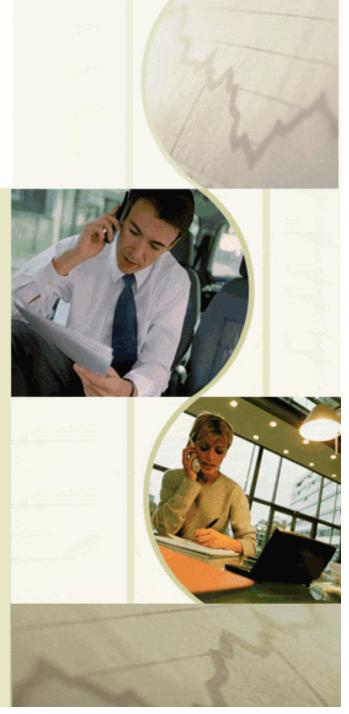


# Deepwater Horizon:

Insurance implications of America's worst oil spill disaster

An Advisen Webinar



# MSCAd Advisen's Large Loss Database

Master Significant Cases and Actions Database

- 51,000 cases
- \$3.8 trillion
- 1,200 related (catastrophe/clash) cases
- 158 Deepwater Horizon cases



#### **Deepwater Horizon Insight**

http://corner.advisen.com

- Copy of these slides
- Recording of today's webinar
- List of filings and case details (fee)

Linked in Environmental Commercial Insurance

http://www.oilspillaction.com



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- Drilling rig built in 2001
  - Commissioned by Reading & Bates Falcon (now Transocean)
  - Leased to BP plc
  - Held record for deepest oil well
- Drilling in Macondo Prospect
  - 41 miles off SE coast of Louisiana
- April 20: Explosion caused by blowout
  - 11 crewmen killed
  - Rig burned, collapsed and sank



- Est. 35,000 60,000 barrels per day
  - 1.5M 2.5M gallons per day
  - Could be as much as 100,000 barrels/day
  - Capped July 15
- Oil slick at least 2,500 sq. miles
- Plume below ocean surface
- Oil has washed ashore in TX, LA, MS, AL, FL





NASA satellite image, July 17



#### Oil Impact Assessment Map





#### **The Players**

- BP plc
  - Leased Deepwater Horizon
  - 65%interest in Macondo Prospect
- Anadarko Petroleum Corp
  - 25% interest in Macondo Prospect
- MOEX Offshore 2007 (Mitsui)
  - 10% interest in Macondo Prospect
- Transocean Ltd
  - Owns Deepwater Horizon



#### **The Players**

- Cameron International
  - Manufacturer of blow-out preventer
- Halliburton Energy Services
  - Cemented well
- Nalco Co.
  - Manufacturer of dispersant
- M-I SWACO
  - Drilling services



# **Environmental Implications**

- Crude Oil
- Dispersants
- Environmental Exposures
- Clean Up Worker Exposures
- Tainted Food
- Disturbance of the Ecosystem
- Stress



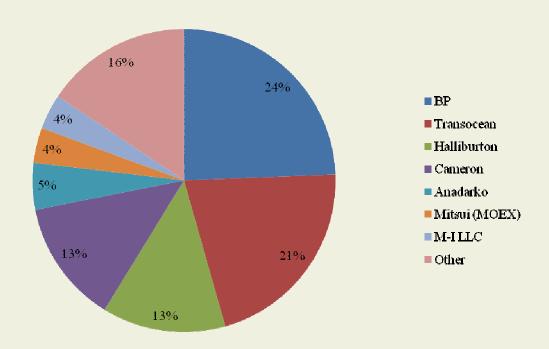
# Pending Legislation/Regulation

- H.R. 5626, The Blowout Prevention Act of 2010
- Oil Spill Technology and Research Act
- Blowout Prevention Bill
- The Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act.
- MMS Reform Bill
- Others



# Reported Losses Advisen MSCAd Large Loss Database

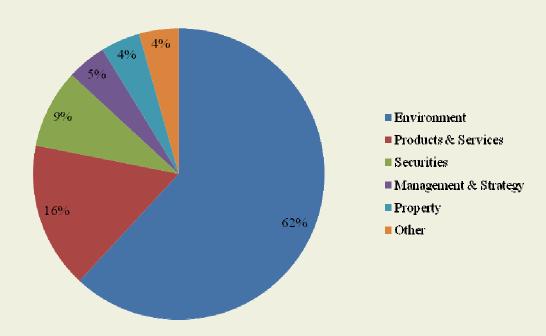
#### Claims by Company





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#### **Claims by Category**



#### **Main Environmental Claims**

- Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA)
- General Maritime Law
- State Law Claims



