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ExxonMobil Earnings Rise 50 Percent to \$4 Billion on Solid Business Performance

IRVING, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Exxon Mobil Corporation](#) (NYSE:XOM):

- Cash flow from operations and asset sales exceeds dividends and net investments¹ for the fourth-consecutive quarter
- Company makes fifth Guyana discovery; captures 12 high-potential blocks offshore Brazil
- Hurricane Harvey reduces earnings by an estimated \$160 million, or 4 cents per share

	Third Quarter			Nine Months		
	2017	2016	%	2017	2016	%
Earnings Summary						
<i>(Dollars in millions, except per share data)</i>						
Earnings	3,970	2,650	50	11,330	6,160	84
Earnings Per Common Share						
Assuming Dilution	0.93	0.63	48	2.66	1.47	81
Capital and Exploration Expenditures	5,987	4,190	43	14,081	14,475	-3

Exxon Mobil Corporation announced estimated third quarter 2017 earnings of \$4 billion, or \$0.93 per diluted share, compared with \$2.7 billion a year earlier as commodity prices improved and performance in the Upstream and Downstream strengthened. Impacts related to Hurricane Harvey reduced earnings by an estimated 4 cents per share.

“A 50 percent increase in earnings through solid business performance and higher commodity prices is a step forward in our plan to grow profitability,” said Darren Woods, chairman and chief executive officer. “For the fourth-consecutive quarter, we generated cash flow from operations and asset sales that more than covered our dividends and net investments in the business.”

Upstream earnings rose to \$1.6 billion as commodity prices increased. Building on its recent success in deepwater exploration, such as the Turbot discovery in Guyana, ExxonMobil added 12 offshore blocks in Brazil, capturing acreage with high resource potential and competitive fiscal terms.

Downstream results increased to \$1.5 billion, despite Hurricane Harvey impacts and the absence of favorable asset management gains of \$380 million in the prior year from the sale of Canadian retail assets. These results were achieved as the company worked quickly to safely bring refineries back online following the storm and to restore product supplies.

Chemical earnings were \$1.1 billion, down slightly from a year ago on lower commodity margins and hurricane impacts, partially offset by volume growth. During the quarter the company enhanced its position to capture growing demand in Asia by completing the purchase of an aromatics plant in Singapore.

¹*Includes additions to property, plant and equipment and net investments / advances*

Third Quarter 2017 Highlights

- Earnings of \$4 billion increased 50 percent from the third quarter of 2016.
- Earnings per share assuming dilution were \$0.93.
- Cash flow from operations and asset sales increased 33 percent to \$8.4 billion, including proceeds associated with asset sales of \$854 million.
- Capital and exploration expenditures were \$6 billion, including an aromatics plant acquisition in Singapore.
- Oil-equivalent production was 3.9 million barrels per day, up 2 percent from the prior year. Excluding entitlement effects and divestments, oil-equivalent production remained at 2 percent higher than the prior year.
- The corporation distributed \$3.3 billion in dividends to shareholders.
- Dividends per share of \$0.77 increased 2.7 percent compared to the third quarter of 2016.
- The company acquired an interest in 12 blocks offshore Brazil during the last bid round completed during the quarter. The bid resulted in the addition of 2 million high-potential acres with competitive fiscal terms.
- The company completed the Turbot-1 exploration well offshore Guyana. The well encountered 75 feet (23 meters) of high-quality, oil-bearing sandstone, and represents ExxonMobil's fifth discovery to date in the country.
- ExxonMobil signed a production sharing contract for Block 59 located 190 miles (305 kilometers) offshore Suriname. The deepwater block has an area of 2.8 million acres and significantly expands the corporation's operated acreage in the Guyana-Suriname basin.
- During the quarter, ExxonMobil announced it added 22,000 acres since May to its Permian Basin portfolio through a series of acquisitions and acreage trades. Located in the Delaware and Midland Basins, the new acreage adds over 400 million oil-equivalent barrels to the company's existing Permian Basin resource base of 6 billion oil-equivalent barrels.
- ExxonMobil completed the acquisition of one of the world's largest aromatics facilities, located in Singapore, from Jurong Aromatics Corporation Pte Ltd. The acquisition will provide operational and logistical synergies between the plant and ExxonMobil's integrated refining and petrochemical complex, as well as increase ExxonMobil Singapore's aromatics production to over 3.5 million metric tons per year.

