ConocoPhillips Reports Second-Quarter 2023 Results; Raises Full-Year Production Guidance and Declares Quarterly Dividend and Variable Return of Cash Distribution

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ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP) today reported second-quarter 2023 earnings and adjusted earnings of \$2.2 billion, or \$1.84 per share, compared with second-quarter 2022 earnings of \$5.1 billion, or \$3.96 per share, and second-quarter 2022 adjusted earnings of \$5.1 billion, or \$3.91 per share.

"The second quarter demonstrated our strong underlying performance and commitment to advancing the returns-focused value proposition we shared at our Analyst & Investor Meeting in April," said Ryan Lance, chairman and chief executive officer. "We achieved record production and increased our full-year production guidance for the second consecutive quarter. We executed an agreement to purchase the remaining 50% interest in Surmont and further progressed our global LNG strategy. Our full-year distribution target of \$11 billion remains unchanged. Looking ahead, we remain constructive on the second half of the year as well as the long-term outlook for the sector. By continuing to enhance our deep, durable and diversified asset base, we are well positioned to generate competitive cash flow and returns for decades."

Second-Quarter Highlights and Recent Announcements

- Delivered record company and Lower 48 production of 1,805 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day (MBOED) and 1,063 MBOED, respectively.
- Executed agreement to purchase the remaining 50% interest in Surmont, subject to regulatory approvals and other closing conditions.
- Completed acquisition of an equity interest in Qatar's North Field South project.
- Signed 20-year offtake agreements at the Saguaro LNG export facility on the west coast of Mexico for approximately 2.2 million tonnes per annum, subject to Mexico Pacific reaching final investment decision.
- Generated cash provided by operating activities of \$3.9 billion and cash from operations (CFO) of \$4.7 billion.
- Distributed \$2.7 billion to shareholders through a three-tier framework, including \$1.4 billion through the ordinary dividend and variable return of cash (VROC) and \$1.3 billion through share repurchases.
- Ended the quarter with cash and short-term investments of \$7.1 billion.

Quarterly Dividend and Variable Return of Cash

ConocoPhillips announced a quarterly ordinary dividend of \$0.51 per share, payable September 1, 2023, to stockholders of record at the close of business on August 16, 2023. In addition, the company announced a VROC of \$0.60 per share, payable October 16, 2023, to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 28, 2023.

Second-Quarter Review

Production for the second quarter of 2023 was 1,805 MBOED, an increase of 113 MBOED from the same period a year ago. After adjusting for impacts from closed acquisitions and dispositions, second-quarter 2023 production increased 100 MBOED or 6% from the same period a year ago. Organic growth from Lower 48 and other development programs more than offset decline and downtime.

Lower 48 delivered record production of 1,063 MBOED, including 709 MBOED from the Permian, 235 MBOED from the Eagle Ford and 104 MBOED from the Bakken. Turnarounds were successfully completed

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in Norway and Qatar.

Earnings and adjusted earnings decreased from the second quarter of 2022 primarily due to lower prices partially offset by increased volumes. The company's total average realized price was \$54.50 per BOE, 38% lower than the \$88.57 per BOE realized in the second quarter of 2022.

For the quarter, cash provided by operating activities was \$3.9 billion. Excluding a \$0.8 billion change in working capital, ConocoPhillips generated CFO of \$4.7 billion and received \$0.2 billion primarily related to a prior year disposition. The company funded \$2.9 billion of capital expenditures and investments. In addition, the company paid \$1.4 billion in ordinary dividends and VROC and repurchased \$1.3 billion of shares.

Six-Month Review

ConocoPhillips' six-month 2023 earnings and adjusted earnings were \$5.2 billion, or \$4.22 per share, compared with six-month 2022 earnings of \$10.9 billion, or \$8.36 per share, and six-month 2022 adjusted earnings of \$9.4 billion, or \$7.18 per share.

Production for the first six months of 2023 was 1,798 MBOED, an increase of 78 MBOED from the same period a year ago. After adjusting for impacts from closed acquisitions and dispositions, production increased 82 MBOED or 5% from the same period a year ago. Organic growth from Lower 48 and other development programs more than offset decline and downtime.

The company's total realized price during this period was \$57.63 per BOE, 30% lower than the \$82.70 per BOE realized in the first six months of 2022.

In the first six months of 2023, cash provided by operating activities was \$9.3 billion. Excluding a \$1.1 billion change in working capital, ConocoPhillips generated CFO of \$10.4 billion and received disposition proceeds of \$0.4 billion. The company funded \$5.8 billion of capital expenditures and investments, repurchased \$3.0 billion of shares and paid \$2.8 billion in ordinary dividends and VROC.

Outlook

Third-quarter 2023 production is expected to be 1.78 to 1.82 million barrels of oil equivalent per day (MMBOED). Full-year production is now expected to be 1.80 to 1.81 MMBOED, as compared to prior guidance of 1.78 to 1.80 MMBOED.

Consistent with raising full-year production guidance for two consecutive quarters, the company updated its 2023 adjusted operating cost guidance to \$8.3 billion versus the prior guidance of \$8.2 billion and updated full-year guidance for depreciation, depletion and amortization to \$8.2 billion versus the prior guidance of \$8.1 billion. Full-year guidance for adjusted corporate segment net loss has been lowered to \$0.8 billion from \$0.9 billion driven by lower net interest expense. On capital, the guidance range has been narrowed to \$10.8 to \$11.2 billion from \$10.7 to \$11.3 billion, reflecting ongoing progress on the company's development plans.

