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FORM 10-Q

(Mark one)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-8590

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

71-0361522
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

200 Peach Street

P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

71731-7000
(Zip Code)

(870) 862-6411

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, outstanding at June 30, 2014 was **177,571,522**.

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Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Thousands of dollars)

	(Unaudited)	
	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 661,086	750,155
Canadian government securities with maturities greater than 90 days at the date of acquisition	427,372	374,842
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,609 in 2014 and 2013	1,053,122	999,872
Inventories, at lower of cost or market		
Crude oil	38,119	40,077
Materials and supplies	251,375	254,118
Prepaid expenses	125,046	83,856
Deferred income taxes	59,619	61,991
Assets held for sale	617,194	943,732
Total current assets	3,232,933	3,508,643
Property, plant and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization of \$9,318,710 in 2014 and \$8,540,239 in 2013	14,196,884	13,481,055
Goodwill	40,083	40,259
Deferred charges and other assets	101,883	98,123
Assets held for sale	302,151	381,404
Total assets	\$ 17,873,934	17,509,484
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 35,100	26,249
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,257,458	2,335,712
Income taxes payable	302,028	222,930
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	255,935	639,140
Total current liabilities	2,850,521	3,224,031
Long-term debt, including capital lease obligation	3,786,494	2,936,563
Deferred income taxes	1,507,484	1,466,100
Asset retirement obligations	905,467	852,488
Deferred credits and other liabilities	331,144	339,028
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	93,927	95,544
Stockholders equity		
Cumulative Preferred Stock, par \$100, authorized 400,000 shares, none issued	0	0
Common Stock, par \$1.00, authorized 450,000,000 shares, issued 195,017,103 shares in 2014 and 194,920,155 shares in 2013	195,017	194,920
Capital in excess of par value	886,292	902,633
Retained earnings	8,231,331	8,058,792
Accumulated other comprehensive income	172,531	172,119

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Treasury stock, 17,445,581 shares of Common Stock in 2014 and 11,513,642 shares of Common Stock in 2013, at cost	(1,086,274)	(732,734)
Total stockholders' equity	8,398,897	8,595,730
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 17,873,934	17,509,484

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Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (unaudited)

(Thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013*	2014	2013*
REVENUES				
Sales and other operating revenues	\$ 1,357,905	1,315,600	2,639,113	2,614,526
Interest and other income (loss)	(8,884)	16,386	(3,692)	8,398
Total revenues	1,349,021	1,331,986	2,635,421	2,622,924
COSTS AND EXPENSES				
Lease operating expenses	285,865	251,775	548,120	588,998
Severance and ad valorem taxes	28,893	20,334	55,219	35,397
Exploration expenses, including undeveloped lease amortization	134,812	88,772	273,278	197,265
Selling and general expenses	95,000	86,904	187,026	168,371
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	458,993	381,384	855,242	744,526
Impairment of assets	0	21,587	0	21,587
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	12,327	11,961	24,392	23,857
Interest expense	33,769	29,593	66,655	56,621
Interest capitalized	(5,053)	(14,478)	(13,921)	(27,866)
Other expense	(178)	0	636	0
Total costs and expenses	1,044,428	877,832	1,996,647	1,808,756
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	304,593	454,154	638,774	814,168
Income tax expense	161,925	194,265	326,820	371,596
Income from continuing operations	142,668	259,889	311,954	442,572
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	(13,256)	142,755	(27,289)	320,671
NET INCOME	\$ 129,412	402,644	284,665	763,243
PER COMMON SHARE BASIC				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.80	1.38	1.73	2.33
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.08)	0.75	(0.15)	1.69
Net income	\$ 0.72	2.13	1.58	4.02
PER COMMON SHARE DILUTED				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.79	1.37	1.72	2.32
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(0.07)	0.75	(0.15)	1.68
Net income	\$ 0.72	2.12	1.57	4.00
Average common shares outstanding				
Basic	178,500,440	189,002,146	180,003,605	189,753,673
Diluted	180,045,020	189,944,793	181,327,914	190,702,248

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* Reclassified to conform to current presentation See Note D.
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (unaudited)

(Thousands of dollars)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$ 129,412	402,644	284,665	763,243
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				
Net gain (loss) from foreign currency translation	133,559	(117,254)	(3,045)	(235,008)
Retirement and postretirement benefit plans	1,026	4,532	2,491	7,270
Deferred loss on interest rate hedges reclassified to interest expense	483	484	966	970
Other comprehensive income (loss)	135,068	(112,238)	412	(226,768)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 264,480	290,406	285,077	536,475

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Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

(Thousands of dollars)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013 ¹
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 284,665	763,243
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Loss (income) from discontinued operations	27,289	(320,671)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	855,242	744,526
Impairment of assets	0	21,587
Amortization of deferred major repair costs	4,313	4,415
Dry hole costs	127,827	81,305
Amortization of undeveloped leases	37,764	32,052
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	24,392	23,857
Deferred and noncurrent income tax charges	18,122	72,745
Pretax loss from disposition of assets	4,997	224
Net (increase) decrease in noncash operating working capital	48,449	(131,812)
Other operating activities, net	22,106	(22,487)
Net cash provided by continuing operations	1,455,166	1,268,984
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	4,517	400,026
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,459,683	1,669,010
 INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Property additions and dry hole costs ²	(1,840,544)	(1,853,902)
Proceeds from sales of assets	3,089	130
Purchase of investment securities ³	(372,861)	(373,196)
Proceeds from maturity of investment securities ³	320,331	358,915
Investing activities of discontinued operations		
Sales proceeds	0	282,202
Property additions and other	(9,092)	(122,807)
Other net	(13,007)	1,718
Net cash required by investing activities	(1,912,084)	(1,706,940)
 FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Borrowings of long-term debt ²	850,000	461,978
Purchase of treasury stock	(375,000)	(250,000)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and employee stock purchase plans	0	2,628
Withholding tax on stock-based incentive awards	(6,784)	(8,966)
Cash dividends paid	(112,126)	(119,376)
Other net	(1,224)	(2,724)
Net cash provided by financing activities	354,866	83,540
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	8,466	(18,500)

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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(89,069)	27,110
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	750,155	947,316
Cash and cash equivalents at June 30	\$ 661,086	974,426

¹ Reclassified to conform to current presentation See Note D.

² Excludes non-cash asset and long-term obligation of \$356,170 in 2013 associated with lease commencement for production equipment at the Kakap field offshore Malaysia.

³ Investments are Canadian government securities with maturities greater than 90 days at the date of acquisition.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (unaudited)

(Thousands of dollars)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Cumulative Preferred Stock par \$100, authorized 400,000 shares, none issued	0	0
Common Stock par \$1.00, authorized 450,000,000 shares, issued 195,017,103 at June 30, 2014 and 194,770,571 shares at June 30, 2013		
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 194,920	194,616
Exercise of stock options	97	155
Balance at end of period	195,017	194,771
Capital in Excess of Par Value		
Balance at beginning of period	902,633	873,934
Exercise of stock options, including income tax benefits	(11,232)	1,928
Restricted stock transactions and other	(27,970)	(24,485)
Stock-based compensation	22,884	30,327
Other	(23)	(87)
Balance at end of period	886,292	881,617
Retained Earnings		
Balance at beginning of period	8,058,792	7,717,389
Net income for the period	284,665	763,243
Cash dividends	(112,126)	(119,376)
Balance at end of period	8,231,331	8,361,256
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		
Balance at beginning of period	172,119	408,901
Foreign currency translation loss, net of income taxes	(3,045)	(235,008)
Retirement and postretirement benefit plans, net of income taxes	2,491	7,270
Deferred loss on interest rate hedges reclassified to interest expense, net of income taxes	966	970
Balance at end of period	172,531	182,133
Treasury Stock		
Balance at beginning of period	(732,734)	(252,805)
Purchase of treasury shares	(375,000)	(250,000)
Sale of stock under employee stock purchase plans	275	655
Awarded restricted stock, net of forfeitures	21,185	16,545
Balance at end of period	(1,086,274)	(485,605)
Total Stockholders Equity	\$ 8,398,897	9,134,172

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These notes are an integral part of the financial statements of Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries (Murphy/the Company) on pages 2 through 6 of this Form 10-Q report.

Note A Interim Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of the Company presented herein have not been audited by independent auditors, except for the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2013. In the opinion of Murphy's management, the unaudited financial statements presented herein include all accruals necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position at June 30, 2014, and the results of operations, cash flows and changes in stockholders' equity for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S.). In preparing the financial statements of the Company in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., management has made a number of estimates and assumptions related to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from the estimates.

Financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q report should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2013 Form 10-K report, as certain notes and other pertinent information have been abbreviated or omitted in this report. Financial results for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of future results.

Note B Property, Plant and Equipment

Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for companies that use the successful efforts method of accounting, exploratory well costs should continue to be capitalized when the well has found a sufficient quantity of reserves to justify its completion as a producing well and the company is making sufficient progress assessing the reserves and the economic and operating viability of the project.

At June 30, 2014, the Company had total capitalized exploratory well costs pending the determination of proved reserves of \$396.4 million. The following table reflects the net changes in capitalized exploratory well costs during the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

(Thousands of dollars)	2014	2013
Beginning balance at January 1	\$ 393,030	445,697
Additions pending the determination of proved reserves	3,376	27,129
Reclassifications to proved properties based on the determination of proved reserves	0	(28,398)
Balance at June 30	\$ 396,406	444,428

The following table provides an aging of capitalized exploratory well costs based on the date the drilling was completed for each individual well and the number of projects for which exploratory well costs have been capitalized. The projects are aged based on the last well drilled in the project.

(Thousands of dollars)	Amount	2014		June 30,		2013	
		No. of Wells	No. of Projects	Amount	No. of Wells	No. of Projects	
Aging of capitalized well costs:							
Zero to one year	\$ 32,192	2	1	\$ 49,994	3	1	
One to two years	50,333	3	1	37,898	5	1	
Two to three years	37,969	5	0	73,863	7	3	
Three years or more	275,912	22	7	282,673	26	5	
	\$ 396,406	32	9	\$ 444,428	41	10	

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Of the \$364.2 million of exploratory well costs capitalized more than one year at June 30, 2014, \$214.2 million is in Malaysia, \$116.3 million is in the U.S. and \$33.7 million is in Brunei. In all three geographical areas, either further appraisal or development drilling is planned and/or development studies/plans are in various stages of completion.