Third Quarter 2017 vs. Third Quarter 2016

Upstream earnings were \$1.6 billion in the third quarter of 2017, up \$947 million from the third quarter of 2016. Higher liquids and gas realizations increased earnings by \$860 million. Higher volume and mix effects increased earnings by \$20 million. All other items increased earnings by \$70 million as lower expenses were partly offset by unfavorable foreign exchange effects.

On an oil-equivalent basis, production increased 2 percent from the third quarter of 2016. Liquids production totaled 2.3 million barrels per day, up 69,000 barrels per day as lower downtime and higher project volumes were partly offset by field decline. Natural gas production was 9.6 billion cubic feet per day, down 16 million cubic feet per day from 2016 as field decline and lower demand were partly offset by project ramp-up, primarily in Australia, and work programs.

U.S. Upstream results were a loss of \$238 million in the third quarter of 2017, compared to a loss of \$477 million in the third quarter of 2016. Non-U.S. Upstream earnings were \$1.8 billion, up \$708 million from the prior year.

Downstream earnings were \$1.5 billion, up \$303 million from the third quarter of 2016. Higher refining margins increased earnings by \$1 billion. Volume and mix effects decreased earnings by \$160 million. All other items decreased earnings by \$550 million, reflecting the absence of favorable asset management gains of \$380 million in the prior year from the sale of Canadian retail assets and higher expenses related to Hurricane Harvey. Petroleum product sales of 5.5 million barrels per day were 43,000 barrels per day lower than last year's third quarter.

Earnings from the U.S. Downstream were \$391 million, up \$166 million from the third quarter of 2016. Non-U.S. Downstream earnings of \$1.1 billion were \$137 million higher than prior year.

Chemical earnings of \$1.1 billion were \$79 million lower than the third quarter of 2016. Weaker margins decreased earnings by \$200 million. Volume and mix effects increased earnings by \$120 million. Third quarter prime product sales of 6.4 million metric tons were 313,000 metric tons or 5 percent higher than the prior year, despite Hurricane Harvey impacts.

U.S. Chemical earnings of \$403 million were \$31 million lower than the third quarter of 2016. Non-U.S. Chemical earnings of \$689 million were \$48 million lower than prior year.

Corporate and financing expenses were \$221 million for the third quarter of 2017, down \$149 million from the third quarter of 2016 mainly due to favorable impacts from the resolution of long-standing tax items.

First Nine Months 2017 Highlights

- Earnings of \$11.3 billion increased 84 percent from \$6.2 billion in 2016.
- Earnings per share assuming dilution were \$2.66.
- Cash flow from operations and asset sales was \$24.4 billion, including proceeds associated with asset sales of \$1.7 billion.
- Capital and exploration expenditures were \$14.1 billion, down 3 percent from 2016.

- Oil-equivalent production was 4 million barrels per day, down 1 percent from the prior year. Excluding entitlement effects and divestments, oil-equivalent production was up 1 percent from the prior year.
- The corporation distributed \$9.7 billion in dividends to shareholders.

First Nine Months 2017 vs. First Nine Months 2016

Upstream earnings were \$5 billion, up \$4.2 billion from 2016. Higher realizations increased earnings by \$4.1 billion. Unfavorable volume and mix effects decreased earnings by \$300 million. All other items increased earnings by \$380 million, primarily due to lower expenses partly offset by unfavorable tax items in the current year.

On an oil-equivalent basis, production of 4 million barrels per day was down 1 percent compared to 2016. Liquids production of 2.3 million barrels per day decreased 65,000 barrels per day as field decline and lower entitlements were partly offset by increased project volumes and work programs. Natural gas production of 10.1 billion cubic feet per day increased 106 million cubic feet per day from 2016 as project ramp-up, primarily in Australia, was partly offset by field decline.

U.S. Upstream results were a loss of \$439 million in 2017, compared to a loss of \$1.8 billion in 2016. Earnings outside the U.S. were \$5.4 billion, up \$2.8 billion from the prior year.

