UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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): November 2, 2012

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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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 2, 2012, Hess Corporation issued a news release reporting estimated results for the third quarter of 2012. 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, at a public conference call held on November 2, 2012. Copies of these remarks are attached as Exhibit 99(2) and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits
 - 99(1) News release dated November 2, 2012 reporting estimated results for the third quarter of 2012.
 - 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: November 2, 2012

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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News Release

HESS REPORTS ESTIMATED RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2012

Third Quarter Highlights:

- Net income was \$557 million, compared with \$298 million in the third quarter of 2011
- Net income excluding items affecting comparability between periods was \$495 million compared with \$379 million in the third quarter of 2011
- Oil and gas production increased to 402,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up from 344,000 in the third quarter of 2011
- Production from the Bakken oil shale play in North Dakota increased to 62,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up from 32,000 in the third quarter of 2011
- Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,862 million, compared with \$1,022 million in the third quarter of 2011

NEW YORK, November 2, 2012 -- Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$557 million for the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$298 million for the third quarter of 2011. The after-tax income (loss) by major operating activity was as follows:

	S	Three Mo eptember 30				Nine Moi September 3	
		2012		2011		2012	2011
		(In milli	ons, except	per sh	are amounts)	
Exploration and Production	\$	608	\$	422	\$	1,887	\$ 2,148
Marketing and Refining		53		(23)		72	(23)
Corporate		(38)		(44)		(115)	(114)
Interest expense		(66)		(57)		(193)	(177)
Net income attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	557	\$	298	\$	1,651	\$ 1,834
Net income per share (diluted)	\$	1.64	\$.88	\$	4.85	\$ 5.40
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		340.0		340.2	<u></u>	340.3	 339.8

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

Exploration and Production earnings were \$608 million in the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$422 million in the third quarter of 2011. The Corporation's average worldwide crude oil



selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$86.69 per barrel, up from \$85.81 per barrel in the same quarter a year ago. The average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$5.88 per mcf in the third quarter of 2012, up from \$5.74 per mcf in the third quarter of 2011. Third quarter oil and gas production was 402,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up from 344,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter of 2011, primarily reflecting an increase in production from the Bakken oil shale play and the resumption of operations in Libya. Net production from the Bakken averaged 62,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter of 2012 compared to 32,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the same period last year. At the Waha concessions in Libya, net production averaged 23,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter of 2012. Due to civil unrest in the country, there was no production in Libya in the same period last year.

Marketing and Refining generated income of \$53 million in the third quarter of 2012, compared with a loss of \$23 million in the same period in 2011. Marketing earnings were \$17 million in the third quarter of 2012, down from \$41 million in the third quarter of 2011 as a result of lower margins. Port Reading refining operations generated income of \$18 million in the third quarter of 2012, compared with break even in the same quarter last year. Refining operations generated a loss of \$38 million in the third quarter a year ago, almost entirely related to our share of HOVENSA's results. The HOVENSA refinery was shut down in the first quarter of 2012. Trading activities generated income of \$18 million in the third quarter of 2012 and a loss of \$26 million in the same quarter of last year.

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

Three Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)				Nine Months Ended September 30, (unaudited)			
	2012	2	011	2012 2011			
			(In mill	ions)			
\$	62	\$	(81) \$	5	62	\$	244

Exploration and Production

Third quarter 2012 results included an after-tax gain of \$349 million from the sale of the Corporation's interests in the Schiehallion Field and associated assets in the United Kingdom North Sea for \$524 million. The results also included after-tax impairment charges of \$116 million that resulted from increases to the Corporation's estimated abandonment liabilities related to non-producing properties. Additionally, the Corporation recorded a \$56 million

after-tax charge to write off its assets in Peru following a decision to cease future appraisal and development activities in the country. A one-time charge of \$115 million was also recorded to reflect the third quarter change in the United Kingdom's supplementary income tax rate to 20 percent from 32 percent applicable to deductions for dismantlement expenditures.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,862 million in the third quarter of 2012, compared with \$1,022 million in the same quarter of 2011. Capital and exploratory expenditures were \$2,287 million, of which \$2,260 million related to Exploration and Production operations. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the third quarter of 2011 were \$2,550 million, of which \$2,517 million related to Exploration and Production operations.

