### 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 30, 2008

### **HESS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**(State or other jursidiction of incorporation)

**No. 1-1204** (Commission File Number)

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

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

N/A

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 30, 2008, Hess Corporation issued a news release reporting its results for the fourth quarter of 2007. 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 30, 2008. 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.

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- 99(1) News release dated January 30, 2008 reporting results for the fourth quarter of 2007.
- 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.

### SIGNATURES

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 30, 2008

### HESS CORPORATION

By: /s/ John P. Rielly

Name: John P. Rielly

Title: Senior Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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### Hess Reports Estimated Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2007

### **Fourth Quarter Highlights:**

- Net Income was \$510 million compared with \$359 million in fourth quarter 2006
- Cash flows from operations were \$806 million compared with \$779 million in fourth quarter 2006
- Oil and gas production was 390,000 barrels per day, up from 366,000 in fourth quarter 2006
- Reserve replacement was 167 percent in 2007; reserve life increased to 9.5 years

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) reported net income of \$510 million for the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with net income of \$359 million for the fourth quarter of 2006. The after-tax results by major operating activity were as follows:

	Three months ended December 31 (unaudited)			Year ended December 31 (unaudited)				
		2007		2006	2007			2006
			(In	millions, except per share amounts)				
Exploration and Production Marketing and Refining Corporate Interest expense	\$	583 31 (59) (45)	\$	350 67 (27) (31)	\$	1,842 300 (150) (160)	\$	1,763 394 (110) (127)
Net income	\$	510	\$	359	\$	1,832	\$	1,920
Net income per share (diluted)	\$	1.59	\$	1.13	\$	5.74	\$	6.08
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)		321.6		316.4		319.3		315.7

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

Exploration and Production earnings were \$583 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with \$350 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. The Corporation's oil and gas production, on a barrel-of-oil equivalent basis, was 390,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2007, an increase of 24,000 from the fourth quarter of 2006. In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$76.11 per barrel, an increase of \$25.35 per barrel from the fourth quarter of 2006. The Corporation's average worldwide natural gas selling price was \$6.93 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2007, an increase of \$1.68 from the fourth quarter of 2006.

Oil and gas proved reserves increased to 1,330 million barrels of oil equivalent at the end of 2007 from 1,243 million barrels at the end of 2006. During 2007, the Corporation added 234 million new barrels of oil equivalent to proved reserves. These additions, which are subject to final review, replaced approximately 167 percent of the Corporation's 2007 production and increased its reserve life to 9.5 years.

Marketing and Refining earnings were \$31 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with \$67 million in the fourth quarter of 2006 reflecting reduced margins and trading results. Refining earnings were \$27 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with \$45 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Marketing earnings were \$19 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with \$17 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. Trading activities generated a loss of \$15 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with income of \$5 million in the fourth quarter of 2006.

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

		Three mon Decemb		Dece	r ended mber 31			
		2007	2006	:	2007		2006	
Exploration and Production								
Gains from asset sales	\$	-	\$ -	\$	15	\$	236	
Asset impairments		(56)	-		(56)		-	
Estimated production imbalance settlements		-	-		(33)		-	
Income tax adjustments		-	-		-		(45)	
Accrued office closing costs		-	-		-		(18)	
Marketing and Refining								
LIFO inventory liquidation		24	-		24		-	
<u>Corporate</u>								
Legal matters		(25)	<del></del>		(25)		-	
	_ \$	(57)	<u> </u>	\$	(75)	\$	173	

In the fourth quarter of 2007, the Corporation recorded an after-tax charge of \$56 million related to asset impairments at two mature fields in the U.K. North Sea, income of \$24 million due to the partial liquidation of prior year LIFO inventories and a charge of \$25 million related to MTBE litigation.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$3,507 million for the year 2007 compared with \$3,491 million for the year 2006. Capital and exploratory expenditures for 2007 were \$3,926 million, of which \$3,786 million related to Exploration and Production

operations. Capital and exploratory expenditures for 2006 were \$4,056 million.

At December 31, 2007, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$607 million compared with \$383 million at December 31, 2006. Total debt was \$3,980 million at December 31, 2007 and \$3,772 million at December 31, 2006. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at December 31, 2007 was 28.9 percent compared with 31.6 percent at the end of 2006.

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, 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 www.hess.com.

### Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements in this release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements, including, without limitation, uncertainties inherent in the measurement and interpretation of geological, geophysical and other technical data.

