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): January 31, 2007

HESS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE No. 1-1204 No. 13-4921002
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 31, 2007, Hess Corporation issued a news release reporting its results for the fourth quarter of 2006. A copy of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99(1) and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item~7.01.~Regulation~FD~Disclosure.

Furnished hereunder are the prepared remarks of John B. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Hess Corporation, and John J. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and President, Worldwide Exploration and Production at a public conference call held on January 31, 2007. Copies of these remarks are attached as Exhibit 99(2) and as Exhibit 99(3) and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c)	Exhibits

- 99(1) News release dated January 31, 2007 reporting results for the fourth quarter of 2006.
- 99(2) Prepared remarks of John B. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.
- 99(3) Prepared remarks of John J. O'Connor, Executive Vice President and President, Worldwide Exploration and Production.

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: January 31, 2007

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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HESS REPORTS ESTIMATED RESULTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2006

NEW YORK, January 31, 2007 -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES)

Hess Corporation reported net income of \$359 million for the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with net income of \$452 million for the fourth quarter of 2005. For the full year, net income was \$1,916 million compared with \$1,242 million in 2005. See the following page for a table and description of items affecting the comparability of earnings between periods. The after-tax results by major operating activity were as follows:

	Three months ended				Year ended				
		Decen	nber 3	31	_	December 31			
		2006*		2005*		2006*		2005	
				(In millions, except	xcept per share amounts)				
Exploration and Production	\$	350	\$	298	\$	1,763	\$	1,058	
Marketing and Refining		67		229		390		515	
Corporate		(27)		(41)		(110)		(191)	
Interest expense		(31)		(34)		(127)		(140)	
Net income	\$	359	\$	452	\$	1,916	\$	1,242	
Net income per share (diluted)**	\$	1.13	\$	1.44	\$	6.07	\$	3.98	
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)**		316.4	_	314.5		315.7	_	312.1	

^{*} Unaudited

Exploration and Production earnings were \$350 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with \$298 million in the fourth quarter of 2005. The Corporation's oil and gas production, on a barrel-of-oil equivalent basis, was 366,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with 316,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2005.

In the fourth quarter of 2006, the Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$50.76 per barrel, an increase of \$16.67 per barrel from the fourth quarter of 2005. The increase primarily reflects reduced hedge positions in 2006. The Corporation's average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$5.25 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2006, compared to \$7.14 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2005.

^{**} Weighted average number of shares and per-share amounts in all periods reflect the impact of the 3-for-1 stock split on May 31, 2006.

Marketing and Refining earnings were \$67 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with \$229 million in the fourth quarter of 2005. Refining earnings were \$45 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with \$83 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 principally reflecting lower refined product margins. Marketing earnings were \$17 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared with \$131 million in the same period of 2005, primarily reflecting lower margins. Earnings from trading operations were \$5 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 compared to \$15 million in the fourth quarter of 2005.

The following items, on an after-tax basis, are included in net income (in millions):

		Three months ended December 31			Year ended			
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	200	6	2005	2006	2005			
Exploration and Production								
Gains from asset sales	\$	- \$	30 \$	236	\$ 41			
Income tax adjustments		-	-	(45)	11			
Accrued office closing costs		-	-	(18)	-			
Hurricane related costs		-	(12)	-	(26)			
Legal settlement		-	-	-	11			
Marketing and Refining								
LIFO inventory liquidation		-	25	-	32			
Charge related to customer bankruptcy		-	(8)	-	(8)			
Corporate								
Tax on repatriated earnings		-	-	-	(72)			
Premiums on bond repurchases		<u>-</u>	(19)	<u>-</u>	(26)			
	\$	<u>-</u> \$	<u>16</u> \$	173	<u>\$</u> (37)			

The gains from asset sales for the year 2006 relate to the sale of certain United States producing properties. During 2006 the United Kingdom increased the supplementary tax on petroleum operations from 10% to 20%. As a result, the Corporation recorded a \$45 million adjustment to its United Kingdom deferred tax liability. The year 2006 results also include a charge for vacated leased office space.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$3,491 million in 2006 compared with \$1,840 million in 2005. Proceeds from asset sales in 2006 totaled \$444 million. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2006 amounted to \$4,056 million of which \$3,887 million related to Exploration and Production activities. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2005 amounted to \$2,490 million, including \$2,384 million for Exploration and Production.