See also Note E for discussion regarding a capital lease of production equipment at the Kakap field.

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Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market. For the Company's U.K. refining and marketing operations reported as discontinued operations, the cost of crude oil and finished products is predominantly determined on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the carrying value of inventories under the LIFO method was \$161.2 million and \$268.6 million, respectively, less than such inventories would have been valued using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. These inventories are included in assets held for sale on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Note D Discontinued Operations

The Company has previously announced its intention to sell its U.K. refining and marketing operations. The Company has accounted for this U.K. downstream business as discontinued operations for all periods presented, including a reclassification of 2013 operating results and cash flows for this business to discontinued operations. The U.K. downstream operations were previously reported as a separate segment within the Company's former refining and marketing business. On July 31, 2014, Murphy signed an agreement to sell the Milford Haven, Wales, refinery and terminal assets. Pending regulatory approval and subject to other material conditions, this transaction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2014. Additionally, a separate transaction for sale of the U.K. retail marketing business is at an advanced stage.

On August 30, 2013, Murphy Oil Corporation (the Company) distributed 100% of the outstanding common stock of Murphy USA Inc. (MUSA) to its shareholders in a generally tax-free spin-off for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Prior to the separation, MUSA held all of the Company's U.S. downstream operations, including retail gasoline stations and other marketing assets, plus two ethanol production facilities. The shares of MUSA common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MUSA. The Company has no continuing involvement with MUSA operations. Accordingly, the operating results and the cash flows for these former U.S. downstream operations have been reported as discontinued operations in the 2013 consolidated financial statements. The U.S. downstream operations were previously reported as a separate segment within the Company's former refining and marketing business.

The Company also sold its oil and gas assets in the United Kingdom during 2013. After-tax gains on sale of the assets were \$68.8 million in the three months ended June 30, 2013 and \$216.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2013. The Company has accounted for these U.K. upstream operations as discontinued operations in its consolidated financial statements for all periods presented.

The results of operations associated with these discontinued operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

(Thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenues	\$ 811,134	5,964,045	2,243,520	11,479,583
Income before income taxes, including pretax gain on disposals of \$55,640 and \$130,568 during the three-month and six-month periods in 2013	\$ (16,938)	184,418	(34,233)	317,339
Income tax expense (benefit)	(3,682)	41,663	(6,944)	(3,332)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (13,256)	142,755	(27,289)	320,671

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The following table presents the carrying value of the major categories of assets and liabilities of U.K. refining and marketing operations reflected as held for sale on the Company's consolidated balance sheets at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

(Millions of dollars)	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
<u>Current assets</u>		
Cash	\$ 242,438	301,302
Accounts receivable	165,972	302,059
Inventories	126,656	254,240
Other	82,128	86,131
 Total current assets held for sale	 \$ 617,194	 943,732
<u>Non-current assets</u>		
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 279,555	360,347
Other	22,596	21,057
 Total non-current assets held for sale	 \$ 302,151	 381,404
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 255,470	637,432
Other	465	1,708
 Total current liabilities associated with assets held for sale	 \$ 255,935	 639,140
<u>Non-current liabilities</u>		
Deferred income taxes payable	\$ 75,896	68,096
Deferred credits and other liabilities	18,031	27,448
 Total non-current liabilities associated with assets held for sale	 \$ 93,927	 95,544

Note E Financing Arrangements and Debt

The Company has a \$2.0 billion committed credit facility that expires in June 2017. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at 1.25% above LIBOR based on the Company's current credit rating as of June 30, 2014. In addition, facility fees of 0.25% are charged on the full \$2.0 billion commitment. The Company also has a shelf registration statement on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that permits the offer and sale of debt and/or equity securities through October 2015.

During June 2013, the Company and its partners entered into a 25-year lease of production equipment at the Kakap field offshore Malaysia. The lease has been accounted for as a capital lease, and payments under the agreement are to be made over a 15-year period through June 2028. Current maturities and long-term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheet include \$35.1 million and \$341.7 million associated with this lease at June 30, 2014.

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Additional disclosures regarding cash flow activities are provided below.

(Thousands of dollars)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Net (increase) decrease in operating working capital other than cash and cash equivalents:		
Increase in accounts receivable	\$ (53,133)	(367,478)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	5,574	(11,154)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(41,191)	(112,303)
Decrease in deferred income tax assets	1,895	75,616
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	55,729	127,301
Increase in current income tax liabilities	79,575	156,206
 Total	 \$ 48,449	 (131,812)
 Supplementary disclosures (including discontinued operations):		
Cash income taxes paid	\$ 234,071	196,923
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	41,922	25,010

Note G Employee and Retiree Benefit Plans

The Company has defined benefit pension plans that are principally noncontributory and cover most full-time employees. All pension plans are funded except for the U.S. and Canadian nonqualified supplemental plans and the U.S. directors' plan. All U.S. tax qualified plans meet the funding requirements of federal laws and regulations. Contributions to foreign plans are based on local laws and tax regulations. The Company also sponsors health care and life insurance benefit plans, which are not funded, that cover most active and retired U.S. employees. Additionally, most U.S. retired employees are covered by a life insurance benefit plan. The health care benefits are contributory; the life insurance benefits are noncontributory.

Effective with the spin-off of Murphy's former U.S. retail marketing operation, Murphy USA Inc. (MUSA) on August 30, 2013, significant modifications were made to the U.S. defined benefit pension plan. Certain Murphy employees' benefits under the U.S. plan were frozen at that time. No further benefit service will accrue for the affected employees; however, the plan will recognize future eligible earnings after the spin-off date. In addition, all previously unvested benefits became fully vested at the spin-off date. For those affected active employees of the Company, additional U.S. retirement plan benefits will accrue in future periods under a cash balance formula. Employees hired after August 30, 2013 will only accrue plan benefits under the cash balance formula. Upon the spin-off of MUSA, Murphy retained all vested pension defined benefit and other postretirement benefit obligations associated with current and former employees of this separated business. No additional benefit will accrue for any employees of MUSA under the Company's retirement plan after the spin-off date.

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The table that follows provides the components of net periodic benefit expense for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

(Thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ 6,284	7,094	672	1,230
Interest cost	8,253	7,700	1,277	1,279
Expected return on plan assets	(8,528)	(7,569)	0	0
Amortization of prior service cost	228	303	(20)	(44)
Amortization of transitional asset	212	121	2	2
Recognized actuarial loss	1,733	4,759	59	473
Net periodic benefit expense	\$ 8,182	12,408	1,990	2,940

(Thousands of dollars)	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	Pension Benefits		Other Postretirement Benefits	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ 12,840	14,697	1,344	2,397
Interest cost	16,468	14,131	2,555	2,513
Expected return on plan assets	(17,008)	(13,269)	0	0
Amortization of prior service cost	453	579	(41)	(86)
Amortization of transitional asset	420	241	3	4
Recognized actuarial loss	3,466	8,291	118	930
Net periodic benefit expense	\$ 16,639	24,670	3,979	5,758

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2014, the Company made contributions of \$36.2 million to its defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans. Remaining funding in 2014 for the Company's defined benefit pension and postretirement plans is anticipated to be \$15.6 million.

Note H Incentive Plans

The costs resulting from all share-based payment transactions are recognized as an expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income using a fair value-based measurement method over the periods that the awards vest.

The 2012 Annual Incentive Plan (2012 Annual Plan) authorizes the Executive Compensation Committee (the Committee) to establish specific performance goals associated with annual cash awards that may be earned by officers, executives and other key employees. Cash awards under the 2012 Annual Plan are determined based on the Company's actual financial and operating results as measured against the performance goals established by the Committee. The 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (2012 Long-Term Plan) authorizes the Committee to make grants of the Company's Common Stock and other stock-based incentives to employees. These grants may be in the form of stock options (nonqualified or incentive), stock appreciation rights (SAR), restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance units, performance shares, dividend equivalents and other stock-based incentives. The 2012 Long-Term Plan expires in 2022. A total of 8,700,000 shares are issuable during the life of the 2012

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Long-Term Plan, with annual grants limited to 1% of Common shares outstanding. The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan that permits the issuance of up to 980,000 shares through September 30, 2017. The Company also has a Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors that permits the issuance of restricted stock and stock options or a combination thereof to the Company's Directors.

On February 4, 2014, the Committee granted stock options for 772,900 shares at an exercise price of \$55.82 per share. The Black-Scholes valuation for these awards was \$12.84 per option. The Committee also granted 464,300 performance-based restricted stock units (RSU) and 233,400 time-based RSU on that date. The fair value of the performance-based RSU, using a Monte Carlo valuation model, ranged from \$33.90 to \$51.30 per unit. The fair value

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of time-based RSU was estimated based on the fair market value of the Company's stock on the date of grant, which was \$55.82 per share. Additionally, on February 4, 2014, the Committee granted 183,200 SAR and 170,900 units of cash-settled RSU (RSU-C) to certain employees. The SAR and RSU-C are to be settled in cash, net of applicable income taxes, and are accounted for as liability-type awards. The initial fair value of these SAR was equivalent to the stock options granted, while the initial value of RSU-C was equivalent to equity-settled restricted stock units granted. On February 5, 2014, the Committee granted 43,848 shares of time-based RSU to the Company's Directors under the Non-employee Director Plan. These shares vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant. The fair value of these awards was estimated at \$55.20 per unit.

Beginning January 1, 2014, all stock option exercises are non-cash transactions for the Company. The employee will receive net shares, after applicable withholding taxes, upon each exercise. Cash received from options exercised under all share-based payment arrangements for the six-month period ended June 30, 2013 was \$2.6 million. The actual income tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises of the share-based payment arrangements totaled \$3.1 million and \$3.0 million for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Amounts recognized in the financial statements with respect to share-based plans are as follows:

(Thousands of dollars)	Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2014	2013
Compensation charged against income before tax benefit	\$ 32,142	35,142
Related income tax benefit recognized in income	9,978	7,246

Note I Earnings per Share

Net income was used as the numerator in computing both basic and diluted income per Common share for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. The following table reconciles the weighted-average shares outstanding used for these computations.

