

## BP ousting Hayward from key role

*He will be removed from spill oversight. Progress is reported in the oil cleanup.*

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NEW ORLEANS - BP's chairman said Friday that chief executive Tony Hayward was on his way out as the company's point man on the Gulf of Mexico oil-spill crisis. Other BP officials said the switch had been previously announced and would not take place for some time. The news came a day after Hayward was pummeled by lawmakers in an appearance on Capitol Hill. Carl-Henric Svanberg told Britain's Sky News television that Hayward "is now handing over the operations, the daily operations, to [BP managing director] Bob Dudley."

A BP spokesman insisted, however, that Hayward was still running the spill response for now. Robert Wine, who is based in London, said: "Until the acute part of this crisis is over, until the leak is capped, Tony Hayward is still very much in charge in the response of this crisis."

Wine said that Hayward "will at some point hand over the management of the aftermath" and that Dudley was putting together a team that will "make sure that the long-term impacts are met with as well as the legal, political repercussions from this crisis." There is no date for the handover, Wine said, because "clearly the well is still leaking." The chairman's comments overshadowed news that after many setbacks, BP was finally making real progress in siphoning and burning off oil from the underwater gusher. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen announced earlier Friday that a newly expanded containment system was capturing



ing or incinerating more than one million gallons of oil daily, the first time it has approached its peak capacity. And the system will soon grow. BP hopes that by the end of the month, it can keep nearly 90 percent of the flow from hitting the gulf waters. Allen also said the Coast Guard was ramping up efforts to capture the crude closer to shore with the help of private boats. As of Friday morning, from 65 million to 121.6 million gallons of oil had spilled into the gulf, based on federal daily flow-rate estimates. The company continues to struggle to compensate Gulf Coast residents and business owners who have been economically devastated by the spill. On Friday, the House Judiciary Committee said that data it had collected showed that BP had paid less than 12 percent of the claims submitted, by dollar value. BP said the number was higher. The committee said in a statement that data it collected showed only \$71 million out of an estimated \$600 million had been

paid as of Tuesday. In addition, the panel said that BP did not make any payments in the first two weeks after the April 20 explosion and oil spill, and that it had not made a single payment for bodily injury or diminished home property value. BP spokesman Scott Dean said in an e-mail that the company had paid out \$95 million as of Friday and that it had written about 30,000 checks to settle about half of the 63,000 claims it has received. Dean said it was streamlining its process for dealing with large commercial claims. Michigan Democratic Rep. John Conyers said he was concerned that BP "is stifling too many victims and shoring up others." The chief of the new independent office to pay claims said that a plan to handle the remaining damage claims would be in place in 30 to 45 days. Kenneth Feinberg, who is overseeing the Independent Claims Facility, said he also hoped to have a program going forward that would provide payment within 30 to 60 days of someone sub-

mitting a new claim. "The challenge here is going to be to evaluate quickly, eligible claims, legitimate claims and get them paid," said Feinberg, who was chosen by President Obama and BP for the role. Feinberg, who was in Mississippi on Friday to meet with Gov. Haley Barbour, reiterated that his office was not a government program. The lawyer, who oversaw payouts to victims of the 9/11 attacks, said he would be paid by BP but did not say how much. Earlier in the day, the Coast Guard signaled a shift in strategy, saying it was ramping up efforts to capture the crude closer to shore. The Coast Guard's Allen said that an estimated 2,000 private boats in the "vessels of opportunity" program would be more closely linked through a tighter command-and-control structure to direct them to locations less than 50 miles offshore to skim the oil. Allen, leading the federal response to the spill, previously had said surface containment efforts would be concentrated much further offshore. The chairman's comments on Hayward's changing role came a day after Hayward told Congress members that he was "so devastated with this accident," "deeply sorry," and "so distraught."

But he also testified that he was out of the loop on decisions at the well and disclaimed knowledge of any of the myriad problems on and under the Deepwater Horizon rig before the deadly explosion. BP was leasing the rig that exploded April 20, killing 11 workers.

"BP blew it," said Rep. Bart Stupak (D., Mich.), chairman of the House investigations panel that held the hearing. "You cut corners to save money and time."

