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May 28, 2010

Mr. Andrew Gould
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Schlumberger Limited
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Dear Mr. Gould:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is investigating the management, operation, and effectiveness of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), including matters relating to the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion. Schlumberger was reportedly a subcontractor for BP, and had workers on the *Deepwater Horizon* just hours before it exploded.

We would like to gain a better understanding of the events leading up to the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, including the activities of MMS and the actions of BP, Transocean, and Halliburton. To aid in the Committee's investigation, please provide the following information and records:

1. A detailed narrative description of Schlumberger's involvement at BP's Macondo well, including dates, activities, and actions;
2. All records relating to the removal of the Schlumberger crew from the *Deepwater Horizon* on April 20, 2010;
3. All communications between and among Schlumberger and BP, MMS, Transocean, Halliburton, and any other *Deepwater Horizon* contractors prior to the explosion;
4. All records relating to any inspections performed on the *Deepwater Horizon* or the Macondo prior to the explosion;

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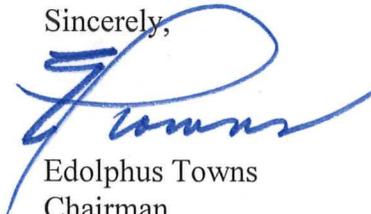
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5. All communications between Schlumberger and MMS since January 1, 2010, relating to the *Deepwater Horizon* rig or the Macondo well;
6. All contracts and modifications between Schlumberger and BP, Transocean, and Halliburton, relating to the *Deepwater Horizon* rig or the Macondo well;
7. All records relating to any Schlumberger internal investigation in connection with the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion;
8. All records or communications relating to the decision not to run a cement bond log test to assess the condition of the cement used in the Macondo well between April 18, 2010, and April 20, 2010;
9. All records relating to tests performed on the cement linings of the Macondo well since March 20, 2010; and
10. All records relating to any requests or proposals to shut down operations on the *Deepwater Horizon* rig or the Macondo well.

Please deliver the requested information and records to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, room 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010. To facilitate delivery and review, we prefer that the records be delivered in digital form. Please note that the terms "records" and "relating to" are defined in the attachment to this letter.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Craig Fischer, Neema Singh Guliani, or Lisa Cody of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



Edolphus Towns
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Darrell Issa,
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

ATTACHMENT

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2. The terms "relating," "relate," or "regarding" as to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, identifies, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject, including but not limited to records concerning the preparation of other records.