

**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): October 23, 2023

HESS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

No. 1-1204
(Commission
File Number)

13-4921002
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act

Title of each class	Ticker Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	HES	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 23, 2023, Hess Corporation (the “Company” or “Hess”) and Chevron Corporation (“Chevron”) issued a joint press release announcing entry into a definitive agreement for Chevron to acquire all of the outstanding shares of the Company in an all-stock transaction. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated October 23, 2023
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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satisfactorily resolved; changes in commodity prices; negative effects of this announcement, and the pendency or completion of the proposed acquisition on the market price of Chevron's or Hess' common stock and/or operating results; rating agency actions and Chevron's and Hess' ability to access short- and long-term debt markets on a timely and affordable basis; various events that could disrupt operations, including severe weather, such as droughts, floods, avalanches and earthquakes, and cybersecurity attacks, as well as security threats and governmental response to them, and technological changes; labor disputes; changes in labor costs and labor difficulties; the effects of industry, market, economic, political or regulatory conditions outside of Chevron's or Hess' control; legislative, regulatory and economic developments targeting public companies in the oil and gas industry; and the risks described in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" of (i) Chevron's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and (ii) Hess' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, and, in each case, in subsequent filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Other unpredictable or factors not discussed in this communication could also have material adverse effects on forward-looking statements. Neither Chevron nor Hess assumes an obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements as they are not guarantees of future performance or outcomes and that actual performance and outcomes. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof.

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SIGNATURES

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

Dated: October 23, 2023

HESS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Timothy Goodell

Name: Timothy Goodell

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary



news release

**FOR RELEASE AT 5:00 AM ET
October 23, 2023**

Chevron Announces Agreement to Acquire Hess

- **World class assets and people strengthen long-term outlook**
- **Cash flow per share accretion supports higher distributions to shareholders**
- **Enhances and extends production and free cash flow growth outlook into 2030s**
- **John Hess, Hess CEO, expected to join Chevron Board of Directors**

SAN RAMON, Calif. & NEW YORK, October 23, 2023 — Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX) announced today that it has entered into a definitive agreement with Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Hess in an all-stock transaction valued at \$53 billion, or \$171 per share based on Chevron’s closing price on October 20, 2023. Under the terms of the agreement, Hess shareholders will receive 1.0250 shares of Chevron for each Hess share. The total enterprise value, including debt, of the transaction is \$60 billion.

The acquisition of Hess upgrades and diversifies Chevron’s already advantaged portfolio. The Stabroek block in Guyana is an extraordinary asset with industry leading cash margins and low carbon intensity that is expected to deliver production growth into the next decade. Hess’ Bakken assets add another leading U.S. shale position to Chevron’s DJ and Permian basin operations and further strengthen domestic energy security. The combined company is expected to grow production and free cash flow faster and for longer than Chevron’s current five-year guidance. In addition, John Hess is expected to join Chevron’s Board of Directors.

“This combination positions Chevron to strengthen our long-term performance and further enhance our advantaged portfolio by adding world-class assets,” said Chevron Chairman and CEO Mike Wirth. “Importantly, our two companies have similar values and cultures, with a focus on operating safely and with integrity, attracting and developing the best people, making positive contributions to our communities and delivering higher returns and lower carbon.”

“Building on our track record of successful transactions, the addition of Hess is expected to extend further Chevron’s free cash flow growth,” said Pierre Breber, Chevron’s CFO. “With greater confidence in projected long-term cash generation, Chevron intends to return more cash to shareholders with higher dividend per share growth and higher share repurchases.”

“This strategic combination brings together two strong companies to create a premier integrated energy company,” CEO John Hess said. “I am proud of our people and what we have achieved as a company, which has one of the industry’s best growth portfolios including Guyana, the world’s largest oil discovery in the last 10 years, and the Bakken shale, where we are a leading oil and gas producer. Chevron has a world class diversified portfolio of assets and one of the industry’s strongest balance sheets and cash return profiles. I believe our strategic combination creates a company that is stronger in every respect, with the leadership, asset portfolio and financial resources to lead us through the energy transition and deliver significant shareholder value for years to come.”

