
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 25, 2006

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE No. 1-1204 No. 13-4921002 (State or Other (Commission (IRS Employer Jurisdiction of File Number) 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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		Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 25, 2006, Amerada Hess Corporation issued a news release reporting its results for the fourth quarter of 2005. 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 Amerada Hess Corporation at a public conference call held on January 25, 2006. 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 January 25, 2006 reporting results for the fourth quarter of 2005.

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: January 25, 2006

AMERADA 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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99(1)	News release dated January 25, 2006 reporting results for the fourth guarter of 2005.
99(2)	Prepared remarks of John B. Hess, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

Amerada Hess Reports Estimated Results for the Fourth Quarter of 2005

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 25, 2006--Amerada Hess Corporation (NYSE:AHC) reported net income of \$452 million for the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with net income of \$229 million for the fourth quarter of 2004. For the full year, net income was \$1,242 million compared with \$977 million in 2004. See the following page for a table of items affecting the comparability of earnings between periods. The after-tax results by major operating activity in 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

		31	Year en Decembe	er 31
	2005*	2004*	2005*	2004
Exploration and Production Marketing and Refining Corporate Interest expense	(In millions \$298	, except \$211 93 (36)	per share \$1,058 515 (191)	amounts) \$755 451 (85)
Net income from continuing operations	\$452	\$229	\$1,242	\$970
Discontinued operations	-		-	
Net income	\$452 ====================================		\$1,242 =======	
Net income per share (diluted)	\$4.31 ====================================			
Weighted average number of shares (diluted)			104.0 ======	

* Unaudited

Exploration and Production earnings were \$298 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$211 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. The Corporation's oil and gas production, on a barrel-of-oil equivalent basis, was 316,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with 346,000 barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2004. Hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico reduced fourth quarter 2005 production by approximately 19,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day. The remainder of the production decrease is primarily due to increased maintenance activity in the North Sea.

In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Corporation's average worldwide crude oil selling price, including the effect of hedging, was \$34.09 per barrel, an increase of \$6.78 per barrel from the fourth quarter of 2004. The Corporation's average United States natural gas selling price was \$11.75 per Mcf in the fourth quarter of 2005, an increase of \$5.92 per Mcf from the fourth quarter of 2004.

Marketing and Refining earnings were \$229 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$93 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. Refining earnings were \$83 million in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared with \$36 million in the fourth quarter of 2004. The increased Refining earnings reflect higher refined product margins. Marketing operations generated earnings of \$131 million in the fourth quarter of 2005, compared with \$64 million in the same period of 2004, principally reflecting higher margins on refined product sales, increased sales volumes and income of \$25 million (\$40 million before income taxes) from the partial liquidation of prior year LIFO inventories.

The following items, on an after-tax basis, are included in net income in the fourth quarter and full year of 2005 and 2004 (in millions):

	Three months ended December 31		Year ended December 31	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Exploration and Production				
Hurricane related costs	\$(12)	\$-	\$(26)	\$-

Gains from asset sales Income tax adjustments Legal settlement Accrued severance and office	30 - -	21 19 -	41 11 11	54 19 -
costs Marketing and Refining	-	-	-	(9)
LIFO inventory liquidation	25	12	32	12
Charge related to customer bankruptcy	(8)	-	(8)	-
Corporate				
Premiums on bond repurchases	(19)	-	(26)	-
Tax on repatriated earnings	-	-	(72)	- 13
Income tax adjustments Insurance accrual	- -	(13)	- -	(13)
_	\$16 =====	\$39 ============	\$(37) 	\$76

The fourth quarter 2005 asset sales represent the disposal of several non-producing properties in the United Kingdom. Marketing and Refining results in the fourth quarter of 2005 include income from the partial liquidation of prior year LIFO inventories and a charge resulting from the bankruptcy of a customer in the utility industry. In the fourth quarter of 2005, the Corporation repurchased \$497 million of bonds with maturities from 2006 to 2009 at a premium of \$29 million, before income taxes.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,840 million in 2005 compared with \$1,903 million in 2004. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2005 amounted to \$2,490 million of which \$2,384 million related to exploration and production activities. Capital and exploratory expenditures for the year 2004 amounted to \$1,650 million, including \$1,563 million for exploration and production.

