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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM F-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BP p.l.c.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not applicable

(Translation of Registrant s name into English)

England and Wales (State or other jurisdiction of

None (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this Registration Statement has become effective.

If only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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Explanatory Note: Deregistration of Securities

Effective April 30, 2010, BP Company North America Inc., a Delaware corporation (BP North America), terminated the BP Direct Access Plan (the Plan). As a consequence, BP p.l.c. (BP), an English public limited company that is the parent of BP North America, has terminated all offerings of its securities under the Plan. This amendment is filed to deregister and remove all securities under this Registration Statement that remain unsold and untransferred.

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 8. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

A. BP p.l.c. (BP) has entered into Deeds of Indemnity with the Directors and Secretary of BP by which BP agrees and confirms that the provisions of Article 155 of BP s Articles of Association (as the same may from time to time be amended or modified) (the Indemnity) shall be enforceable directly by them against BP. The Directors and Secretary must promptly give BP written notice of any matter or circumstance which may give rise to a claim under the Indemnity and permit BP (where appropriate) to participate in and assume the defense of any action, suit or proceeding or governmental or other investigation of which they are made or threatened to be made a party and which may give rise to a claim under the Indemnity.

B. Article 155 of BP s Articles of Association currently provides:

Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be consistent with the Statutes, every Director, auditor, Secretary or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and/or discharge of his duties and/or the exercise of his powers and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office.

BP is subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act). The relevant provisions of the 2006 Act in respect of indemnification of directors and officers are sections 205, 206, 232 to 238 inclusive and 1157.

Section 205 (Exception for expenditure on defending proceedings etc.) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) Approval is not required under section 197, 198, 200 or 201 (requirement of members approval for loans etc) for anything done by a company
- (a) to provide a director of the company or of its holding company with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him (i) in defending any criminal or civil proceedings in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the company or an associated company, or (ii) in connection with an application for relief (see subsection (5)), or
- (b) to enable any such director to avoid incurring such expenditure,

if it is done on the following terms.

- (2) The terms are
- (a) that the loan is to be repaid, or (as the case may be) any liability of the company incurred under any transaction connected with the thing done is to be discharged, in the event of (i) the director being convicted in the proceedings, (ii) judgment being given against him in the proceedings, or (iii) the court refusing to grant him relief on the application; and
- (b) that it is to be so repaid or discharged not later than (i) the date when the conviction becomes final, (ii) the date when the judgment becomes final, or (iii) the date when the refusal of relief becomes final.
- (3) For this purpose a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief becomes final
- (a) if not appealed against, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal;
- (b) if appealed against, when the appeal (or any further appeal) is disposed of.
- (4) An appeal is disposed of
- (a) if it is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal has ended, or

- (b) if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect.
- (5) The reference in subsection (1)(a)(ii) to an application for relief is to an application for relief under section 661(3) or (4) (power of court to grant relief in case of acquisition of shares by innocent nominee), or section 1157 (general power of court to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct).

Section 206 (Exception for expenditure in connection with regulatory action or investigation) of the 2006 Act provides:

Approval is not required under section 197, 198, 200 or 201 (requirement of members approval for loans etc) for anything done by a company

- (a) to provide a director of the company or of its holding company with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending himself (i) in an investigation by a regulatory authority, or (ii) against action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority, in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the company or an associated company, or
- (b) to enable any such director to avoid incurring such expenditure.

Section 232 (Provisions protecting directors from liability) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) Any provision that purports to exempt a director of a company (to any extent) from any liability that would otherwise attach to him in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company is void.
- (2) Any provision by which a company directly or indirectly provides an indemnity (to any extent) for a director of the company, or of an associated company, against any liability attaching to him in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company of which he is a director is void, except as permitted by
- (a) section 233 (provision of insurance),
- (b) section 234 (qualifying third party indemnity provision), or
- (c) section 235 (qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision).
- (3) This section applies to any provision, whether contained in a company s articles or in any contract with the company or otherwise.
- (4) Nothing in this section prevents a company s articles from making such provision as has previously been lawful for dealing with conflicts of interest

Section 233 (Provision of insurance) of the 2006 Act provides:

Section 232(2) (voidness of provisions for indemnifying directors) does not prevent a company from purchasing and maintaining for a director of the company, or of an associated company, insurance against any such liability as is mentioned in that subsection.

