

Hess Announces HSR Clearance Of Chevron-Hess Merger

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[Hess Corp.](#) (NYSE: HES) today announced that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) antitrust review of the Chevron-Hess merger has been completed, satisfying one of the closing conditions for the transaction.

"We are very pleased that our merger with Chevron has cleared this significant regulatory hurdle," said CEO John Hess. "This transaction continues to be an outstanding deal for Hess and Chevron shareholders and will create a premier integrated energy company that is ideally positioned for the energy transition."

To facilitate completion of the merger, Hess and Chevron have agreed that Mr. Hess will not be appointed to the Chevron Board of Directors in order to address a concern raised by the FTC about Mr. Hess' communications with a limited number of OPEC officials. However, Mr. Hess will serve as an advisor and representative for Chevron on government relations and social investments in Guyana as well as on support for the Salk Institute's Harnessing Plants Initiative.

The Hess Board of Directors believes that the competitive concern raised by the FTC about Mr. Hess' communications is without merit, and fully supports Mr. Hess in his role as CEO of [Hess Corporation](#). Mr. Hess' public and private communications with OPEC officials were consistent with his communications with U.S. government officials, the International Energy Agency and global business leaders on what will be needed to ensure an affordable and orderly energy transition.

"Oil and gas are going to be needed for decades to come and the key challenge is long term investment," Mr. Hess said. "For more than 10 years, I have advocated for a significant increase in global investment, both in oil and gas and renewable energy, to have the necessary supply to keep energy affordable and secure for American consumers in the future."

Over the past five years, Hess Corporation has had the highest cash flow reinvestment rate of any oil company - majors and independents - and has been the only oil company to reinvest in excess of its cash flow¹ in order to grow oil and gas supply.

Mr. Hess said: "I am proud of the role our company has played to meet the world's energy needs safely and responsibly. I look forward to successfully completing our company's merger with Chevron and delivering value for our shareholders."

Completion of the merger remains subject to the Merger Agreement's closing conditions, including the satisfactory resolution of ongoing arbitration proceedings regarding preemptive rights in the Stabroek Block joint operating agreement.

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Hess Corporation is a leading global independent energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas. More information on Hess Corporation is available at www.hess.com/.

¹ From 2019 to 2023, Hess was the only company to average more than 100% reinvestment of its cash flow from operations, with an average annual reinvestment rate of 114%, nearly twice that of its peer group and majors' median reinvestment rate of 58%. Reinvestment rate is defined as capital expenditures divided by cash flow from operations for a given period.

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