At December 31, 2005, cash and short-term investments totaled \$325 million compared with \$877 million at December 31, 2004. The Corporation's debt to capitalization ratio at December 31, 2005 was 37.6% compared with 40.7% at the end of 2004. Total debt was \$3,785 million at December 31, 2005 and \$3,835 million at December 31, 2004.

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

		Quarter 2004	Quarter 2005
Income Statement			
Dovernos and Non energing Income			
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income	\$ 7,059	\$ 4,612	\$ 5,769
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.		21	
Gains on asset sales Other		32	
other	(10)	32	36
Total revenues and non-operating income	7.146	4,697	5. 956
THOOME			
Costs and Expenses			
Cost of products sold		3,321	
Production expenses	284		256
Marketing expenses	238	200	202
Exploration expenses, including dry hole			
and lease impairment	86		91
Other operating expenses	37	_	31
General and administrative expenses			83
Interest expense	55	62	54
Depreciation, depletion and			
amortization	258	275	251
Total costs and expenses	6,428	4,318	5,392

Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes		718 266		379 150		564 292
Net income	\$ ===	452 =====	\$	229 =====	\$	272 =====
Preferred stock dividends		12		12		12
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ ===	440 =====	-	217 =====	-	260 =====
Supplemental Income Statement Information						
Foreign currency gains, after-tax Capitalized interest	\$	2 23	\$	(1) 13	\$	2 22
Cash Flow Information						
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	\$	289	\$	254	\$	484
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures						
Exploration and Production United States International	\$	95 654	Ť	124 312	\$	74 600
Total Exploration and Production Marketing and Refining		749 32		436 42		674 25
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ ===	781 =====	•	478 =====	\$ ==:	699 =====
Exploration expenses charged to income included above United States International	\$	28 29	\$	32 17	\$	30 12
	\$ ===	57 =====	\$	49 =====	\$	42 =====

(*) Includes changes in working capital

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

Year

	2005	2004
Income Statement		
Income Statement		
Revenues and Non-operating Income Sales and other operating revenues	\$22,747	\$16,733
Non-operating income	•	,
Equity in income of HOVENSA L.L.C.	376	244
Gains on asset sales	48	55
Other		94
Total revenues and non-operating income	23,255	17,126
Costs and Expenses		
Cost of products sold	17,041	,
Production expenses	1,007	825
Marketing expenses	842	737
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and		
lease impairment	397	287
Other operating expenses	136	195

General and administrative expenses	357	342
Interest expense	224	241
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,025	970
Total costs and expenses	21 620	15 560
Total costs and expenses		15,568
Income from continuing operations before income		
taxes	2,226	1,558
Provision for income taxes	984	588
Income from continuing operations	1,242	970
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Discontinued operations		7
Net income	\$ 1.242	\$ 977
Not indome		======
Preferred stock dividends		48
Net income applicable to common stockholders	\$ 1 194	\$ 929
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Supplemental Income Statement Information		
Foreign currency gains, after-tax	\$ 18	\$ 6
Capitalized interest	Ψ 10 80	
Cash Flow Information		
Net cash provided by operating activities (*)	¢ 1 9/0	¢ 1 002
Net cash provided by operating activities ()	Φ 1,040	Ф 1,903
Capital and Exploratory Expenditures		
Exploration and Production	Φ 050	Φ 440
United States International		\$ 446 1,117
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Total Exploration and Production	2,384	
Marketing and Refining	106	87
Total Capital and Exploratory Expenditures	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,650
	•	======
Exploration expenses charged to income included		
above United States	\$ 89	\$ 89
International	ъ 69 60	Ψ 69 40
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	\$ 149	\$ 129
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(*) Includes changes in working capital

