HESS CORPORATION



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HESS REPORTS ESTIMATED RESULTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2012

Fourth Quarter Highlights:

- Net income was \$566 million, compared with a net loss of \$131 million in the fourth quarter of 2011
- Net income excluding items affecting comparability between periods was \$409 million compared with \$394 million in the fourth quarter of 2011
- Oil and gas production increased to 396,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up from 367,000 in the fourth guarter of 2011
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,570 million, compared with \$1,138 million in the fourth guarter of 2011
- Year-end total proved reserves were 1,553 million barrels of oil equivalent; reserve replacement for 2012 was 141 percent

NEW YORK, January 30, 2013 -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$566 million for the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with a net loss of \$131 million for the fourth quarter of 2011. The after-tax income (loss) by major operating activity was as follows:

		Three Mor	nth	s Ended		Years Ended					
	D	December 31, (unaudited)				December 3	1, (unaudited				
	-	2012 2011				2012		2011			
		(In m	illi	ons, except	pe	r share amo	share amounts)				
Exploration and Production	\$	517	\$	527	\$	2,404	\$	2,675			
Marketing and Refining		159		(561)		231		(584)			
Corporate		(43)		(40)		(158)		(154)			
Interest expense		(67)	_	(57)	_	(260)		(234)			
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	566	\$	(131)	\$	2,217	\$	1,703			
Net income (loss) per share (diluted)	\$	1.66	\$	(.39)	\$	6.52	\$	5.01			
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		340.5	-	337.5		340.3	_	339.9			

Note: See page 3 for a table of items affecting comparability of earnings between periods.

Exploration and Production earnings were \$517 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with \$527 million in the fourth quarter of 2011. Fourth quarter oil and gas production was 396,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up from 367,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the fourth quarter a year ago, primarily reflecting an increase in production from the Bakken oil shale play and the resumption of operations in Libya, partly offset by the shut-in of the Valhall Field in Norway for the quarter due to the redevelopment project. Net production from the Bakken oil shale play averaged 64,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the fourth quarter of 2012, an increase of 68% from 38,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the same period last year. The Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$84.46 per barrel, down from \$89.70 per barrel in the same quarter a year ago. The average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$6.60 per mcf in the fourth quarter of 2012, up from \$6.32 per mcf in the fourth quarter of 2011. Fourth quarter 2012 exploration expenses included total dry hole expenses of \$167 million (\$102 million after-tax), primarily associated with two exploration wells, Ness Deep in the Gulf of Mexico and Ajek-1 offshore, Indonesia.

In 2012, the Corporation announced divestitures totaling \$2.4 billion as part of the strategic reshaping of its Exploration and Production asset portfolio. The sale of the Corporation's interest in the Bittern Field in the United Kingdom North Sea was completed in the fourth quarter of 2012 and follows the completion of the sales of the Schiehallion Field, offshore United Kingdom, and the Snohvit Field, offshore Norway, earlier in the year. The sale of the Corporation's interest in the Beryl Field in the United Kingdom North Sea was completed in January 2013 and the divestiture of our assets in Azerbaijan is expected to be completed by the end of March 2013. In addition, as previously announced, the Corporation has commenced a sales process for its Russian subsidiary, Samara-Nafta, and its Eagle Ford assets in Texas.

Oil and gas proved reserves were 1,553 million barrels of oil equivalent at the end of 2012, compared with 1,573 million barrels at the end of 2011. During 2012, the Corporation added 214 million barrels of oil equivalent to proved reserves and sold 83 million barrels of oil equivalent of proved reserves through asset dispositions. The additions, which are subject to final review, replaced approximately 141 percent of the Corporation's 2012 production, resulting in a reserve life of 10.3 years.

Marketing and Refining generated income of \$159 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with a loss of \$561 million in the same period in 2011. Marketing earnings were \$152 million, up from \$48 million in the same quarter of 2011 primarily as a result of income from the partial liquidation of LIFO inventories, and higher margins. Operations at our Port Reading refining facility in New Jersey generated income of \$8 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with a loss of \$6 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, principally due to higher margins. Trading activities generated a loss of \$1 million in the fourth quarter of 2012 and a loss of \$11 million in the fourth quarter of last year.

Earlier this week, the Corporation announced that the Port Reading refinery will be closed in February. Upon closure of Port Reading, which follows the shutdown of the HOVENSA L.L.C. refinery in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands in early 2012, the Corporation will have completely exited the refining business. The Corporation also announced that it will commence a process to sell its terminal network. Following these actions, over 90 percent of Hess' capital employed will be in its Exploration and Production business.

