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## ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPOSES FORMER BP CEO IN LONDON

(MONTGOMERY) – Earlier today, Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange questioned former BP Chief Executive Officer Tony Hayward in London regarding the 2010 Gulf Oil Spill. Attorney General Strange deposed Hayward in his role as the Coordinating Counsel for the Gulf States, a position granted him by the federal district court overseeing the national litigation resulting from the Spill.

Attorney General Strange questioned Hayward about BP's role in the disaster, Hayward's publicized commitment that BP will make right the massive damage that was caused by the Spill, and how Hayward had intended for BP to meet that obligation. Due to a court-imposed confidentiality order, particular details about the content of Hayward's testimony may not be disclosed at this time.

The Alabama Attorney General said his deposition of Hayward is another step in the complex legal process to hold BP and other parties responsible for the harm done to the Gulf Coast states:

"It is imperative that we act aggressively to protect our rights," said Attorney General Strange. "The stakes in this case are tremendous and unprecedented. We have suffered great natural disasters throughout history, but this oil spill wreaked havoc upon our land and our people unlike any man-made disaster we have ever faced. We have paid a terrible price in economic, environmental and human suffering, and the Gulf Coast people deserve to be compensated fully and fairly. As Attorney General of Alabama, and as Coordinating Counsel for the States, I am determined to fulfill my duty to hold to account those whose actions caused this devastation."

Following his deposition of Hayward, Attorney General Strange will return to Alabama later this week.

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