Section 234 (Qualifying third party indemnity provision) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) Section 232(2) (voidness of provisions for indemnifying directors) does not apply to qualifying third party indemnity provision.
- (2) Third party indemnity provision means provision for indemnity against liability incurred by the director to a person other than the company or an associated company.

Such provision is qualifying third party indemnity provision if the following requirements are met.

- (3) The provision must not provide any indemnity against
- (a) any liability of the director to pay (i) a fine imposed in criminal proceedings, or (ii) a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising); or

- (b) any liability incurred by the director (i) in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted, or (ii) in defending civil proceedings brought by the company, or an associated company, in which judgment is given against him, or (iii) in connection with an application for relief (see subsection (6)) in which the court refuses to grant him relief.
- (4) The references in subsection (3)(b) to a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief are to the final decision in the proceedings.
- (5) For this purpose
- (a) a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief becomes final (i) if not appealed against, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal, or (ii) if appealed against, at the time when the appeal (or any further appeal) is disposed of; and
- (b) an appeal is disposed of (i) if it is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal has ended, or (ii) if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect.
- (6) The reference in subsection (3)(b)(iii) to an application for relief is to an application for relief under section 661(3) or (4) (power of court to grant relief in case of acquisition of shares by innocent nominee), or section 1157 (general power of court to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct).

Section 235 (Qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) Section 232(2) (voidness of provisions for indemnifying directors) does not apply to qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision.
- (2) Pension scheme indemnity provision means provision indemnifying a director of a company that is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme against liability incurred in connection with the company s activities as trustee of the scheme.

Such provision is qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision if the following requirements are met.

- (3) The provision must not provide any indemnity against
- (a) any liability of the director to pay (i) a fine imposed in criminal proceedings, or (ii) a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising); or
- (b) any liability incurred by the director in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted.
- (4) The reference in subsection (3)(b) to a conviction is to the final decision in the proceedings.
- (5) For this purpose
- (a) a conviction becomes final (i) if not appealed against, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal, or (ii) if appealed against, at the time when the appeal (or any further appeal) is disposed of; and
- (b) an appeal is disposed of (i) if it is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal has ended, or (ii) if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect.
- (6) In this section occupational pension scheme means an occupational pension scheme as defined in section 150(5) of the Finance Act 2004 (c. 12) that is established under a trust.

Section 236 (Qualifying indemnity provision to be disclosed in directors report) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) This section requires disclosure in the directors report of
- (a) qualifying third party indemnity provision, and

(b) qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision.

Such provision is referred to in this section as qualifying indemnity provision .

- (2) If when a directors report is approved any qualifying indemnity provision (whether made by the company or otherwise) is in force for the benefit of one or more directors of the company, the report must state that such provision is in force.
- (3) If at any time during the financial year to which a directors report relates any such provision was in force for the benefit of one or more persons who were then directors of the company, the report must state that such provision was in force.
- (4) If when a directors report is approved qualifying indemnity provision made by the company is in force for the benefit of one or more directors of an associated company, the report must state that such provision is in force.
- (5) If at any time during the financial year to which a directors report relates any such provision was in force for the benefit of one or more persons who were then directors of an associated company, the report must state that such provision was in force.

Section 237 (Copy of qualifying indemnity provision to be available for inspection) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) This section has effect where qualifying indemnity provision is made for a director of a company, and applies
- (a) to the company of which he is a director (whether the provision is made by that company or an associated company), and
- (b) where the provision is made by an associated company, to that company.
- (2) That company or, as the case may be, each of them must keep available for inspection
- (a) a copy of the qualifying indemnity provision, or
- (b) if the provision is not in writing, a written memorandum setting out its terms.
- (3) The copy or memorandum must be kept available for inspection at
- (a) the company s registered office, or
- (b) a place specified in regulations under section 1136.
- (4) The copy or memorandum must be retained by the company for at least one year from the date of termination or expiry of the provision and must be kept available for inspection during that time.
- (5) The company must give notice to the registrar
- (a) of the place at which the copy or memorandum is kept available for inspection, and
- (b) of any change in that place,

unless it has at all times been kept at the company s registered office.

- (6) If default is made in complying with subsection (2), (3) or (4), or default is made for 14 days in complying with subsection (5), an offence is committed by every officer of the company who is in default.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding one-tenth of level 3 on the standard scale.