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

	Т	Three Months Ended					Years Ended				
	Dec	December 31, (unaudited)			Dec	naudited)					
	2	2012 2011		2012			2011				
			8.	(In mi	llions)			***			
Exploration and Production	\$	86	\$	-	\$	148	\$	244			
Marketing and Refining		71		(525)	-	71		(525)			
	\$	157	\$	(525)	\$	219	\$	(281)			

Fourth quarter 2012 Exploration and Production results included an after-tax gain of \$172 million relating to the sale of the Corporation's interest in the Bittern Field in the United Kingdom North Sea. The results also included an income tax charge of \$86 million for a disputed application of an international tax treaty. Fourth quarter 2012 Marketing and Refining results included after-tax income of \$104 million from the partial liquidation of LIFO inventories and after-tax charges totaling \$33 million for asset impairments and other charges. Fourth quarter 2011 results included an after-tax charge of \$525 million related to the shutdown of the HOVENSA refinery.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,570 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, compared with \$1,138 million in the same quarter of 2011. Capital and exploratory expenditures were \$1,914 million, of which \$1,887 million related to Exploration and Production operations. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the fourth quarter of 2011 were \$2,236 million, of which \$2,185 million related to Exploration and Production operations.

At December 31, 2012, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$642 million, compared with \$351 million at December 31, 2011. Total debt was \$8,111 million at December 31, 2012 and \$6,057 million at December 31, 2011. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at December 31, 2012 was 27.5 percent, compared with 24.6 percent at the end of 2011.

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

Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company primarily engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas, and the marketing of refined petroleum products, natural gas and electricity. More information on Hess Corporation is available at http://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)

Fourth Quarter 2012	Fourth Quarter 2011	Third Quarter 2012
Income Statement		
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues \$ 9,511 Income (loss) from equity investment in HOVENSA L.L.C	\$ 9,733 (940)	\$ 9,194
Gains on asset sales 172	(940)	376
Other, net 15	31	49
Total revenues and non-operating income 9,698	8,824	9,619
Costs and Expenses		-
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below) 6,250	6,712	6,019
Production expenses 690	613	712
Marketing expenses 282	273	259
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment 362	426	259
Other operating expenses 43	44	41
General and administrative expenses 201	187	167
Interest expense 106	93	104
Depreciation, depletion and amortization 751	674	748
Asset impairments16		208
Total costs and expenses8,701	9,022	8,517
Income (loss) before income taxes 997	(198)	1,102
Provision (benefit) for income taxes 429	(64)	510
Net income (loss) 568	(134)	592
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests 2	(3)	35
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation \$ 566	\$ (131)	\$ 557
Supplemental Income Statement Information		
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax \$ 7	\$ (8)	\$ 7
Capitalized interest 10	5	8
Cash Flow Information		
Net cash provided by operating activities (a) \$ 1,570	\$ 1,138	\$ 1,862
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures		
Exploration and Production		
United States \$ 1,069	\$ 1,372	\$ 1,210
International 818	813	1,050
Total Exploration and Production 1,887	2,185	2,260
Marketing, Refining and Corporate27	51	27
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures \$ 1,914	\$ 2,236	\$ 2,287
Exploration expenses charged to income included above		
United States \$ 33	\$ 51	\$ 39
International 102	70	88
	70	

⁽a) Includes changes in working capital.

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

	Years	Ended	d December 31			
	20			2011		
Income Statement						
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues Income (loss) from equity investment in HOVENSA L.L.C.	\$	37,691	\$	38,466 (1,073)		
Gains on asset sales		584		446		
Other, net	-	98	-	32		
Total revenues and non-operating income		38,373		37,871		
Costs and Expenses Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below) Production expenses	2	24,917		26,774		
Marketing expenses		2,752 1,057		2,352 1,069		
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		1,037		1,195		
Other operating expenses		166		171		
General and administrative expenses		707		702		
Interest expense		419		383		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		2,949		2,406		
Asset impairments		283		358		
Total costs and expenses	3	34,320		35,410		
Income (loss) before income taxes		4,053		2,461		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	8	1,798		785		
Net income (loss)		2,255		1,676		
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		38		(27)		
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	2,217	\$	1,703		
Supplemental Income Statement Information						
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$	18	\$	(15)		
Capitalized interest		28		13		
Cash Flow Information	•	E 000	•			
Net cash provided by operating activities (a)	\$	5,660	\$	4,984		
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures Exploration and Production						
United States	\$	4,763	\$	4,305		
International		3,383	2	3,039		
Total Exploration and Production		8,146		7,344		
Marketing, Refining and Corporate		119		118		
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$	8,265	\$	7,462		
Exploration expenses charged to income included above						
United States	\$	142	\$	197		
International	/ 	328		259		
	\$	470	\$	456		

⁽a) Includes changes in working capital.