(Weighted-average shares)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Basic method	178,500,440	189,002,146	180,003,605	189,753,673
Dilutive stock options and restricted stock units	1,544,580	942,647	1,324,309	948,575
Diluted method	180,045,020	189,944,793	181,327,914	190,702,248

The following table reflects certain options to purchase shares of common stock that were outstanding during the 2014 and 2013 periods but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS above because the incremental shares from assumed conversion were antidilutive.

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013

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Antidilutive stock options excluded from diluted shares	1,161,442	1,731,425	1,810,012	1,414,286
Weighted average price of these options	\$ 60.02	\$ 63.52	\$ 58.90	\$ 64.39

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The Company's effective income tax rate generally exceeds the statutory U.S. tax rate of 35%. The effective tax rate is calculated as the amount of income tax expense divided by income before income tax expense. For the three-month and six-month periods in 2014 and 2013, the Company's effective income tax rates were as follows:

	2014	2013
Three months ended June 30	53.2%	42.8%
Six months ended June 30	51.2%	45.6%

The effective tax rates for the periods presented exceeded the U.S. statutory tax rate of 35% due to several factors, including: the effects of income generated in foreign tax jurisdictions, certain of which have income tax rates that are higher than the U.S. Federal rate; U.S. state tax expense; and certain expenses, including exploration and other expenses in certain foreign jurisdictions, for which no income tax benefits are available or are not presently being recorded due to a lack of reasonable certainty of adequate future revenue against which to utilize these expenses as deductions.

The Company's tax returns in multiple jurisdictions are subject to audit by taxing authorities. These audits often take years to complete and settle. Although the Company believes that recorded liabilities for unsettled issues are adequate, additional gains or losses could occur in future years from resolution of outstanding unsettled matters. As of June 30, 2014, the earliest years remaining open for audit and/or settlement in our major taxing jurisdictions are as follows: United States 2010; Canada 2008; United Kingdom 2011; and Malaysia 2006.

Note K Financial Instruments and Risk Management

Murphy utilizes derivative instruments to manage certain risks related to commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The use of derivative instruments for risk management is covered by operating policies and is closely monitored by the Company's senior management. The Company does not hold any derivatives for speculative purposes, and it does not use derivatives with leveraged or complex features. Derivative instruments are traded primarily with creditworthy major financial institutions or over national exchanges. The Company has a risk management control system to monitor commodity price risks and any derivatives obtained to manage a portion of such risks. For accounting purposes, the Company has not designated commodity and foreign currency derivative contracts as hedges, and therefore, it recognizes all unrealized gains and losses on these derivative contracts in its Consolidated Statements of Income. Certain interest rate derivative contracts were accounted for as hedges and the loss associated with settlement of these contracts was deferred in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. This loss is being reclassified to Interest Expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income over the period until the associated notes mature in 2022.

Commodity Purchase Price Risks

The Company is subject to commodity price risk related to crude oil it will produce and sell in 2014. The Company has entered into a series of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil fixed-price swap financial contracts covering a portion of its Eagle Ford Shale production from July 2014 through December 2014. Under these contracts, which mature monthly, the Company will pay the average monthly price in effect and will receive the fixed contract prices. WTI open contracts at June 30, 2014 were as follows:

Dates	Volumes (barrels per day)	Swap Prices
July - September 2014	26,000	\$ 94.89 per barrel
October - December 2014	16,000	\$ 92.33 per barrel

The fair value of these open commodity derivative contracts was a net liability of \$36.9 million at June 30, 2014.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risks

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The Company is subject to foreign currency exchange risk associated with operations in countries outside the United States. Short-term derivative instruments were outstanding at June 30, 2013 to manage the risk of certain future income taxes that are payable in Malaysian ringgits. The equivalent U.S. dollars of Malaysian ringgit derivative contracts open at June 30, 2013 were approximately \$153.4 million. There were no open ringgit contracts at June 30, 2014. Short-term derivative instrument contracts totaling \$33.0 million and \$48.0 million U.S. dollars were also outstanding at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, to manage the risk of certain U.S. dollar accounts receivable associated with sale of crude oil production in Canada. The impact from marking to market these foreign currency derivative contracts increased income before taxes by \$0.7 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 and reduced income before taxes by \$5.6 million for the six-month period ended June 30, 2013.

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At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the fair value of derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments are presented in the following table.

(Thousands of dollars) Type of Derivative Contract	June 30, 2014		December 31, 2013	
	Asset (Liability) Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Asset (Liability) Derivatives Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Commodity	Accounts payable	\$ (36,926)	Accounts receivable	\$ 1,970
Foreign exchange	Accounts receivable	650	Accounts payable	(1,038)

For the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the gains and losses recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Income for derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments are presented in the following table.

(Thousands of dollars) Type of Derivative Contract	Statement of Income Location	Gain (Loss)			
		Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
		2014	2013	2014	2013
Commodity	Crude oil and product purchases	\$ (36,041)	0	(54,455)	0
Commodity	Discontinued operations	0	2,834	0	(1,376)
Foreign exchange	Interest and other income	1,464	(1,328)	4,900	(4,146)
		\$ (34,577)	1,506	(49,555)	(5,522)

Interest Rate Risks

In 2011 the Company entered into a series of derivative contracts known as forward starting interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk associated with \$350 million of 10-year notes that were sold in May 2012. These interest rate swaps matured in May 2012. Under hedge accounting rules, the Company deferred a loss on these contracts to match the payment of interest on these notes through 2022. During each of the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, \$1.5 million of the deferred loss on the interest rate swaps was charged to income as a component of Interest Expense. The remaining loss deferred on these matured contracts at June 30, 2014 was \$23.4 million, which is recorded, net of income taxes of \$8.2 million, in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company expects to charge approximately \$1.5 million of this deferred loss to income in the form of interest expense during the remaining six months of 2014.

The Company carries certain assets and liabilities at fair value in its Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value hierarchy is based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value, with Level 1 being the highest quality and Level 3 being the lowest quality. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs which reflect assumptions about pricing by market participants.

The carrying value of assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are presented in the following table.

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(Thousands of dollars)	June 30, 2014				December 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets								
Foreign currency exchange derivative contracts	\$ 0	650	0	650	0	0	0	0
Commodity derivative contracts	0	0	0	0	0	1,970	0	1,970
	\$ 0	650	0	650	0	1,970	0	1,970
Liabilities								
Nonqualified employee savings plans	\$ 14,439	0	0	14,439	13,267	0	0	13,267
Commodity derivative contracts	0	36,926	0	36,926	0	0	0	0
Foreign currency exchange derivative contracts	0	0	0	0	0	1,038	0	1,038
	\$ 14,439	36,926	0	51,365	13,267	1,038	0	14,305

The fair value of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil derivative contracts was determined based on active market quotes for WTI crude oil at the balance sheet dates. The fair value of foreign exchange derivative contracts was based on market quotes for similar contracts at the balance sheet dates. The income effect of changes in the fair value of crude oil derivative contracts is recorded in Sales and Other Operating Revenues in the Consolidated Statements of Income and changes in fair value of foreign exchange derivative contracts is recorded in Interest and Other Income. The nonqualified employee savings plan is an unfunded savings plan through which participants seek a return via phantom investments in equity securities and/or mutual funds. The fair value of this liability was based on quoted prices for these equity securities and mutual funds. The income effect of changes in the fair value of the nonqualified employee savings plan is recorded in Selling and General Expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company offsets certain assets and liabilities related to derivative contracts when the legal right of offset exists. There were no offsetting positions recorded at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

Note L Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The components of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI) on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2013 and June 30, 2014 and the changes during the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are presented net of taxes in the following table.

(Thousands of dollars)	Foreign Currency Translation Gains (Losses) ¹	Retirement and Postretirement Benefit Plan Adjustments ¹	Deferred Loss on Interest Rate Derivative Hedges ¹	Total ¹
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 305,192	(116,956)	(16,117)	172,119
Components of other comprehensive income (loss):				
Before reclassifications to income	(3,045)	31	0	(3,014)
Reclassifications to income	0	2,460 ²	966 ³	3,426
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,045)	2,491	966	412

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Balance at June 30, 2014	\$	302,147	(114,465)	(15,151)	172,531
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¹ All amounts are presented net of income taxes.

² Reclassifications before taxes of \$3,758 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are included in the computation of net periodic benefit expense. See Note G for additional information. Related income taxes of \$1,298 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are included in Income tax expense.

³ Reclassifications before taxes of \$1,482 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are included in Interest expense. Related income taxes of \$516 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014 are included in Income tax expense.

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Note M Environmental and Other Contingencies

The Company's operations and earnings have been and may be affected by various forms of governmental action both in the United States and throughout the world. Examples of such governmental action include, but are by no means limited to: tax increases and retroactive tax claims; royalty and revenue sharing increases; import and export controls; price controls; currency controls; allocation of supplies of crude oil and petroleum products and other goods; expropriation of property; restrictions and preferences affecting the issuance of oil and gas or mineral leases; restrictions on drilling and/or production; laws and regulations intended for the promotion of safety and the protection and/or remediation of the environment; governmental support for other forms of energy; and laws and regulations affecting the Company's relationships with employees, suppliers, customers, stockholders and others. Because governmental actions are often motivated by political considerations and may be taken without full consideration of their consequences, and may be taken in response to actions of other governments, it is not practical to attempt to predict the likelihood of such actions, the form the actions may take or the effect such actions may have on the Company.

Murphy and other companies in the oil and gas industry are subject to numerous federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations dealing with the environment. Violation of federal or state environmental laws, regulations and permits can result in the imposition of significant civil and criminal penalties, injunctions and construction bans or delays. A discharge of hazardous substances into the environment could, to the extent such event is not insured, subject the Company to substantial expense, including both the cost to comply with applicable regulations and claims by neighboring landowners and other third parties for any personal injury and property damage that might result.