At December 31, 2006, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$383 million compared with \$315 million at December 31, 2005. Total debt was \$3,772 million at December 31, 2006 and \$3,785 million at December 31, 2005. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at December 31, 2006 was 31.7% compared with 37.6% at the end of 2005.

Hess Corporation will review fourth 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 global integrated energy company engaged in the exploration for and the development, production, purchase, transportation and sale of crude oil and natural gas. The Corporation also manufactures, purchases, trades and markets refined petroleum and other energy products.

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)

	Fourth Quarter 2006		Fourth Quarter 2005		Third Quarter 2006	
Income Statement						
Revenues and Non-operating Income						
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$	7,155	\$	7,059	\$	7,035
Non-operating income						
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.		32		67		70
Gain on asset sales				30		
Other, net		22		(10)		25
Total revenues and non-operating income		7,209		7,146		7,130
Costs and Expenses						
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)		5,058		5,367		4,899
Production expenses		358		284		323
Marketing expenses		254		238		230
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		140		86		221
Other operating expenses		35		37		34
General and administrative expenses		117		103		115
Interest expense		51		55		49
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		353		258		323
Total costs and expenses		6,366		6,428		6,194
Income before income taxes		843		718		936
Provision for income taxes		484		266		639
Net income	\$	359	\$	452	\$	297
Preferred stock dividends		8		12		12
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$	351	\$	440	\$	285
Supplemental Income Statement Information						
Foreign currency gains (losses) net, after-tax	\$	5	\$	2	\$	
Capitalized interest	Ų	25	Ψ	23	Ψ	25
Cash Flow Information						
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$	779	\$	289	\$	828
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures						
Exploration and Production						
United States	\$	269	\$	95	\$	252
International		715		654		531
Total Exploration and Production		984		749		783
Marketing, Refining and Corporate		47		32		47
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	1,031	\$	781	\$	830
Exploration expenses charged to income included above						
United States	\$	42	\$	28	\$	19
International		28		29		23
	\$	70	\$	57	\$	42
(*) Includes changes in working capital						
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	Y	Year		
	2006		2005	
Income Statement				
Revenues and Non-operating Income				
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$ 28,067	\$	22,747	
Non-operating income				
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.	203		376	
Gain on asset sales	369		48	
Other, net	81		84	
Total revenues and non-operating income	28,720		23,255	
Costs and Expenses				
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)	19,912		17,041	
Production expenses	1,250		1,007	
Marketing expenses	940		842	
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	552		397	
Other operating expenses	130		136	
General and administrative expenses	471		357	
Interest expense	201		224	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,224		1,025	
Total costs and expenses	24,680		21,029	
Income before income taxes	4,040		2,226	
Provision for income taxes	2,124		984	
Net income	\$ 1,916	\$	1,242	
Preferred stock dividends	44		48	
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ 1,872	\$	1,194	
Supplemental Income Statement Information				
Foreign currency gains (losses) net, after-tax	\$ 10	\$	18	
Capitalized interest	100		80	
Cash Flow Information				
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$ 3,491	\$	1,840	
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures				
Exploration and Production				
United States	\$ 908	\$	353	
International	2,979		2,031	
Total Exploration and Production	3,887		2,384	
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	169		106	
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 4,056	\$	2,490	
Exploration expenses charged to income included above				
United States	\$ 110	\$	89	
International	102	Ψ	60	
	\$ 212	\$	149	
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

	December 31		December 31	
		2006		2005
Balance Sheet Information				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	383	\$	315
Other current assets		5,347		4,975
Investments		1,200		1,389
Property, plant and equipment - net		12,310		9,512
Other long-term assets		3,082		2,924
Total assets	\$	22,322	\$	19,115
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	27	\$	26
Other current liabilities		6,579		6,421
Long-term debt		3,745		3,759
Other long-term liabilities		3,860		2,623
Stockholders' equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)		9,675		7,812
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(1,564)		(1,526)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	22,322	\$	19,115
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNINGS (UNAUDITED) (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Fourth Quarter 2006

