HESS CORPORATION



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HESS REPORTS ESTIMATED RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2010

Third Quarter Highlights:

- Net Income was \$1,154 million, including after-tax income of \$725 million from items affecting comparability, compared with \$341 million in the third quarter 2009
- Items affecting comparability consist of an after-tax gain of \$1,072 million relating to an asset exchange and an after-tax charge of \$347 million relating to an asset impairment
- Oil and gas production was 413,000 barrels per day, compared with 420,000 in the third quarter 2009
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,246 million, compared with \$534 million in the third quarter 2009
- The Corporation completed the sale of \$1.25 billion of 5.60% notes due February 2041

NEW YORK, October 27, 2010 -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$1,154 million for the third quarter of 2010 compared with net income of \$341 million for the third quarter of 2009. The after-tax income (loss) by major operating activity was as follows:

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended				
	Se	eptember	30, (unaudited)	<u>S</u>	unaudited)		
	2010			2009		2010		2009
		(In mi	llion	s, except p	oer s	hare amou	unts)	
Exploration and Production	\$	1,277	\$	397	\$	2,316	\$	548
Marketing and Refining		(38)		38		30		110
Corporate		(26)		(33)		(116)		(108)
Interest expense		(59)		<u>(61</u>)		(163)		(168)
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,154</u>	\$	341	\$	2,067	\$	382
Net income per share (diluted)	\$	3.52	<u>\$</u>	1.05	<u>\$</u>	6.31	\$	1.17
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		327.6		326.0		327.3		325.8

Note: See the following page for a table of items affecting the comparability of earnings between periods.

Exploration and Production earnings were \$1,277 million in the third quarter of 2010 up from \$397 million in the third quarter of 2009. Third quarter oil and gas production was 413,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, compared with 420,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter a year ago. The Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$64.81 per barrel compared with \$56.07 per barrel in the third quarter of 2009. The average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$5.73 per Mcf in the third quarter of 2010 compared with \$4.60 per Mcf in the same quarter a year ago.

Marketing and Refining generated a loss of \$38 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared with income of \$38 million in the same period of 2009. Refining operations incurred losses of \$50 million compared with \$3 million in the third quarter a year ago as a result of lower refining margins. Marketing earnings were \$40 million, an increase of \$5 million from the third quarter of 2009. Trading activities generated a loss of \$28 million, compared with income of \$6 million in the third quarter of last year.

The following table reflects the total after-tax income (expense) of items affecting comparability of earnings between periods (in millions):

	Th	ree Mon	iths Er	nded	Ni	ne Mont	hs E	nded
	September 30,				September 30,			
	2010 2009			009 20		010	0 20	
Exploration and Production	\$	725	\$	89	\$	783	\$	45
Marketing and Refining		-		12		-		12
Corporate						<u>(7</u>)		<u>(16</u>)
	<u>\$</u>	725	\$	101	\$	776	\$	41

Third quarter 2010 results included an after-tax gain of \$1,072 million related to the exchange of the Corporation's interests in Gabon and the Clair Field in the United Kingdom for a 28.1 percent interest in the Valhall Field and a 25.0 percent interest in the Hod Field, both in Norway. The results also included an after-tax charge of \$347 million to fully impair the carrying value of the Corporation's interests in the West Med Block 1 Concession, located offshore Egypt.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,246 million in the third quarter of 2010, compared with \$534 million in the same quarter of 2009. Capital and exploratory expenditures were \$1,567 million, of which \$1,548 million related to Exploration and Production operations. In September 2010, the Corporation acquired, for cash of \$507 million, a 7.9 percent interest in the Valhall Field and a 12.5 percent in the Hod Field. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the third quarter of 2009 were \$668 million, of which \$646 million related to Exploration and Production operations.

At September 30, 2010, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$2,353 million compared with \$1,362 million at December 31, 2009. Total debt was \$5,584 million at September 30, 2010 and \$4,467 million at December 31, 2009. In August 2010, the Corporation issued \$1.25 billion of 30 year unsecured notes with a coupon of 5.60 percent. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at September 30, 2010 was 26.1 percent compared with 24.8 percent at the end of 2009.

Hess Corporation will review third quarter financial and operating results and other matters on a webcast at 10 a.m. today. For details on the event, refer to the Investor Relations section of our website at www.hess.com.