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

Toward Characters	Qι	Fourth Quarter 2007		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		Quarter		ourth narter	Third Quarter 2007
Income Statement																																					
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C. Other, net	\$	9,456 20 24	\$	7,155 29 22	\$ 7,451 19 34																																
Total revenues and non-operating income		9,500		7,206	 7,504																																
Costs and Expenses Cost of products sold (excluding items shown separately below) Production expenses Marketing expenses Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		6,651 463 243 201		5,058 358 254	5,322 394 238 131																																
Other operating expenses General and administrative expenses		46 208		140 33 117	45 133																																
Interest expense Depreciation, depletion and amortization		71 530		51 353	 59 365																																
Total costs and expenses		8,413		6,364	 6,687																																
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		1,087 577		842 483	817 422																																
Net income	\$	510	\$	359	\$ 395																																
Preferred stock dividends		_		8																																	
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$	510	\$	351	\$ 395																																
Supplemental Income Statement Information Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax Capitalized interest	\$	1 1	\$	5 25	\$ 1 18																																
Cash Flow Information																																					
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$	806	\$	779	\$ 863																																
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures																																					
Exploration and Production United States International	\$	291 577	\$	269 715	\$ 270 530																																
Total Exploration and Production Marketing, Refining and Corporate		868 46		984 47	 800 38																																
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$	914	\$	1,031	\$ 838																																
Exploration expenses charged to income included above United States International	\$	43 66	\$	42 28	\$ 67 36																																
	\$	109	\$	70	\$ 103																																
(*) Includes changes in working capital					 																																

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

(IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	Year Ended December 31,			
	 007	2006		
Income Statement	 007		.000	
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales (excluding excise taxes) and other operating revenues Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C. Gain on asset sales Other, net	\$ 31,647 176 21 80	\$	28,067 201 369 81	
Total revenues and non-operating income	 31,924		28,718	
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	22,573 1,581 944 515 161 614 256 1,576		19,912 1,250 940 552 122 471 201 1,224	
Total costs and expenses	 28,220		24,672	
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes	 3,704 1,872		4,046 2,126	
Net income	\$ 1,832	\$	1,920	
Preferred stock dividends	 		44	
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ 1,832	\$	1,876	
Supplemental Income Statement Information				
Foreign currency gains (losses), after-tax Capitalized interest	\$ (9) 50	\$	10 100	
Cash Flow Information				
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$ 3,507	\$	3,491	
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures				
Exploration and Production United States International	\$ 1,603 2,183	\$	908 2,979	
Total Exploration and Production Marketing, Refining and Corporate	 3,786 140		3,887 169	
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 3,926	\$	4,056	
Exploration expenses charged to income included above United States International	\$ 192 156	\$	110 102	
	\$ 348	\$	212	
(*) Includes changes in working capital				

### (\*) Includes changes in working capital

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

		December 31,					
	20	2007		2006			
Balance Sheet Information							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	607	\$	383			
Other current assets		6,319		5,465			
Investments		1,117		1,243			
Property, plant and equipment - net		14,634		12,308			
Other long-term assets		3,454		3,043			
Total assets	\$	26,131	\$	22,442			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	62	\$	27			
Other current liabilities		7,962		6,712			
Long-term debt		3,918		3,745			
Other long-term liabilities		4,415		3,811			
Stockholders' equity excluding other comprehensive income (loss)		11,615		9,711			
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(1,841)		(1,564)			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	26,131	\$	22,442			

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

		Fourth Quarter 2007				
		nited tates	Interna	tional	Т	otal
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (loss) Total revenues and non-operating income	\$	401 (1) 400	\$	2,037 14 2,051	\$	2,438 13 2,451
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses Depreciation, depletion and amortization		71 122 36		392 79 38		463 201 74
Total costs and expenses	_	58 287		963		512 1,250
Results of operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes	\$	113 44 69	<del></del>	1,088 574 514	\$	1,201 618 583
Results of operations	<u> </u>	09	Fourth Qua		3	583
		nited tates	Interna		Т	otal
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income	\$	244	\$	1,438 18	\$	1,682 21
Total revenues and non-operating income  Costs and expenses		247		1,456		1,703
Production expenses, including related taxes  Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment  Cancerla desirietative and other expenses		59 94 30		299 46 16		358 140 46
General, administrative and other expenses Depreciation, depletion and amortization Total costs and expenses		31 214		305 666		336 880
Results of operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes		33 12		790 461		823 473
Results of operations	\$	21	\$	329	\$	350
		nited tates	Third Qua		Т	otal
Sales and other operating revenues  Non-operating income  Total revenues and non-operating income	\$	296 1 297	\$	1,451 29 1,480	\$	1,747 30 1,777
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes		80		314		394
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment  General, administrative and other expenses  Depreciation, depletion and amortization  Total costs and expenses		79 27 48 234		52 37 297 700		131 64 345 934
Results of operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes		63 25		780 404		843 429
Results of operations	\$	38	\$	376	\$	414
HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES						