The Company currently owns or leases, and has in the past owned or leased, properties at which hazardous substances have been or are being handled. Although the Company has used operating and disposal practices that were standard in the industry at the time, hazardous substances may have been disposed of or released on or under the properties owned or leased by the Company or on or under other locations where these wastes have been taken for disposal. In addition, many of these properties have been operated by third parties whose treatment and disposal or release of hydrocarbons or other wastes were not under Murphy's control. Under existing laws the Company could be required to remove or remediate previously disposed wastes (including wastes disposed of or released by prior owners or operators), to clean up contaminated property (including contaminated groundwater) or to perform remedial plugging operations to prevent future contamination. Certain of these historical properties are in various stages of negotiation, investigation, and/or cleanup and the Company is investigating the extent of any such liability and the availability of applicable defenses. The Company has retained certain liabilities related to environmental matters at formerly owned U.S. refineries that were sold in 2011. The Company also obtained insurance covering certain levels of environmental exposures related to past operations of these refineries. The Company believes costs related to these sites will not have a material adverse affect on Murphy's net income, financial condition or liquidity in a future period.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) formerly considered the Company to be a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at one Superfund site. Based on evidence provided by the Company, the EPA has determined that the Company is no longer considered a PRP at this site.

There is the possibility that environmental expenditures could be required at currently unidentified sites, and new or revised regulations could require additional expenditures at known sites. However, based on information currently available to the Company, the amount of future remediation costs incurred at known or currently unidentified sites is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's future net income, cash flows or liquidity.

Murphy and its subsidiaries are engaged in a number of other legal proceedings, all of which Murphy considers routine and incidental to its business. Based on information currently available to the Company, the ultimate resolution of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's net income, financial condition or liquidity in a future period.

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Note N Commitments

The Company has entered into forward sales contracts to mitigate the price risk for a portion of its 2014 heavy oil and 2014 through 2016 natural gas sales volumes in Western Canada. The heavy oil blend sales contracts call for deliveries of 4,000 barrels per day in July through December 2014 that achieve netback values that average Cdn\$54.89 per barrel. The natural gas contracts call for deliveries from July through December 2014 that average approximately 110 million cubic feet per day at prices averaging Cdn\$4.04 per MCF, with the contracts calling for delivery at the NOVA inventory transfer sales point. The Company also has natural gas sales contracts calling for deliveries in 2015 and 2016 of approximately 65 million cubic feet per day and 10 million cubic feet per day, respectively, at prices that average Cdn\$4.13 per MCF. These oil and natural gas contracts have been accounted for as normal sales for accounting purposes.

Note O New Accounting Principles

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an Accounting Standards Update (ASU) addressing recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. When adopted, this guidance will supersede current revenue recognition rules currently followed by the Company. The core principle of the new ASU is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU provides five steps for an entity to apply in recognizing revenue, including: (1) identify the customer contract; (2) identify the contractual performance obligations; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the contractual performance obligations; and (5) recognize revenue when the performance obligation is satisfied. The new ASU also requires additional disclosures regarding significant contracts with customers. The new ASU will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2017, and early adoption is not permitted. For transition purposes, the new ASU permits either (a) a retrospective application to all years presented, or (b) an alternative transition method whereby the new guidance is only applied to contracts not completed at the date of initial application. The vast majority of the Company's revenue is recognized when oil and natural gas produced by the Company is delivered and legal ownership of these products has transferred to the purchaser. Based on the Company's present understanding, the accounting for oil and gas sales revenue is not expected to be significantly altered by the new ASU. The Company has not yet selected which transition method it will use.

In April 2014, the FASB issued an ASU that will change the requirements for reporting discontinued operations after its adoption. Under the new guidance, only disposals of components of an entity that represent a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results will be reported as discontinued operations in the financial statements. Under prior guidance, a component of an entity that is a reportable segment, an operating segment, a reporting unit, a subsidiary, or an asset group that has been or will be eliminated from ongoing operations and for which the Company will not have any significant continuing involvement with the component after the disposal was generally reported as discontinued operations. The FASB anticipates that fewer component disposals will be reported as discontinued operations under the new guidance. The new guidance also requires expanded disclosures about discontinued operations. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning in 2015. The new guidance is not to be applied to a component that is classified as held for sale before the effective date of the guidance.

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(Millions of dollars)	Total Assets at June 30, 2014	Three Months Ended June 30, 2014		Three Months Ended June 30, 2013 ¹	
		External Revenues	Income (Loss)	External Revenues	Income (Loss)
Exploration and production ²					
United States	\$ 5,377.5	507.3	101.7	444.2	122.9
Canada	4,126.5	262.8	52.9	316.8	51.7
Malaysia	6,087.0	583.0	172.3	554.7	213.5
Other	135.4	(0.2)	(126.1)	(0.4)	(97.9)
Total exploration and production	15,726.4	1,352.9	200.8	1,315.3	290.2
Corporate	1,228.2	(3.9)	(58.1)	16.7	(30.3)
Assets/revenue/income from continuing operations	16,954.6	1,349.0	142.7	1,332.0	259.9
Discontinued operations, net of tax	919.3	0.0	(13.3)	0.0	142.7
Total	\$ 17,873.9	1,349.0	129.4	1,332.0	402.6

(Millions of dollars)		Six Months Ended June 30, 2014		Six Months Ended June 30, 2013 ¹	
		External Revenues	Income (Loss)	External Revenues	Income (Loss)
Exploration and production ²					
United States	\$ 992.8	204.8	853.1	216.7	
Canada	560.5	120.5	577.6	65.0	
Malaysia	1,075.8	334.6	1,114.7	418.7	
Other	(0.2)	(248.5)	68.9	(178.3)	
Total exploration and production	2,628.9	411.4	2,614.3	522.1	
Corporate	6.5	(99.4)	8.6	(79.5)	
Revenue/income from continuing operations	2,635.4	312.0	2,622.9	442.6	
Discontinued operations, net of tax	0.0	(27.3)	0.0	320.6	
Total	\$ 2,635.4	284.7	2,622.9	763.2	

¹ Reclassified to conform to current presentation.

² Additional details about results of oil and gas operations are presented in the tables on pages 25 and 26.

Due to the shutdown of production operations in Republic of the Congo, the Company now includes the results of these operations in the Other exploration and production segment in the above table.

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Murphy's income by operating business is presented below.

(Millions of dollars)	Income (Loss)			
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Exploration and production	\$ 200.8	290.2	411.4	522.1
Corporate and other	(58.1)	(30.3)	(99.4)	(79.5)
Income from continuing operations	142.7	259.9	312.0	442.6
Discontinued operations	(13.3)	142.7	(27.3)	320.6
Net income	\$ 129.4	402.6	284.7	763.2

Murphy's net income in the second quarter of 2014 was \$129.4 million (\$0.72 per diluted share) compared to net income of \$402.6 million (\$2.12 per diluted share) in the second quarter of 2013. The 2014 second quarter included a loss from discontinued operations of \$13.3 million (\$0.07 per diluted share) primarily related to refining and marketing operations in the U.K., which are held for sale. Discontinued operations reflected a profit of \$142.7 million (\$0.75 per diluted share) in the second quarter 2013, including a \$68.8 million gain on sale of U.K. oil and gas assets, plus earnings of \$77.9 million from U.S. retail marketing operations that were spun off to shareholders on August 30, 2013. Income from continuing operations decreased from \$259.9 million (\$1.37 per diluted share) in the 2013 quarter to \$142.7 million (\$0.79 per diluted share) in 2014. In the 2014 second quarter, the Company's exploration and production continuing operations earned \$200.8 million compared to \$290.2 million in the 2013 quarter. Income in the 2014 quarter was unfavorably impacted compared to 2013 by higher costs for oil and gas extraction and exploration activities, partially offset by higher oil sales volumes. The corporate function had after-tax costs of \$58.1 million in the 2014 second quarter compared to after-tax costs of \$30.3 million in the 2013 period with the unfavorable variance in the current period mostly due to higher net interest expense and unfavorable effects of foreign currency exchange.

For the first six months of 2014, net income totaled \$284.7 million (\$1.57 per diluted share) compared to net income of \$763.2 million (\$4.00 per diluted share) for the same period in 2013. Earnings in the first six months of 2014 included a loss from discontinued operations of \$27.3 million (\$0.15 per diluted share) compared to a profit of \$320.6 million (\$1.68 per diluted share) in the 2013 period. Discontinued operations in the 2013 period included after-tax gains of \$216.2 million from sale of U.K. oil and gas assets, plus earnings of \$107.3 million from U.S. retail marketing operations spun off on August 30, 2013. Continuing operations earned \$312.0 million (\$1.72 per diluted share) in the first six months of 2014, down from \$442.6 million (\$2.32 per diluted share) in the 2013 period. In the first six months of 2014, the Company's exploration and production operations earned \$411.4 million from continuing operations compared to \$522.1 million in the same period of 2013. Earnings in 2014 were below the 2013 period primarily due to higher exploration and depreciation expenses. These variances were partially offset by a favorable impact from higher oil and North American natural gas sales prices. Corporate after-tax costs were \$99.4 million in the 2014 period compared to after-tax costs of \$79.5 million in the 2013 period as the current period had higher interest expense and an unfavorable variance for the effects of foreign currency exchange.

Exploration and Production

Results of exploration and production continuing operations are presented by geographic segment below.

(Millions of dollars)	Income (Loss)			
	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Exploration and production	\$ 101.7	122.9	204.8	216.7
United States				

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Canada	52.9	51.7	120.5	65.0
Malaysia	172.3	213.5	334.6	418.7
Other International	(126.1)	(97.9)	(248.5)	(178.3)
Total	\$ 200.8	290.2	411.4	522.1

Table of Contents***ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Contd.)******Results of Operations (Contd.)******Exploration and Production (Contd.)******Second quarter 2014 vs. 2013***

United States exploration and production operations reported a profit of \$101.7 million in the second quarter of 2014 compared to a profit of \$122.9 million in the 2013 quarter. Earnings were \$21.2 million lower in the 2014 quarter compared to the same period in 2013 as higher oil and natural gas sales volumes were more than offset by the impacts of derivative contracts and higher expenses. Revenue in the U.S. rose \$63.1 million in the second quarter 2014 primarily due to higher oil and natural gas volumes produced and sold in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, where a significant development drilling program is ongoing with eight active land rigs. Revenue in 2014 was unfavorably affected by \$16.4 million for payments under matured West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil derivative contracts, and by \$18.1 million to recognize the fair value at June 30, 2014 of open crude oil sales derivative contracts covering certain future 2014 production in the Eagle Ford Shale. The WTI contracts that matured during the second quarter reduced the realized sales price for Eagle Ford Shale crude oil by \$4.21 per barrel. Although U.S. oil prices in the 2014 quarter were below 2013, principally due to the crude oil contracts, natural gas prices were stronger compared to a year earlier. Lease operating, production tax and depreciation expenses increased \$16.7 million, \$8.3 million and \$50.9 million, respectively, in 2014 compared to 2013 due to both higher production in the Eagle Ford Shale area and start up of the Dalmatian field in the Gulf of Mexico. Exploration expense was up \$12.4 million in 2014 primarily related to higher amortization expense associated with certain Eagle Ford Shale leases that were not extended. Selling and general expenses in the 2014 period increased \$5.1 million from the prior year primarily due to higher staffing costs.

