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BP p.l.c. Group Results Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2003

London 10 February 2004

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RECORD ANNUAL RESULT, UP 42%; CONTINUING STRONG CASH GENERATION

Fourth Third Fourth Quarter Quarter Quarter Year 2003 2002 % 2002 2003 2003 \$ million _____ _____ Replacement cost profit 1,697 2,142 1,819 before exceptional items 9,543 4,698 416 228 211 Special items(a) 444 1,443 522 498 637 Acquisition amortization(b) 2,392 2,574 Pro forma result adjusted 12,379 8,715 42 2,635 2,868 2,667 for special items _____ ============= 7.61 8.07 7.07 - per ordinary share (pence) 34.25 25.93 32 11.78 13.00 12.07 - per ordinary share (cents) 55.83 38.90 44 0.71 0.78 0.72 - per ADS (dollars) 3.35 2.33 _____ =============

- BP's fourth quarter pro forma result, adjusted for special items, was \$2,667 million, compared with \$2,635 million a year ago, an increase of 1%. For the year, the result was a record \$12,379 million compared with \$8,715 million, up 42%. Replacement cost profit, before exceptional items, for the fourth quarter and year was \$1,819 million and a record \$9,543 million respectively, compared with \$1,697 million and \$4,698 million a year ago.
- The fourth quarter overall trading environment was more favourable than a year ago.
- In Exploration and Production, the impact of higher prices and volumes in the fourth quarter was offset by higher depreciation, foreign exchange effects, one-time charges and an increase in the provision for Unrealized Profit in Stock.
- Reserve replacement in 2003 was 122%. Including equity-accounted entities and the effect of acquisitions (notably our interest in TNK-BP) and disposals, additions to year end reserves were 158% of 2003 production.
- On 16 January 2004, we completed the deal to include AAR's 50% interest in Slavneft into TNK-BP, at a cost of \$1.4 billion in cash. On 13 January 2004, we sold our investment in PetroChina for \$1.65 billion.
- Net cash outflow for the quarter was \$1,837 million and net cash inflow for the year was \$1,342 million, compared with an inflow of \$711 million and an outflow of \$344 million a year ago.
- The pro forma ratio of net debt to net debt plus equity was 24% at the end of the quarter.
- Return on average capital employed for the quarter and year respectively, on a pro forma basis adjusted for special items, was 13% and 16%, compared with 15% and 13% a year ago.

The quarterly dividend was 6.75 cents per share (\$0.405 per ADS). This compares with 6.25 cents a year ago. For the year the dividend showed an increase of 8.3%. In sterling terms, the quarterly dividend is 3.674 pence per share compared with 3.815 pence a year ago; for the year the decrease was 0.8%.

BP Group Chief Executive, Lord Browne, said:

"Our results in 2003 have set a new record. We have delivered a good result from our existing assets and operations, while building a strong platform for the future. Our focus is now on delivering the growth in free cash flow of which we believe our portfolio is capable. We intend to restart our share buyback programme this quarter, subject to market conditions."

The pro forma result is replacement cost profit before exceptional items excluding acquisition amortization. The pro forma result, adjusted for special items, has been derived from the group's reported UK GAAP accounting information but is not in itself a recognized UK or US GAAP measure. This financial performance information and measures derived therefrom, shown above and elsewhere in the document, are provided in order to enable investors to evaluate better BP's current performance against that of its competitors.

- (a) The special items refer to non-recurring charges and credits. The special items for the fourth quarter comprise impairment charges and restructuring costs in Exploration and Production, Veba integration costs in Refining and Marketing and a provision to cover future rental payments on surplus property in Other businesses and corporate and tax restructuring benefits.
- (b) Acquisition amortization is depreciation and amortization relating to the fixed asset revaluation adjustments and goodwill consequent upon the ARCO and Burmah Castrol acquisitions. The fourth quarter 2003 includes accelerated depreciation of the revaluation adjustment in respect of the impairment of former ARCO assets.

Summary Fourth Quarter Results

Exploration and Production's fourth quarter result was broadly in line with a year ago, after reflecting the effects of higher oil and gas prices and a full quarter of TNK-BP, offset by higher depreciation, foreign exchange effects, one-time charges and an increase in the provision for Unrealized Profit in Stock.

