

ConocoPhillips announces first-quarter 2024 results, quarterly dividend and VROC

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- Reported first-quarter 2024 earnings per share of \$2.15 and adjusted earnings per share of \$2.03.
- Generated cash provided by operating activities of \$5.0 billion and cash from operations (CFO) of \$5.1 billion.
- Declared ordinary dividend of \$0.58 per share and variable return of cash (VROC) of \$0.20 per share payable in the second quarter.

[ConocoPhillips](#) (NYSE: COP) today reported first-quarter 2024 earnings of \$2.6 billion, or \$2.15 per share, compared with first-quarter 2023 earnings of \$2.9 billion, or \$2.38 per share. Excluding special items, first-quarter 2024 adjusted earnings were \$2.4 billion, or \$2.03 per share, compared with first-quarter 2023 adjusted earnings of \$2.9 billion, or \$2.38 per share. Special items for the current quarter consisted of a benefit related to an investment tax incentive and a gain on an asset sale.

"We started the year on a strong note, thanks to another quarter of focused execution on our strategic plan," said Ryan Lance, chairman and chief executive officer. "We remain constructive on the macro environment and are committed to delivering competitive shareholder returns, including at least \$9 billion in planned return of capital for 2024."

First-quarter highlights and recent announcements

- Delivered total company production of 1,902 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day (MBOED).
- Produced 1,046 MBOED in the Lower 48, including 736 MBOED from the Permian, 197 MBOED from the Eagle Ford and 96 MBOED from the Bakken.
- Executed a successful first major winter construction season at Willow in Alaska and advanced development of LNG projects in the U.S. and Qatar.
- Continued ramp-up from recent international project startups including Surmont Pad 267 in Canada, several sub-sea tiebacks in Norway and Bohai Phase 4B in China.
- Progressed Montney development program following startup of the second phase of the company's central processing facility in Canada, resulting in record production for the asset.
- Achieved 1,000th LNG cargo export milestone at APLNG in April.
- Distributed \$2.2 billion to shareholders through a three-tier framework, including \$1.3 billion through share repurchases and \$0.9 billion through the ordinary dividend and VROC.
- Retired debt of \$0.5 billion at maturity.
- Ended the quarter with cash and short-term investments of \$6.3 billion and long-term investments of \$1.1 billion.

Quarterly dividend and variable return of cash

[ConocoPhillips](#) declared an ordinary dividend of \$0.58 per share and a VROC of \$0.20 per share, both payable June 3, 2024, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 13, 2024.

First-quarter review

Production for the first quarter of 2024 was 1,902 MBOED, an increase of 110 MBOED from the same period a year ago. After adjusting for closed acquisitions and dispositions, first-quarter 2024 production increased 43 MBOED or 2% from the same period a year ago.

Earnings decreased from the first quarter of 2023 primarily due to impacts from lower prices, higher costs, and higher depreciation, depletion and amortization, partially offset by increased volumes and a benefit from

the investment tax incentive special item. Excluding special items, adjusted earnings decreased due to the same factors. The company's total average realized price was \$56.60 per BOE, 7% lower than the \$60.86 per BOE realized in the first quarter of 2023.

For the quarter, cash provided by operating activities was \$5.0 billion. Excluding a \$0.1 billion change in working capital, [ConocoPhillips](#) generated CFO of \$5.1 billion and received disposition proceeds of \$0.2 billion. In addition, the company funded \$2.9 billion of capital expenditures and investments, repurchased \$1.3 billion of shares and paid \$0.9 billion in ordinary dividends and VROC and retired debt of \$0.5 billion at maturity.

Outlook

Second-quarter 2024 production is expected to be 1.91 to 1.95 million barrels of oil equivalent per day.

All full-year guidance items remain unchanged.

[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. A recording and transcript of the call will be posted afterward.

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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 (EPS) and cash from operations (CFO).

The company believes that the non-GAAP measure adjusted earnings (both on an aggregate and a per-share basis) 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 earnings is defined as earnings removing the impact of special items.

Adjusted EPS is a measure of the company's diluted net earnings per share excluding 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 March 31, 2024. The impact of closed acquisitions and dispositions assumes a closing date of January 1, 2023. 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 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

	1Q24		Per share of common stock (dollars)		1Q23			Per share common stock (dollars)
	Pre-tax	Income tax	After-tax		Pre-tax	Income tax	After-tax	
Earnings			\$ 2,551	2.15			2,920	2.38
Adjustments:								
(Gain) loss on asset sales	(86)	20	(66)	(0.06)	-	-	-	-
Tax adjustments	-	(76)	(76)	(0.06)	-	-	-	-
Adjusted earnings / (loss)			\$ 2,409	2.03			2,920	2.38

The income tax effects of the special items are primarily calculated based on the statutory rate of the jurisdiction in which the discrete item resides.

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Table 2: Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to cash from operations
\$ millions, except as indicated

	1Q24
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	4,985
Adjustments:	
Net operating working capital changes	(112)
Cash from operations	5,097

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Table 3: Reconciliation of reported production to pro forma underlying production
In MBOED, except as indicated

	1Q24	1Q23
Total reported ConocoPhillips production	1,902	1,792

Closed Dispositions ¹	-	(2)
Closed Acquisitions ²	-	69
Total pro forma underlying production	1,902	1,859

¹Includes production related to various Lower 48 dispositions.

²Includes production related to the acquisition of remaining 50% working interest in Surmont.

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