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

	De	cember 31 2005	De	cember 31 2004
Balance Sheet Information				
Cash and short-term investments Other current assets Investments Property, plant and equipment - net Other assets	\$	325 4,965 1,389 9,512 2,924	•	877 3,458 1,254 8,505 2,218
Total assets	\$ ==:	19,115 ======	\$ ==:	16,312 ======

Current portion of long-term debt Other current liabilities	\$	26 6,421	\$ 50 4,647
Long-term debt		3,759	3,785
Deferred liabilities and credits		2,623	2,233
Stockholders' equity excluding other			
comprehensive income (loss)		7,813	6,621
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,527)	(1,024)
Total liabilities and stockholders' eq	uity \$	19,115	\$ 16,312

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

	Fourth Quarter 2005			
	United States			
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (expenses)	3		\$1,100 31	
Total revenues	277	854	1,131	
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment		214 52	284	
General, administrative and other expenses	21	22	43	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	24	216	240	
Total costs and expenses		504		
Results of operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes	128 43	137	478 180	
Results of operations	\$85	\$213 ==========	\$298	
	United	urth Quarter 20 International		
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (expenses)	\$278 28	\$651 19	\$929 47	
Total revenues	306		976	
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other expenses Depreciation, depletion and		184 48 28	239 83 36	
amortization	52	210	262	
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amortization	150	470	620 356 145	

Third	Ouarter	2005
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	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (expenses)	\$275 	\$767 16	\$1,042 16
Total revenues	275	783	1,058
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including relate			
taxes Exploration expenses, including dry	76	180	256
holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other	40	51	91
expenses Depreciation, depletion and	13	19	32
amortization	36	200	236
Total costs and expenses	165	450	615
Results of operations before income			
taxes Provision for income taxes	110 41	333 167	
Results of operations	\$69 ======	\$166 ======	\$235 ======

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

		Year 2005	
		International	
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (expenses)	\$1,097 (1)	\$3,113 95	\$4,210 94
Total revenues	1,096	3,208	4,304
Costs and expenses Production expenses, including related taxes Exploration expenses, including dry			
holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other	233	164	397
expenses Depreciation, depletion and	74	66	140
amortization	145	820	
Total costs and expenses		1,804	
Results of operations before income taxes	391		1,795
Provision for income taxes	141	596	737
Results of operations		\$808 =======	,
		Year 2004	
	United States	International	Total
Sales and other operating revenues Non-operating income (expenses)	\$909 26	64	
Total revenues	935		3,506

Costs and expenses			
Production expenses, including related taxes	198	627	825
Exploration expenses, including dry holes and lease impairment General, administrative and other	135	152	287
expenses	57	93	150
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	147	771	918
Total costs and expenses	537	1,643	2,180
Results of operations before income			
taxes	398	928	1,326
Provision for income taxes	141	430	571
Results of operations	\$257 ============	\$498 =======	\$755 ======

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

	Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2004	Quarter 2005
Operating Data			
Net Production Per Day			
Crude oil - barrels United States	37	50	42
Europe	105	114	102
Africa, Asia and other		66	
Total	218	230	218
	======	======	======
Natural gas liquids - barrels			
United States Europe	9 4	14 6	
Lui ope	-		
Total	13	20	13
	======	======	======
Natural gas - mcf			
United States		178	
Europe Africa, Asia and other		316 82	
,			
Total	513	576	484
	======	======	======
Barrels of oil equivalent	316		312
	======	======	======
Average Selling Price (including hedging)			
Crude oil - per barrel			
United States	\$30.95 33.50	\$29.92 25.98	
Europe Africa, Asia and other	36.21	27.65	
Natural gas liquids - per barrel			
United States		\$33.31	
Europe	44.60	37.15	36.77
Natural gas - per mcf United States	\$11.75	\$5.83	¢0 E2
Europe		4.42	
Africa, Asia and other	4.04	4.19	4.12
Average Selling Price (excluding hedging)			