In Gas, Power and Renewables, the result reflects improvement in marketing and trading, including LNG, partly offset by a lower result for the natural gas liquids business.

The Refining and Marketing result increased 23% compared with a year ago due to improved refining margins and marketing margins, particularly retail margins in the USA and Europe, with some offset from higher gas fuel costs.

The Petrochemicals result reflects operational difficulties in the nitriles business, the strength of the euro on our European cost base and non-routine charges, partly offset by a slight improvement in margins.

Interest expense for the quarter was \$227 million compared with \$213 million for the prior quarter. The increase reflects the inclusion of TNK-BP for a full quarter, partly offset by lower debt buy-back costs and an increase in capitalized interest.

The pro forma effective tax rate on replacement cost profit, before exceptional items, and adjusted for special items, was 33.5% for the quarter compared with 34.0% a year ago. The special items in the quarter include tax restructuring benefits of \$150 million.

Capital expenditure was \$4.7 billion for the quarter; there were no acquisitions. Disposal proceeds for the quarter were \$1.4 billion.

Net cash outflow was \$1,837 million compared with an inflow of \$711 million a year ago, due to lower cash flow from operating activities and higher tax payments, partly offset by higher disposal proceeds. The reduced cash flow from operating activities reflects the payments of \$1.6 billion to group pension schemes.

Net debt at the end of the quarter was \$20.2 billion. The pro forma ratio of net debt to net debt plus equity was 24%.

The commentaries above and following are based on the pro forma replacement cost operating results, before exceptional items, adjusted for special items.

To reflect BP's increased focus on chemical products derived from oil and gas, the Chemicals segment has been renamed Petrochemicals.

BP's share of the result of the TNK-BP joint venture has been included within Exploration and Production with effect from 29 August. TNK-BP operational and financial information has been estimated.

Reconciliation of Reported Results to Pro Forma Results Adjusted for Special Items

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			-	_	Reported Earnings	\$ million	2003	ear 2002
3 , 666	3 , 813	3 , 687	323	426	2 , 938	Exploration and Production Gas, Power		12,005
72	98	77	_	_	77	and Renewables Refining and	472	384
587	978	722	146	211	365	Marketing	3,689	2,081
139	124	35	-	_		Petrochemicals Other businesses	606	
(146)	(320)	(221)	74	_	(295)	and corporate	(840)	(515)
4,318	4,693	4,300	543	637	3,120	RC operating profit	19,904	14,720
(1,360)	(1,569)	(1,365)		_	(1,033))Interest expense)Taxation)MSI		(4,673)
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2,635	2,868	2 , 667	211	637	1,819	RC profit before exceptional item		8 , 715
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(15) Exceptional items before tax

84 Taxation on exceptional items

1,888 RC profit after exceptional items $\,$

84 Stock holding gains

1,972 HC profit

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Operating Results

Quarter 2002	Third Quarter 2003	Quarter 2003		2003	ear 2002
3,181	3,844	3,120	Replacement cost operating profit (\$m)	16,413	10,246
1,697	2,142	1,819	Replacement cost profit before exceptional items (\$m)	9 , 543	4,698
			Profit after exceptional items (\$m) Replacement cost Historical cost		5,741 6,845
			Per ordinary share (cents) Pro forma result adjusted for special items RC profit before exceptional items	55.83	38.90
2.92	10.85	8.93	HC profit after exceptional items Per ADS (cents)		
70.68	78.00	72.42	Pro forma result adjusted for special items RC profit before	334.98	233.40
			exceptional items HC profit after exceptional items	258.18 277.80	
			Exploration and Production		
2002	3Q 4 2003 200)3 \$ mi	llion	2003	ear 2002
3,248 3, 99	,520 2,93 - 32 293 42	Repl Spec	acement cost operating profit ial items isition amortization	13,937 474	9,206 1,019 1,780