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

		December 31,				
		2012		2011		
Balance Sheet Information						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	642	\$	351		
Other current assets		7,667		7,988		
Investments		443		384		
Property, plant and equipment – net		29,122		24,712		
Other long-term assets		5,720		5,701		
Total assets	\$	43,594	\$	39,136		
Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt	\$	787	\$	52		
Other current liabilities		7,556		8,048		
Long-term debt		7,324		6,005		
Other long-term liabilities		6,532		6,439		
Total equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)		21,888		19,659		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	<u> </u>	(493)		(1,067)		
Total liabilities and equity	\$	43,594	\$	39,136		

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

	For	urth Quarter 2012	2012			
	United States	International	Total			
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 1,116	\$ 1,461 \$	2,577			
Gains on asset sales Other, net	(1)	172 28	172 27			
			-			
Total revenues and non-operating income	1,115	1,661	2,776			
Costs and expenses						
Production expenses, including related taxes	232	458	690			
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses	205 59	157 32	362 91			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	399	327	726			
Asset impairments		-	-			
Total costs and expenses	895	974	1,869			
Results of operations before income taxes	220	687	907			
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	77	313	390			
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 143 (a)		517			
		urth Quarter 2011				
Sales and other operating revenues	United States \$ 937	International \$ 1,662 \$	Total 2,599			
Gains on asset sales	φ 93 <i>1</i> -	φ 1,002 φ -	2,399			
Other, net	3	25	28			
Total revenues and non-operating income	940	1,687	2,627			
Costs and expenses			=			
Production expenses, including related taxes	170	443	613			
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	118	308	426			
General, administrative and other expenses	49	33	82			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization Asset impairments	273	378	651			
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Total costs and expenses	610	1,162	1,772			
Results of operations before income taxes	330	525	855			
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	130	198	328			
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 200	\$ 327 (b) <u>\$</u>	527			
	Th	ird Quarter 2012				
	United States	International	Total			
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,685 \$	2,707			
Gains on asset sales	-	376	376			
Other, net	18	26	44			
Total revenues and non-operating income	1,040	2,087	3,127			
Costs and expenses						
Production expenses, including related taxes	241	471	712			
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses	68 49	191 30	259 79			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	393	332	725			
Asset impairments	58	150	208			
Total costs and expenses	809	1,174	1,983			
Results of operations before income taxes	231	913	1,144			
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	91	445	536			
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 140 (a)	\$ 468 (b) \$	608			

⁽a) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$5 million in both the third and fourth quarter of 2012.

⁽b) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$92 million in the fourth quarter of 2012, \$83 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 and \$89 million in the third quarter of 2012.

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

	Year Er	nded December 31,	2012
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 4,104	\$ 6,789	\$ 10,893
Gains on asset sales	-	584	584
Other, net	18	81	99
Total revenues and non-operating income	4,122	7,454	11,576
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	957	1,795	2,752
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	426	644	1,070
General, administrative and other expenses	196	118	314
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,406	1,447	2,853
Asset impairments	117	150	267
Total costs and expenses	3,102	4,154	7,256
Results of operations before income taxes	1,020	3,300	4,320
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	390	1,526	1,916
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 630 (a)	1,774 (b)	\$ 2,404
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		nded December 31,	
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 3,371		\$ 10,047
Gains on asset sales	- (7)	446	446
Other, net	(7)	25	18
Total revenues and non-operating income	3,364	7,147	10,511
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	660	1,692	2,352
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	475	720	1,195
General, administrative and other expenses	190	123	313
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	800	1,505	2,305
Asset impairments	16	342	358
Total costs and expenses	2,141	4,382	6,523
Results of operations before income taxes	1,223	2,765	3,988
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	470	843	1,313
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 753	\$ 1,922 (b)	\$ 2,675

⁽a) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$39 million for the year ended December 31, 2012.

⁽b) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$392 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$327 million for the corresponding period of 2011.