Crude oil - per barrel United States Europe Africa, Asia and other		\$43.20 42.55 41.33	
Natural gas liquids - per barrel United States Europe	\$48.67 44.60	\$33.31 37.15	
Natural gas - per mcf United States Europe Africa, Asia and other	\$11.75 6.91 4.04	4.42	\$8.53 4.12 4.12

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

	Year	
	2005	2004
perating Data		
Net Production Per Day		
Crude oil - barrels		
United States		44 119
Europe Africa, Asia and other		65
,		
Total	228	228
	======	======
Natural gas liquids - barrels		
United States	12	12
Europe	4	-
Total	10	10
Total	======	18
Natural gas - mcf		
United States	137	171
Europe	274	319
Africa, Asia and other		85
Total	E 4.4	575
Total	======	
Barrels of oil equivalent	335	342
	======	
Average Selling Price (including hedging)		
Crude oil - per barrel		407 :-
United States Europe	\$32.64 33.13	
Africa, Asia and other	34.16	
Natural gas liquids - per barrel		
United States	\$38.50	
Europe	37.13	27.44
Natural gas - per mcf	\$7.00	ΦΕ 40
United States Europe	\$7.93 5.29	\$5.18 3.96
Africa, Asia and other	4.02	
Average Selling Price (excluding hedging)		
Crude oil - per barrel		
Haited Chates	\$51.16	
United States	F0 00	
United States Europe Africa, Asia and other	52.22 51.97	

Natural gas liquids - per barrel United States Europe	\$38.50 37.13	\$29.50 27.44
Natural gas - per mcf United States Europe Africa, Asia and other	\$7.93 5.29 4.02	\$5.53 3.96 3.90

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES HEDGED PRICES AND VOLUMES

Brent		le Oil	
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Maturity	Average Thous Selling Price barrel	sands of Ls per day
2006	\$28.10	30
2007	25.85	24
2008	25.56	24
2009	25.54	24
2010	25.78	24
2011	26.37	24
2012	26.90	24

Note: There were no WTI crude oil or natural gas hedges outstanding at December 31, 2005.

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

Fourth	Fourth	Third
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
2005	2004	2005

\$ 229 \$ 93 \$ 125

Financial Information (in millions)

Marketing	and	Refining	Earnings

Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes	\$	358 129	\$	139 46	\$	202 77
Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ ===	229 =====	\$ ===	93	\$ ==:	125 =====
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings						
Refining Marketing Trading	\$	83 131 15	\$	36 64 (7)	\$	144 (22) 3
Total Marketing and Refining						

Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)

Earnings

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Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)			
Gasoline Distillates Residuals Other	218 170 78 53	181 152 56 41	226 104 43 37
Total	519 ====================================	430 ====================================	410
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)			
HOVENSA - Crude runs HOVENSA - AHC 50% share	482 241	472 236	413 206

Port Reading	64	55	62
Refinery Utilization Refinery Capacity			
HOVENSA (thousands of barrels per day)			
Crude 500			82.5%*
FCC 150 Coker 58	87.1%	86.2%	89.7%
Port Reading 65	85.3% 98.5%	89.0%	95.5%
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* Reflects reduced utilization from schedule	d maintena	ance.	
Retail Marketing			
Convenience store revenue (in	1,354		
	241 \$		
(gallons per month) (b)	199	194	211
(a) Includes company operated, branded/deale(b) Company operated only.	r and Wild	co-Hess.	
AMERADA HESS CORPORATION AND CONSOLI MARKETING AND REFINING SUPPLEMENTAL FINAN			
		Voor	
		Year 	
	2005		
Financial Information (in millions)			
Marketing and Refining Earnings			
Income before income taxes	Ф 010	Φ.	C10
Provision for income taxes	298	\$ 	159
Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 515	-	451 ======
Summary of Marketing and Refining Earnings			
Refining		\$	
Marketing	136		112
Trading	33		37
Total Marketing and Refining Earnings	\$ 515		451 ======
Operating Data (in thousands unless noted)			
Refined Product Sales (barrels per day)			
Gasoline	213		193
Distillates			140
Residuals Other	64 43		58 37
other			-
Total	456 ======		428 ======
Refinery Throughput (barrels per day)			
HOVENSA - Crude runs	461		484
HOVENSA - AHC 50% share	231		242
Port Reading	55		52
Refinery Utilization Refinery Capacity	-		