3,666 3,813 3,687	adjusted for special items		12 , 005
	Results include:		
179 136 193	Exploration expense Of which:	542	644
124 75 129	Exploration expenditure written off	297 	385
	Production (Net of Royalties)		
1,787 1,852 2,248	Crude oil (mb/d)	1,911	1,771
262 202 206	Natural gas liquids (mb/d)	210	247
2,049 2,054 2,454	Total liquids (mb/d)(a)	2,121	2,018
8,936 8,401 8,600	Natural gas (mmcf/d)	8,613	2,018 8,707
3,590 3,502 3,936	Total hydrocarbons (mboe/d)(b)	3,606	3,519
===========		======	======
	Average realizations		
26.22 27.72 28.18	Crude oil (\$/bbl)	28.23	24.06
14.62 19.39 20.15	Natural gas liquids (\$/bbl)		12.85
24.78 26.79 27.30	Total liquids (\$/bbl)		22.69
2.87 3.08 3.18	Natural gas (\$/mcf)		2.46
21.03 22.58 23.15	Total hydrocarbons (\$/bbl)		18.88
	Average oil marker prices (\$/bb1)		
26.88 28.38 29.43	Brent		25.03
28.31 30.19 31.15	West Texas Intermediate	31.06	26.14
26.86 28.83 29.43	Alaska North Slope US West Coast		24.77
=========		======	======
3.99 4.97 4.58	Henry Hub gas price (\$/mmbtu)(c)	5.37	3.22
	UK Gas - National		
19.09 15.08 27.30	Balancing Point (p/therm)	20.28	15.78
		======	======

- (a) Crude oil and natural gas liquids.
- (b) Natural gas is converted to oil equivalent at 5.8 billion cubic feet = 1 million barrels.
- (c) Henry Hub First of the Month Index.

Exploration and Production

The pro forma result for the fourth quarter was \$3,687 million, slightly ahead of the result for the fourth quarter of 2002 when adjusted for special charges of \$323 million. Acquisition amortization of \$426 million includes accelerated amortization of \$121 million. The special items and the accelerated acquisition amortization relate to impairment of the Miller field (\$133 million) in the UK following a decision not to proceed with waterflood and gas import options and four assets in the Gulf of Mexico Shelf (\$296 million) following technical reassessments and re-evaluation of future investment options, and special restructuring charges of \$15 million in respect of ongoing restructuring in the UK and North America.

The quarter saw increased production and higher oil and gas prices. Liquids realizations increased by \$2.52/bbl, and natural gas realizations by \$0.31/mcf compared with a year ago. Higher depreciation, foreign exchange effects, one-time charges in the USA and an increase in the provision for Unrealized Profit in Stock (UPIS) offset the impact of higher volumes and prices in the

quarter. The charge of \$57 million in the quarter for UPIS, which removes the upstream margin from downstream inventories, compares with a credit of \$49 million in the equivalent quarter of last year.

The full year result at \$15,977 million, up \$3,972 million on a year ago, reflects the impact of increased production, higher oil and gas prices and a reduction in exploration expense partly offset by an increase in the depreciation charge.

During the quarter we had further exploration success in Angola on Block 31 with the Marte discovery and in Block 15 with the Tchichumba discovery and in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico with the Tubular Bells and the Puma discoveries.

Progress continues in our new profit centres. During the fourth quarter, the deepwater developments of Jasmim and Xikomba in Angola and Na Kika in the Gulf of Mexico started production. Other deepwater developments in the Gulf of Mexico are progressing well with the Holstein and Mad Dog spars now on the Gulf Coast for final construction and installation. Hull construction on Atlantis has commenced in South Korea. In Azerbaijan, construction is well advanced on the Azeri project and the BTC pipeline is on track for start-up in the first half of 2005. The Cannonball gas development in Trinidad has been approved and in Angola we have commenced the awarding of major contracts on the Greater Plutonio deepwater project.

Production for the quarter was up by more than 9% at 3,936 mboe/d compared with the fourth quarter of 2002. This reflects a full quarter's production volumes from our interest in TNK-BP partly offset by a reduction from divestments. Total production for the year was 3,606 mboe/d, an increase of over 2% on last year and reflects the offsetting impacts of divestments and the inclusion of TNK-BP volumes from 29 August.

