
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): July 29, 2009

HESS CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

No. 1-1204
(Commission
File Number)

No. 13-4921002
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1185 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(212) 997-8500**

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 29, 2009, Hess Corporation issued a news release reporting its results for the second quarter of 2009. A copy of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99(1) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99(1) News release dated July 29, 2009 reporting results for the second quarter of 2009.

99(2) Prepared remarks of John B. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 29, 2009

HESS CORPORATION

By: /s/ John P. Rielly

Name: John P. Rielly

Title: Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99(2)	Prepared remarks of John B. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

Hess Reports Estimated Results for the Second Quarter of 2009

Second Quarter Highlights:

- *Net Income was \$100 million compared with \$900 million in second quarter 2008*
- *Oil and gas production was 407,000 barrels per day, up from 393,000 in second quarter 2008*
- *Capital and exploratory expenditures of \$785 million, down from \$1,240 million in the second quarter of 2008*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 29, 2009--Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$100 million for the second quarter of 2009 compared with net income of \$900 million for the second quarter of 2008. The after-tax results by major operating activity were as follows:

	Three Months Ended June 30, (unaudited)		Six Months Ended June 30, (unaudited)	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
Exploration and Production	\$ 215	\$ 1,025	\$ 151	\$ 1,849
Marketing and Refining	(30)	(52)	72	(36)
Corporate	(26)	(33)	(75)	(72)
Interest expense	(59)	(40)	(107)	(82)
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 900</u>	<u>\$ 41</u>	<u>\$ 1,659</u>
Net income per share (diluted)	<u>\$.31</u>	<u>\$ 2.76</u>	<u>\$.13</u>	<u>\$ 5.11</u>
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)	<u>325.8</u>	<u>326.2</u>	<u>325.7</u>	<u>325.0</u>

Exploration and Production earnings were \$215 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared with \$1,025 million in the second quarter of 2008. Second quarter 2009 results include dry hole costs of \$153 million (\$92 million after-tax), primarily associated with a well offshore Brazil and two wells in the Gulf of Mexico. The Corporation's oil and gas production, on a barrel-of-oil equivalent basis, was 407,000 barrels per day in the second quarter of 2009, an increase of 4% from the second quarter of 2008. The Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$49.27 per barrel in the second quarter of 2009 compared with \$104.29 per barrel in the second quarter of 2008. The Corporation's average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$4.56 per Mcf in the second quarter of 2009 compared with \$7.81 per Mcf in the second quarter of 2008.

Marketing and Refining generated a loss of \$30 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared with a loss of \$52 million in the second quarter of 2008, primarily reflecting improved energy marketing and trading results. Refining operations generated a loss of \$26 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared with income of \$3 million in the second quarter of 2008, due to lower refining margins. Marketing results generated a loss of \$13 million in the second quarter of 2009, compared with a loss of \$40 million in the second quarter of 2008. Trading activities produced income of \$9 million in the second quarter of 2009, an increase of \$24 million from the second quarter of 2008.

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

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Exploration and Production	\$ (31)	\$ -	\$ (44)	\$ -
Corporate	-	-	(16)	-
	<u>\$ (31)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (60)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

In the second quarter of 2009, the Corporation recorded after-tax charges of \$31 million to reduce the carrying value of production equipment in the United Kingdom North Sea and materials inventory in Equatorial Guinea and the United States.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$616 million in the second quarter of 2009 compared with \$1,732 million in the second quarter of 2008. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the second quarter of 2009 amounted to \$785 million, of which \$770 million related to Exploration and Production operations. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the second quarter of 2008 amounted to \$1,240 million, of which \$1,205 million related to Exploration and Production operations.

At June 30, 2009, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$1,063 million compared with \$908 million at December 31, 2008. Total debt was \$4,313 million at June 30, 2009 and \$3,955 million at December 31, 2008. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at June 30, 2009 was 25.8 percent compared with 24.2 percent at the end of 2008.

Hess Corporation will review second 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 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)