Downstream earnings of \$4 billion increased \$1.1 billion from 2016. Stronger refining and marketing margins increased earnings by \$1.3 billion, while volume and mix effects increased earnings by \$110 million. All other items decreased earnings by \$290 million, mainly reflecting the absence of the Canadian retail assets sale. Petroleum product sales of 5.5 million barrels per day were 26,000 barrels per day higher than 2016.

U.S. Downstream earnings were \$1 billion, an increase of \$206 million from 2016. Non-U.S. Downstream earnings were \$3 billion, up \$867 million from the prior year.

Chemical earnings of \$3.2 billion decreased \$495 million from 2016. Weaker margins decreased earnings by \$320 million. Volume and mix effects increased earnings by \$70 million. All other items decreased earnings by \$250 million, primarily due to higher expenses from increased turnaround activity and new business growth. Prime product sales of 18.6 million metric tons were up 22,000 metric tons from the first nine months of 2016.

U.S. Chemical earnings were \$1.4 billion, down \$111 million from 2016. Non-U.S. Chemical earnings of \$1.8 billion were \$384 million lower than prior year.

Corporate and financing expenses were \$954 million in 2017 compared to \$1.4 billion in 2016, with the decrease mainly due to favorable impacts from the resolution of long-standing tax items.

During the first nine months of 2017, Exxon Mobil Corporation purchased 6 million shares of its common stock for the treasury at a gross cost of \$496 million. These shares were acquired to offset dilution in conjunction with the company's benefit plans and programs. The corporation will continue to acquire shares to offset dilution in conjunction with its benefit plans and programs, but does not currently plan on making purchases to reduce shares outstanding. The company also issued a combined 96 million shares of common stock

during the first quarter to complete the acquisition of InterOil Corporation and the acquisition of entities that own oil and gas properties located primarily in the Permian Basin.

Forward-looking Statements

As part of its annual planning and budgeting cycle which is completed in the fourth quarter each year, the corporation develops crude and natural gas price outlooks as well as estimates of future costs and other factors necessary to complete its plan. Management's price outlook and other factors, including factors such as operating costs, resource productivity, and capital efficiency, are re-assessed when facts and circumstances warrant but no less often than annually. To the extent any impairment testing may be required, management uses assumptions that are reasonable in relation to these factors in developing estimates of future cash flows. An asset group would be impaired if its estimated undiscounted cash flows were less than the asset's carrying value, and impairment would be measured by the amount by which the carrying value exceeds fair value. Development of future undiscounted cash flow estimates requires significant management judgment, particularly in cases where an asset's life is expected to extend decades into the future, and an important component of the estimate is management's outlook on prices and other factors as noted above.

The corporation has identified emerging trends such as increasing estimates of available natural gas supplies and ongoing reductions in costs of supply for natural gas. In the fourth quarter of 2017, the corporation will incorporate the impacts of these trends and the resulting lower price outlook in its annual planning and budgeting cycle. Once complete, the corporation expects to perform an impairment assessment for its North American natural gas asset groups utilizing the information developed as part of the planning and budgeting process. It is not practicable at this time to estimate the impact these trends would have on the undiscounted cash flows for individual asset groups or any resulting impairment charges. However these trends are likely to place the corporation's North American natural gas asset groups at risk for potential impairment. The corporation will complete its analysis of relevant factors as discussed above and perform any necessary impairment testing in connection with the preparation of the corporation's year-end financial statements for inclusion in its 2017 Form 10-K.

ExxonMobil will discuss financial and operating results and other matters during a webcast at 8:30 a.m. Central Time on October 27, 2017. To listen to the event or access an archived replay, please visit www.exxonmobil.com.

Cautionary Statement

Statements relating to future plans, projections, events or conditions are forward-looking statements. Future results, including project plans, costs, timing, and capacities; efficiency gains; capital and exploration expenditures; production rates; resource recoveries; the impact of new technologies; potential impairment charges; and share purchase levels, could differ materially due to factors including: changes in oil, gas or petrochemical prices or other market or economic conditions affecting the oil, gas or petrochemical industries, including the scope and duration of economic recessions; the outcome of exploration and development efforts; changes in law or government regulation, including tax and environmental requirements; the impact of fiscal and commercial terms and outcome of commercial negotiations; the results of research programs; changes in technical or operating

conditions; actions of competitors; and other factors discussed under the heading "Factors Affecting Future Results" in the "Investors" section of our website and in Item 1A of ExxonMobil's 2016 Form 10-K. We assume no duty to update these statements as of any future date.

