015 as a result of the reduction in the UK North Sea supplementary charge, the ETR for the nine months was 27%. Adjusting for non-operating items, fair value accounting effects and the first-quarter 2015 one-off deferred tax adjustment, the underlying ETR in the third quarter and nine months was 39% and 32%

respectively, compared with 41% and 36% for the same periods in 2014. The underlying ETR for both periods is lower than a year ago mainly due to changes in the geographical mix of profits partly offset by foreign exchange effects from a stronger US dollar.

- Finance costs and net finance expense relating to pensions and other post-retirement benefits were a charge of \$474 million for the third quarter, compared with \$358 million for the same period in 2014. For the nine months, the respective amounts were \$1,196 million and \$1,081 million.

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Analysis of RC profit (loss) before interest and tax
and reconciliation to profit (loss) for the period

Third quarter 2014	Second quarter 2015	Third quarter 2015		Nine months 2015	Nine months 2014
			\$ million		
			RC profit (loss) before interest and tax*		
3,311	228	743	Upstream	1,343	12,019
1,231	1,628	2,562	Downstream	6,273	2,958
107	510	382	Rosneft	1,075	1,649
(432)	(455)	(378)	Other businesses and corporate	(1,141)	(1,363)
(33)	(10,747)	(311)	Gulf of Mexico oil spill response(a)	(11,381)	(313)
370	(39)	67	Consolidation adjustment – UPII*	(101)	384
4,554	(8,875)	3,065	RC profit (loss) before interest and tax	(3,932)	15,334
			Finance costs and net finance expense relating		
(358)	(364)	(474)	to pensions and other post-retirement benefits	(1,196)	(1,081)
(1,777)	3,013	(1,347)	Taxation on a RC basis	2,298	(5,022)
(34)	(40)	(10)	Non-controlling interests	(99)	(189)
2,385	(6,266)	1,234	RC profit (loss) attributable to BP shareholders	(2,929)	9,042
(1,585)	627	(1,726)	Inventory holding gains (losses)	(343)	(1,225)
			Taxation (charge) credit on inventory holding		
490	(184)	538	gains and losses	97	370
			Profit (loss) for the period attributable to		
1,290	(5,823)	46	BP shareholders	(3,175)	8,187

(a) See Note 2 on page 16 for further information on the accounting for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill response.

Analysis of underlying RC profit before interest and tax

Third quarter 2014	Second quarter 2015	Third quarter 2015		Nine months 2015	Nine months 2014
			\$ million		
			Underlying RC profit before interest and tax*		
3,899	494	823	Upstream	1,921	12,955
1,484	1,867	2,302	Downstream	6,327	3,228
110	510	382	Rosneft	1,075	1,405
(293)	(401)	(231)	Other businesses and corporate	(922)	(1,220)

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370	(39)	67	Consolidation adjustment - UPII	(101)	384
5,570	2,431	3,343	Underlying RC profit before interest and tax	8,300	16,752
			Finance costs and net finance expense relating to		
(348)	(356)	(359)	pensions and other post-retirement benefits	(1,064)	(1,052)
(2,151)	(722)	(1,155)	Taxation on an underlying RC basis	(1,428)	(5,614)
(34)	(40)	(10)	Non-controlling interests	(99)	(189)
3,037	1,313	1,819	Underlying RC profit attributable to BP shareholders	5,709	9,897

Reconciliations of underlying RC profit or loss to the nearest equivalent IFRS measure are provided on page 1 for the group and on pages 4-9 for the segments.

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Upstream

Third quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter		Nine months	Nine months
2014	2015	2015	\$ million	2015	2014
3,312	225	716	Profit before interest and tax	1,331	12,013
(1)	3	27	Inventory holding (gains) losses*	12	6
3,311	228	743	RC profit before interest and tax	1,343	12,019
			Net (favourable) unfavourable impact of non-operating items* and fair value accounting effects*		
588	266	80		578	936