## Golshan and Ferdowsi fields to produce 60 TCF of gas

Assaluyeh (Shana): By completion of the designed projects in the North Pars region, recoverable capacity of natural gas from Ferdowsi and Golshan gas fields will rise to 60 trillion cubic feet, announced Pars Oil and Gas Company' managing director, Ali Vakili here on Monday. In an exclusive interview with Shana correspondent in Assaluyeh, managing director of the Pars Oil and Gas Company (POGC) said, the recoverable gas from the Ferdowsi gas field, that its development contract has been awarded to Malaysian SKS Company, is estimated at 9 to 13 trillion cubic feet.

He added that by completion of the development scheme of the field, 500 million cubic feet of natural gas would be produced per day to be injected to the gas pipeline network after processing. Vakili also said that average recovery gas form Golshan gas field is estimated to be at 49 trillion cubic feet. Noting that the development contract of the field also has been handed over to SKS Company from Malaysia in 2007, Mr. Vakili said that by the Malaysian company's investment, an LNG unit would be build in the region. According to POGC' managing director remarks, under the terms of the buyback con-

tract with SKS, half of the output of the LNG unit would be assigned to the Malaysian company and the rest to NIOC.

Concerning the implementation of the 13 and 14 South Pars gas field, Mr. Vakili said the contract to develop South Pars gas field awarded to a consortium comprising of Mapna, Sadra and Petropaidar Iranian and the phase 14 to a consortium consisting of the Industrial Development and Renovation Organization (IDRO), National Iranian Drilling Company (NIDC) and Iran Offshore Engineering Construction Company (IOEC).

By developing phases 13 and 14, daily output of sour gas from South Pars gas field will increase by 3 billion cubic feet. In addition, the project plans to transfer produced gas to a gas processing plant in the Pars Special Economic Energy Zone, processing and separating of 110 thousands barrels of gas condensate. The produced gas is going to be sweetened and converted to LNG. The Golshan and Ferdowsi gas fields are among the NIOC Recent Discoveries, which are located at approximately 180 and 190 km southeast of Bushehr respectively on the Persian Gulf waters.

## Iranian petroleum minister meets Turkmen president

TEHRAN (Shana): Iranian petroleum minister, Dr. Seyed Masoud Mirkazemi met Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimukhammedov in Ashkhabad on Wednesday.

The public relations department of the petroleum ministry reported that the two sides talked on bilateral issues including oil and gas industry.

The petroleum minister is visiting Turkmenistan at the invitation of Turkmen minister of energy.

During the visit, the petroleum minister is going to have meetings with Turkmen's minister of energy Noor Mordov as well.

Iran and Turkmenistan are among the biggest holders of natural gas reserves in the world.

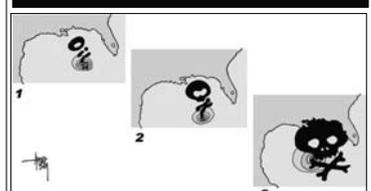
In January 2010, the presidents of Iran and Turkmenistan inaugurated the first phase of the second pipeline transferring Turkmenistan's gas to Iran.

Iran sits atop the world's second-largest natural gas reserves after Russia and has long sought to promote itself as a transit route for oil and gas from Central Asian.

Turkmenistan, Central Asia's biggest gas producer, is seen as one of the key suppliers for the planned Nabucco pipeline from Turkey to Austria, designed to ease Europe's dependence on Russia for gas supplies.

Cooperation with neighboring countries in the field of energy is among the priorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran's petroleum ministry. Pakistan and Iran on Sunday finalized \$7.5 billion gas project to start supply of natural gas from Iran to Pakistan as of 2014.

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3D SEISMIC DATA PROCESSING IN PERSIAN GULF  
(GOLSHAN & FERDOWSI FIELDS)

Pars Oil & Gas Company (POGC), which is an affiliate of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) in order to develop oil and fields, intends to use the qualified Companies (with minimum three similar jobs in the last five years) to perform 3D Seismic Data processing with approximately 845 square kilometers full fold area in Golshan & Ferdowsi Fields in Persian Gulf through international public tender.

Official representatives of well established companies who have technical & financial capabilities, are invited to receive the tender documents from the following address not later than 10 (Ten) days from publishing the second announcement.

The bid bond of this Tender shall be Euro 16.400 or equivalent amount in Iranian Rials with the fixed exchange rate of 1 Euro=13188 Rials.

This announcement is also accessible at Shana website (<http://www.shana.ir>) and (<http://www.pogc.ir>)

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