	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 244	\$ 1,438	\$ 1,682
Non-operating income	3	18	21
Total revenues	247	1,456	1,703
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes	59	299	358
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	94	46	140
General, administrative and other expenses	30	16	46
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	31	305	336
Total costs and expenses	214	666	880
Results of operations before income taxes	33	790	823
Provision for income taxes	12	461	473
Results of operations	\$ 21	\$ 329	\$ 350
		Fourth Quarter 2005	
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income	\$ 274	\$ 826	\$ 1,100
Total revenues	3	28 854	31
Costs and expenses	277	854	1,131
Production expenses, including related taxes	70	214	284
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	34	52	86
General, administrative and other expenses	21	22	43
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	24	216	240
Total costs and expenses	149	504	653
Results of operations before income taxes	128	350	478
Provision for income taxes	43	137	180
Results of operations	\$ 85	\$ 213	\$ 298
		Third Quarter 2006	
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 314	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,665
Non-operating income	14	1	15
Total revenues	328	1,352	1,680
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes	55	268	323
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	164	57	221
General, administrative and other expenses	21	25	46
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	35	271	306
Total costs and expenses	275	621	896
Results of operations before income taxes	53	731	784
Provision for income taxes	20	558	578
Results of operations	\$ 33	\$ 173	\$ 206

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

	Year 2006			
		United States		Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	1,232	\$ 5,292	\$ 6,524
Non-operating income		385	43	428
Total revenues		1,617	5,335	6,952
Costs and expenses				
Production expenses, including related taxes		221	1,029	1,250
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		353	199	552
General, administrative and other expenses		95	114	209
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		127	1,032	1,159
Total costs and expenses		796	2,374	3,170
Results of operations before income taxes		821	2,961	3,782
Provision for income taxes		296	1,723	2,019
Results of operations	\$	525	\$ 1,238	\$ 1,763
		United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	1,097	\$ 3,113	\$ 4,210
Non-operating income (expenses)		(1)	95	94
Total revenues		1,096	3,208	4,304
Costs and expenses		_		·
Production expenses, including related taxes		253	754	1,007
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		233	164	397
General, administrative and other expenses		74	66	140
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		145	820	965
Total costs and expenses		705	1,804	2,509
Results of operations before income taxes		391	1,404	1,795
Provision for income taxes		141	596	737
Results of operations	<u>\$</u>	250	\$ 808	\$ 1,058

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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICES)

		Fourth Quarter 2006	Fou Qua 20	rter	Third Quarter 2006
Operating Data		2000		05	2000
Net Production Per Day					
Crude oil - barrels					
United States		29		37	34
Europe		111		105	102
Africa		89		66	86
Asia and other		13		10	 13
Total		242		218	 235
Natural gas liquids - barrels					
United States		9		9	11
Europe		7		4	 5
Total		16		13	 16
Natural gas - mcf					
United States		91		112	109
Europe		336		254	274
Asia and other		223		147	 226
Total		650		513	 609
Barrels of oil equivalent		366		316	 352
Average Selling Price					
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)					
United States	\$	53.64	\$	30.95	\$ 65.41
Europe		50.01		33.50	59.97
Africa		49.77		34.08	54.52
Asia and other Worldwide		57.09 50.76		55.30 34.09	67.24 58.81
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)					
United States	\$	53.64	\$	54.85	\$ 65.41
Europe		51.79		53.10	62.79
Africa		57.11		54.72	66.43
Asia and other		57.09		55.30	67.24
Worldwide		54.46		53.99	64.73
Natural gas liquids - per barrel					
United States	\$	43.68	\$	48.67	\$ 49.17
Europe		45.19		44.60	50.30
Worldwide		44.33		47.17	49.54
Natural gas - per mcf					
United States	\$	6.27	\$	11.75	\$ 5.99
Europe		5.55		6.91	5.37
Asia and other		4.39		4.04	3.91
Worldwide		5.25		7.14	4.94
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICES)

		Year				
		2006		2005	<u> </u>	
perating Data						
Net Production Per Day						
Crude oil - barrels						
United States			36		4	
Europe			109		11	
Africa			85		6	
Asia and other			12			
Total			242		22	
Natural gas liquids - barrels						
United States			10		1	
Europe			5			
Total			15		1	
Natural gas - mcf						
United States			110		13	
Europe			283		27	
Asia and other			219		13	
Total			612		54	
Barrels of oil equivalent			359		33	
Average Selling Price						
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)				_		
United States		\$	60.45	\$	32.6	
Europe			56.19		33.1	
Africa			51.18		32.	
Asia and other			61.52		54.	
Worldwide			55.31		33.3	
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)						
United States		\$	60.45	\$	51.	
Europe			58.46		52.2	
Africa			62.80		51.	
Asia and other			61.52		54.	
Worldwide			60.41		51.	
Natural gas liquids - per barrel						
United States		\$	46.22	\$	38.	
Europe			47.30		37.	
Worldwide			46.59		38.	
Natural gas - per mcf						
United States		\$	6.59	\$	7.9	
Europe			6.20		5.	
Asia and other			4.05		4.	
Worldwide			5.50		5.0	
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL HEDGING INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The following is a summary of the Corporation's outstanding crude oil hedges at December 31, 2006:

<u>Maturity</u>	Av	erage Selling Price	Thousands of barrels per day
2007	\$	25.85	24
2008		25.56	24
2009		25.54	24
2010		25.78	24
2011		26.37	24
2012		26.90	24

Brent Crude Oil*

The after-tax losses from crude oil hedges were \$57 million in the fourth quarter of 2006, \$269 million in fourth quarter of 2005, and \$81 million in the third quarter of 2006. Hedge losses totaled \$285 million and \$989 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The after-tax deferred hedge loss included in accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2006 amounted to \$1.3 billion.

^{*} There were no WTI crude oil or natural gas hedges outstanding at December 31, 2006.

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

		Fourth Quarter 2006		Fourth Quarter 2005	Third Quarter 2006	
ancial Information (in millions of dollars)						
Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		\$	105 \$ 38	358 129	\$	245 92
Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	67 \$	229	\$	153
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Refining		\$	45 \$	83	\$	64
Marketing			17	131		63
Trading			<u> 5</u>	15		26
Total Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	67 \$	229	\$	153
erating Data (in thousands unless noted)						
Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)						
Gasoline			210	218		212
Distillates			169	170		130
Residuals			57	78		54
Other			33	53		37
Total			469	519		433
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)						
HOVENSA - Crude runs			469	482		475
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share			234	241		237
Port Reading			64	64		62
Refinery Utilization	Refinery Capacity					
HOVENSA	(barrels per day)					
Crude	500		93.7%	96.3%		94.9
FCC	150		91.2%	87.1%		92.0
Coker	58		89.8%	85.3%		88.3
Port Reading	65		98.1%	98.5%		95.8
Retail Marketing						
Number of retail stations (a)			1,350	1,354		1,347
Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)		\$	253 \$	241	\$	271
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)			202	199		216
(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)

				Year		
		2	2006		2005	
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)						
Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Income before income taxes		\$	614	\$	813	
Provision for income taxes			224		298	
Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	390	\$	515	
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Refining		\$	236	\$	346	
Marketing			108		136	
Trading			46		33	
Total Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	390	\$	515	
Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)						
Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)						
Gasoline			218		213	
Distillates			144		136	
Residuals			60		64	
Other			37		43	
Total			459		456	
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)						
HOVENSA - Crude runs			448		461	
HOVENSA - Hess 50% share			224		231	
Port Reading			63		55	
Refinery Utilization	Refinery Capacity					
HOVENSA	(barrels per day)					
Crude	500		89.7%		92.29	
FCC	150		84.3%		81.99	
Coker	58		84.3%		92.89	
Port Reading	65		97.4%		85.39	
Retail Marketing						
Number of retail stations (a)			1,350		1,354	
Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)		\$	1,015	\$	973	
Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)			208		204	

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

⁽b) Company operated only.

2006 Fourth Quarter Earnings Conference Call

Thank you Jay, and welcome to our fourth quarter conference call. I would like to make a few brief comments highlighting some key achievements of 2006 and provide some guidance for 2007. John O'Connor will then discuss our Exploration and Production business, after which John Rielly will review our financial results.

2006 was a year of record financial performance for our Company. Our results benefited from the strong commodity price environment which existed for much of the year. Corporate net income was \$1.9 billion. Exploration and Production earned nearly \$1.8 billion, and Marketing and Refining earned \$390 million.

Capital and exploratory expenditures in 2006 amounted to just under \$4.1 billion, of which about \$3.9 billion was related to Exploration and Production activities. For 2007, our capital and exploratory expenditures are budgeted to be approximately \$4.0 billion, of which about \$3.9 billion relates to Exploration and Production, including our acquisition of a 28% working interest in the Genghis Khan Field in the Gulf of Mexico.

We enhanced the strength of our financial position during the year, with our debt to capitalization ratio improving to 31.7% at the end of 2006 versus 37.6% at the end of 2005.