The reserve replacement ratio for the year was 122% with 1,342 billion barrels of oil equivalent booked through discoveries, extensions, revisions and improved recovery. Reserve replacement has exceeded production for the eleventh consecutive year. Including equity-accounted entities and the effect of acquisitions and disposals, additions to year end reserves were 158% of 2003 production.

During the fourth quarter we completed our 2003 programme of portfolio upgrading with the sale of our 50% interest in the In Salah gas project in Algeria with proceeds received on 23 December. This brought divestment proceeds for the year to \$4.9 billion.

On 16 January, we announced the completion of the transaction in which Alfa Group and Access-Renova's 50% interest in Slavneft was transferred into TNK-BP.

Gas, Power and Renewables

4Q	3Q	4Q		Ye	ear
2002	2003	2003	<pre>\$ million</pre>	2003	2002
======				=======	
72	98	77	Replacement cost operating profit	472	354
_	_	_	Special items	_	30
-	-	-	Acquisition amortization	-	-
			Pro forma operating result		
72	98	77	adjusted for special items	472	384
		======		======	
			Gas sales volumes (mmcf/d)		
2,715	2,174	2,565	UK	2,631	2,372
442	362	511	Rest of Europe	441	399
10,723	11,808	12,121	USA	11,528	9,315
10,659	11,133	13,138	Rest of World	11,669	9,535

24,539	25,477	28,335	Total gas sales volumes	26,269	21,621
				======	
			NGL sales volumes (mb/d)		
_	_	_	UK	_	_
_	_	_	Rest of Europe	_	_
262	188	206	USA	164	196
244	163	209	Rest of World	182	214
506	351	415	Total NGL sales volumes	346	410
				======	

Gas, Power and Renewables

The pro forma result for the fourth quarter was \$77 million compared with \$72 million a year ago. The year's result, after adjusting for special items, was \$472 million compared to \$384 million for 2002.

The fourth quarter result is up due to an improved marketing and trading result, including LNG, which more than offset a lower result in the natural gas liquids business. The full year result reflects a strong performance from marketing and trading, including LNG, partly offset by a lower result for the natural gas liquids business, restructuring charges in Solar and the absence of a contribution from Ruhrgas following the sale of our interest last year.

The increased marketing and trading results for the quarter and the year were driven by higher gas sales volumes in North America and a strong performance from the global LNG business. Fourth quarter gas sales volumes were up 15% and equity LNG sales were up 36%. During the quarter BP and Sonatrach announced a joint venture that has secured long term capacity rights to the Isle of Grain import regasification terminal in the South East of England, which will enable the two companies to source and then supply 500 mmscfd of LNG into the UK market from 2005. BP announced that it proposes to build an LNG terminal in New Jersey, USA, which is scheduled to come into service around 2008. BP and BPMIGAS of Indonesia have signed a Heads of Agreement with Sempra LNG Corporation for a 20-year supply of LNG from Indonesia to markets in the USA and Mexico. BP has acquired a 35% interest in SK Power (previously a subsidiary of SK Corporation of South Korea), which has begun construction of a power station in Gwangyang, South Korea. The Tangguh LNG project was selected earlier as the supplier to the power station.

The result for the natural gas liquids business for the fourth quarter and year is down due to high gas prices relative to liquids prices in North America, which has led to lower sales volumes.

Refining and Marketing

	4Q	3Q	4 Q		Υe	ear
	2002	2003	2003	<pre>\$ million</pre>	2003	2002
-			=====		======	
	(36)	455	365	Replacement cost operating profit	2,340	872
	420	318	146	Special items	523	415
	203	205	211	Acquisition amortization	826	794
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				Pro forma operating result		
	587	978	722	adjusted for special items	3,689	2,081
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				Refinery throughputs (mb/d)		
	392	405	389	UK	397	389
	959	909	873	Rest of Europe	932	918