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

		Year Ended December 31, 2007					
	United States	International		T	otal		
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income	\$ 1,2:	1 \$	6,287 57	\$	7,498 65		
Total revenues and non-operating income	1,21	9	6,344		7,563		
Costs and expenses							
Production expenses, including related taxes	28	0	1,301		1,581		
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment	30	2	213		515		
General, administrative and other expenses	13	0	127		257		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	18	17	1,316		1,503		
Total costs and expenses	89	9	2,957		3,856		
Results of operations before income taxes	32	.0	3,387		3,707		
Provision for income taxes	12	:5	1,740		1,865		
Results of operations	\$ 19	5 \$	1,647	\$	1,842		
	United	Year Ended Dec					
	States	Interna	ntional	T	'otal		

Sales and other operating revenues \$ 1,232 \$ 5,292 \$ 6,524

Non-operating income  Total revenues and non-operating income	385 1,617		43 5,335 428 6,952
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes	221		1,029 1,250
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses	353 95		199 552 114 209
Depreciation, depletion and amortization Total costs and expenses	127 796		1,032     1,159       2,374     3,170
Results of operations before income taxes	821		2,961 3,782
Provision for income taxes Results of operations	296 \$ 525		1,723 2,019 1,238 \$ 1,763
HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIAR SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA	RIES		
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICE	CES)		
	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Third Quarter
	2007	2006	2007
Operating Data  Net Production Per Day  Crude oil - barrels			
United States Europe	34 83	29 111	31 83
Africa Asia and other	121 22	89 13	123 20
Total	260	242	257
Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States Europe	11 5	9 7	11 3
Total	16	16	14
Natural gas - mcf	0.4	04	07
United States Europe Asia and other	91 290 300	91 336 223	87 188 241
Total	681	650	516
Barrels of oil equivalent	390	366	357
<u> </u>			
Average Selling Price  Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging)			
United States \$ Europe	74.00	\$ 53.64 50.01	\$ 73.20 62.06
Africa Asia and other	72.85 86.30	49.77 57.09	64.38 70.69
Worldwide  Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging)	76.11	50.76	65.26
United States  Europe	86.22 74.00	\$ 53.64 51.79	\$ 73.20 62.06
Africa Asia and other	84.84 86.30	57.11 57.09	73.49 70.69
Worldwide	81.87	54.46	69.85
Natural gas liquids - per barrel United States \$		\$ 43.68	\$ 51.27
Europe Worldwide	70.86 66.13	45.19 44.33	48.44 50.58
Natural gas - per mcf United States \$	6.47	\$ 6.27	\$ 5.80
Europe Asia and other	8.92 5.13	5.55 4.39	6.09 4.69
Worldwide HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIAR	6.93	5.25	5.38
SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING DATA (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT FOR AVERAGE SELLING PRICE)			
	Year Ende	ed December 31,	
20	007		2006
Operating Data  Net Production Per Day			
Crude oil - barrels United States	31		36
Europe Africa	93 115		109 85
Asia and other	21		12
Total	260		242
Natural gas liquids - barrels United States	10		10

Europe	 5	5
Total	 15	 15
Natural gas - mcf United States Europe Asia and other	 88 259 266	110 283 219
Total	 613	612
Barrels of oil equivalent	 377	359
Average Selling Price Crude oil - per barrel (including hedging) United States Europe Africa Asia and other Worldwide	\$ 69.23 60.99 62.04 72.17 63.44	\$ 60.45 56.19 51.18 61.52 55.31
Crude oil - per barrel (excluding hedging) United States Europe Africa Asia and other Worldwide	\$ 69.23 60.99 71.71 72.17 67.79	\$ 60.45 58.46 62.80 61.52 60.41
Natural gas liquids - per barrel United States Europe Worldwide	\$ 51.89 57.20 53.72	\$ 46.22 47.30 46.59
Natural gas - per mcf United States Europe Asia and other Worldwide	\$ 6.67 6.13 4.71 5.60	\$ 6.59 6.20 4.05 5.50

### 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, 2007:

	Brent Crude Oil*					
Maturity	rage g Price	Thousands of barrels per day				
2008	\$ 25.56	2	24			
2009	25.54		24			
2010	25.78		24			
2011	26.37		24			
2012	26.90		24			

<sup>\*</sup> There were no WTI crude oil or natural gas hedges outstanding at December 31, 2007.

