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# **News Release**

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# CHEVRON ISSUES INTERIM UPDATE FOR SECOND QUARTER 2007

**SAN RAMON, Calif., July 10, 2007** – Chevron Corporation (NYSE:CVX) today issued its interim update for the second quarter of 2007. The company expects second quarter results to benefit from higher commodity prices in Upstream, stronger refining margins in Downstream and a gain on the sale of its interest in Dynegy, partially offset by net charges related to the redemption of debt and other corporate items.

The interim update contains certain industry and company operating data for the second quarter. The production volumes, realizations, margins, and other identified items in the report are based on a portion of the quarter and are not necessarily indicative of Chevron's quarterly results to be reported on July 27, 2007. The reader should not place undue reliance on this data.

Unless noted otherwise, all commentary is based on <u>two months</u> of the second quarter 2007 vs. <u>full</u> first quarter 2007 results.

### **UPSTREAM - EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION**

The table that follows includes information on production and price indicators for crude oil and natural gas for specific markets. Actual realizations may vary from indicative pricing due to quality and location differentials and the effect of pricing lags. International results are driven by actual liftings, which may differ from production due to the timing of cargoes and other factors.

		2006			2007			
		2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q thru May	2Q thru Jun	
U.S. Upstream								
Net Production:								
Liquids	MBD	463	464	466	462	470	n/a	
Natural Gas	MMCFD	1,832	1,846	1,782	1,723	1,714	n/a	
BOE	MBOED	768	772	763	749	755	n/a	
Pricing:								
Avg. WTI Spot Price	\$/BbI	70.57	70.56	59.98	58.09	63.70	64.96	
Avg. Midway Sunset Posted Price	\$/BbI	58.71	59.08	48.20	47.08	53.78	55.18	
Nat. Gas-Henry Hub. "Bid Week" Avg.	\$/MCF	6.81	6.58	6.56	6.80	7.54	7.56	
Nat. Gas-CA Border "Bid Week" Avg.	\$/MCF	5.65	6.09	5.82	6.66	6.68	6.85	
Nat. Gas-Rocky Mountain "Bid Week" Avg.	\$/MCF	5.26	5.31	4.67	5.40	3.96	3.72	
Average Realizations:								
Crude	\$/BbI	62.30	63.98	52.98	51.60	57.62	n/a	
Liquids	\$/BbI	60.07	61.99	51.06	49.91	56.07	n/a	
Natural Gas	\$/MCF	5.89	5.93	5.90	6.40	6.56	n/a	
Exploration Expense	\$ MM, B/T	86	76	163	142	n/a	n/a	
International Upstream								
Net Production:								
Liquids	MBD	1,239	1,267	1,346	1,317	1,315	n/a	
Other Produced Volumes	MBD	<u>123</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>35</u>	32	30	n/a	
Total	MBD	1,362	1,408	1,381	1,349	1,345	n/a	
Natural Gas	MMCFD	3,234	3,119	3,067	3,271	3,336	n/a	
BOE - incl. Other Produced Volumes	MBOED	1,901	1,928	1,892	1,894	1,901	n/a	
Pricing:								
Avg. Brent Spot Price	\$/Bbl	69.39	69.72	59.44	58.26	67.54	68.73	
Average Realizations:								
Liquids	\$/Bbl	62.24	61.90	51.77	51.15	59.92	n/a	
Natural Gas	\$/MCF	3.82	3.66	3.67	3.85	3.70	n/a	
Exploration Expense	\$MM, B/T	179	208	384	164	n/a	n/a	

U.S. oil-equivalent production increased 1 percent from the first quarter, as volumes restored from downtime associated with third-party pipeline disruptions were partially offset by a combination of scheduled maintenance and other downtime in the Gulf of Mexico, which continued in June. International oil-equivalent production also rose slightly from the first quarter.

U.S. crude realizations improved by \$6.02 per barrel - in line with the increase in WTI and California heavy crude prices. International liquids realizations increased \$8.77 per barrel, consistent with the increase in Brent spot prices. In June, benchmark pricing continued to rise worldwide.

U.S. natural gas realizations increased \$0.16 per thousand cubic feet, while bid week pricing was mixed, with Henry Hub increasing and Rocky Mountain decreasing.

International Upstream results are expected to include charges of approximately \$100 million for write-offs associated with exploratory wells and other assets.

# **DOWNSTREAM – REFINING, MARKETING AND TRANSPORATION**

The table that follows includes industry benchmark indicators for refining and marketing margins. Actual margins realized by the company may differ significantly due to location and product mix effects, planned and unplanned shutdown activity and other company-specific and operational factors.