•	1,406 366	•	USA Rest of World	•	1,439 357
•	3,086	•	Total throughput	•	3,103
96.1	96.2	94.9	Refining availability(a)(%)	95.5	96.1
269 1,541 1,875	270 1,293 1,828 657	257 1,295 1,788	Oil sales volumes (mb/d) Refined products UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	271 1,316	253 1,467 1,874
•	4,048 2,647	•	Total marketing sales Trading/supply sales		4,180 2,383
	6,695 5,316	•	Total refined product sales Crude oil	•	6,563 4,671
11,674	12,011	10,875	Total oil sales	11 , 730	11,234
4.09	5.61 6.39		Global Indicator Refining Margin(b) (\$/bbl) NWE USGC Midwest	2.62 4.71 4.54	1.04 2.36 3.30
1.41 2.76	9.04 1.27 4.59	3.14	USWC Singapore BP Average	7.06 1.77 3.88	

- (a) Refining availability is the weighted average percentage of the period that refinery units are available for processing, after accounting for downtime such as turnarounds.
- (b) The Global Indicator Refining Margin (GIM) is the average of six regional indicator margins weighted for BP's crude refining capacity in each region. Each regional indicator margin is based on a single representative crude with product yields characteristic of the typical level of upgrading complexity. The regional indicator margins may not be representative of the margins achieved by BP in any period because of BP's particular refinery configurations and crude and product slate.

Refining and Marketing

The pro forma result for the fourth quarter, adjusted for special items, was \$722 million. This compares with \$587 million a year ago, an increase of \$135 million. The net special items of \$146 million for the quarter consisted of Veba integration costs of \$156 million and a credit of \$10 million arising from the reversal of restructuring provisions. This represents the final charge in respect of the Veba integration.

The result for the year of \$3,689 million is up \$1,608 million compared to last year, an increase of 77%. The net special items for the year of \$523 million comprised a \$246 million charge resulting from a reassessment of our environmental remediation provisions, Veba integration costs of \$287 million and a credit of \$10 million arising from the reversal of restructuring provisions.

The results for the fourth quarter and year reflect improved refining margins despite higher gas fuel costs, and higher marketing margins, particularly retail

margins in the USA and Europe. Improved operating performance in the marketing businesses also contributed to the results.

Refining throughputs for the quarter were 4.5% lower than the same period last year due to disposals, with refining availability at 94.9% compared with 96.1% a year ago. Full year refining throughputs were flat compared with 2002, while availability for the year was 95.5% compared with 96.1%. Marketing volumes for the quarter were 6% lower than the same period last year and 4% lower for the year, as expected, due to divestments.

The roll-out of our new premium retail fuels, Ultimate gasoline and diesel, continued this quarter. Ultimate is now available in the UK, the USA, Greece, Spain, Portugal and Australia.

During the quarter we reached agreement in principle for H&R WASAG to purchase BP's European Special Products business, including the Neuhof base oil refinery in Hamburg, Germany.

Petrochemicals

4Q	3Q	4 Q		Y	ear
2002	2003	2003	<pre>\$ million</pre>	2003	2002
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104	81	35	Replacement cost operating profit	568	515
35	43	_	Special items	38	250
_	-	-	Acquisition amortization	_	_
			Pro forma operating result		
139	124	35	adjusted for special items	606	765
108	109	114 (b)Chemicals Indicator Margin(a)(\$/te)	113 (b) 104
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			Petrochemicals production (kte)		
698	771	832	UK	3,186	3,221
2,679	2,724	2,790	Rest of Europe	10,958	10,526
2,447	2,563	2,466	USA	10,068	10,201
785	982	1,065	Rest of World	3,731	3,040
6,609	7,040	7,153	Total production	27,943	26,988
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- (a) The Chemicals Indicator Margin (CIM) is a weighted average of externally-based product margins. It is based on market data collected by Nexant (formerly Chem Systems) in their quarterly market analyses, then weighted based on BP's product portfolio. It does not cover our entire portfolio of products, and consequently is only indicative rather than representative of the margins achieved by BP in any particular period. Amongst the products and businesses covered in the CIM are olefins and derivatives, the aromatics and derivatives, linear alphaolefins (LAOs), acetic acid, vinyl acetate monomers and nitriles. Not included are fabrics and fibres, plastic fabrications, poly alphaolefins (PAOs), anhydrides, speciality intermediates, and the remaining parts of the solvents and acetyls businesses.
- (b) Provisional. The data for the fourth quarter is based on two months' actuals and one month of provisional data.