During 2006, our operational achievements included:

- · growing our proved reserves to 1.24 billion barrels of oil equivalent;
- · replacing approximately 230% of production, at a FD&A cost of about \$12.55 per barrel;
- · lengthening our reserve life to 9.3 years, marking the fourth consecutive year in which we have lengthened our reserve life;
- · increasing our crude oil and natural gas production by 7% versus the prior year;
- · bringing four field developments into production;
- · creating significant value from our high impact exploration program; and
- · continuing the selective expansion of our Retail and Energy Marketing businesses.

With regard to crude oil and natural gas production, in 2006 our production averaged 359 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day. In 2007 we forecast that worldwide crude oil and natural gas production will average between 370 and 380 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day, which is within our long term guidance of 3-5% production growth per year.

As to our major field developments, we made significant progress during 2006, including four field start-ups, ACG Phase 2, Atlantic / Cromarty, Phu Horm, and Okume. During the year we sanctioned the Shenzi deepwater development located in the Green Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico and advanced the Pangkah oil development in Indonesia and the Seminole ROZ project in the Permian Basin, all of which are scheduled to begin production in 2009.

In terms of exploration, we continued to have good success in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico during 2006. We made a potentially significant discovery at our Pony prospect, on Green Canyon Block 468, and drilled a successful appraisal sidetrack which confirmed our pre-drill estimate of 100-600 million barrels of oil equivalent on our acreage. We have a 100% interest in the Pony prospect. In addition, successful appraisal drilling at our Tubular Bells prospect, on Mississippi Canyon Blocks 683 and 726, in which we have a 20% interest, has been very encouraging. Appraisal drilling at both these discoveries will continue in 2007.

With regard to Marketing and Refining, our businesses were negatively impacted by margin pressures and milder than normal weather. Our refineries operated reliably with the exception of some unplanned downtime at our HOVENSA joint venture early last year. We successfully completed low sulfur fuel projects at both HOVENSA and Port Reading during the year. In Retail Marketing, our annual convenience store revenues in 2006, excluding petroleum products, exceeded \$1 billion for the first time. Energy Marketing achieved increased sales of both natural gas and electricity as a result of both organic growth and selective acquisitions, building a stronger and more profitable business for the future.

In summary, we are pleased with the performance of our assets and the strength of our organization. We remain confident that the investments we are making for the future will sustain profitable growth and create significant value for our shareholders.

I will now turn the call over to John O'Connor.

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In the fourth quarter of 2006, production of 366 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day was up 16% versus the fourth quarter of 2005. Two new Hess-operated fields, Okume Complex and Phu Horm, started up ahead of schedule and on budget. In the Gulf of Mexico we drilled and cored a successful appraisal well to our Pony discovery and we announced the acquisition of a 28% interest in the Genghis Khan Field, which is the western portion of the large Shenzi development in which we also have a 28% interest.

Overall, 2006 was a year of strong operational performance for Exploration & Production. We produced 359 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day, up 7% from 2005. More importantly, we replaced about 230% of production with new proved reserves of 310 million barrels of oil equivalent. Reserves growth year-on-year was 14%, resulting in year-end 2006 proved reserves of 1.24 billion barrels of oil equivalent and a reserve life of 9.3 years. Over the past three years we have replaced 162% of production at an average FD&A cost of about \$12.50 per barrel of oil equivalent.

During 2006 we continued to actively high grade our asset portfolio by selling non-core properties in the Permian and US Gulf Coast, and by entering the West Med block offshore Egypt and re-entering Libya.

In 2007 we expect production to be in the range of 370-380 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day net of planned asset sales, within our 3-5% per annum growth initiative. Okume Complex production will step up through the year with the addition of some five new wells per quarter, achieving plateau production in early 2008. In the second quarter of 2007 we will start gas production from Ujung Pangkah in Indonesia and in the third quarter we expect to start production from Genghis Khan. Gas production from the JDA fields will also increase in the second half of 2007 with the addition of some 200 million cubic feet per day gross of early Phase 2 gas to the current Phase 1 volumes of 350 million cubic feet per day. Full production from Phase II is scheduled for first quarter 2008.

In 2007 our drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico will focus on the development and appraisal of our three Miocene discoveries in the Green Canyon & Mississippi Canyon areas. Development drilling will continue on Shenzi and on Genghis Khan while appraisal drilling is underway at both Pony and Tubular Bells.

2006 was certainly a year of high activity and significant execution. 2007 promises to be just as active.

Now I will hand the call over to John Rielly.

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