

Hess Reports Estimated Results for the Third Quarter of 2011

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Third Quarter Highlights:

- Net income was \$298 million, compared with \$1,154 million in the third guarter of 2010
- Net income excluding items affecting comparability between periods was \$379 million, compared with \$429 million in the third quarter of 2010
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,022 million, down from \$1,246 million in the third quarter of 2010
- Oil and gas production was 344,000 barrels of oil equivalentper day, compared with 413,000 in the third quarter of 2010
- Capital and exploratory expenditures were \$2,550 million, including \$902 million for acquisitions, up from \$1,567 million in the third quarter of 2010

NEW YORK, Oct 26, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$298 million for the third quarter of 2011 compared with \$1,154 million for the third quarter of 2010. The after-tax income (loss) by major operating activity was as follows:

	Three Months Ended			N	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30, (unaudited)				September 30, (unaudited)			
	2011 2010		20	011	20	2010		
	(lı	n millions, e	хсе	ept per shar	e a	mounts)		
Exploration and Production	\$	422	\$	1,277	\$	2,148	\$	2,316
Marketing and Refining		(23)		(38)		(23)		30
Corporate		(44)		(26)		(114)		(116)
Interest expense		(57)		(59)		(177)		(163)
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	298	\$	1,154	\$	1,834	\$	2,067
Net income per share (diluted)	\$.88	\$	3.52	\$	5.40	\$	6.31
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		340.2		327.6		339.8		327.3

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

Exploration and Production earnings were \$422 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared with \$1,277 million in the third quarter of 2010. The Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$85.81 per barrel, up from \$64.81 per barrel in the third quarter of 2010. The average worldwide natural gas selling price of \$5.74 per Mcf in the third quarter of 2011 was comparable with the selling price for the same quarter a year ago. Third quarter oil and gas production was 344,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, down from 413,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter a year ago, due to production interruptions in Libya and at the Valhall and Llano fields, the sale of certain natural gas assets in the United Kingdom North Sea in February and natural field declines, partially offset by higher production from the Bakken oil shale play in North Dakota.

Marketing and Refining generated a loss of \$23 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared with a loss of \$38 million in the same period in 2010. Refining operations incurred a loss of \$38 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared with a loss of \$50 million in the year ago quarter. Marketing earnings of \$41 million were comparable to the earnings for the third quarter of 2010. Trading activities generated a loss of \$26 million in the third quarter of 2011 and a loss of \$28 million in the third quarter of last year.

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

	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended				
	September 30, (unaudited)			September 30, (unaudited)				
	20 (M	11 illions of dol	20 lars	. •	20	11	20	10
Exploration and Production Corporate	\$	(81) -	\$	725 -	\$	244	\$	783 (7)
	\$	(81)	\$	725	\$	244	\$	776

Third quarter 2011 results include after-tax impairment charges of \$140 million that resulted from increases to the Corporation's abandonment liabilities, primarily for non-producing properties. A charge of \$44 million was also recorded as a result of the third quarter enactment of an additional 12 percent supplementary tax on petroleum operations in the United Kingdom with an effective date of March 24, 2011. The charge consists of incremental income tax of \$15 million on earnings from the effective date to the end of the second quarter and a charge of \$29 million to increase the

United Kingdom deferred tax liability. The results also include after-tax gains of \$103 million from the sales of the Corporation's interests in the Snorre Field, offshore Norway, and the Cook Field in the United Kingdom North Sea.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,022 million in the third quarter of 2011, compared with \$1,246 million in the same quarter of 2010. Capital and exploratory expenditures were \$2,550 million, of which \$2,517 million related to Exploration and Production operations, including \$902 million for acreage acquisitions in the Utica Shale play in eastern Ohio and in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the third quarter of 2010 were \$1,567 million, of which \$1,548 million related to Exploration and Production operations.

At September 30, 2011, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$827 million compared with \$1,608 million at December 31, 2010. Total debt was \$5,592 million at September 30, 2011 and \$5,583 million at December 31, 2010. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at September 30, 2011 was 22.8 percent compared with 24.9 percent at the end of 2010.