	Second Quarter 2009	Second Quarter 2008	First Quarter 2009
<u>Income Statement (*)</u>			
Revenues and Non-operating Income			
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$ 6,751	\$ 11,711	\$ 6,915
Equity in income (loss) of HOVENSA L.L.C.	(75)	(19)	(41)
Other, net	79	37	(2)
Total revenues and non-operating income	6,755	11,729	6,872
Costs and Expenses			
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)	4,705	8,337	5,182
Production expenses	444	494	409
Marketing expenses	245	267	257
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	312	158	193
Other operating expenses	43	47	48
General and administrative expenses	136	156	160
Interest expense	95	65	77
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	558	482	486
Total costs and expenses	6,538	10,006	6,812
Income before income taxes	217	1,723	60
Provision for income taxes	115	812	77
Net income (loss)	102	911	(17)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2	11	42
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 100	\$ 900	\$ (59)
<u>Supplemental Income Statement Information</u>			
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ (10)
Capitalized interest	2	1	1
<u>Cash Flow Information (*)</u>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 616	\$ 1,732	\$ 625
<u>Capital and Exploratory Expenditures</u>			
Exploration and Production			
United States	\$ 300	\$ 721	\$ 315
International	470	484	444
Total Exploration and Production	770	1,205	759
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	15	35	46
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 785	\$ 1,240	\$ 805
Exploration expenses charged to income included above			
United States	\$ 52	\$ 44	\$ 53
International	48	40	48
Total	\$ 100	\$ 84	\$ 101

(*) Reflects the retrospective adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 160, Accounting for Noncontrolling Interests

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

	First Half	
	2009	2008
<u>Income Statement (*)</u>		
Revenues and Non-operating Income		
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$ 13,666	\$ 22,358
Equity in income (loss) of HOVENSA L.L.C.	(116)	(29)
Other, net	77	100
 Total revenues and non-operating income	 13,627	 22,429
Costs and Expenses		
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)	9,887	16,042
Production expenses	853	918
Marketing expenses	502	500
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	505	310
Other operating expenses	91	92
General and administrative expenses	296	308
Interest expense	172	132
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,044	934
 Total costs and expenses	 13,350	 19,236
Income before income taxes	277	3,193
Provision for income taxes	192	1,530
 Net income	 85	 1,663
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	44	4
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	<u>\$ 41</u>	<u>\$ 1,659</u>
<u>Supplemental Income Statement Information</u>		
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$ (4)	\$ 12
Capitalized interest	3	2
<u>Cash Flow Information (*)</u>		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,241	\$ 2,915
<u>Capital and Exploratory Expenditures</u>		
Exploration and Production		
United States	\$ 615	\$ 1,136
International	914	1,007
 Total Exploration and Production	 1,529	 2,143
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	61	67
 Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	 <u>\$ 1,590</u>	 <u>\$ 2,210</u>
Exploration expenses charged to income included above		
United States	\$ 105	\$ 106
International	96	99
	<u>\$ 201</u>	<u>\$ 205</u>

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

	June 30, 2009	December 31, 2008
<u>Balance Sheet Information (*)</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,063	\$ 908
Other current assets	6,445	6,424
Investments	1,013	1,127
Property, plant and equipment – net	16,421	16,271
Other long-term assets	3,974	3,859
Total assets	\$ 28,916	\$ 28,589
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 135	\$ 143
Other current liabilities	7,478	7,587
Long-term debt	4,178	3,812
Other long-term liabilities	4,747	4,656
Total equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)	14,478	14,399
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,100)	(2,008)
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 28,916	\$ 28,589

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

	Second Quarter 2009		
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 358	\$ 1,341	\$ 1,699
Non-operating income (loss)	(3)	60	57
Total revenues and non-operating income	355	1,401	1,756
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	109	335	444
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	139	173	312
General, administrative and other expenses	33	28	61
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	105	433	538
Total costs and expenses	386	969	1,355
Results of operations before income taxes	(31)	432	401
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(11)	197	186
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ (20)	\$ 235	\$ 215
	Second Quarter 2008		
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 545	\$ 2,530	\$ 3,075
Non-operating income (loss)	-	22	22
Total revenues and non-operating income	545	2,552	3,097
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	101	393	494
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	62	96	158
General, administrative and other expenses	36	37	73
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	61	401	462
Total costs and expenses	260	927	1,187
Results of operations before income taxes	285	1,625	1,910
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	108	777	885
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 177	\$ 848	\$ 1,025
	First Quarter 2009		
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 167	\$ 964	\$ 1,131
Non-operating income (loss)	(2)	10	8
Total revenues and non-operating income	165	974	1,139
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	112	297	409
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	111	82	193
General, administrative and other expenses	27	29	56
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	57	408	465
Total costs and expenses	307	816	1,123
Results of operations before income taxes	(142)	158	16
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(53)	133	80
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ (89)	\$ 25	\$ (64)

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

	First Half 2009		
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 525	\$ 2,305	\$ 2,830
Non-operating income (loss)	(5)	70	65
	520	2,375	2,895
Total revenues and non-operating income			
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	221	632	853
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	250	255	505
General, administrative and other expenses	60	57	117
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	162	841	1,003
	693	1,785	2,478
Total costs and expenses			
Results of operations before income taxes	(173)	590	417
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(64)	330	266
	(109)	260	151
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ (109)	\$ 260	\$ 151