		2006				2007				
		2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q thru May	2Q thru Jun			
<u>Downstream</u>										
Market Indicators	\$/Bbl									
Refining Margins										
USWC - ANS 5-3-1-1		29.06	19.36	20.55	26.69	33.30	30.28			
USGC LHD - Avg of Mogas + Dist, less Fuel O	I	37.04	34.10	27.58	28.85	38.24	37.17			
Singapore - Dubai 3-1-1-1		8.77	4.07	1.96	5.79	9.19	8.87			
N.W. Europe - Brent 3-1-1-1		1.65	(0.22)	(2.06)	(0.53)	2.97	2.08			
Marketing Margins										
U.S. West - LA Mogas DTW to Spot		1.65	11.08	4.32	2.63	4.57	5.12			
U.S. East - Houston Mogas Rack to Spot		4.96	7.31	4.64	5.21	3.68	3.99			
Asia-Pacific / Middle East / Africa		3.27	4.42	5.91	4.39	3.27	n/a			
United Kingdom		5.70	7.31	4.89	4.98	5.05	n/a			
Latin America		5.28	5.92	5.84	6.08	7.22	n/a			
Actual Volumes:										
U.S. Refinery Input	MBD	935	967	916	729	943	n/a			
Int'l Refinery Input	MBD	1,063	1,055	987	1,070	918	n/a			
U.S. Branded Mogas Sales	MBD	613	625	622	622	628	n/a			

U.S. refinery crude-input volumes increased about 30 percent on completion of the first quarter's turnaround at the company's Richmond, California, refinery. In June, an extensive planned turnaround of a crude distillation unit at the company's El Segundo, California refinery was initiated. The unit was out-of-service for the entire month of June and work continues into the third quarter. Due to inventory on hand, product supplies to customers were uninterrupted during the maintenance outage. Outside the United States, refinery input volumes declined, largely on the sale of the Nerefco Refinery at the end of the first quarter and a planned turnaround at the Yeosu Refinery in South Korea.

The U.S. West Coast industry refining indicator improved by about \$3.60 per barrel during the three months of the second quarter; however, the company did not fully benefit from the increase because of the downtime at the El Segundo Refinery that began in June. The U.S. Gulf Coast light-heavy-differential marker averaged about \$8.30 per barrel higher in the full second quarter. Outside the United States, benchmark refining margins were also higher. However, for the first two months of the quarter, actual refining margins realized were lower than indicator margins.

During the full second quarter, the Los Angeles mogas marketing margin indicator improved by about \$2.50 per barrel, while the Houston mogas indicator declined by about \$1.20 per barrel. For the first two months of the quarter, actual marketing margins realized in the United States were lower than indicator margins reflecting different product and location mix effects. Outside the United States, indicative marketing margins were mixed.

Downstream results for the second quarter will include charges for environmental remediation items in excess of \$50 million.

In May, the company announced an agreement to sell its Benelux marketing assets in Europe. A gain on the sale is expected to be recorded at the time of close in the *third* quarter.

#### **CHEMICALS**

		2006			2007			
		2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q thru May	2Q thru Jun	
Chemicals Source: CMAI	Cents/lb							
Ethylene Industry Cash Margin		14.22	17.02	16.12	11.10	10.79	11.21	
HDPE Industry Contract Sales Margin		12.28	13.00	12.10	13.62	14.69	14.45	
Styrene Industry Contract Sales Margin		11.73	11.24	11.51	11.09	11.53	11.13	

#### Footnote

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In the Chemicals segment, full quarter industry indicator margins were slightly higher relative to the first quarter.

## **ALL OTHER**

The company's standard guidance for quarterly net after-tax charges related to corporate and other activities, excluding Dynegy-related effects, is between \$160 million and \$200 million. Due to the potential for irregularly occurring accruals related to tax items, pension settlements, and other corporate items, actual results may differ.

Irregularly occurring items in the second quarter include a gain of approximately \$680 million on the sale of the company's investment in Dynegy and charges of about \$160 million related to the redemption of the outstanding Texaco Capital Bonds. Charges associated with environmental remediation and other corporate items are also expected to be included in second quarter results.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

		2006				2007		
		2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q thru May	2Q thru Jun	
Other Items								
Foreign exchange effects	\$ MM, A/T	(56)	(111)	56	(120)	(95)	n/a	

Foreign exchange effects for the first two months of the second quarter reduced earnings by \$95 million, reflecting a weakening of the U.S. dollar that continued in June. Foreign exchange effects are reported in the segment results.

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