Operations in Canada had earnings of \$52.9 million in the second quarter 2014 compared to earnings of \$51.7 million in the 2013 quarter. Canadian earnings were \$1.2 million higher in the 2014 quarter as stronger profits for conventional oil and natural gas operations were offset by weaker profits for synthetic oil operations. Conventional operations improved in 2014 mostly due to no repeat of a 2013 period impairment charge of \$21.6 million to write down wells performing below expectations in the Kainai area of Southern Alberta, plus higher oil and natural gas sales prices. Sales prices for crude oil and natural gas increased in all Canadian producing areas in the second quarter of 2014 compared to the prior year. Oil production declined in Canada in the 2014 period compared to 2013 primarily due to lower volumes at Syncrude, where more downtime for maintenance was experienced in the current quarter, and lower volumes of heavy oil produced in the Seal area of Alberta due to well decline. Natural gas sales volumes decreased in 2014 due to lower production in the Tupper area of Western Canada. Production and depreciation expenses for conventional oil and natural gas operations in Canada were lower in 2014 by \$11.8 million and \$23.5 million, respectively, due primarily to less heavy oil and natural gas production volumes in 2014. Synthetic oil operations incurred higher production expenses of \$3.0 million in 2014, despite having lower oil production, due to added equipment repair costs in the latter period.

Operations in Malaysia reported earnings of \$172.3 million in the 2014 quarter compared to earnings of \$213.5 million during the same period in 2013. Earnings were down \$41.2 million in 2014 in Malaysia primarily from a combination of lower sales volumes from the Kikeh oil field offshore Sabah and lower realized sales prices for oil and natural gas produced offshore Sarawak. These impacts were partially offset by higher crude oil production and sales volumes for new oil fields offshore Sarawak and at Siakap North offshore Sabah. The 2014 quarter included a significantly larger impact from contractually required revenue sharing with the local government. This unfavorable impact between quarters primarily affected oil and natural gas prices at fields offshore Sarawak. Lease operating expense increased in the 2014 period by \$34.8 million primarily due to a favorable adjustment in 2013 associated with finalization of gas liquids processing fees retroactive to the beginning of this production, plus higher costs during 2014 associated with oil production at new fields offshore Sarawak and at Siakap North. Depreciation expense was \$52.7 million more in 2014 compared to the 2013 quarter primarily due to the current quarter including a higher cost mix associated with new oil production offshore Sarawak and at the Siakap North field offshore Sabah. Selling and general expense rose \$4.9 million in 2014 due to higher staffing costs being only partially recovered through joint operating agreements with partners.

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Other international operations reported a loss of \$126.1 million in the second quarter of 2014 compared to a loss of \$97.9 million in the 2013 quarter. The \$28.2 million increase in costs in the current quarter was primarily related to higher seismic costs associated with prospects in Namibia, Vietnam, Australia and at areas along the Atlantic Margin. Additionally, an expense was incurred in connection with relinquishing the exploration license on the South Barito block onshore Indonesia.

Total hydrocarbon production averaged 210,191 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the 2014 second quarter, up from the 207,401 barrel equivalents per day produced in the 2013 quarter. Average crude oil and condensate production was 130,750 barrels per day in the second quarter of 2014 compared to 131,758 barrels per day in the second quarter of 2013. Crude oil production increased in the Eagle Ford Shale area of South Texas in 2014 due to a significant ongoing development drilling and completion program. Heavy oil production from the Seal area in Western Canada was lower in 2014 due to field declines. Oil production at Syncrude was lower in 2014 due to downtime associated with repairs of two coking units during a portion of the current quarter. Oil production offshore Eastern Canada was lower during 2014 primarily due to more downtime for equipment repairs at the Terra Nova field. On a worldwide basis, the Company's crude oil and condensate prices averaged \$93.56 per barrel in the second quarter 2014 compared to \$92.80 in the 2013 period. The average sales prices for U.S. natural gas liquids was \$29.32 per barrel in the 2014 quarter compared to \$28.63 per barrel in 2013. Natural gas sales volumes averaged 425 million cubic feet per day in the second quarter 2014, down from 431 million cubic feet per day in the 2013 quarter. The decrease in natural gas sales volumes in 2014 was primarily attributable to lower gas volumes produced in the Tupper area in Western Canada as development drilling activities have been below spending levels needed to fully offset normal well decline during recent periods of relatively low sales prices in the Canadian market. Additionally, natural gas sales volumes from offshore Sarawak fields in 2014 were less than 2013 due to both performance issues at the third party receiving facility and a lower entitlement allocation to the Company under the production sharing contract. Natural gas sales volumes increased in the U.S. in 2014 due to ongoing development drilling in the Eagle Ford Shale and start up of the Dalmatian field in the Gulf of Mexico. North American natural gas sales prices averaged \$4.03 per thousand cubic feet (MCF) in the 2014 quarter compared to \$3.63 per MCF in the same quarter of 2013. The average realized price for natural gas produced in 2014 at fields offshore Sarawak was \$5.32 per MCF, compared to a price of \$6.98 per MCF in the 2013 quarter. The Sarawak price declined in 2014 primarily due to higher revenue sharing with the government.

Six months 2014 vs. 2013

U.S. E&P operations had income of \$204.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to income of \$216.7 million in the 2013 period. The 2014 income reduction of \$11.9 million was primarily caused by higher exploration expense, which increased \$21.1 million in the current year due to higher costs for an unsuccessful exploration well that spud in late 2013 in the Gulf of Mexico, and higher amortization expense associated with certain Eagle Ford Shale leases that were not extended. The 2014 period benefited from higher crude oil production volumes, primarily at the Eagle Ford Shale area. The 2014 period also had higher average realized natural gas sales prices compared to 2013, but realized oil prices were lower year over year. The oil price decline in 2014 was partially caused by net payments of \$17.9 million under matured WTI oil contracts. These contracts reduced the Eagle Ford Shale realized oil price by \$2.38 per barrel of crude oil produced and sold. In addition, revenue in the U.S. was reduced by \$36.5 million to recognize the fair value of remaining open WTI crude oil contracts, which cover a portion of Eagle Ford Shale oil production for the last six months of 2014. Lease operating, production tax and depreciation expenses were higher by \$15.7 million, \$19.3 million and \$88.6 million, respectively, in 2014 than 2013 mostly due to production growth in the Eagle Ford Shale. Selling and general expenses rose by \$12.0 million in 2014 compared to 2013, primarily driven by increased staffing and support costs.

Canadian operations had income of \$120.5 million in the first half of 2014 compared to income of \$65.0 million a year ago. Operating results for conventional operations improved \$74.2 million during the first half of 2014, but this was somewhat offset by lower earnings of \$18.7 million for synthetic oil operations. Sales revenue within conventional operations for 2014 was about even with the prior year as better heavy oil and natural gas sales prices mostly offset lower heavy oil and natural gas sales volumes. Lease operating and depreciation expenses for conventional operations were lower by \$13.5 million and \$37.2 million, respectively, in 2014 mostly related to lower sales volumes

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in the current year. Exploration expenses in 2014 were \$30.4 million less than 2013 primarily due to prior-year dry hole costs at Rainbow in the Muskwa Shale area of Northern Alberta. Impairment expense of \$21.6 million in 2013 related to a write down of wells performing below expectations in the Kainai area of Southern Alberta. Synthetic oil operations earnings declined in 2014 primarily due to lower production volumes caused by two coking units being idled for repairs during a portion of the second quarter 2014. Additionally, synthetic oil operations incurred higher lease operating costs of \$12.0 million in the current year due to a combination of higher natural gas costs used in production operations and more equipment repair costs.

Malaysia operations earned \$334.6 million in the first half of 2014 compared to earnings of \$418.7 million in the 2013 period. Earnings were down \$84.1 million in 2014 primarily due to lower crude oil sales volumes at the Kikeh field, offshore Sabah, lower realized sales prices for Sarawak natural gas production, and higher extraction costs. Higher crude oil volumes sold at new fields offshore Sarawak partially offset these unfavorable variances. The 2014 period experienced higher revenue sharing with the local government under the existing production sharing contracts. Lease operating expense in 2014 was higher than in 2013 by \$29.5 million primarily due to a benefit in the prior year for a retroactive processing fee adjustment related to gas liquids processing. Depreciation expense was up \$61.8 million in 2014 primarily due to higher average per-unit depreciation rates for new Malaysian production volumes at offshore Sarawak fields and at the Siakap North field offshore Sabah. Selling and general expenses rose \$7.8 million in 2014 compared to the prior year due to higher staffing costs.

Other international operations reported a loss of \$248.5 million in the first six months of 2014 compared to a loss of \$178.3 million in the 2013 period. The 2014 period included higher dry hole costs of \$71.3 million, which were primarily associated with unsuccessful wildcat drilling offshore Cameroon. The current period included higher geological and geophysical expense of \$7.3 million, principally for seismic data acquired in Namibia. Other exploration expenses were \$9.0 million higher in the current year, mostly attributable to an expense incurred in connection with relinquishing the exploration license on the South Barito block onshore Indonesia. Selling and general expenses increased \$7.4 million in 2014 due to higher staffing costs to support foreign exploration activities. The first half of 2013 included oil revenue and associated production expense at the Azurite field, offshore Republic of the Congo. The field ceased production in late 2013.