Hess Corporation, with headquarters in New York, is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration for and production of crude oil and natural gas, as well as in refining and in marketing refined petroleum products, natural gas and electricity. More information on Hess Corporation is available at www.hess.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements, including, without limitation, uncertainties inherent in the measurement and interpretation of geological, geophysical and other technical data.

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Income Statement	Third Quarter 2010	Third Quarter 2009	Second Quarter 2010
Revenues and Non-operating Income			
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$ 7,864	\$ 7,270	\$ 7,732
Equity in income (loss) of HOVENSA L.L.C.	(83)	(49)	(6)
Other, net	<u>1,172</u>	<u>163</u>	24
Total revenues and non-operating income	<u>8,953</u>	7,384	7,750
Costs and Expenses			
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)	5,330	5,069	5,316
Production expenses	475	460	440
Marketing expenses	232	240	245
Exploration expenses, including dry holes			
and lease impairment	225	167	172
Other operating expenses	39	43	80
General and administrative expenses	151	148	159
Interest expense	94	97	83
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	584	626	558
Asset impairments	532		
Total costs and expenses	7,662	6,850	7,053
Income before income taxes	1,291	534	697
Provision for income taxes	200	182	301
Net income	4.004	252	200
Net income	1,091	352	396
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(63)	<u>11</u> \$ 341	<u>21</u>
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 1,154</u>	<u>\$ 341</u>	<u>\$ 375</u>
Supplemental Income Statement Information			
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$ (5)	\$ 3	\$ (4)
Capitalized interest	1	1	1
Cash Flow Information			
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$ 1,246	\$ 534	\$ 981
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures			
Exploration and Production			
United States	\$ 379	\$ 198	\$ 399
International	1,169	448	531
Total Exploration and Production	1,548	646	930
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	1,548 19	<u>22</u>	
			33
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,567</u>	<u>\$ 668</u>	<u>\$ 963</u>
Exploration expenses charged to income included above			
United States	\$ 46	\$ 22	\$ 21
International	<u>59</u>	42	41
	<u>\$ 105</u>	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ 62</u>

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(*) Includes changes in working capital

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	Nine Months			
		2010		2009
Income Statement				
Revenues and Non-operating Income				
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$	24,855	\$	20,936
Equity in income (loss) of HOVENSA L.L.C.		(174)		(165)
Other, net		1,242		240
Total revenues and non-operating income		25,923		21,011
Costs and Expenses				
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)		17,186		14,956
Production expenses		1,392		1,313
Marketing expenses		730		742
Exploration expenses, including dry holes				
and lease impairment		548		672
Other operating expenses		171		134
General and administrative expenses		465		444
Interest expense		261		269
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		1,684		1,616
Asset impairments		532		54
Total costs and expenses		22,969		20,200
Income before income taxes		2,954		811
Provision for income taxes		899		374
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Net income		2,055		437
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		<u>(12</u>)		<u>55</u>
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$</u>	2,067	<u>\$</u>	382
Supplemental Income Statement Information				
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$	(10)	\$	(1)
Capitalized interest		3		4
Cash Flow Information				
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$	3,052	\$	1,775
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures				
Exploration and Production				
United States	\$	1,115	\$	813
International	•	2,204	•	1,362
Total Exploration and Production		3,319		2,175
Marketing, Refining and Corporate		72		83
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	3,391	<u>\$</u>	2,258
Exploration expenses charged to income included above				
United States	\$	108	\$	127
International		132		138
	\$	240	\$	265
(*) Includes changes in working capital				

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	•	ember 30, 2010	December 31, 2009		
Balance Sheet Information					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,353	\$	1,362	
Other current assets		6,486		6,625	
Investments		775		913	
Property, plant and equipment – net		19,084		16,627	
Other long-term assets		4,787		3,938	
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	33,485	\$	29,465	
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	43	\$	148	
Other current liabilities		6,524		6,702	
Long-term debt		5,541		4,319	
Other long-term liabilities		5,549		4,768	
Total equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)		17,205		15,203	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(1,377)		(1,675)	
Total liabilities and equity	\$	33,485	\$	29,465	