Petrochemicals

Petrochemicals' pro forma result for the fourth quarter was \$35 million, down

from \$124 million in the third quarter. A slight improvement in margins was more than offset by several factors including operational difficulties in the nitriles business, the strength of the euro on our European cost base and a number of non-routine charges.

There were no special items in the fourth quarter. Special items for the year were \$38 million.

The year's result of \$606 million was down \$159 million. In addition to the factors affecting the fourth quarter, the decrease reflected prolonged margin weakness, primarily in our European polymers businesses, and a lower result from SARS affected businesses in Asia during the first half year.

Petrochemicals production of 7,153 thousand tonnes in the fourth quarter was up 113 thousand tonnes on the previous quarter. Production for the year was 27,943 thousand tonnes, up 3.5% on 2002, establishing a new record for the business. The increase was due to improved asset utilization across the business as well as new production capacity and increased ownership in our Asian associated undertakings.

During the fourth quarter, our portfolio management actions continued. We sold our interest in AG International Chemical Company, a purified isophthalic acid associated undertaking in Japan. Engineering contracts were awarded for a new 300 thousand-tonne acetic acid plant to be built in Taiwan as part of the Formosa BP Chemicals Corporation joint venture.

Other Businesses and Corporate

4Q	3Q	4 Q		Yea	ar
2002	2003	2003	\$ million	2003	2002
======				======	
(207)	(310)	(295)	Replacement cost operating loss	(904)	(701)
61	(10)	74	Special items	64	186
_	-	-	Acquisition amortization	_	-
			Pro forma operating result		
(146)	(320)	(221)	adjusted for special items	(840)	(515)
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Other businesses and corporate comprises Finance, the group's coal asset and aluminium asset, its investments in PetroChina and Sinopec, interest income and costs relating to corporate activities. BP sold its interest in PetroChina for \$1.65 billion on 13 January 2004. The special item for the quarter is a provision for future rental payments on surplus leasehold property. Although not classifed as special items, the result also includes charges of \$59 million in respect of additional provisions for litigation and \$41 million for BP Foundation funding and a foreign exchange credit of \$42 million.

Exceptional Items

4Q	3Q	4Q		Υe	ear
2002	2003	2003	<pre>\$ million</pre>	2003	2002
			Profit (loss) on sale of fixed assets and		
(893)	172	(15)	businesses or termination of operations	831	1,168
21	(4)	84	Taxation (charge) credit	(123)	(125)
(872)	168	69	Exceptional items after taxation	708	1,043
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Exceptional items for the fourth quarter include a gain on the sale of our

interest in PT Kaltim Prima Coal, more than offset by losses on various minor Exploration and Production and Refining and Marketing disposals.

2003 Dividends

4Q	3Q	4Q		Y	ear
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
	=====			=====	
			Dividends per ordinary share		
6.25	6.50	6.75	cents	26.00	24.00
3.815	3.857	3.674	pence	15.517	15.638
37.5	39.0	40.5	Dividends per ADS (cents)	156.0	144.0

BP today announced a fourth quarterly dividend for 2003 of 6.75 cents per ordinary share. Holders of ordinary shares will receive 3.674 pence per share and holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) \$0.405 per ADS share. The dividend is payable on 15 March to shareholders on the register on 20 February. Participants in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP) or the DRIP facility in the US Direct Access Plan will receive the dividend in the form of shares, also on 15 March. The first quarter 2004 results and dividend will be announced on 27 April 2004.

Outlook

BP Group Chief Executive, Lord Browne, concluded:

"The world economy recovered in the fourth quarter. Growth was robust in the USA and in Asia, particularly China, but Europe continued to lag. The USA and Asia are expected to continue growing above trend in 2004 but European growth is expected to remain below trend, with the exception of the UK.