Frequently Used Terms and Non-GAAP Measures

This press release includes cash flow from operations and asset sales. Because of the regular nature of our asset management and divestment program, we believe it is useful for investors to consider proceeds associated with the sales of subsidiaries, property, plant and equipment, and sales and returns of investments together with cash provided by operating activities when evaluating cash available for investment in the business and financing activities. A reconciliation to net cash provided by operating activities is shown in Attachment II. References to the resource base and other quantities of oil, natural gas or condensate may include amounts that we believe will ultimately be produced, but that are not yet classified as "proved reserves" under SEC definitions. Further information on ExxonMobil's frequently used financial and operating measures and other terms including "prime product sales" is contained under the heading "Frequently Used Terms" available through the "Investors" section of our website at exxonmobil.com.

Reference to Earnings

References to corporate earnings mean net income attributable to ExxonMobil (U.S. GAAP) from the consolidated income statement. Unless otherwise indicated, references to earnings, Upstream, Downstream, Chemical and Corporate and Financing segment earnings, and earnings per share are ExxonMobil's share after excluding amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests.

The term "project" as used in this release can refer to a variety of different activities and does not necessarily have the same meaning as in any government payment transparency reports.

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Estimated Key Financial and Operating Data

Attachment I

Exxon Mobil Corporation
Third Quarter 2017
(millions of dollars, unless noted)

<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Nine Months</u>
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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Earnings / Earnings Per Share				
Total revenues and other income	66,165	58,677	192,328	165,078
Total costs and other deductions	60,582	55,451	176,671	157,726
Income before income taxes	5,583	3,226	15,657	7,352
Income taxes	1,498	337	4,218	1,001
Net income including noncontrolling interests	4,085	2,889	11,439	6,351
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	115	239	109	191
Net income attributable to ExxonMobil (U.S. GAAP)	3,970	2,650	11,330	6,160
Earnings per common share (dollars)	0.93	0.63	2.66	1.47
Earnings per common share - assuming dilution (dollars)	0.93	0.63	2.66	1.47

Other Financial Data

Dividends on common stock				
Total	3,289	3,133	9,712	9,320
Per common share (dollars)	0.77	0.75	2.29	2.23
Millions of common shares outstanding				
At September 30			4,237	4,147
Average - assuming dilution	4,271	4,178	4,252	4,178
ExxonMobil share of equity at September 30			182,276	170,597
ExxonMobil share of capital employed at September 30			225,308	218,993
Income taxes	1,498	337	4,218	1,001
Sales-based taxes	5,864	5,437	16,795	15,687
All other taxes	7,488	7,054	21,561	21,076
Total taxes	14,850	12,828	42,574	37,764
ExxonMobil share of income taxes of equity companies	512	391	1,728	1,256

Attachment II

Exxon Mobil Corporation Third Quarter 2017 (millions of dollars)

	<u>Third Quarter</u>		<u>Nine Months</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Earnings (U.S. GAAP)				
Upstream				
United States	(238)	(477)	(439)	(1,823)
Non-U.S.	1,805	1,097	5,442	2,661
Downstream				
United States	391	225	1,030	824
Non-U.S.	1,141	1,004	3,003	2,136

Chemical				
United States	403	434	1,413	1,524
Non-U.S.	689	737	1,835	2,219
Corporate and financing	(221)	(370)	(954)	(1,381)
Net income attributable to ExxonMobil	3,970	2,650	11,330	6,160

Cash flow from operations and asset sales (billions of dollars)

Net cash provided by operating activities (U.S. GAAP)	7.5	5.3	22.7	14.7
Proceeds associated with asset sales	0.9	1.0	1.7	2.2
Cash flow from operations and asset sales	8.4	6.3	24.4	16.9