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

		Third Quarter 2010	
	United	International	Total
Salas and other approxing revenues	<u>States</u> \$ 622	International \$ 1,657	Total \$ 2,279
Sales and other operating revenues Other, net	<u>(2)</u>	1,159	1,157
Total revenues and non-operating income Costs and expenses	620	<u>2,816</u>	3,436
Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes	117	357	474
and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses	105 37	120 33	225 70
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	172	388	560
Asset impairments		532	532
Total costs and expenses	431	1,430	1,861
Results of operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes	189 71	1,386 <u>227</u>	1,575 298
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 118</u>	<u>\$ 1,159</u>	<u>\$ 1,277</u>
		Third Quarter 2009	
	United <u>States</u>	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 499	International \$ 1,293	<u>Total</u> \$ 1,792
Other, net	137	φ 1,293 <u>8</u>	145
Total revenues and non-operating income Costs and expenses	636	1,301	1,937
Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes	106	354	460
and lease impairment	56	111	167
General, administrative and other expenses	37	28	65
Depreciation, depletion and amortization Asset impairments	176 	426 	602
Total costs and expenses	<u>375</u>	919	1,294
Results of operations before income taxes	261	382	643
Provision for income taxes	99	147	246
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 162</u>	<u>\$ 235</u>	\$ 397
		Second Quarter 201	0
	United		-
Calca and other energting revenues	States 570	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues Other, net	\$ 570 5	\$ 1,489 9	\$ 2,059 14
Total revenues and non-operating income	575	1,498	2,073
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes	113	328	441
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	60	112	172
General, administrative and other expenses	32	32	64
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	157	377	534
Asset impairments			
Total costs and expenses	362	849	1,211
Results of operations before income taxes	213	649	862
Provision for income taxes	84	290	374
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ 359</u>	<u>\$ 488</u>

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	United			
	States	<u>International</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 1,774	\$ 4,678	\$ 6,452	
Other, net	2	<u>1,223</u>	1,225	
Total revenues and non-operating income	1,776	5,901	7,677	
Costs and expenses				
Production expenses, including related taxes	346	1,046	1,392	
Exploration expenses, including dry holes				
and lease impairment	243	305	548	
General, administrative and other expenses	105	96	201	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	465	1,148	1,613	
Asset impairments		<u>532</u>	532	
Total costs and expenses	1,159	3,127	4,286	
Results of operations before income taxes	617	2,774	3,391	
Provision for income taxes	232	843	1,075	
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 385	\$ 1,931	\$ 2,316	
		Nine Months 2009		
	 United	Nine Months 2009		
	United States		Total	
Sales and other operating revenues	States	<u>International</u>		
Sales and other operating revenues Other, net			Total \$ 4,622 210	
Other, net	<u>States</u> \$ 1,024 132	International \$ 3,598 	\$ 4,622 210	
Other, net Total revenues and non-operating income	<u>States</u> \$ 1,024	International \$ 3,598	\$ 4,622	
Other, net	<u>States</u> \$ 1,024 132	International \$ 3,598 	\$ 4,622 210	
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

	Third Quarte 2010	er	Qι	hird uarter		Q	econd uarter 2010
Operating Data Net Production Per Day (in thousands)		<u> </u>			_		
Crude oil - barrels							
United States		78		73			73
Europe Africa		82 17		83 124			81 118
Asia and other		13 		17			110
Total		90		297	_		286
Natural gas liquids - barrels		=======================================			=		
United States		15		12			12
Europe		3		2			3
Asia and other					_		1
Total		<u>18</u>		14	=		16
Natural gas - mcf							
United States		20		105			102
Europe		04		120			140
Asia and other		<u>06</u>		429	-		437
Total	63	<u>30</u>		654	=		679
Barrels of oil equivalent	4	<u>13</u>		420	=		415
Average Selling Price Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*							
	\$ 71.9			63.79	9		72.99
Europe	57.2			47.34			56.21
Africa	64.7			54.97			63.54
Asia and other	75.9			67.49			78.01
Worldwide	64.8	81		56.07			64.81
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)							
	\$ 71.9			63.79	9		72.99
Europe	57.2			47.34			56.21
Africa	75.			67.27			77.03
Asia and other	75.9	95		67.49			78.01
Worldwide	69.4	47		61.42			70.15
Natural gas liquids - per barrel							
United States	\$ 43.2	20 5	\$	36.05	9	5	45.84
Europe	57.6			43.53			54.61
Asia and other	53.6	60		44.74			60.89
Worldwide	46.	10		37.27			48.10
Natural gas - per mcf							
	\$ 3.5		\$	2.65	9	5	3.65
Europe	6.			4.38			5.35
Asia and other	6.	18		5.12			6.09
Worldwide	5.7	73		4.60			5.57

^{*} The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$85 million in the third quarter of 2010, \$84 million in the third quarter of 2009 and second quarter of 2010.