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

	į	Fourth Quarter 2012		Fourth Quarter 2011		Third Quarter 2012
Operating Data			× 120			
Net Production Per Day (in thousands)						
Crude oil - barrels		20000000				
United States		118		89		109
Europe		64		95		80
Africa		77		54		75
Asia		16		13	_	17
Total	-	275		251		281
Natural gas liquids - barrels						
United States		18		13		16
Europe		2		4		2
Asia	_	1		1	_	1
Total		21		18		19
Natural gas - mcf						
United States		138		90		116
Europe		22		92		36
Asia and other		441		408	_	462
Total		601	_	590		614
Barrels of oil equivalent		396		367		402
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Average Selling Price						
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)						1012 1022
United States	\$	91.74	\$	100.76	\$	90.17
Europe		61.01		77.18		75.08
Africa		87.27		85.49		90.78
Asia		106.28		111.08		102.85
Worldwide		84.46		89.70		86.69
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Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)	•	00.00	•		_	
United States	\$	92.63	\$	100.76	\$	90.87
Europe		61.29		77.18		75.36
Africa		109.76		109.28		110.33
Asia		107.86		111.08		103.20
Worldwide		90.86		95.16		92.35
Natural gas liquids - per barrel						
United States	Φ	00.04	Φ	F7.00	Φ	00.05
Europe	\$	36.21	\$	57.86	\$	38.35
Asia		85.62		66.47		56.82
Worldwide		85.24		66.18		64.67
Worldwide		44.66		59.81		41.71
Natural gas - per mcf						
United States	\$	2.72	Ф	2.50	\$	2.18
Europe	φ	9.06	φ	8.88	φ	9.15
Asia and other		7.68		6.57		9.15 6.56
Worldwide		6.60		6.32		5.88
WORLD		0.00		0.32		0.00

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

	Years E	nded De	ecember 31,
	2012		2011
Operating Data	\ 		*
Net Production Per Day (in thousands)			
Crude oil - barrels			
United States		108	81
Europe		84	89
Africa		75	66
Asia		17	13
Total		284	249
Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States		16	13
Europe		2	3
Asia		1	1
Total		19	17
Natural gas - mcf			
United States		119	100
Europe		43	81
Asia and other		454	442
Total	·	616	623
Barrels of oil equivalent	-		
Barreis of oil equivalent	·	406	370
Average Selling Price			
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)			
United States	\$ 9	2.32 \$	98.56
Europe		4.14	80.18
Africa		9.02	88.46
Asia		7.45	111.71
Worldwide		6.94	89.99
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)			
United States	\$ 9	3.96 \$	98.56
Europe		5.06	80.18
Africa		0.92	110.28
Asia		9.35	111.71
Worldwide		3.70	95.60
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Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States		0.75 \$	
Europe		8.43	75.49
Asia		7.92	72.29
Worldwide	4	7.81	62.72
Natural gas - per mcf			
United States	\$	2.09 \$	3.39
Europe		9.50	8.79
Asia and other		6.90	6.02
Worldwide		6.16	5.96

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

Financial Information (in millions)	C	Fourth Quarter 2012	(Fourth Quarter 2011		Third Quarter 2012
Marketing and Refining Results						
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	265	\$	(885)	\$	84
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	1	106		(324)	-	31
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	159	\$	(561)	\$	53
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results						
Marketing	\$	152	\$	48	\$	17
Refining		8		(598)		18
Trading		(1)		(11)	12000	18
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	159	\$	(561)	\$	53
Operating Data Sales Volumes Refined petroleum products (thousands of barrels per day)						
Gasoline		201		214		214
Distillates		126		143		102
Residuals		49		65		48
Other	//	10		19	-	10
Total		386	_	441	_	374
Natural gas (thousands of mcf per day)		2,700		2,200	_	1,900
Electricity (megawatts round the clock)		4,400	_	4,100		4,800
Retail Marketing						
Number of retail stations (a)		1,361		1,360		1,361
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$	268	\$	290	\$	295
Average gasoline volume per station (thousands of gallons per month) (b)		194		195		196
Port Reading						
Refinery throughput (thousands of barrels per day)		50		58		68
Refinery utilization (capacity - 70,000 barrels per day)		72.0%		82.9%		97.0%
(a) Includes company operated Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer						

⁽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)

	Years Ended I			December 31,		
		2012	2011			
Financial Information (in millions)						
Marketing and Refining Results						
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	376	\$	(857)		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		145		_(273)		
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	231	\$	(584)		
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results						
Marketing	\$	209	\$	185		
Refining		28		(728)		
Trading		(6)		(41)		
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	231	\$	(584)		
Operating Data Sales Volumes Refined petroleum products (thousands of barrels per day)						
Gasoline		209		222		
Distillates		113		123		
Residuals		53		65		
Other		14		20		
Total	-	389		430		
Natural gas (thousands of mcf per day)		2,300	_	2,200		
Electricity (megawatts round the clock)	-	4,500		4,400		
Retail Marketing						
Number of retail stations (a)		1,361		1,360		
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$	1,123	\$	1,189		
Average gasoline volume per station (thousands of gallons per month) (b)		192		195		
Port Reading						
Refinery throughput (thousands of barrels per day)		59		63		
Refinery utilization (capacity - 70,000 barrels per day)		83.6%		90.0%		

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