- (8) The provisions of this section apply to a variation of a qualifying indemnity provision as they apply to the original provision.
- (9) In this section qualifying indemnity provision means
- (a) qualifying third party indemnity provision, and
- (b) qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision.

Section 238 (Right of member to inspect and request copy) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) Every copy or memorandum required to be kept by a company under section 237 must be open to inspection by any member of the company without charge.
- (2) Any member of the company is entitled, on request and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed, to be provided with a copy of any such copy or memorandum.

The copy must be provided within seven days after the request is received by the company.

- (3) If an inspection required under subsection (1) is refused, or default is made in complying with subsection (2), an offence is committed by every officer of the company who is in default.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding one-tenth of level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) In the case of any such refusal or default the court may by order compel an immediate inspection or, as the case may be, direct that the copy required be sent to the person requiring it.

Section 1157 (Power of court to grant relief in certain cases) of the 2006 Act provides:

- (1) If in proceedings for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust against
- (a) an officer of a company, or
- (b) a person employed by a company as auditor (whether he is or is not an officer of the company),

it appears to the court hearing the case that the officer or person is or may be liable but that he acted honestly and reasonably, and that having regard to all the circumstances of the case (including those connected with his appointment) he ought fairly to be excused, the court may relieve him, either wholly or in part, from his liability on such terms as it thinks fit.

- (2) If any such officer or person has reason to apprehend that a claim will or might be made against him in respect of negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust
- (a) he may apply to the court for relief, and
- (b) the court has the same power to relieve him as it would have had if it had been a court before which proceedings against him for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust had been brought.
- (3) Where a case to which subsection (1) applies is being tried by a judge with a jury, the judge, after hearing the evidence, may, if he is satisfied that the defendant (in Scotland, the defender) ought in pursuance of that subsection to be relieved either in whole or in part from the liability sought to be enforced against him, withdraw the case from the jury and forthwith direct judgment to be entered for the defendant (in Scotland, grant decree of absolvitor) on such terms as to costs (in Scotland, expenses) or otherwise as the judge may think proper.

In addition, BP procures and intends to continue procuring, directors and officers liability insurance coverage for the benefit of such directors and officers, which, subject to policy terms and conditions, provides coverage to such directors and officers, in circumstances in which BP, its subsidiaries and associated entities are not permitted or are otherwise unable or unwilling to pay, for various liabilities and

expenses incurred by such directors and officers in defence of a claim, proceeding or investigation against them in their capacities as officers or directors. No entity coverage for the benefit of BP is currently included as part of that insurance policy. Neither BP s indemnity nor the insurance currently in place provides coverage for a director or officer who is proven to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly or for taxes, fines or penalties imposed by law.

Item 9. Exhibits.

The following Exhibits are filed herewith unless otherwise indicated:

Exhibit No. Description

24 Power of Attorney.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of London, England, on April 30, 2010.

BP p.l.c. (Registrant)

By:

/s/ David J. Pearl

David J. Pearl

Deputy Company Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment to Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature Title

/s/ Carl-Henric Svanberg* Non-Executive Chairman

Carl-Henric Svanberg

/s/ Dr. A. B. Hayward* Executive Director, Group Chief Executive

Dr. A. B. Hayward (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Paul Anderson* Non-Executive Director

Paul Anderson

/s/ A. Burgmans* Non-Executive Director

A. Burgmans

Non-Executive Director

C. B. Carroll

/s/ SIR WILLIAM CASTELL* Non-Executive Director

Sir William Castell, LVO

/s/ I. C. Conn* Executive Director

I. C. Conn

/s/ G. David* Non-Executive Director

G. David

Non-Executive Director

E. B. Davis Jr.

/s/ ROBERT DUDLEY* Executive Director

Robert Dudley

/s/ D. J. Flint* Non-Executive Director

D. J. Flint

/s/ Dr. B. E. Grote* Executive Director

Dr. B. E. Grote (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

/s/ A. G. Inglis* Executive Director

A. G. Inglis

/s/ Dr. D. S. Julius* Non-Executive Director

Dr. D. S. Julius

/s/ Sir Ian Prosser* Non-Executive Director, Deputy Chairman

Sir Ian Prosser

*By:

Name: David J Pearl
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGISTRANT

Under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of BP p.l.c., has signed this Post-Effective Amendment to Registration Statement on Form F-3 in Warrenville, Illinois, on April 30, 2010.

Authorized U.S. Representative

By: /s/ Jane E. Klewin
Name: Jane E. Klewin