Total worldwide production averaged 207,329 barrels of oil equivalent per day during the six months ended June 30, 2014, an increase from 204,653 barrels of oil equivalent produced in the same period in 2013. Crude oil, condensate and gas liquids production in the first half of 2014 averaged 131,159 barrels per day compared to 128,910 barrels per day a year ago. Higher oil production in the Eagle Ford Shale, where additional wells have been brought on production as part of a significant ongoing development drilling and completion program, more than offset oil production declines in certain other areas. Heavy oil production in Canada declined in 2014 in the Seal area of Western Canada. Synthetic oil production in Canada also was lower in 2014 due to more downtime for equipment repairs in the current period. Oil production offshore Eastern Canada was lower in 2014 due to less production at both the Hibernia and Terra Nova fields. Lower oil production in 2014 in Malaysia was primarily attributable to less net oil volumes produced at the Kikeh field, but partially offset by higher volumes at new oil fields offshore Sarawak and at Siakap North, offshore Sabah. Production at the Kikeh field was unfavorably affected by downtime for hook-up of the Siakap North field and a rig fire in early 2014. Full field start-up at the non-operated Kakap field offshore Sabah is scheduled for the second half of 2014. For the first six months of 2014, the Company's sales price for crude oil and condensate averaged \$95.57 per barrel, up from \$94.24 per barrel in 2013. The sales price for U.S. natural gas liquids averaged \$31.59 per barrel in 2014. Natural gas sales volumes decreased from 441 million cubic feet per day in 2013 to 413 million cubic feet per day in 2014, with the reduction due to lower gas production volumes in the Tupper area in British Columbia, where drilling activity has been curtailed due to weak North American natural gas sales prices in recent years. Natural gas sales volumes in 2014 in the U.S. increased due to drilling in the Eagle Ford Shale area and start-up of the Dalmatian field in the Gulf of Mexico. The average sales price for North American natural gas in the first six months of 2014 was \$4.08 per MCF, up from \$3.36 per MCF realized in 2013. Natural gas production at fields offshore Sarawak was sold at an average realized price of \$5.87 per MCF in 2014 compared to \$7.03 per MCF in 2013. The Sarawak gas price was lower in 2014 primarily due to higher levels of revenue sharing with the local government during the current year.

Additional details about results of oil and gas operations are presented in the tables on pages 25 and 26.

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Selected operating statistics for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 follow.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net crude oil and condensate produced barrels per day	130,750	131,758	131,159	128,910
Continuing operations	130,750	130,791	131,159	127,604
United States Eagle Ford Shale	42,382	34,261	41,573	29,710
Gulf of Mexico and other	11,561	10,631	11,605	12,658
Canada light	48	162	38	195
heavy	7,533	10,920	7,763	9,726
offshore	7,991	9,641	8,416	9,443
synthetic	9,576	13,000	11,624	12,710
Malaysia Sarawak	17,876	6,674	18,528	5,983
Block K	33,783	44,268	31,612	45,855
Republic of the Congo		1,234		1,324
Discontinued operations United Kingdom		967		1,306
Net crude oil and condensate sold barrels per day	137,852	133,897	132,639	132,538
Continuing operations	137,852	132,942	132,639	131,285
United States Eagle Ford Shale	42,382	34,261	41,573	29,710
Gulf of Mexico and other	11,561	10,631	11,605	12,658
Canada light	48	162	38	195
heavy	7,533	10,920	7,763	9,726
offshore	8,887	10,145	9,374	9,050
synthetic	9,576	13,000	11,624	12,710
Malaysia Sarawak	19,617	6,517	20,081	6,644
Block K	38,248	47,306	30,581	47,190
Republic of the Congo				3,402
Discontinued operations United Kingdom		955		1,253
Net natural gas liquids produced barrels per day	8,583	3,759	7,389	2,316
United States Eagle Ford Shale	5,383	2,099	4,844	1,173
Gulf of Mexico and other	2,399	1,033	1,747	524
Canada	24		23	
Malaysia Sarawak	777	627	775	619
Net natural gas liquids sold barrels per day	7,886	3,209	7,174	1,770
United States Eagle Ford Shale	5,383	2,099	4,844	1,173
Gulf of Mexico and other	2,399	1,033	1,747	524
Canada	24		23	
Malaysia Sarawak	80	77	560	73
Net natural gas sold thousands of cubic feet per day	425,148	431,302	412,686	440,562
Continuing operations	425,148	430,913	412,686	438,919
United States Eagle Ford Shale	30,295	19,906	28,895	20,535
Gulf of Mexico and other	51,311	31,871	42,543	35,074
Canada	134,828	169,166	141,360	180,420
Malaysia Sarawak	161,343	167,447	161,501	158,316

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Block K	47,371	42,523	38,387	44,574
Discontinued operations United Kingdom		389		1,643
Total net hydrocarbons produced equivalent barrels per day ²	210,191	207,401	207,329	204,653
Total net hydrocarbons sold equivalent barrels per day ²	216,596	208,990	208,594	207,735

¹ U.S. and Canada NGLs were included in the wet natural gas stream during early 2013.

² Natural gas converted on an energy equivalent basis of 6:1.

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<u>Exploration and Production (Contd.)</u>				
Weighted average sales prices				
Crude oil and condensate dollars per barrel				
United States Eagle Ford Shale	\$ 95.88	101.38	96.65	103.07
Gulf of Mexico and other	101.88	103.92	101.06	106.55
Canada (1) light	97.69	85.92	96.31	83.64
heavy	61.34	49.90	56.21	39.87
offshore	109.42	102.47	108.42	106.39
synthetic	102.77	98.64	98.42	96.53
Malaysia Sarawak (2)	88.17	94.23	95.32	98.45
Block K (2)	91.61	89.97	97.16	91.35
Republic of the Congo (2)				112.89
Discontinued operations United Kingdom		101.40		108.58
Natural gas liquids dollars per barrel				
United States Eagle Ford Shale	\$ 27.70	27.06	30.36	27.06
Gulf of Mexico and other	32.69	31.69	34.67	31.69
Canada (1)	96.63		82.65	
Malaysia Sarawak (2)	78.46	101.84	86.60	104.10
Natural gas dollars per thousand cubic feet				
United States Eagle Ford Shale	\$ 4.30	4.18	4.43	3.92
Gulf of Mexico and other	4.46	4.52	4.68	3.89
Canada (1)	3.80	3.40	3.83	3.19
Malaysia Sarawak (2)	5.32	6.98	5.87	7.03
Block K	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.24
Discontinued operations United Kingdom		12.47		12.32

(1) U.S. dollar equivalent.

(2) Prices are net of payments under the terms of the respective production sharing contracts.

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(Millions of dollars)	United States	Canada Conven- tional	Syn- thetic	Malaysia	Other	Total
Three Months Ended June 30, 2014						
Oil and gas sales and other operating revenues	\$ 507.3	173.7	89.1	583.0	(0.2)	1,352.9
Lease operating expenses	81.6	39.7	60.8	103.7		285.8
Severance and ad valorem taxes	26.5	1.2	1.2			28.9
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	188.6	62.4	12.3	192.4	1.2	456.9
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	4.3	1.6	2.3	4.2		12.4
Exploration expenses						
Dry holes	0.7				39.2	39.9
Geological and geophysical	1.3	0.1			37.9	39.3
Other	2.4	0.2			28.1	30.7
	4.4	0.3			105.2	109.9
Undeveloped lease amortization	18.7	5.0			1.2	24.9
Total exploration expenses	23.1	5.3			106.4	134.8
Selling and general expenses	24.6	7.2	0.2	5.0	19.0	56.0
Other expenses	0.5				(0.7)	(0.2)
Results of operations before taxes	158.1	56.3	12.3	277.7	(126.1)	378.3
Income tax provisions	56.4	12.5	3.2	105.4		177.5
Results of operations (excluding corporate overhead and interest)	\$ 101.7	43.8	9.1	172.3	(126.1)	200.8
Three Months Ended June 30, 2013						
Oil and gas sales and other operating revenues	\$ 444.2	200.1	116.7	554.7	(0.4)	1,315.3
Lease operating expenses	64.9	51.5	57.8	68.9	8.7	251.8
Severance and ad valorem taxes	18.2	0.9	1.2			20.3
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	137.7	85.9	14.0	139.7	1.4	378.7
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	3.3	1.5	2.5	3.4	1.3	12.0
Impairment of properties		21.6				21.6
Exploration expenses						
Dry holes		(0.1)		0.8	39.6	40.3
Geological and geophysical	0.4	(0.7)		0.8	19.7	20.2
Other	3.1	0.3			8.2	11.6
	3.5	(0.5)		1.6	67.5	72.1
Undeveloped lease amortization	7.2	5.3			4.2	16.7

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Total exploration expenses	10.7	4.8		1.6	71.7	88.8
Selling and general expenses	19.5	4.9	0.2	0.1	14.5	39.2
Results of operations before taxes	189.9	29.0	41.0	341.0	(98.0)	502.9
Income tax provisions (benefits)	67.0	7.6	10.7	127.5	(0.1)	212.7
Results of operations (excluding corporate overhead and interest)	\$ 122.9	21.4	30.3	213.5	(97.9)	290.2

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(Millions of dollars)	United States	Canada		Malaysia	Other	Total
		Conventional	Synthetic			
Six Months Ended June 30, 2014						
Oil and gas sales and other operating revenues	\$ 992.8	353.9	206.6	1,075.8	(0.2)	2,628.9
Lease operating expenses	158.1	80.5	124.5	185.0		548.1
Severance and ad valorem taxes	50.4	2.5	2.3			55.2
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	356.7	130.2	26.4	335.4	2.3	851.0
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	8.4	3.1	4.6	8.3		24.4
Exploration expenses						
Dry holes	7.5				120.3	127.8
Geological and geophysical	15.8	0.2			53.4	69.4
Other	4.1	0.5			33.7	38.3
	27.4	0.7			207.4	235.5
Undeveloped lease amortization	25.4	9.9			2.5	37.8
Total exploration expenses	52.8	10.6			209.9	273.3
Selling and general expenses	47.6	15.1	0.5	8.4	36.1	107.7
Other expenses	0.5	0.1				0.6
Results of operations before taxes	318.3	111.8	48.3	538.7	(248.5)	768.6
Income tax provisions	113.5	27.0	12.6	204.1		357.2
Results of operations (excluding corporate overhead and interest)	\$ 204.8	84.8	35.7	334.6	(248.5)	411.4
Six Months Ended June 30, 2013						
Oil and gas sales and other operating revenues	\$ 853.1	355.5	222.1	1,114.7	68.9	2,614.3
Lease operating expenses	142.4	94.0	112.5	155.5	84.6	589.0
Severance and ad valorem taxes	31.1	1.8	2.5			35.4
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	268.1	167.4	27.7	273.6	2.6	739.4
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	6.6	3.0	5.2	6.7	2.4	23.9
Impairment of properties		21.6				21.6
Exploration expenses						
Dry holes	0.7	30.4		1.2	49.0	81.3
Geological and geophysical	13.1	(0.6)		1.1	46.1	59.7
Other	4.6	0.6			19.0	24.2
	18.4	30.4		2.3	114.1	165.2
Undeveloped lease amortization	13.3	10.6			8.2	32.1

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Total exploration expenses	31.7	41.0		2.3	122.3	197.3
Selling and general expenses	35.6	11.3	0.4	0.6	28.7	76.6
Results of operations before taxes	337.6	15.4	73.8	676.0	(171.7)	931.1
Income tax provisions	120.9	4.8	19.4	257.3	6.6	409.0
Results of operations (excluding corporate overhead and interest)	\$ 216.7	10.6	54.4	418.7	(178.3)	522.1

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Corporate activities, which include interest income and expense, foreign exchange effects, and corporate overhead not allocated to operating functions, had net costs of \$58.1 million in the 2014 second quarter compared to net costs of \$30.3 million in the 2013 second quarter. Net costs in the current year were \$27.8 million above the prior year due to unfavorable impacts from foreign currency exchange and higher net interest expense. Net after-tax losses of \$7.2 million were incurred in 2014 on transactions denominated in foreign currencies, while the 2013 quarter had net after-tax gains of \$16.2 million. The increase in net interest expense was mostly associated with higher borrowing levels in the current year, coupled with lower financing costs being allocated to development projects in 2014.