"Crude oil prices continued to strengthen in the fourth quarter, adding around \$1 per barrel compared with the third quarter to average \$29.43 per barrel (Dated Brent). Prices remained strong in January, averaging \$31.32 (Dated Brent) in the face of low US crude oil inventories and cold weather in the eastern USA. Underlying oil demand appears to be strong on the back of global economic recovery and the ongoing economic boom in China, and has been growing faster than oil supply outside OPEC. OPEC fourth quarter production is thought to have increased modestly, despite the 900,000 barrels per day quota cut that became effective on 1 November. We expect that future oil prices will largely depend on OPEC's ability to realign production in line with seasonal requirements.

"US natural gas prices continued to trade between residual fuel oil and distillate parity in the fourth quarter, with the Henry Hub First of the Month Index averaging \$4.58/mmbtu, 39 cents per mmbtu below the third quarter. Cold January weather raised prices to above \$6/mmbtu on average, but they have since eased. Working gas inventories are above last year's and 5-year average levels. We expect the path of gas prices will depend on weather during the balance of winter and movements in oil prices.

"Refining margins in the fourth quarter weakened relative to the third quarter in the face of crude market tightness and recovering product inventories, but remained above historic average levels. Margins have been mostly firm so far in 2004 on the back of strong global oil demand growth and cold US weather. Demand strength should continue to be a constructive factor for refining margins. Retail margins were lower in the fourth quarter relative to the third quarter.

"Petrochemical margins in the fourth quarter remained under pressure from

high feedstock costs and this has carried over into the first quarter of 2004. However, margins and sales are expected to improve in 2004, reflecting modest increases in industry utilization rates.

"Capital expenditure for 2003 was \$14.0 billion, excluding acquisitions, and is projected to be approximately \$13.5 billion in 2004. Production capacity is expected to grow to more than 4 mmboe/d in 2004, an increase of more than 10% from actual 2003 output. After adjusting for the impact of portfolio changes, this is consistent with the lower end of the guidance range for 2004 capacity of 3.6 to 3.7 mmboe/d given in February 2003. The company intends to restart its share buyback programme this quarter, subject to market conditions. Purchases may be increased, decreased or discontinued at any time without prior notice."

The foregoing discussion, in particular the statements under "Outlook", contains forward looking statements particularly those regarding BP's asset portfolio and changes in it, capital expenditure, costs, demand, future performance, gearing, growth and other trend projections, margins, prices, production, sales, share repurchases and the timing of pending transactions. Forward looking statements by their nature involve risks and uncertainties and actual results may differ from those expressed in such statements depending on a variety of factors including the following: the timing of bringing new fields on stream; industry product supply; demand and pricing; currency exchange rates; operational problems; general economic conditions; political stability and economic growth in relevant areas of the world; changes in governmental regulations; exchange rate fluctuations; development and use of new technology and successful commercial relationships; the actions of competitors; natural disasters and other changes in business conditions; prolonged adverse weather conditions; and wars and acts of terrorism or sabotage. For more information you should refer to our Annual Report and Accounts 2002 and our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

BP p.l.c. and Subsidiaries

Summarized Group Results

Fourth	Third	Fourth			
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Ye	ear
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
				======	
\$	millior	ì		\$ m:	illion
3,248	3,520	2,938	Exploration and Production	13,937	9,206
72	98	77	Gas, Power and Renewables	472	354
(36)	455	365	Refining and Marketing	2,340	872
104	81	35	Petrochemicals	568	515
(207)	(310)	(295)	Other businesses and corporate	(904)	(701)
			Total replacement cost		
3,181	3,844	3,120	operating profit	16,413	10,246
			Profit (loss) on sale of		
			fixed assets and businesses or		
(893)	172	(15)	termination of operations (Note	4) 831	1,168

			Replacement cost profit before interest and tax	17,244	
(174)	84	84	Stock holding gains (losses) (Note 5)	16	1,129
	4 , 100 213		Historical cost profit before interest and tax Interest expense (Note 6)	17 , 260 851	12,543 1,279
1,782 1,125	3,887 1,450	2,962 949	Profit before taxation Taxation (Note 7)	16,409 5,972	4,342
	2,437 43	2,013	Profit after taxation Minority shareholders' interest	10,437	
651	2 , 394	1,972	Profit for the period	10,267	6,845
1,398	1,438	1,495	Distribution to shareholders	5,753	5 , 375
(747)	956 	477	Retained profit (deficit) for the period	4,514 ======	1,470
2.92	10.85 10.74	8.69	Earnings per ordinary share - cents Basic Diluted		30.55 30.41
			Replacement Cost Results		
			Historical cost profit for the period Stock holding (gains) losses net of MSI	10,267	6,845 (1,104)
825 872			Replacement cost profit for the period Exceptional items (net of tax)	10,251 (708)	5,741 (1,043)
1 , 697	2,142	1,819	Replacement cost profit before exceptional items	9,543	4,698
7.58	9.71		Earnings per ordinary share - cents On replacement cost profit before exceptional items		20.97