Hess Corporation will review third 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, with headquarters in New York, is a global integrated energy company engaged in the exploration, production, purchase, transportation and sale of crude oil and natural gas, as well as the production and sale of refined petroleum products. More information on Hess Corporation is available at http://www.hess.com.

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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)

(Third Quarter 2011	Third Quarter 2010	Second Quarter 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. Other, net Total revenues and non-operating income Costs and Expenses Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below) Production expenses Marketing expenses Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment Other operating expenses General and administrative expenses Interest expense Depreciation, depletion and amortization Asset impairments Total costs and expenses Income before income taxes Provision (benefit) for income taxes Net income Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	\$8,665 (36) 97 8,726 6,181 609 266 199 43 177 94 586 358 8,513 213 (54) 267 (31) \$298	\$7,864 (83) 1,172 8,953 5,330 475 232 225 39 151 94 584 532 7,662 1,291 200 1,091 (63) \$1,154	(49) 2 9,806 6,841 599 247 257 42 174 97 588 - 8,845 961 392 569 (38)
Supplemental Income Statement Information			
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax Capitalized interest	\$ (2) 4	\$ (5) 1	\$ (2) 2
Cash Flow Information			
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$1,022	\$1,246	\$1,689

Capital and Exploratory Expenditures

Exploration and Production			
United States	\$1,600	\$ 379	\$ 793
International	917	1,169	676
Total Exploration and Production	2,517	1,548	1,469
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	33	19	21
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$2,550	\$1,567	\$1,490
Exploration expenses charged to income included above			
United States	\$48	\$46	\$ 56
International	68	59	59
	\$116	\$105	\$ 115

(*) Includes changes in working capital

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(IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)						
Nine Mon						
2011	2010					
Income Statement						
Revenues and Non-operating Income						
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues \$28,733	\$ 24,855					
Income (loss) from equity investment in HOVENSA L.L.C. (133)	(174)					
Other, net 447	1,242					
Total revenues and non-operating income 29,047	25,923					
Costs and Expenses						
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below) 20,062	17,186					
Production expenses 1,739	1,392					
Marketing expenses 796	730					
Exploration expenses, including dry holes						
and lease impairment 769	548					
Other operating expenses 127	171					
General and administrative expenses 515	465					
Interest expense 290	261					
Depreciation, depletion and amortization 1,732	1,684					
Asset impairments 358	532					
Total costs and expenses 26,388	22,969					
Income before income taxes 2,659	2,954					
Provision (benefit) for income taxes 849	899					
Net income 1,810	2,055					
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests (24)	(12)					
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation \$1,834	\$ 2,067					
Supplemental Income Statement Information						
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax \$(7)	\$ (10)					
Capitalized interest 8	3					
Cash Flow Information						
Net cash provided by operating activities (*) \$3,846	\$3,052					
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures						
Exploration and Production						
United States \$2,933	\$1,115					
International 2,226	2,204					
Total Exploration and Production 5,159	3,319					
Marketing, Refining and Corporate 67	72					
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures \$5,226	\$3,391					
Exploration expenses charged to income included above						

United States	\$146	\$ 108
International	189	132
	\$ 335	\$ 240

(*) Includes changes in working capital

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

	September 30 2011		ecember 31 010	
Balance Sheet Information				
Cash and cash equivalents Other current assets Investments Property, plant and equipment - net Other long-term assets Total assets Current maturities of long-term debt Other current liabilities Long-term debt Other long-term liabilities Total equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)		827 6,652 391 24,167 5,302 37,339 44 6,562 5,548 6,271 19,781	1,608 7,172 443 21,127 5,046 35,396 46 7,567 5,537 5,437 17,968	
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) Total liabilities and equity	\$	(867) 37,339	\$ (1,159) 35,396	

