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Mr. Wilson joined the BP board in 1998 at the time of the merger with Amoco having served on the Amoco board since 1993.

Peter Sutherland, chairman of BP p.l.c. said:

"Michael has made a major contribution to the work of the BP board and its committees. We will miss his wise advice and his diligent, measured approach. We wish him every success in this important appointment."

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: 28 February 2006

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