Attachment III

**Exxon Mobil Corporation
Third Quarter 2017**

	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net production of crude oil, natural gas liquids, bitumen and synthetic oil, thousand barrels per day (kbd)				
United States	500	484	511	493
Canada / South America	423	437	406	424
Europe	172	189	191	203
Africa	441	388	430	482
Asia	683	651	701	700
Australia / Oceania	61	62	55	57
Worldwide	2,280	2,211	2,294	2,359
Natural gas production available for sale, million cubic feet per day (mcf)				
United States	2,899	3,058	2,997	3,105
Canada / South America	216	220	212	244
Europe	1,326	1,650	1,840	2,057
Africa	6	13	5	7
Asia	3,646	3,662	3,773	3,758
Australia / Oceania	1,492	998	1,306	856
Worldwide	9,585	9,601	10,133	10,027
Oil-equivalent production (koebd) ¹	3,878	3,811	3,983	4,030

¹ Gas converted to oil-equivalent at 6 million cubic feet = 1 thousand barrels.

Attachment IV

**Exxon Mobil Corporation
Third Quarter 2017**

	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Refinery throughput (kbd)				

United States	1,435	1,604	1,552	1,587
Canada	385	406	380	350
Europe	1,555	1,476	1,510	1,403
Asia Pacific	715	677	678	708
Other	197	202	199	187
Worldwide	4,287	4,365	4,319	4,235

Petroleum product sales (kbd)

United States	2,209	2,327	2,184	2,258
Canada	508	511	499	489
Europe	1,608	1,553	1,599	1,514
Asia Pacific	746	721	736	749
Other	471	473	481	463
Worldwide	5,542	5,585	5,499	5,473

Gasolines, naphthas	2,266	2,298	2,232	2,258
Heating oils, kerosene, diesel	1,836	1,810	1,840	1,754
Aviation fuels	380	421	378	403
Heavy fuels	372	358	372	370
Specialty products	688	698	677	688
Worldwide	5,542	5,585	5,499	5,473

Chemical prime product sales, thousand metric tons (kt)

United States	2,294	2,320	6,908	7,167
Non-U.S.	4,152	3,813	11,730	11,449
Worldwide	6,446	6,133	18,638	18,616

Attachment V

Exxon Mobil Corporation
Third Quarter 2017
(millions of dollars)

	Third Quarter		Nine Months	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Capital and Exploration Expenditures				
Upstream				
United States	1,098	712	2,558	2,701
Non-U.S.	2,077	2,360	6,522	8,269
Total	3,175	3,072	9,080	10,970
Downstream				
United States	181	192	559	608
Non-U.S.	430	397	1,183	1,151
Total	611	589	1,742	1,759
Chemical				
United States	392	359	1,194	1,148
Non-U.S.	1,791	144	2,021	529
Total	2,183	503	3,215	1,677
Other	18	26	44	69
Worldwide	5,987	4,190	14,081	14,475

Exploration expenses charged to income included above

Consolidated affiliates				
United States	28	35	99	178
Non-U.S.	256	291	986	946
Equity companies - ExxonMobil share				
United States	-	-	1	-
Non-U.S.	6	6	30	1
Worldwide	290	332	1,116	1,125

Attachment VI

Exxon Mobil Corporation Earnings

	\$ Millions	\$ Per Common Share¹
2013		
First Quarter	9,500	2.12
Second Quarter	6,860	1.55
Third Quarter	7,870	1.79
Fourth Quarter	8,350	1.91
Year	32,580	7.37
2014		
First Quarter	9,100	2.10
Second Quarter	8,780	2.05
Third Quarter	8,070	1.89
Fourth Quarter	6,570	1.56
Year	32,520	7.60
2015		
First Quarter	4,940	1.17
Second Quarter	4,190	1.00
Third Quarter	4,240	1.01
Fourth Quarter	2,780	0.67
Year	16,150	3.85
2016		
First Quarter	1,810	0.43
Second Quarter	1,700	0.41
Third Quarter	2,650	0.63
Fourth Quarter	1,680	0.41
Year	7,840	1.88
2017		
First Quarter	4,010	0.95
Second Quarter	3,350	0.78
Third Quarter	3,970	0.93

¹ Computed using the average number of shares outstanding during each period.

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