HOVENSA	(thousands of barrels					
	per day)					
Crude	500	92.2%*	96.7%			
FCC	150	81.9%*	92.9%			
Coker	58	92.8%	94.5%			
Port Reading	65	85.3%*	83.4%**			

^{*} Reflects reduced utilization from scheduled maintenance.

Retail Marketing

Number of retail stations (a)	1	, 354	1,	254
Convenience store revenue (in millions) (b)	\$	973	\$	932
Average gasoline volume per station				
(gallons per month) (b)		204		191

- (a) Includes company operated, branded/dealer and Wilco-Hess.(b) Company operated only.

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 $[\]ensuremath{^{**}}$ Includes a storm-related interruption.

THANK YOU JAY, AND WELCOME TO OUR FOURTH QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS ON SOME KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2005 AND PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE FOR 2006. JOHN RIELLY WILL THEN REVIEW THE FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIALS AFTER WHICH WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS.

IN 2005, WE HAD ANOTHER STRONG YEAR OF OPERATING AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND WE CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS IN ADVANCING OUR FIELD DEVELOPMENTS, BUILDING A HIGH IMPACT EXPLORATION PROGRAM, AND CAPTURING LONG-TERM GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SEVERAL NEW COUNTRY ENTRIES.

OUR 2005 CORPORATE NET INCOME WAS \$1.2 BILLION. EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION EARNED NEARLY \$1.1 BILLION AND OUR CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION AVERAGED 335 THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT PER DAY. HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA IMPACTED OUR PRODUCTION BY SEVEN THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT PER DAY IN 2005. ALTHOUGH OUR DEEPWATER PRODUCTION FACILITIES WERE LARGELY UNDAMAGED, WE WERE IMPACTED BY OUTAGES IN DOWNSTREAM TRANSPORTATION AND PROCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE. AS OF THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, WE HAVE RESTORED 45 THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT PER DAY IN THE GULF OF MEXICO, OUT OF A PRE-STORM TOTAL OF 51 THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY.

IN 2006, WE FORECAST WORLDWIDE CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TO AVERAGE BETWEEN 360 AND 380 THOUSAND BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT PER DAY, INCLUDING 20-25 THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY FROM LIBYA.

MARKETING AND REFINING ALSO HAD ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE YEAR IN 2005, EARNING \$515 MILLION. THE HOVENSA AND PORT READING REFINERIES BOTH UNDERWENT SUCCESSFUL TURNAROUNDS OF FCC UNITS IN THE FIRST QUARTER AND BENEFITED FROM ANOTHER YEAR OF STRONG MARGINS. DESPITE A CHALLENGING HURRICANE SEASON AND WARMER THAN NORMAL WINTER TEMPERATURES, OUR RETAIL AND ENERGY MARKETING BUSINESSES ALSO PERFORMED WELL. RETAIL MARKETING EXPERIENCED STRONG GROWTH IN 2005 WITH YEAR-OVER YEAR AVERAGE GASOLINE VOLUMES PER STATION INCREASING BY 7% AND CONVENIENCE STORE REVENUE RISING BY 4%.