All guidance excludes any impact from the previously announced Surmont and APLNG transactions.

ConocoPhillips will host a conference call today at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time to discuss this announcement. To listen to the call and view related presentation materials and supplemental information, go to www.conocophillips.com/investor.

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About ConocoPhillips

ConocoPhillips is one of the world's leading exploration and production companies based on both production

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and reserves, with a globally diversified asset portfolio. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ConocoPhillips had operations and activities in 13 countries, \$90 billion of total assets, and approximately 9,700 employees at June 30, 2023. Production averaged 1,798 MBOED for the six months ended June 30, 2023, and proved reserves were 6.6 BBOE as of December 31, 2022. For more information, go to www.conocophillips.com.

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information - To supplement the presentation of the company's financial results prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this news release and the accompanying supplemental financial information contain certain financial measures that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP, including adjusted earnings (calculated on a consolidated and on a segment-level basis), adjusted earnings per share, cash from operations (CFO), adjusted operating costs and adjusted corporate segment net loss.

The company believes that the non-GAAP measure adjusted earnings (both on an aggregate and a per-share basis), adjusted operating costs and adjusted corporate segment net loss is useful to investors to help facilitate comparisons of the company's operating performance associated with the company's core business operations across periods on a consistent basis and with the performance and cost structures of peer companies by excluding items that do not directly relate to the company's core business operations. Adjusted operating costs is defined as the sum of production and operating expenses, selling, general and administrative expenses, exploration general and administrative expenses, geological and geophysical, lease rentals and other exploration expenses, adjusted to exclude expenses that do not directly relate to the company's core business operations and are included as adjustments to arrive at adjusted earnings to the extent those adjustments impact operating costs. Adjusted corporate segment net loss is defined as corporate and other segment earnings adjusted for special items. The company further believes that the non-GAAP measure CFO is useful to investors to help understand changes in cash provided by operating activities excluding the timing effects associated with operating working capital changes across periods on a consistent basis and with the performance of peer companies. The company believes that the above-mentioned non-GAAP measures, when viewed in combination with the company's results prepared in accordance with GAAP, provides a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the company's business and performance. The company's Board of Directors and management also use these non-GAAP measures to analyze the company's operating performance across periods when overseeing and managing the company's business.

Each of the non-GAAP measures included in this news release and the accompanying supplemental financial information has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for an analysis of the company's results calculated in accordance with GAAP. In addition, because not all companies use identical calculations, the company's presentation of non-GAAP measures in this news release and the accompanying supplemental financial information may not be comparable to similarly titled measures disclosed by other companies, including companies in our industry. The company may also change the calculation of any of the non-GAAP measures included in this news release and the accompanying supplemental financial information from time to time in light of its then existing operations to include other adjustments that may impact its operations.

Reconciliations of each non-GAAP measure presented in this news release to the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP are included in the release.

Other Terms - This news release also contains the term pro forma underlying production. Pro forma underlying production reflects the impact of closed acquisitions and closed dispositions as of June 30, 2023. The impact of closed acquisitions and dispositions assumes a closing date of January 1, 2022. The company believes that underlying production is useful to investors to compare production reflecting the impact of closed acquisitions and dispositions on a consistent go-forward basis across periods and with peer companies. Return of capital or company distributions is defined as the total of the ordinary dividend, share repurchases and variable return of cash (VROC).

References in the release to earnings refer to net income.

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Table 1: Reconciliation of earnings to adjusted earnings

\$ Millions, Except as Indicated

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Pre-tax Income	tay After tay Do	chara of	common	ctock	dollar
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Earnings			\$ 2,232	1.84
Adjustments:			. ,	
Net gain on asset sales	_	-	-	-
Tax adjustments	-	-	-	-
(Gain) loss on CVE shares	-	-	-	-
(Gain) loss on debt extinguishment and exchange fees	-	-	-	-
Transaction and restructuring expenses	_	-	-	-
(Gain) Loss on FX derivative	-	-	-	-
Adjusted earnings / (loss)			\$ 2,232	1.84

The income tax effects of the special items are primarily calculated based on the statutory rate of the jurisdiction in whi

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Table 2: Reconciliation of reported production to pro forma underlying production In MBOED, Except as Indicated

	2Q23	2Q22	2023 YTD	2022 YTD	
Total Reported ConocoPhillips Production	1,805	1,692	1,798	1,720	
Closed Dispositions ¹	(2) (12)	(2)	(34)
Closed Acquisitions ²	-	13	-	18	
Total Pro Forma Underlying Production	1,803	1,693	1,796	1,704	
Estimated Uplift from 2 to 3 stream conversion ³	_	10	-	10	

¹ Includes production related to the Indonesia disposition and various Lower 48 dispositions.

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Table 3: Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to cash from operations \$ Millions, Except as Indicated

	2Q23	2023 YTD
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	3,854	9,257
Adjustments:		
Net operating working capital changes	(845	(1,128)
Cash from operations	4,699	10,385

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Table 4: Reconciliation of production and operating expenses to adjusted operating costs \$ Millions, Except as Indicated

2023 FY Guidance

Production and operating expenses

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² Includes production related to the acquisitions related to additional 10% shareholding interest in APLNG, additional 4% shareholding interest in Libya and a Lower 48 bolt-on acquisition.

³ Estimated production impacts from the conversion of Concho two-stream contracted volumes to a three-stream (crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids) reporting basis, which are not included in Total Production and Total Underlying Production.

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