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## **BP removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes**

The oil company BP plc. was removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI), effective May 31, 2010. As a component of the DJSI World Index, BP was subject to index rules that allow for elimination from the DJSI following extraordinary events. No substitution was made to the DJSI World components. The DJSI World now has 315 components.

The extent of the oil-spill catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico and its foreseeable long-term effects on the environment and the local population – in addition to the economic effects and the long-term damage to the reputation of the company – were included in the analysis leading up to BP's removal. The decision, which was taken by the Index Design Committee, was communicated to the company.

Companies are selected annually for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes based on the SAM Assessment. The construction of the DJSI family is strictly rule-based which applies to the inclusion and exclusion of companies in these indexes. Index components are monitored daily for newly arising critical issues. The subsequent analysis assesses a company's involvement in economic, environmental or social crisis situations and compares its crisis management against its stated principles and policies.

Additional information on the daily monitoring process can be found at: [http://www.sustainability-index.com/07\\_html/assessment/monitoring.html](http://www.sustainability-index.com/07_html/assessment/monitoring.html)

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