	First Half 2008		
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 993	\$ 4,689	\$ 5,682
Non-operating income (loss)	10	59	69
	1,003	4,748	5,751
Total revenues and non-operating income			
Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	171	747	918
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	145	165	310
General, administrative and other expenses	68	68	136
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	116	780	896
	500	1,760	2,260
Total costs and expenses			
Results of operations before income taxes	503	2,988	3,491
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	192	1,450	1,642
	311	1,538	1,849
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 311	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,849

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

	Second Quarter 2009	Second Quarter 2008	First Quarter 2009
<u>Operating Data</u>			
<u>Net Production Per Day (in thousands)</u>			
Crude oil - barrels			
United States	58	36	32
Europe	76	83	88
Africa	124	128	126
Asia and other	16	12	15
Total	<u>274</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>261</u>
Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States	10	11	9
Europe	3	4	4
Asia and other	1	-	-
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>13</u>
Natural gas - mcf			
United States	92	83	78
Europe	160	267	180
Asia and other	459	364	438
Total	<u>711</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>696</u>
Barrels of oil equivalent	<u>407</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>390</u>
<u>Average Selling Price</u>			
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*			
United States	\$ 55.53	\$ 120.23	\$ 38.58
Europe	47.41	104.98	35.31
Africa	47.16	97.32	31.15
Asia and other	55.84	120.59	45.86
Worldwide	49.27	104.29	34.42
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)			
United States	\$ 55.53	\$ 120.23	\$ 38.58
Europe	47.41	104.98	35.31
Africa	57.13	117.49	44.20
Asia and other	55.84	120.59	45.86
Worldwide	54.03	113.79	40.19
Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States	\$ 31.03	\$ 76.60	\$ 29.03
Europe	36.51	92.67	36.76
Asia and other	35.92	-	-
Worldwide	32.97	81.52	31.29
Natural gas - per mcf (including hedging)*			
United States	\$ 3.26	\$ 11.00	\$ 4.03
Europe	4.53	10.33	6.49
Asia and other	4.82	5.23	4.70
Worldwide	4.56	7.81	5.08
Natural gas - per mcf (excluding hedging)			
United States	\$ 3.26	\$ 11.00	\$ 4.03
Europe	4.53	10.84	6.49
Asia and other	4.82	5.23	4.70
Worldwide	4.56	8.01	5.08

* The after-tax losses from hedging activities were \$83 million in the second quarter of 2009, \$144 million in the second quarter of 2008 and \$82 million in the first quarter of 2009.

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

	First Half	
	2009	2008
<u>Operating Data</u>		
<u>Net Production Per Day (in thousands)</u>		
Crude oil - barrels		
United States	45	36
Europe	82	83
Africa	125	123
Asia and other	16	15
Total	<u>268</u>	<u>257</u>
Natural gas liquids - barrels		
United States	10	11
Europe	3	4
Asia and other	-	-
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
Natural gas - mcf		
United States	85	88
Europe	170	282
Asia and other	449	353
Total	<u>704</u>	<u>723</u>
Barrels of oil equivalent	<u>398</u>	<u>392</u>
<u>Average Selling Price</u>		
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*		
United States	\$ 49.56	\$ 106.42
Europe	41.09	93.32
Africa	40.29	88.44
Asia and other	51.50	106.28
Worldwide	42.62	93.75
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)		
United States	\$ 49.56	\$ 106.42
Europe	41.09	93.32
Africa	51.58	105.98
Asia and other	51.50	106.28
Worldwide	47.84	101.66
Natural gas liquids - per barrel		
United States	\$ 30.12	\$ 70.71
Europe	36.61	85.78
Asia and other	35.92	-
Worldwide	32.25	74.90
Natural gas - per mcf (including hedging)*		
United States	\$ 3.61	\$ 9.69
Europe	5.56	9.61
Asia and other	4.76	5.12
Worldwide	4.82	7.43
Natural gas - per mcf (excluding hedging)		
United States	\$ 3.61	\$ 9.69
Europe	5.56	9.90
Asia and other	4.76	5.12
Worldwide	4.82	7.55

* The after-tax losses from hedging activities were \$165 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009 and \$239 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