At September 30, 2012, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$528 million, compared with \$351 million at December 31, 2011. Total debt was \$7,841 million at September 30, 2012 and \$6,057 million at December 31, 2011. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at September 30, 2012 was 27.5 percent, compared with 24.6 percent at the end of 2011.

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 <u>www.hess.com</u>.

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 in marketing refined petroleum products, natural gas and electricity. More information on Hess Corporation is available at <u>www.hess.com</u>.

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)

		Third Quarter 2012	Third Quarter 2011		Quarter	
Income Statement						
Revenues and Non-operating Income						
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$	9,194	\$	8,665	\$	9,304
Income (loss) from equity investment in HOVENSA L.L.C.		-		(36)		-
Gains on asset sales		376		103		-
Other, net		49		(6)		5
Total revenues and non-operating income		9,619	. <u> </u>	8,726		9,309
Costs and Expenses						
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)		6,019		6,181		5,969
Production expenses		712		609		677
Marketing expenses		259		266		265
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		259		199		196
Other operating expenses		41		43		41
General and administrative expenses		167		177		172
Interest expense		104		94		105
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		748		586		769
Asset impairments		208		358		59
Total costs and expenses		8,517		8,513		8,253
Income (loss) before income taxes		1,102		213		1,056
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		510		(54)		521
Net income (loss)		592		267		535
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		35		(31)		(14)
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	557	\$	298	\$	549
Supplemental Income Statement Information	\$	7	¢	(2)	¢	(5)
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax Capitalized interest	Ф	8	\$	(2) 4	\$	(5) 5
Capitalized interest		0		4		5
Cash Flow Information						
Net cash provided by operating activities (a)	\$	1,862	\$	1,022	\$	1,240
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures						
Exploration and Production						
United States	\$	1,210	\$	1,600	\$	1,243
International		1,050		917		793
Total Exploration and Production		2,260		2,517		2,036
Marketing, Refining and Corporate		27		33		42
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$	2,287	\$	2,550	\$	2,078
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Exploration expenses charged to income included above United States	\$	39	\$	48	\$	33
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	<u>⊅</u>	127	\$	116	\$	100
(a) Includes changes in working capital.						

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

	Nine	Months			
	2012		2011		
Income Statement					
Revenues and Non-operating Income					
Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues	\$ 28,180	\$	28,733		
Income (loss) from equity investment in HOVENSA L.L.C.	-		(133)		
Gains on asset sales	412		446		
Other, net	83		1		
Total revenues and non-operating income	28,675		29,047		
Costs and Expenses					
Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below)	18,667		20,062		
Production expenses	2,062		1,739		
Marketing expenses	775		796		
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	708		769		
Other operating expenses	123		127		
General and administrative expenses	506		515		
Interest expense Depreciation, depletion and amortization	313 2,198		290 1,732		
Asset impairments	2,190		358		
Total costs and expenses	25,619		26,388		
Income (loss) before income taxes	3,056		2,659		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	1,369		2,039 849		
Net income (loss)	1,687		1,810		
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	36		(24)		
Net income (loss) attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 1,651	\$	1,834		
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Supplemental Income Statement Information					
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax	\$ 11	\$	(7)		
Capitalized interest	18		8		
Cash Flow Information					
Net cash provided by operating activities (a)	\$ 4,090 (b)\$	3,846		
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures					
Exploration and Production					
United States	\$ 3,694	\$	2,933		
International	2,565		2,226		
Total Exploration and Production	6,259		5,159		
Marketing, Refining and Corporate	92		67		
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 6,351	\$	5,226		
Exploration expenses charged to income included above					
United States	\$ 109	\$	146		
International	226		189		
	\$ 335	\$	335		

(a) Includes changes in working capital.(b) Net of payments to HOVENSA L.L.C. totaling \$487 million to fully fund our share of previously accrued refining shutdown costs.