The after-tax losses from crude oil hedges were \$89 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 and \$57 million in the fourth quarter of 2006. After-tax hedge losses totaled \$244 million and \$285 million for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The after-tax deferred hedge loss included in accumulated other comprehensive income at December 31, 2007 amounted to \$1.7 billion.

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

	Fourth Quarter 2007		Fourth Quarter 2006		Third Quarter 2007	
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)						
Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Income before income taxes	\$	51	\$	104	\$	75
Provision for income taxes		20		37		29
Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$	31	\$	67	\$	46
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Refining	\$	27	\$	45	\$	25
Marketing		19		17		21
Trading		(15)		5		-
Total Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$	31	\$	67	\$	46

#### Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)

Gasoline Distillates Residuals Other			205 163 57 37	 210 169 57 33	 216 134 45 42
Total			462	 469	 437
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day) HOVENSA - Crude runs HOVENSA - Hess 50% share Port Reading			488 244 63	469 234 64	459 230 61
Refinery Utilization HOVENSA Crude FCC Coker Port Reading	Refinery Capacity (barrels per day) 500 150 58 65	-	97.6% 84.9% 99.3% 96.3%	93.7% 91.2% 89.8% 98.1%	91.9% 82.4% 92.6% 93.8%
Retail Marketing  Number of retail stations (a)  Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)  Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)		\$	1,371 255 209	\$ 1,350 253 202	\$ 1,362 279 232

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes company operated, Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer.

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

			Year Ended December 31,			
		2	007	2006		
Financial Information (in millions of dollars)						
Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		\$	481 181	\$	620 226	
Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	300	\$	394	
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings Refining Marketing Trading		\$	193 83 24	\$	240 108 46	
Total Marketing and Refining Earnings		\$	300	\$	394	
Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)  Refined Product Sales (barrels per day). Gasoline Distillates Residuals Other			210 147 62 32		218 144 60 37	
Total			451		459	
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day) HOVENSA - Crude runs HOVENSA - Hess 50% share Port Reading	Refinery Capacity		454 227 61		448 224 63	
Refinery Utilization HOVENSA Crude FCC Coker Port Reading	(barrels per day) 500 150 58 65		90.8% 87.1% 83.4% 93.2%		89.7% 84.3% 84.3% 97.4%	
Retail Marketing  Number of retail stations (a)  Convenience store revenue (in millions of dollars) (b)  Average gasoline volume per station (gallons per month) (b)		\$	1,371 1,051 215	\$	1,350 1,015 208	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes company operated, Wilco-Hess, dealer and branded retailer.

### CONTACT:

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#### 2007 Fourth Quarter Earnings Conference Call

Thank you Jay. Welcome to our fourth quarter conference call. I would like to highlight key achievements of 2007 and provide some guidance for 2008. John O'Connor will then discuss our Exploration and Production business, and John Rielly will review our financial results.

Our company generated solid operating and financial performance in 2007. Results benefited from higher volumes of crude oil and natural gas production and strong commodity prices which were partially offset by higher industry costs and lower margins in Marketing and Refining. Corporate net income was \$1.8 billion. Exploration and Production earned \$1.8 billion, and Marketing and Refining earned \$300 million.

In 2008, our company's capital and exploratory expenditures are budgeted to be \$4.4 billion versus \$3.9 billion in 2007. The majority of our 2008 spending will be targeted to Exploration and Production. This year, our exploration expenditures are expected to increase to \$1.2 billion compared to \$740 million in 2007.

While we continue to reinvest the majority of our cash flow in Exploration and Production, we strengthened our financial position in 2007 with debt to capitalization improving to 28.9 percent compared to 31.6 percent at the end of 2006.

With regard to operations, Exploration and Production achievements in 2007 included:

- growing proved reserves to 1.33 billion barrels of oil equivalent;
- replacing 167 percent of production, at a FD&A cost of about \$16.20 per barrel;
- lengthening our reserve life to 9.5 years, marking the fifth consecutive year in which we lengthened our reserve life;
- increasing crude oil and natural gas production by 5 percent versus the prior year to 377 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day.

In 2008, we forecast that production will average between 380 and 390 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day.