#### **OPA Claims**

- Damages for Removal Costs
- Damages for Injury to or Economic Losses Resulting from the Destruction of Property
- Damages for Loss of Subsistence Use of Natural Resources
- Economic Damages due to Injury, Destruction or Loss of Property or Natural Resources
  - Lost profits and impairment of earning capacity



#### **General Maritime Claims**

- Punitive damages are available under general maritime law.
- Under Robins Dry Dock, pure economic losses are not recoverable, so only available to those with property rights
- Oppen Exception 9<sup>th</sup> Cir. Ruling that exempts commercial fishermen from Robins Dry Dock rule due to quasi-property rights.



#### **Types of Clients**

- Commercial fishermen, oystermen, shrimpers and charter boat captains.
- The Louisiana Environmental Action Network and other non-profit groups.
- Property and business owners, including hotels, restaurants, dive shops and more.
- Longshoremen and other shipping claims



#### **Damages**

- Damages to natural resources including wetlands, beaches, fisheries and wildlife.
- Property damages including impacted land and decreased property values.
- Economic damages including lost income, lost earning capacity, lost wages and more.
- Reputation damages.



#### **Other Potential Environmental Claims**

- CERCLA
- Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS MARPOL)
- Clean Water Act (CWA) Citizen Suit
- Endangered Species Act (ESA)
- Marine Mammal Protection Act Migratory Bird Treaty Act



#### **Claims Arising from Response Efforts**

- Personal injury claims from responders made against BP and its contractors, such as Entrex and the Center for Toxicology and Environmental Health, as well as NALCO and others for unsafe working conditions and toxic exposure.
- Improper disposal of oiled wastes.
- Insufficient removal/remediation of oiled wastes.



# **Liability Insurance**

Company	Insurance
ВР	\$700M (Captive)
Transocean	\$950M xs \$50M
Cameron	\$500M
Anadarko	\$177.5M xs \$15M
Mitsui (MOEX)	\$150M
Halliburton	\$600M

Source: Insurance Insider



#### **Insured Losses**

(Re)Insurers Reporting More than \$10M Estimated Losses

Amlin Lancashire

Arch Capital Lloyd's Aspen Markel

Catlin Montpelier Re

Chartis Munich Re

Chaucer Partner Re

Everest Re Swiss Re

Flagstone Re Transatlantic Re

Hanover Re Validus Re

Hiscox XL Capital



# **Policies Types That May Be Implicated**

• First Party Property (including Business Interruption Coverage)

Directors & Officers

Event Cancellation



# **Policy Type: First Party**

- Place of operations and inventory
- Business Interruption
- Contingent Business Interruption
- Civil Authority Coverage
- Ingress/Egress
- Extra Expense



#### **Policy Type: Directors & Officers Liability**

 Action or Inaction to prepare for, or respond to, the Oil Spill

 Impacted: Oil companies, contractors and subcontractors for rig and rig operations



#### **Policy Type: Event Cancellation**

- Provide coverage for losses arising out of the cancellation, interruption, or postponement of specified events
- Impacted Businesses: Concert Promoters,
   Venue Owners, Convention Organizers



#### **Pollution Exclusion**

- Marine Policies typically do not contain
  - May be broker liability
  - If there is exclusion, will apply under state law
- Application of Jones Act and Maritime law will not preclude potential application of pollution exclusion



### **Pollution Exclusion (Cont.)**

- Absolute pollution exclusion does not bar all claims arising from oil spill
  - See, Doerr v. Mobil Oil Corporation
     La. Supreme Court case 774 So. 2d 119, 2000-0947 (La. 12/19/00)
  - Governed by state law so choice of law may be important
  - May be an exception to exclusion for loss or damage caused by explosion or a hostile fire
  - May also be sublimits that apply to losses caused by pollution, rather than exclusion



### **Take Aways**

#### Don't Assume:

- Must have damage to policyholder's property to make a claim. May not be necessary for some policies; for some claims
- That because the claim was caused by an oil spill it must be barred by pollution exclusion

#### • Important to:

- Put carriers on notice of any loss suffered directly or indirectly
- Start documenting everything
- Claim form checklist for BI losses



# Take Aways (Cont.)

- Other Advice
  - Publicity and attention may be your friend
    - Earthquake losses
    - Riot losses
  - Will get better service and response under scrutiny of press and national attention
- Impact on Insurance Industry
  - Not of concern to policyholder or counsel
  - Will not test, let alone burden the global market
    - Policy limits and reinsurance apply



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