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

Balance Sheet Information	September 30 2012	', I	December 31, 2011
Datance Sneet Information			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 52	8 \$	351
Other current assets	7,62	9	7,988
Investments	40	1	384
Property, plant and equipment – net	28,14	4	24,712
Other long-term assets	5,51	0	5,701
Total assets	\$ 42,21	2 \$	39,136
Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 62	1 \$	52
Other current liabilities	7,22	7	8,048
Long-term debt	7,22	0	6,005
Other long-term liabilities	6,49	2	6,439
Total equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)	21,32	7	19,659
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(67	5)	(1,067)
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 42,21	2 \$	39,136

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

			Third Qu	uarter 2012		
	Unit	ted States	Inter	national		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		68		191		259
General, administrative and other expenses		49		30		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

			Third C	Quarter 2011		
	Unit	ed States	Inte	rnational		Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	830	\$	1,307	\$	2,137
Gains on asset sales		-		103		103
Other, net		4		(10)		(6)
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 (b))\$	422

			Second	Quarter 2012		
	Uni	ited States	Inte	rnational		Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	1,043	\$	1,946	\$	2,989
Gains on asset sales		-		-		-
Other, net		1		-		1
Total revenues and non-operating income		1,044		1,946		2,990
Costs and expenses						
Production expenses, including related taxes		253		424		677
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		75		121		196
General, administrative and other expenses		50		29		79
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		335		408		743
Asset impairments		59		-		59
Total costs and expenses		772		982		1,754
Results of operations before income taxes		272		964		1,236
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		112		480		592
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	160 (a) \$	484 (b)\$	644

(a) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$5 million in the third quarter of 2012 and \$3 million in the second quarter of 2012.

(b) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$89 million in the third quarter of 2012, \$82 million in the third quarter of 2011 and \$86 million in the second quarter of 2012.

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

			Nine M	Ionths 2012	
	Un	ited States	Int	ernational	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	2,988	\$	5,328	\$ 8,316
Gains on asset sales		-		412	412
Other, net		19		53	72
Total revenues and non-operating income		3,007		5,793	8,800
Costs and expenses					
Production expenses, including related taxes		725		1,337	2,062
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		221		487	708
General, administrative and other expenses		137		86	223
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		1,007		1,120	2,127
Asset impairments		117		150	 267
Total costs and expenses		2,207		3,180	 5,387
Results of operations before income taxes		800		2,613	 3,413
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		313		1,213	1,526
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	487 (a) \$	1,400 (b)	\$ 1,887

			Nine M	Ionths 2011		
	Uni	ted States	Inte	rnational		Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$	2,434	\$	5,014	\$	7,448
Gains on asset sales		-		446		446
Other, net		(10)		-		(10)
Total revenues and non-operating income		2,424		5,460		7,884
Costs and expenses						
Production expenses, including related taxes		490		1,249		1,739
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		357		412		769
General, administrative and other expenses		141		90		231
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		527		1,127		1,654
Asset impairments		16		342		358
Total costs and expenses		1,531		3,220		4,751
Results of operations before income taxes		893		2,240		3,133
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		340		645		985
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	553	\$	1,595 (b))\$	2,148

(a) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$34 million in the first nine months of 2012.

(b) The after-tax losses from crude oil hedging activities were \$300 million in the first nine months of 2012 and \$244 million in the first nine months of 2011.

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

	Third Quarter 2012	Third Quarte 2011	r	Second Quarter 2012
<u>Operating Data</u>				LUIL
<u>Net Production Per Day (in thousands)</u>				
Crude oil - barrels				
United States	109		82	109
Europe	80		68	98
Africa	75		59	79
Asia	17		15	18
Total	281		224	304
Natural gas liquids - barrels				
United States	16		13	15
Europe	2		3	3
Asia	1		1	1
Total	19		17	19
Natural gas - mcf				
United States	116		102	121
Europe	36		55	53
Asia and other	462		458	465
Total	614		615	639
Barrels of oil equivalent	402		344	429
Average Selling Price				
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)				
United States	\$ 90.17	\$ 9	5.12 \$	91.97
Europe	75.08		5.92	76.20
Africa	90.78		9.41	89.01
Asia	102.85		2.31	105.89
Worldwide	86.69	8	5.81	86.86
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)				
United States	\$ 90.87		5.12 \$	
Europe	75.36		5.92	76.58
Africa	110.33		3.03	105.72
Asia	103.20		2.31	106.17
Worldwide	92.35	9	2.33	91.83
Natural gas liquids - per barrel	¢	<u> </u>		40
United States	\$ 38.35		7.72 \$	
Europe	56.82		2.18	66.15
Asia Worldwide	64.67 41.71		1.30 3.64	75.16 45.56
Natural gas - per mcf				
United States	\$ 2.18	\$	3.43 \$	1.55
Europe	9.15		3.93	9.98
Asia and other	6.56		5.86	6.61
Worldwide	5.88		5.74	5.94
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HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (UNAUDITED)