For the first six months of 2014, corporate activities reflected net costs of \$99.4 million compared to net costs of \$79.5 million a year ago. Six-month corporate costs in 2014 were unfavorable to 2013 by \$19.9 million mostly related to higher interest expense and unfavorable foreign exchange impacts. Net interest expense was higher in 2014 compared to 2013 primarily due to larger average borrowings and lower levels of finance costs allocated to development projects in the current year. Total after-tax losses associated with foreign currency transactions were \$4.1 million in the 2014 period compared to after-tax gains of \$12.2 million in the first six months of 2013.

Discontinued Operations

The Company has presented a number of businesses as discontinued operations in its consolidated financial statements. These businesses included:

U.K. refining and marketing company held for sale at June 30, 2014. The Company ceased processing crude oil throughputs at the Milford Haven, Wales refinery in May 2014 due to weak operating margins. Weak refining margins, plus fewer crude oil barrels processed to cover ongoing operating costs, led to larger losses for this business in the 2014 quarter compared to the prior year. On July 31, 2014 the Company signed an agreement to sell the Milford Haven, Wales refinery and terminal assets. Pending regulatory approval and subject to other material conditions, this transaction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2014. Additionally, a separate transaction for the sale of the Company's U.K. retail marketing business is at an advanced stage.

U.S. retail marketing company spun-off to shareholders on August 30, 2013. Results of operations for this business were included in the Company's 2013 financial statements through the spin-off date.

U.K. oil and gas assets sold through a series of transactions in the first half of 2013. The Company's 2013 financial statements included the results of operations through the respective dates the assets were sold, plus the cumulative gain realized upon sale. The three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2013 included after-tax gains of \$68.8 million and \$216.2 million, respectively, from the sale of these properties.

The after-tax results of these operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 are reflected in the following table.

(Millions of dollars)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013
U.K. refining and marketing	\$ (13.2)	(5.7)	(27.0)	(9.8)

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U.S. refining and marketing		77.9		107.3
U.K. exploration and production	(0.1)	70.5	(0.3)	223.1
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$ (13.3)	142.7	(27.3)	320.6

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Selected operating statistics for the U.K. refining and marketing operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 follow.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
U.K. refining and marketing unit margins per barrel of petroleum products sold	\$ (1.72)	(0.27)	(1.15)	(0.16)
U.K. petroleum products sold barrels per day	72,217	137,517	99,783	127,950
Gasoline	25,090	49,103	35,449	46,819
Kerosine	6,732	15,370	12,409	15,238
Diesel and home heating oils	27,612	51,103	34,817	46,592
Residuals	7,227	16,869	8,723	14,795
LPG and other	5,556	5,072	8,385	4,506
U.K. refinery inputs barrels per day	52,321	133,220	85,752	124,542
Milford Haven, Wales crude oil	50,279	130,324	82,741	121,417
other feedstocks	2,042	2,896	3,011	3,125
U.K. refinery yields barrels per day	52,321	133,220	85,752	124,542
Gasoline	22,381	47,292	31,931	43,875
Kerosine	7,201	17,058	11,985	16,266
Diesel and home heating oils	18,427	48,626	28,239	44,637
Residuals	4,837	15,309	8,040	13,731
LPG and other	(2,761)	1,757	3,137	2,952
Fuel and loss	2,236	3,178	2,420	3,081

Financial Condition

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,459.7 million for the first six months of 2014 compared to \$1,669.0 million during the same period in 2013. Excluding discontinued operations, cash flow from continuing operations increased from \$1,269.0 million in the first six months of 2013 to \$1,455.2 million in the same 2014 period. Changes in operating working capital other than cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations generated cash of \$48.8 million during the first six months of 2014, but these working capital changes required cash of \$131.8 million in 2013. Other significant sources of cash included \$320.3 million in the 2014 period and \$358.9 million in 2013 from maturity of Canadian government securities that had maturity dates greater than 90 days at acquisition. The sale of all U.K. oil and gas properties generated cash proceeds of \$282.2 million during 2013. The Company borrowed \$850.0 million and \$462.0 million in the six-month periods of 2014 and 2013, respectively, to fund capital development activities and repurchase Company stock.

The most significant use of cash in both years was for property additions and dry holes for continuing operations, which including amounts expensed, were \$1,840.5 million and \$1,853.9 million in the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Total cash dividends to shareholders amounted to \$112.1 million in 2014 and \$119.4 million in 2013. The Company paid quarterly dividends on outstanding Common stock of \$0.3125 per share in each of the first two quarters of 2014 and 2013. The Company expended \$375.0 million to acquire 5,991,489 shares of Common stock through share repurchases during the first six months of 2014. In the first six months of 2013, the Company spent \$250.0 million to repurchase Common shares. Also, the purchase of Canadian government securities with maturity dates greater than 90 days at acquisition used cash of \$372.9 million in the 2014 period and \$373.2 million in the 2013 period.

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Total accrual basis capital expenditures for continuing operations follow.

(Millions of dollars)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Capital Expenditures		
Exploration and production	\$ 1,853.1	1,960.5
Corporate	3.2	6.6
Total capital expenditures, including discontinued operations	\$ 1,856.3	1,967.1

The reduction in capital expenditures in the exploration and production business in 2014 was primarily attributable to lower levels of development spend in Malaysia, but this was somewhat offset by more drilling and development activities in the Eagle Ford Shale area and higher spend on lease acquisitions in the Gulf of Mexico in the current year. Capital expenditures exclude production equipment leased at the Kakap field, offshore Malaysia, during 2013.

A reconciliation of property additions and dry hole costs in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows to total capital expenditures for continuing operations follows.

(Millions of dollars)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Property additions and dry hole costs per cash flow statements	\$ 1,840.5	1,853.9
Geophysical and other exploration expenses	107.7	83.9
Capital expenditure accrual changes	(91.9)	29.3
Total capital expenditures	\$ 1,856.3	1,967.1

Working capital (total current assets less total current liabilities) at June 30, 2014 was \$382.4 million, \$97.8 million more than December 31, 2013, with the increase primarily due to lower accounts payable owed on capital projects at June 30, 2014.

At June 30, 2014, long-term debt of \$3,786.5 million had increased by \$849.9 million compared to December 31, 2013. A summary of capital employed at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 follows.

(Millions of dollars)	June 30, 2014		Dec. 31, 2013	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Capital employed				
Long-term debt	\$ 3,786.5	31.1%	\$ 2,936.6	25.5%
Stockholders' equity	8,398.9	68.9	8,595.7	74.5
Total capital employed	\$ 12,185.4	100.0%	\$ 11,532.3	100.0%

The Company's ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 7.5 to 1 for the six-month period ended June 30, 2014.

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Cash and invested cash are maintained in several operating locations outside the United States. At June 30, 2014, cash, cash equivalents and cash temporarily invested in Canadian government securities held outside the U.S. included U.S. dollar equivalents of approximately \$500 million in Canada, \$509 million in Malaysia and \$242 million in the United Kingdom. In certain cases, the Company could incur taxes or other costs should these cash balances be repatriated to the U.S. in future periods. This could occur due to withholding taxes and/or potential additional U.S. tax burden when less than the U.S. Federal tax rate of 35% has been paid for cash taxes in foreign locations. A lower cash tax rate is often paid in foreign countries in the early years of operations when accelerated tax deductions exist to spur oil and gas investments; cash tax rates are generally higher in later years after accelerated tax deductions in early years are exhausted. Canada collects a 5% withholding tax on any cash repatriated to the United States.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Contd.)

Accounting and Other Matters

The United States Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act (the Act) in 2010. As mandated by the Act, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued rules regarding annual disclosures for purchases of conflict minerals and payments made to the U.S. Federal and all foreign governments by extractive industries, including oil and gas companies. Conflict minerals are defined as tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold which originate from the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries. For companies to whom the rule applies, the first annual report for conflict minerals was required to be filed no later than June 2, 2014 for the calendar year of 2013. Based on its assessment, the Company has determined that the rule does not currently apply to it and, therefore, it did not file an annual conflict minerals report for 2013.

On July 2, 2013, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia vacated the SEC's rules regarding reporting of payments made to the U.S. Federal and foreign governments. The D.C. Court found that the SEC misread the Act to mandate public disclosure of reports and that the denial of exemptions in the case of countries that prohibit public disclosures was improper. The Court remanded the matter to the SEC, which has indicated that it will restart the rulemaking process. The SEC has targeted the first quarter of 2015 for issuance of new rules on this matter. The Company cannot predict how the SEC will alter its rules based on the Court's findings.