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Transaction Benefits

- **Strong strategic fit:**
 - Guyana – 30% ownership in more than 11 billion barrels of oil equivalent discovered recoverable resource with high cash margins per barrel, strong production growth outlook and potential exploration upside.
 - Bakken – 465,000 net acres of high-quality, long-duration inventory supported by the integrated assets of Hess Midstream.
 - Complementary Gulf of Mexico assets and steady free cash flow from Southeast Asia natural gas business.
- **Accretive to cash flow per share and extends growth into 2030s:**
 - Expected to be accretive to cash flow per share in 2025 after achieving synergies and start-up of the fourth floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel in Guyana.
 - Increases Chevron’s estimated five-year production and free cash flow growth rates and expected to extend such growth into the next decade.
- **Increases cash returned to shareholders:**
 - In January, Chevron expects to recommend an increase to its first quarter dividend per share of 8% to \$1.63, which will be subject to the approval of the Chevron Board of Directors.
 - Post closing, Chevron intends to increase share repurchases by \$2.5 billion to the top end of its guidance range of \$20 billion per year in a continued upside oil price scenario.
- **Capital and cost efficient:**
 - The combined company’s capital expenditures budget is expected to be between \$19 and \$22 billion.
 - With a stronger portfolio after closing, Chevron expects to increase asset sales and generate \$10 to \$15 billion in before-tax proceeds through 2028.
 - The transaction is expected to achieve run-rate cost synergies around \$1 billion before tax within a year of closing.

Transaction Details

The acquisition consideration is structured with 100 percent stock utilizing Chevron’s equity. In aggregate, upon closing of the transaction, Chevron will issue approximately 317 million shares of common stock. Total enterprise value of \$60 billion includes net debt and book value of non-controlling interest.

The transaction has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies and is expected to close in the first half of 2024. The acquisition is subject to Hess shareholder approval. It is also subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

The transaction price represents a premium of 10.3% on a 20-day average based on closing stock prices on October 20, 2023.

Advisors

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC is acting as lead financial advisor to Chevron. Evercore also advised Chevron. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP is acting as legal advisor to Chevron. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC is acting as lead financial advisor to Hess. J.P. Morgan Securities LLC also advised Hess. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is acting as legal advisor to Hess.

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Conference Call

Chevron will discuss its proposed acquisition of Hess with security analysts in a call today, Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. ET. A webcast of the meeting will be available in a listen-only mode to individual investors, media, and other interested parties on Chevron’s website at www.chevron.com under the “Investors” section. Prepared remarks and presentation materials for today’s call will be available prior to the call at approximately 5:15 a.m. ET and located under “Events and Presentations” in the “Investors” section on the Chevron website.

About Chevron

Chevron is one of the world’s leading integrated energy companies. We believe affordable, reliable and ever-cleaner energy is essential to enabling human progress. Chevron produces crude oil and natural gas; manufactures transportation fuels, lubricants, petrochemicals and additives; and develops technologies that enhance our business and the industry. We aim to grow our traditional oil and gas business, lower the carbon intensity of our operations and grow new lower carbon businesses in renewable fuels, hydrogen, carbon capture, offsets and other emerging technologies. More information about Chevron is available at www.chevron.com.

About Hess

Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas with leading positions offshore Guyana, the Bakken shale play in North Dakota, the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf of Thailand. Globally, Hess is recognized as an industry leader in environmental, social and governance performance and disclosure. More information about Hess Corporation is available at www.hess.com.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures - This news release includes free cash flow. Free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures and generally represents the cash available to creditors and investors after investing in the business. The company believes this measure useful to monitor the financial health of the company and its performance over time.

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