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

and lease impairment

	Third Quarter 2011				
	United States	International	Total		
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 830	\$ 1,307	\$ 2,137		
Other, net	4	93	97		
Total revenues and non-operating income	834	1,400	2,234		
Costs and Expenses					
Production expenses, including related taxes	174	435	609		
Exploration expenses, including dry holes					
and lease impairment	120	79	199		
General, administrative and other expenses	44	27	71		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	209	355	564		
Asset impairments	16	342	358		
Total costs and expenses	563	1,238	1,801		
Results of operations before income taxes	271	162	433		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	108	(97)	11		
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 163	\$ 259	\$ 422		
	Third Quarter	2010			
	United States	International	Total		
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 622	\$ 1,657	\$2,279		
Other, net	(2)	1,159	1,157		
Total revenues and non-operating income	620	2,816	3,436		
Costs and Expenses					
Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes	117	358	475		

105

120

225

General, administrative and other expenses		37		32	69
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		189		1,386	1,575
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		71		227	298
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	118	\$	1,159	\$1,277
	Se	econd Quarte	r 20)11	
	Uı	nited States	In	ternational	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	858	\$	1,840	\$2,698
Other, net		(13)		8	(5)
Total revenues and non-operating income		845		1,848	2,693
Costs and Expenses					
Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes		179		420	599
and lease impairment		128		129	257
General, administrative and other expenses		49		27	76
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		166		387	553
Asset impairments		-		-	-
Total costs and expenses		522		963	1,485
Results of operations before income taxes		323		885	1,208
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		120		341	461
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	203	\$	544	\$747
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Nine Months 2011

	Uı	nited States	In	ternational	То	tal
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	2,434	\$	5,014	\$ 7	7,448
Other, net		(10)		446	4	136
Total revenues and non-operating income		2,424		5,460	7	7,884
Costs and Expenses						
Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes		490		1,249	,	1,739
and lease impairment		357		412	7	769
General, administrative and other expenses		141		90	2	231
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		527		1,127	•	1,654
Asset impairments		16		342	3	358
Total costs and expenses		1,531		3,220	4	1,751
Results of operations before income taxes		893		2,240	3	3,133
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		340		645	(985
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	553	\$	1,595	\$ 2	2,148
	Ni	ine Months 20	10			
	Uı	nited States	In	ternational	То	tal
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	1,774	\$	4,678	\$6	6,452
Other, net		2		1,223	•	1,225
Total revenues and non-operating income		1,776		5,901	7	7,677

Costs and Expenses

Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes	346		1,046	1,392
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	-		532	532
Total costs and expenses	1,159		3,127	4,286
Results of operations before income taxes	617		2,774	3,391
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	232		843	1,075
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 385	\$	1,931	\$2,316

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

	Third Quarter 2011	Third Quarter 2010	Second Quarter 2011
Operating Data			
Net Production Per Day (in thousands)			
Crude oil - barrels			
United States	82	78	77
Europe	68	82	93
Africa	59	117	66
Asia	15	13	12
Total	224	290	248
Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States	13	15	13
Europe	3	3	3
Asia	1	=	1
Total	17	18	17
Natural gas - mcf			
United States	102	120	100
Europe	55	104	72
Asia and other	458	406	471
Total	615	630	643
Barrels of oil equivalent	344	413	372
Average Selling Price			
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*			
United States	\$ 95.12	\$ 71.92	\$ 106.62
Europe	65.92	57.28	87.75
Africa	89.41	64.78	97.74
Asia	112.31	75.95	113.44
Worldwide	85.81	64.81	97.20
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)			
United States	\$ 95.12	\$ 71.92	\$ 106.62
Europe	65.92	57.28	87.75
Africa	113.03	75.70	118.19
Asia	112.31	75.95	113.44
Worldwide	92.33	69.47	102.73
Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States	\$ 57.72	\$ 43.20	\$ 61.57
Europe	82.18	57.69	69.99
Asia	71.30	53.60	79.63

Worldwide	63.64	46.10	64.05
Natural gas - per mcf			
United States	\$ 3.43	\$ 3.56	\$ 3.71
Europe	8.93	6.50	8.97
Asia and other	5.86	6.18	5.94
Worldwide	5.74	5.73	5.93

^{*} The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$82 million in the third quarter of 2011, \$85 million in the third quarter of 2010 and \$81 million in the second quarter of 2011.

HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months 2011			2010		
Operating Data						
Net Production Per Day (in thousands)						
Crude oil - barrels						
United States		78		74		
Europe		86		83		
Africa		70		117		
Asia		14		14		
Total		248		288		
Natural gas liquids - barrels						
United States		13		13		
Europe		3		3		
Asia		1		1		
Total		17		17		
Natural gas - mcf						
United States		103		107		
Europe Asia and other		78 452		133 432		
Asia and other Total		453 634		432 672		
Barrels of oil equivalent		371		417		
Barrels of oil equivalent		371		417		
Average Selling Price						
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)*						
United States	\$	97.71	\$	73.05		
Europe		81.19		56.29		
Africa		89.85		63.67		
Asia		112.03		75.97		
Worldwide		90.22		64.44		
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)						
United States	\$	97.71	\$	73.05		
Europe		81.19		56.29		
Africa		111.20		76.19		
Asia		112.03		75.97		
Worldwide		95.89		69.56		
Natural gas liquids - per barrel	Φ.	50.00	Φ.	40.40		
United States	\$		\$			
Europe Asia		78.09 74.18		57.28 60.15		
Worldwide		63.70		48.84		
		00.70		70.04		
Natural gas - per mcf United States	\$	3.66	\$	3.91		
Europe	Φ	8.64	φ	5.67		
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Asia and other	5.85	6.21
Worldwide	5.84	5.74

^{*} The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$244 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and \$252 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

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MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)						
				Third Quarter 2011	Third Quarter 2010	Second Quarter 2011
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)						
Marketing and Refining Results						
Income (loss) before income taxes				\$ (23)	\$ (78)	\$ (45)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes				-	(40)	(6)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation				\$ (23)	\$ (38)	\$ (39)
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results						
Refining				\$ (38)	\$ (50)	\$ (44)
Marketing				41	40	28
Trading				(26)	(28)	(23)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation				\$ (23)	\$ (38)	\$ (39)
Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousands)						
Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)						
Gasoline				222	253	228
Distillates				100	96	114
Residuals				53	56	56
Other				14	41	28
Total				389	446	426
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)						
HOVENSA - Crude runs				297	408	303
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share				149	204	152
Port Reading				63	61	66
Refinery Utilization	Refine	ery C	apacity			
HOVENSA	(barre	els pe	er day)			
Crude	350		(a)	84.9%	81.6%	86.7%
FCC	150			79.2%	76.1%	77.8%
Coker	58			91.0%	73.0%	96.0%
Port Reading	70			90.0%	87.7%	93.6%
Retail Marketing						
Number of retail stations (b)				1,358	1,360	1,356
Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (c)				\$316	\$322	\$ 305
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (c)			201	204	199

⁽a) HOVENSA's refining crude capacity was reduced to 350,000 from 500,000 barrels per day in the first quarter of 2011.

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

⁽c) Company operated only.

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

	-		Nine Mon 2011	ths 2010
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)				
Marketing and Refining Results				
Income (loss) before income taxes Provision (benefit) for income taxes Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation			\$ 28 51 \$ (23)	\$ 24 (6) \$ 30
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results				
Refining Marketing Trading Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation			\$ (130) 137 (30) \$ (23)	\$ (137) 178 (11) \$ 30
Operating Data (barrels and gallons in thousands)				
Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)				
Gasoline Distillates Residuals Other Total			226 116 65 20 427	247 112 66 40 465
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)				
HOVENSA - Crude runs HOVENSA - Hess 50% share Port Reading			288 144 65	392 196 53
Refinery Utilization	Refinery	Capacity		
HOVENSA	(barrels p	er day)		
Crude	350	(a)	82.3%	78.4%
FCC Coker Port Reading	150 58 70		74.3% 76.4% 92.5%	69.5% 80.0% 75.4%
Retail Marketing				
Number of retail stations (b) Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (c) Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (c)			1,358 \$ 899 195	1,360 \$ 915 198

- (a) HOVENSA's refining crude capacity was reduced to 350,000 from 500,000 barrels per day in the first quarter of 2011.
- (b) Includes company operated, Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer.
- (c) Company operated only.

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