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an Accounting Standards Update (ASU) addressing recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. When adopted, this guidance will supersede current revenue recognition rules currently followed by the Company. The core principle of the new ASU is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU provides five steps for an entity to apply in recognizing revenue, including: (1) identify the customer contract; (2) identify the contractual performance obligations; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the contractual performance obligations; and (5) recognize revenue when the performance obligation is satisfied. The new ASU also requires additional disclosures regarding significant contracts with customers. The new ASU will be effective for the Company on January 1, 2017, and early adoption is not permitted. For transition purposes, the new ASU permits either (a) a retrospective application to all years presented, or (b) an alternative transition method whereby the new guidance is only applied to contracts not completed at the date of initial application. The vast majority of the Company's revenue is recognized when oil and natural gas produced by the Company is delivered and legal ownership of these products has transferred to the purchaser. Based on the Company's present understanding, the accounting for oil and gas sales revenue is not expected to be significantly altered by the new ASU. The Company has not yet selected which transition method it will use.

In April 2014, the FASB issued an ASU that will change the requirements for reporting discontinued operations after its adoption. Under the new guidance, only disposals of components of an entity that represent a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results will be reported as discontinued operations in the financial statements. Under prior guidance, a component of an entity that is a reportable segment, an operating segment, a reporting unit, a subsidiary, or an asset group that has been or will be eliminated from ongoing operations and for which the Company will not have any significant continuing involvement with the component after the disposal was generally reported as discontinued operations. The FASB anticipates that fewer component disposals will be reported as discontinued operations under the new guidance. The new guidance also requires expanded disclosures about discontinued operations. The new guidance will be effective for the Company beginning in 2015. The new guidance is not to be applied to a component that is classified as held for sale before the effective date of the guidance.

Outlook

Average worldwide crude oil prices in July 2014 were similar to the average price during the second quarter of 2014, with certain indices trading higher and certain below the prior quarter. North American natural gas prices, however, have weakened in July 2014 principally due to milder than normal summer temperatures across much of the continent. The Company expects its total oil and natural gas production to average 225,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the third quarter 2014. The Company currently anticipates total capital expenditures for the full year 2014 to be approximately \$3.8 billion.

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The Company will primarily fund its capital program in 2014 using operating cash flow, but will supplement funding where necessary using borrowings under available credit facilities. The Company's 2014 budget calls for borrowings of long-term debt during the year to fund a portion of the capital program. If oil and/or natural gas prices weaken, actual cash flow generated from operations could be reduced such that higher than anticipated borrowings might be required during the year to maintain funding of the Company's ongoing development projects.

The Company has announced that it plans to exit the U.K. refining and marketing business. On July 31, 2014, the Company signed an agreement to sell the Milford Haven, Wales, refinery and terminal assets. Pending regulatory approval and subject to other material conditions, this transaction is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2014. Additionally, the Company continues to advance the negotiation for sale of the U.K. marketing business. Should the Company be unable to complete the sale of its U.K. refining and marketing assets on acceptable terms, borrowings under credit facilities at the end of 2014 would be at a higher level than if the sale is successfully completed and the available funds repatriated to the U.S. during 2014. The ultimate completion of the process to exit the U.K. refining and marketing business could lead to future financial accounting losses for the Company.

Should oil and/or natural gas prices weaken significantly in the future, it is possible that certain investments in oil properties could become impaired in a future period.

Through July 31, 2014, the Company has entered into derivative or forward fixed-price delivery contracts to manage risk associated with certain future oil and natural gas sales prices as follows:

Commodities	Contract or Location	Dates		Average Volumes per Day	Average Prices
U.S. Oil	West Texas Intermediate	Jul.	Sep. 2014	26,000 bbls/d	\$94.89 per bbl.
		Oct.	Dec. 2014	16,000 bbls/d	\$92.33 per bbl.
Canadian Natural Gas	TCPL NOVA System	Jul.	Dec. 2014	110 mmcf/d	Cdn\$4.04 per mcf
		Jan.	Dec. 2015	65 mmcf/d	Cdn\$4.13 per mcf
		Jan.	Dec. 2016	10 mmcf/d	Cdn\$4.13 per mcf
Canadian Heavy Oil	Seal Blend	Jul.	Sep. 2014	4,000 bbls/d	\$56.14 per bbl.*
		Oct.	Dec. 2014	4,000 bbls/d	\$53.63 per bbl.*

* Represents average netback prices to the Company.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, which express management's current views concerning future events or results, are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the volatility and level of crude oil and natural gas prices, the level and success rate of our exploration programs, our ability to maintain production rates and replace reserves, customer demand for our products, adverse foreign exchange movements, political and regulatory instability, and uncontrollable natural hazards. Factors that could cause the sale of the Company's U.K. downstream business, as discussed in this Form 10-Q, not to occur include, but are not limited to, a failure to obtain necessary regulatory approvals, a deterioration in the business or prospects of Murphy or its U.K. downstream subsidiary, adverse developments in Murphy or its U.K. downstream subsidiary's markets, adverse developments in the U.S. or global capital markets, credit markets or economies generally, and a failure to execute a sale of these U.K. operations on acceptable terms. For further discussion of risk factors, see Murphy's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Murphy undertakes no duty to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to market risks associated with interest rates, prices of crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products, and foreign currency exchange rates. As described in Note K to this Form 10-Q report, Murphy makes use of derivative financial and commodity instruments to manage risks associated with existing or anticipated transactions.

There were commodity derivative contracts in place at June 30, 2014 covering certain future U.S. crude oil sales volumes in 2014. A 10% increase in the respective benchmark price of these commodities would have increased the recorded net liability associated with these derivative contracts by approximately \$40.0 million, while a 10% decrease would have reduced the recorded net liability by a similar amount.

There were derivative foreign exchange contracts in place at June 30, 2014 to hedge the value of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar during July 2014. A 10% strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar would have decreased the recorded net asset associated with these contracts by approximately \$3.1 million, while a 10% weakening of the U.S. dollar would have increased the recorded net asset by approximately \$3.7 million. Changes in the fair value of these derivative contracts generally offset the financial statement impact of an equivalent volume of foreign currency exposures associated with other assets and/or liabilities.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the direction of its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, controls and procedures have been established by the Company to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries is made known to the officers who certify the Company's financial reports and to other members of senior management and the Board of Directors.

Based on the Company's evaluation as of the end of the period covered by the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer of Murphy Oil Corporation have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) are effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by Murphy Oil Corporation in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 30, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Murphy is engaged in a number of legal proceedings, all of which Murphy considers routine and incidental to its business. Based on information currently available to the Company, the ultimate resolution of environmental and legal matters referred to in this note is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's net income, financial condition or liquidity in a future period.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION (Contd.)

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The Company's operations in the oil and gas business naturally lead to various risks and uncertainties. These risk factors are discussed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our 2013 Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2014. A risk factor not previously disclosed in its 2013 Form 10-K report is included below.

Hydraulic fracturing exposes the Company to operational and regulatory risks.

The Company uses a technique known as hydraulic fracturing whereby water, sand and other chemicals are injected into deep oil and gas bearing reservoirs. This process creates fractures in the rock formation within the reservoir which enables oil and natural gas to migrate to the wellbore. The Company primarily uses this technique in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas and in Western Canada. Our hydraulic fracturing operations subject us to operational risks inherent in the drilling and production of oil and natural gas, including relating to underground migration or surface spillage due to releases of oil, natural gas, formation water or well fluids, as well as any related surface or ground water contamination, including from petroleum constituents or hydraulic fracturing chemical additives. Ineffective containment of surface spillage and surface or ground water contamination resulting from our hydraulic fracturing operations, including from petroleum constituents or hydraulic fracturing chemical additives, could result in environmental pollution, remediation expenses and third party claims alleging damages, which could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, hydraulic fracturing requires significant quantities of water. Any diminished access to water for use in the process could curtail our operations or otherwise result in operational delays or increased costs.

Hydraulic fracturing is generally regulated by the states, although certain hydraulic fracturing activities are also subject to existing and proposed federal regulations, including pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Air Act. In June 2011, the State of Texas adopted a law requiring public disclosure of information regarding components used in the hydraulic fracturing process. Similar disclosure requirements have also been implemented or proposed in other states and by the United States. The Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta have also issued regulations related to hydraulic fracturing activities under their jurisdictions. It is possible that these and other jurisdictions may adopt further laws or regulations which could render the process less effective, drive up its costs or otherwise prohibit hydraulic fracturing activities in certain locations. If any such action is taken in the future, our production levels could be adversely affected or our costs of drilling and completion could be increased.

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Murphy Oil Corporation

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ¹
April 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014		\$		\$
May 1, 2014 to May 31, 2014	1,973,417	67.57 ²	1,973,417 ^{1,2}	
June 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014				
Total April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014	1,973,417	63.34	1,973,417	

¹ On February 5, 2014, the Company announced that it had entered into a variable term, capped accelerated share repurchase transaction (ASR) with a major financial institution to repurchase an aggregate of \$250 million of the Company's Common stock. The total aggregate number of shares repurchased pursuant to this ASR was determined by reference to the Rule 10b-18 volume-weighted price of the Company's Common stock, less a fixed discount, over the term of the ASR, subject to a minimum number of shares. The ASR was completed in May 2014 and the Company received an additional 123,380 shares upon completion of the ASR program. This brought the total number of shares acquired under this ASR transaction to 4,141,452, with the average purchase price equal to \$60.37 per share. This transaction completed the \$1.0 billion stock buyback program authorized by the Company's Board of Directors as announced on October 16, 2012.

² On May 20, 2014, the Company announced that it had entered into a \$125 million variable term, capped ASR transaction with a major financial institution. The ASR transaction was structured similarly to the previous ASR transactions. In May, the Company received the minimum number of shares under the transaction, which totaled 1,850,037 shares. Additional shares may be received upon maturity of this ASR transaction in the third quarter of 2014.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The Exhibit Index on page 36 of this Form 10-Q report lists the exhibits that are hereby filed or incorporated by reference.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By */s/ JOHN W. ECKART*
John W. Eckart, Senior Vice President and
Controller *(Chief Accounting Officer and Duly
Authorized Officer)*

August 5, 2014

(Date)

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Exhibit	
No.	
4.1	5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement dated June 14, 2011
4.2	Commitment Increase and Maturity Extension Agreement dated May 23, 2013.
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
31.1	Certification required by Rule 13a-14(a) pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification required by Rule 13a-14(a) pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32	Certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101. INS	XBRL Instance Document
101. SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101. CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101. DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101. LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101. PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

Exhibits other than those listed above have been omitted since they are either not required or not applicable.