		Nine Month		
		2012		2011
<u>iting Data</u>				
l <u>et Production Per Day (in thousands)</u>				
Crude oil - barrels				
United States		104		
Europe		91		
Africa		75		
Asia		17		
Total		287		
Natural gas liquids - barrels				
United States		15		
Europe		3		
Asia		1		
Total		19		
Natural gas - mcf				
United States		112		
Europe Asia and other		50 459		
Total		621		
Barrels of oil equivalent		409	: <u> </u>	
werage Selling Price				
Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)				
United States	\$	92.53	\$	97
Europe	Ψ	77.13	Ψ	81
Africa		89.56		89
Anica		107.88		112
Worldwide		87.71		90
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)				
United States	\$	94.46	\$	97
Europe	Ψ	78.18	Ψ	81
Africa		111.28		111
Asia		109.92		112
Worldwide		94.58		95
Natural gas liquids - per barrel				
United States	\$	42.60	\$	58
Europe	Ψ	75.67	4	78
Asia		75.95		74
Worldwide		49.05		63
Natural gas - per mcf				
United States	\$	1.83	\$	З
Europe	Ų.	9.56	Ψ	5
Asia and other		6.64		5
Worldwide		6.04		5

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

	(Third Quarter 2012		Third Quarter 2011		Second Quarter 2012
Financial Information (in millions)						
Marketing and Refining Results						
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	84	\$	(23)	\$	7
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		31		-		(1)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	53	\$	(23)	\$	8
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results						
Marketing	\$	17	\$	41	\$	18
Refining		18		(38)		8
Trading		18		(26)		(18)
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$	53	\$	(23)	\$	8
Operating Data						
<u>Sales Volumes</u>						
Refined petroleum products (thousands of barrels per day)						
Gasoline		214		222		212
Distillates		102		100		108
Residuals		48		53		54
Other		10		14		17
Total		374		389		391
Natural gas (thousands of mcf per day)		1,900	:	1,800	_	1,860
Electricity (megawatts round the clock)		4,765	:	4,900		4,405
<u>Retail Marketing</u> Number of retail stations (a) Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$	1,361 295	\$	1,358 316	\$	1,361 288
Average gasoline volume per station (thousands of gallons per month) (b)	Ψ	196	Ψ	201	Ψ	194
Port Reading						
Refinery throughput (thousands of barrels per day)		68		63		69
Refinery utilization (capacity - 70,000 barrels per day)		97.0%		90.0%		98.0%
(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)

	Nine M	Months	
	2012	2011	
<u>Financial Information (in millions)</u>			
Marketing and Refining Results			
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	\$ 28	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	 39	51	
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 72	\$ (23)	
Summary of Marketing and Refining Results			
Marketing	\$ 57	\$ 137	
Refining	20	(130)	
Trading	 (5)	(30)	
Results of operations attributable to Hess Corporation	\$ 72	\$ (23)	
Operating Data			
Sales Volumes			
Refined petroleum products (thousands of barrels per day)			
Gasoline	212	226	
Distillates	109	116	
Residuals	54	65	
Other	 15	20	
Total	 390	427	
Natural gas (thousands of mcf per day)	 2,105	2,200	
Electricity (megawatts round the clock)	 4,475	4,500	
Lieculeity (megawaits found me clock)	 4,475	4,300	
Retail Marketing			
Number of retail stations (a)	1,361	1,358	
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$	\$ 899	
Average gasoline volume per station (thousands of gallons per month) (b)	192	195	
Port Reading			
Refinery throughput (thousands of barrels per day)	61	65	
Refinery utilization (capacity - 70,000 barrels per day)	87.6%	92.5%	

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

(b) Company operated only.