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

	Second Quarter 2009	Second Quarter 2008	First Quarter 2009
<u>Financial Information (in millions of dollars)</u>			
Marketing and Refining Results			
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (56)	\$ (85)	\$ 162
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(26)	(33)	60
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ (30)	\$ (52)	\$ 102
<u>Summary of Marketing and Refining Results</u>			
Refining	\$ (26)	\$ 3	\$ (18)
Marketing	(13)	(40)	101
Trading	9	(15)	19
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ (30)	\$ (52)	\$ 102
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<u>Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousands)</u>			
<u>Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)</u>			
Gasoline	223	236	227
Distillates	126	129	150
Residuals	65	49	85
Other	41	40	39
Total	455	454	501
<u>Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)</u>			
HOVENSA - Crude runs	442	471	410
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share	221	235	205
Port Reading	65	64	62
<u>Refinery Utilization</u>			
<u>HOVENSA</u>		<u>Refinery Capacity</u>	
	(barrels per day)		
Crude	500	88.4%	94.2%
FCC	150	71.2%	73.1%
Coker	58	91.2%	99.5%
Port Reading	70	93.0%	91.3%
<u>Retail Marketing</u>			
Number of retail stations (a)	1,355	1,363	1,358
Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)	\$ 300	\$ 275	\$ 255
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)	209	218	199
(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)

	First Half	
	2009	2008
<u>Financial Information (in millions of dollars)</u>		
<u>Marketing and Refining Results</u>		
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 106	\$ (64)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	34	(28)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 72	\$ (36)
<u>Summary of Marketing and Refining Results</u>		
Refining	\$ (44)	\$ -
Marketing	88	(8)
Trading	28	(28)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 72	\$ (36)

Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousands)

<u>Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)</u>		
Gasoline	225	229
Distillates	138	149
Residuals	75	58
Other	40	39
Total	478	475

Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)

HOVENSA - Crude runs	426	458
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share	213	229
Port Reading	64	62

Refinery Utilization

	<u>Refinery Capacity</u> (barrels per day)		
HOVENSA			
Crude	500	85.2%	91.6%
FCC	150	71.3%	73.7%
Coker	58	85.9%	95.5%
Port Reading	70	90.6%	89.2%

Retail Marketing

Number of retail stations (a)	1,355	1,363
Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)	\$ 555	\$ 514
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)	204	207

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

(b) Company operated only.

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2009 Second Quarter Earnings Conference Call

Thank you Jay, and welcome to our second quarter conference call. I will make a few brief comments after which John Rielly will review our financial results.

Net income for the second quarter of 2009 was \$100 million, versus \$900 million a year ago. Our results were negatively impacted by lower crude oil and natural gas selling prices, which more than offset the impact of higher production volumes compared to the year ago quarter.

For the second quarter of 2009, Exploration and Production earned \$215 million. Crude oil and natural gas production averaged 407 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day, which was nearly 4 percent above the year ago period. Higher year-over-year production resulted primarily from the addition of Phase 2 volumes at the Malaysia-Thailand JDA and the ramp-up of the Shenzi Field in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico; each of which added about 20 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day versus the same period last year.

As a result of strong year to date production performance, we have raised our full year 2009 production forecast to a range of 390 to 400 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day, versus our previously forecasted range of 380 to 390 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day.

With regard to exploration, as was announced in early July, the operator of the Guarani well on Block BM-S-22 offshore Brazil did not file a Notice of Discovery and our share of the well cost was expensed in the second quarter. The next steps are to analyze the significant amount of seismic, log and core data gathered from the first two wells, and to plan the location of a third well to help further evaluate the BM-S-22 license.

On Permit WA-390-P in the Northwest Shelf of Australia, we recently resumed exploration drilling. Over the next 12 months, we plan to execute a 12 well program designed to further appraise the block. Hess has a 100% interest in Permit WA-390-P.

Turning to Marketing and Refining, we reported a loss of \$30 million for the second quarter of 2009. The weak economy continued to have a negative impact on both volumes and margins in our M&R business.

Refining margins at our Hovensa joint venture refinery were significantly lower than last year's second quarter primarily as a result of lower distillate crack spreads and significantly narrower light / heavy crude differentials.

Marketing results, while negative, were better than the year ago quarter. Although retail marketing fuel volumes, on a per site basis, were down 4%, total convenience store sales were up 9%. In Energy Marketing, electricity sales were higher, while natural gas and fuel oil sales volumes declined year over year.

Capital and exploratory expenditures in the first half of 2009 were \$1.6 billion, substantially all of which were related to Exploration and Production activities. For the full year 2009, our capital and exploratory expenditures forecast remains \$3.2 billion.

We continue to control our capital expenditures and operating expenses in light of the weak economy and uncertain commodity price environment. As we mentioned on our last conference call, we are committed to maintaining our financial strength so that we will have the capability to fund our attractive investment opportunities to sustain growth in our reserves and production.

I will now turn the call over to John Rielly.