IN TERMS OF EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN OUR MAJOR FIELD DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING THREE NEW FIELD START-UPS (CLAIR, ACG PHASE I, AND THE JDA) AND SANCTIONING THE PHU HORM GAS DEVELOPMENT IN THAILAND. IMPORTANTLY, ALL OF OUR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CONTINUE TO BE ON SCHEDULE AND ON BUDGET.

WITH REGARD TO EXPLORATION, WE ADDED NEW ACREAGE IN LIBYA, EGYPT, BRAZIL, AND THE DEEPWATER GULF OF MEXICO. IN 2006, OUR DRILLING PROGRAM INCLUDES SEVEN HIGH IMPACT WELLS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. THREE WILDCAT WELLS ARE CURRENTLY DRILLING: PONY, OUACHITA, AND BAROSSA. RESULTS FROM ALL THREE OF THESE WELLS ARE EXPECTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

IN ADDITION, OVER THE PAST YEAR WE ESTABLISHED OPERATIONS IN TWO NEW COUNTRIES, RUSSIA AND EGYPT, AND MOST RECENTLY REENTERED OUR WAHA CONCESSIONS IN LIBYA.

- O WITH REGARD TO OUR SAMARA-NAFTA JOINT VENTURE IN RUSSIA, IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WE ACQUIRED ADDITIONAL ASSETS WHICH HAS BROUGHT OUR TOTAL INVESTMENT IN THAT COUNTRY TO ABOUT \$400 MILLION.
- O ON THE WEST MED BLOCK IN EGYPT, WE WILL BEGIN DEVELOPING EXISTING GAS DISCOVERIES AS WELL AS EVALUATING EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES.
- O IN TERMS OF THE WAHA CONCESSIONS IN LIBYA, WE BEGAN BOOKING PRODUCTION JANUARY 1 AND WILL BOOK RESERVES IN 2006.

AS TO YEAR-END PROVED RESERVES, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT IN 2005, WE REPLACED ABOUT 140 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION, AT A FINDING, DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION COST OF ABOUT \$13.60 PER BARREL. PROVED RESERVES, AT YEAR-END, WERE ABOUT 1.1 BILLION BARRELS OF OIL EQUIVALENT AND OUR RESERVE LIFE IMPROVED TO 8.8 YEARS, MARKING THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH WE HAVE LENGTHENED OUR RESERVE LIFE.

WITH REGARD TO OUR FINANCIAL POSITION, AS A RESULT OF THE SOLID OPERATING PERFORMANCE OF OUR ASSETS AND THE STRONG PRICING ENVIRONMENT IN 2005, OUR DEBT TO CAPITALIZATION RATIO IMPROVED BY 3 PERCENT TO 37.6 PERCENT AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

IN 2005, OUR CAPITAL AND EXPLORATORY EXPENDITURES AMOUNTED TO \$2.5 BILLION, OF WHICH \$2.4 BILLION RELATED TO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES. FOR 2006, OUR TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ARE FORECAST TO BE \$4.0 BILLION, WHICH INCLUDES ABOUT \$780 MILLION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE WEST MED BLOCK IN EGYPT FROM APACHE CORPORATION AND OUR RENTRY INTO LIBYA. EXCLUDING ACQUISITIONS, \$3.1 BILLION IS DEDICATED TO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, WITH NEARLY HALF OF THIS AMOUNT GOING TO FIELD DEVELOPMENTS. THIS HIGHER LEVEL OF SPENDING REFLECTS THE COMPANY'S STRONG PORTFOLIO OF ORGANIC GROWTH PROJECTS AND ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

IN SUMMARY, WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR ASSETS AND OUR ORGANIZATION IN 2005 AND REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT THE INVESTMENTS WE ARE MAKING FOR THE FUTURE WILL GROW OUR RESERVES AND PRODUCTION PROFITABLY AND CREATE SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM VALUE FOR OUR SHAREHOLDERS.

I WILL NOW TURN THE CALL OVER TO JOHN RIELLY, WHO WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAIL ON OUR FINANCIAL RESULTS.