2012 Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call

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

First, I would like to express our deep concern for the people suffering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Our company is doing all that we can to help meet the public's energy needs in the wake of this storm. I want to thank the Hess employees who have worked around the clock to quickly open and supply 177 of our 186 Hess stations in New York City, Long Island and New Jersey. Hess has had a long history of doing whatever it takes to meet the demand for energy during times of crises. I also want to recognize and thank both New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Governor Christ Christie and their staffs for their outstanding leadership during this difficult period.

Now, I would like to provide an update on the progress we have made since our July call. As to future funding, we continue to believe that, at current oil prices, the gap between operating cash flow and capital expenditures should peak this year at about \$3 billion, moderate in 2013 due to lower spending and approach a balance in 2014. We also expect that this deficit will be largely met through asset sales. Since July, we have announced the sale of our interests in Azerbaijan for \$1 billion and the Beryl Field in the United Kingdom for \$525 million, which together with previously announced asset sales, bring the year to date total to \$2.4 billion. We have significant additional divestitures either underway or in the early planning stages. We expect these sales will be completed by the end of 2013. As a consequence of our strategic portfolio reshaping, our reserves and production base will be lower than 2012 levels; however our exploration and production assets will be more focused and lower risk, and offer higher growth and financial returns.

Next I would like to discuss our financial and operating performance. Net income for the third quarter of 2012 was \$557 million. Excluding nonrecurring items, earnings were \$495 million versus \$379 million for the third quarter of 2011. Our earnings were positively impacted by higher crude oil sales volumes and improved Marketing and Refining results and negatively impacted by higher operating costs in Exploration and Production.

Exploration and Production reported net income of \$608 million. Crude oil and natural gas production averaged 402 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day, a 17 percent increase over the year ago quarter. This increase was primarily the result of higher production from the Bakken in North Dakota and Libya.

Net production from the Bakken averaged 62 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter, an increase of 94 percent over the year ago quarter, and we shipped approximately 37 thousand barrels per day of crude oil from our Tioga rail loading facility to higher value markets, improving our price realizations.

In addition, we are currently evaluating the feasibility of building a rail unloading facility at our Port Reading, New Jersey complex to market Bakken crude oil on the East Coast.

At the Waha Fields in Libya, production averaged 23 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter. The fields were shut-in during the third quarter of 2011 due to civil unrest in the country.

At the Valhall Field in Norway, net production averaged 6,500 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter. The field was shut-in July 29th to complete major field redevelopment work. This work is now expected to be completed in mid-December after which production will resume.

With regard to exploration, Hess concluded drilling operations on the Almond prospect in Ghana. The well resulted in a discovery, encountering approximately 50 net feet of oil pay. We are currently taking a drilling break to incorporate results of the 2012 drilling

program into our subsurface models and we plan to drill two additional wells, the first of which should spud later in the fourth quarter.

In the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, we spud the Ness Deep well on Green Canyon 507 on June 12th. Ness Deep is a Miocene prospect in which Hess has a 50 percent working interest. BHP holds the remaining 50 percent and is the operator. This well is anticipated to reach total depth during the fourth quarter.

Turning to Marketing and Refining, we reported net income of \$53 million for the third quarter of 2012. Refining generated earnings of \$18 million compared to a loss of \$38 million in last year's third quarter. Marketing earnings were \$17 million compared to \$41 million in the year ago quarter. Gasoline volumes on a per site basis were down approximately 2 percent and total convenience store sales were down nearly 7 percent versus last year's third quarter, reflecting the continued weak economy. In Energy Marketing,

electricity and oil volumes were lower versus last year, while natural gas volumes were higher.

In summary, we are confident that our strategic portfolio reshaping – unlocking value from asset sales and redeploying the proceeds into lower risk, higher return investments – will deliver improved financial performance and create value for our shareholders.

I will now turn the call over to John Rielly.