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

		Nine Months				
		2010		2009		
Operating Data Net Production Per Day (in thousands)						
Crude oil - barrels						
United States		74		54		
Europe		83		82		
Africa Asia and other		117		125		
		14		16		
Total		288	===	277		
Natural gas liquids - barrels						
United States		13		10		
Europe Asia and other		3 1		3 1		
		,				
Total		<u>17</u>	===	14		
Natural gas - mcf						
United States		107		92		
Europe Asia and other		133 432		153 442		
Total		672	-	687		
Total		072		001		
Barrels of oil equivalent	===	417		406		
Average Selling Price						
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*						
United States	\$	73.05	\$	56.02		
Europe		56.29		42.80		
Africa		63.67		44.98		
Asia and other		75.97		56.63		
Worldwide		64.44		47.09		
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)						
United States	\$	73.05	\$	56.02		
Europe		56.29		42.80		
Africa		76.19		56.59		
Asia and other		75.97		56.63		
Worldwide		69.56		52.35		
Natural gas liquids - per barrel						
United States	\$	46.49	\$	32.38		
Europe		57.28		37.86		
Asia and other		60.15		38.49		
Worldwide		48.84		33.90		
Natural gas - per mcf						
United States	\$	3.91	\$	3.19		
Europe	•	5.67	•	5.25		
Asia and other		6.21		4.88		
Worldwide		5.74		4.74		

^{*} The after-tax losses from hedging activities were \$252 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$249 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

		_	Thir Quar 201	ter	(Third Quarter 2009	_	Second Quarter 2010
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)								
Marketing and Refining Results								
Income (loss) before income taxes		Ş	\$	(78)	\$	29	\$	(37)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		-		<u>(40</u>)	_	(9)	_	(18)
Results of operations attributable to	Hess Corporation	<u>(</u>	\$	<u>(38</u>)	\$	38	<u>\$</u>	(19)
Summary of Marketing and Refining Resu	<u>lts</u>							
Refining		(\$	(50)	\$	(3)	\$	(31)
Marketing				40		35		17
Trading		_		<u>(28</u>)		6	_	<u>(5</u>)
Results of operations attributable to	Hess Corporation	<u> </u>	\$	<u>(38</u>)	\$	38	\$	<u>(19</u>)
Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousand Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)	<u>s)</u>							
Gasoline			2	253		253		238
Distillates				96		113		112
Residuals				56		51		57
Other		_		41		26	_	28
Total		=		<u>146</u>	=	443	=	435
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)								
HOVENSA - Crude runs			4	408		384		392
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share			2	204		192		196
Port Reading				61		65		35
Refinery Utilization HOVENSA	Refinery Capacity (barrels per day)							
Crude	500		81.	6%		76.9%		78.5%
FCC	150		76.	1%		82.9%		91.0%
Coker	58		73.	0%		78.9%		81.9%
Port Reading	70		87.	7%		92.2%		49.7%
Retail Marketing								
Number of retail stations (a)				360		1,353		1,358
Convenience store revenue (in millions	s of dollars) (b)	(\$ 3	322	\$	313	\$	317
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)		2	204		202		203

⁽a) Includes company operated, Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer.

⁽b) Company operated only.

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

		Nine Months			
			2010		2009
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)					
Marketing and Refining Results					
Income (loss) before income taxes		\$	24	\$	135
Provision (benefit) for income taxes			(6)		25
Results of operations attributable t	o Hess Corporation	\$	30	\$	110
Summary of Marketing and Refining Resu	<u>ults</u>				
Refining		\$	(137)	\$	(47)
Marketing			178		123
Trading			(11)		34
Results of operations attributable t	o Hess Corporation	\$	30	\$	110
Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousand Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)	<u>ls)</u>				
Gasoline			247		234
Distillates			112		129
Residuals			66		67
Other			40		36
Total		-	<u>465</u>		466
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)					
HOVENSA - Crude runs			392		412
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share			196		206
Port Reading			53		64
Refinery Utilization	Refinery Capacity				
HOVENSA	(barrels per day)				
Crude	500		78.4%		82.4%
FCC	150		69.5%		75.2%
Coker	58		80.0%		83.6%
Port Reading	70		75.4%		91.1%
Retail Marketing					
Number of retail stations (a)			1,360		1,353
Convenience store revenue (in million	s of dollars) (b)	\$	915	\$	868
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)		198		203

⁽a) Includes company operated, Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer.

⁽b) Company operated only.