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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE *Two Years After Oil Spill, Court Should Set Trial Date*

(MONTGOMERY)--- Two years ago on April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, sending millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Eleven men lost their lives and thousands of Gulf Coast residents lost their livelihoods. Unfortunately, two years later, the story has not ended. Oil still lies off Alabama's coastline. Many Alabamians still have not been compensated for their losses, and the State has still not been made whole by BP and the other defendants.

When I took office in January 2011, I made it my top priority to hold BP and the other defendants fully accountable under the law. The federal district judge presiding over the lawsuit named me Coordinating Counsel for all of the Gulf States. Ever since, I have worked with my fellow Gulf States and the United States to fight BP and its fellow defendants at home and abroad—including traveling to London to personally depose former BP CEO Tony Hayward.

I am committed to keeping the pressure on all of those responsible for the 2010 oil spill until the job is done. Millions of Alabamians expect and deserve nothing less. Today, on the second anniversary of this terrible disaster, I call upon the district court to set a trial date so that this case may end. Now is the time for the federal and state governments to have their day in court. Alabama is ready for trial, and we look forward to moving forward as expeditiously as possible.

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