In terms of our Hess operated field developments, 2007 marked the commencement of natural gas production from the Pangkah Field in Indonesia, in which we have a 75 percent working interest, as well as a significant increase in crude oil production at the Okume Complex in Equatorial Guinea, where our working interest is 85 percent.

We also made significant progress in the development of the Shenzi Field in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, where Hess has a 28 percent interest. The TLP hull recently left the Samsung yard in Korea and, along with the topsides, is scheduled to be installed this summer. First oil is expected in the first half of 2009.

During 2007, we also advanced several Hess operated field development projects, including: Bakken Shale in North Dakota, Seminole ROZ in West Texas and Pangkah Oil in Indonesia. In addition, we sanctioned during the past year two field developments: the Hess operated Jambi Merang natural gas project in Indonesia and the Valhall Field Redevelopment in Norway.

In exploration, we continued the appraisal of the Pony and Tubular Bells discoveries in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Results of both the Pony #2 and Tubular Bells #3 appraisal wells are expected by the end of the first quarter. Hess has a 100 percent interest in Pony and a 20 percent interest in Tubular Bells.

With regard to Marketing and Refining, our refineries operated reliably in 2007. However, full year financial results for the HOVENSA joint venture refinery were impacted by the turnaround of the coker in the second quarter of last year and the lower margin environment that existed in the second half of the year. In Retail Marketing, fuel sales and convenience store sales continued to show annual increases, but the improvement in volumes was more than offset by lower fuel margins. Finally, our Energy Marketing business had strong growth in sales and margin improvement in both natural gas and electricity.

We are pleased with the operating and financial performance that our company delivered in 2007. We are proud of our organization and excited about the investment opportunities we have to provide long term profitable growth and create value for our shareholders.

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

#### 2007 Fourth Quarter Earnings Conference Call

In the fourth quarter of 2007, production of 390 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day was up 7 percent versus the fourth quarter of 2006. This increase was underpinned by production from the recently commissioned, Hess operated, Okume Complex, Pangkah and Phu Horm fields.

2007 was another year of strong execution and delivery for Exploration & Production. As John mentioned, in 2007 our production increased by 5 percent and proved reserves increased by 7 percent. This performance resulted in year-end 2007 proved reserves of 1.33 billion barrels of oil equivalent and a reserve life of 9.5 years.

Our proved reserve additions totaled 280 million barrels of oil equivalent before PSC related revisions. Net of these revisions, which totaled 46 million barrels, we added 234 million barrels of oil equivalent.

In addition to the impact on reserves of fields operated under PSCs, the high crude prices that prevailed in 2007 will result in reduced 2008 production entitlements from Algeria and Azerbaijan due to the achievement of contractual rate of return thresholds.

In 2008 we expect production to be in the range of 380-390 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day. Obviously, depending on commodity prices, the workings of PSC contracts have the potential to impact our production volumes. As we see the year unfold, we will be better able to quantify this impact.

Gross production from the Okume Complex and Ceiba fields in Equatorial Guinea recently reached 100 thousand barrels per day, with Okume at its design capacity of 60 thousand barrels per day.

At the JDA another important milestone will occur in the second quarter of 2008 when we start Phase 2 gas production following the commissioning of new facilities. Net gas production from the JDA will double from about 120 million cubic feet per day to about 250 million cubic feet per day.

Turning to exploration, let me first give you an update on our Pony #2 well. We are currently drilling below 28 thousand feet with about another 500 feet to drill to the next casing point. Following the setting of the next casing string, the objective Miocene section will be drilled.

While in 2007 our exploration drilling efforts were directed to appraising discoveries, in 2008 we will see an active, high-impact wildcat program.

In the second quarter we will drill the first of four back to back exploration wells on WA-390-P in the North West Shelf of Australia. In the second quarter we will spud a well on Block 54 offshore Libya. In the second half of the year, we will spud our first well on the Cape Three Points permit offshore Ghana, and we expect that the operator of BMS-22 in the Santos Basin offshore Brazil will spud the first of two exploratory wells.

Our 2008 exploration program also includes wells in the West of Shetlands, offshore the west coast of Ireland and in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. We also plan to continue appraisal drilling at Pony in the Gulf of Mexico.

2007 was a year of significant progress for the company's Exploration and Production business. Objectives were met or exceeded, new resources were captured and projects were delivered on schedule. Reserves and production grew in line with stated targets, cost effectively.

We look forward with confidence to 2008.

Now I will hand the call over to John Rielly.