Summarized Group Balance Sheet

	31	December 2003	31 December 2002
		\$	million
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets		13,642	15 , 566
Tangible assets		91,911	87 , 682
Investments		17 , 554	10,811
		123 , 107	114,059
Current assets			
Stocks Debtors		11,617 40,716	10,181 33,150
DEDCOTS		40, /10	55,150

	tments at bank	and in h	and	185 1 , 947	; !	215 1,520
				54,465	5	45 , 066
Financ	s - amou ce debt credito		ing due within one year	41,128	}	10,086 36,215
Net curre	ent asse	ets (liab	ilities)	3,881		(1,235)
Total ass	sets les	s curren	t liabilities		3 1	
Creditors	s – amou	ınts fall	ing due			
	afte ce debt credito		han one year	12,869 6,090		11,922 3,455
Provision	ns for l	.iabiliti	es and charges			
	red taxa provisi			15,273 15,693		13,514 13,886
Net asset Minority		olders' i	nterest - equity		 } ;	
BP sharel	nolders'	interes	t	75 , 938	3	69,409
				======	======	
Movement	in BP s	harehold	ers' interest:		\$ m	nillion
	Decembe					69,409
		e period to share				10,267 (5,753)
			differences (net of tax)			3,841
			re capital for employee share	scheme		173
Repur	chase of	ordinar	y share capital			(1,999)
At 31	Decembe	er 2003				75 , 938
		Caamo	arized Group Cash Flow Statem	on+		
	m) ')		arized Group Cash From Scatem	enc		
Fourth Quarter (Fourth Quarter			Υe	ear
2002	2003	2003				2002
	million					nillion
6,197	4,891	3,500	Net cash inflow from operating activities (a)		21,698	19,342
69	39	51	Dividends from joint venture	S	131	198
			Dividends from			
65	65 	120	associated undertakings		41/	368
			Servicing of finance and ret on investments	urns		
63			Interest received		175	231
			Interest paid			(1,204)
38	26	66	Dividends received Dividends paid to		140	102
(11)	(4)	(3)	minority shareholders		(20)	(40)

(245)	(100)	(76)	Net cash outflow from servicing of finance and returns on investments		(911)
			Taxation UK corporation tax Overseas tax		(979) (2,115)
(1,061)	(803)	(1,516)	Tax paid	(4,804)	(3,094)
(3,544)	(3,063)	(3,740)	Capital expenditure and financial investment Payments for fixed assets Proceeds from the sale	(12,440)	(12,116)
726	874	1,410	of fixed assets	6 , 253	2 , 470
(2,818)	(2,189)	(2,330)	Net cash outflow for capital expenditure and financial investment	(6,187)	(9,646)
		(33)	Acquisitions and disposals Acquisitions, net of cash acquired Proceeds from the sale		
304	- (2,625)	- 274	of businesses Acquisition of investment in TNK-BP joint venture	179 (2,351)	1 , 974 –
(217)	_	(162)	Net investment in other joint ventures	(178)	(354)
(215)	(243)	(227)	Investments in associated undertakings Proceeds from the sale of	(987)	(971)
_	_		investment in Ruhrgas	-	2 , 338
(156)	(2 , 896)	(148)	Net cash outflow for acquisitions and disposals	(3,548)	(1,337)
(1,340)	(1,433)	(1,438)	Equity dividends paid	(5,654)	(5,264)
	(2,426) ======		Net cash inflow (outflow)	•	(344)
(56)		(223)	Financing (b) Management of liquid resources Increase (decrease) in cash	1,066 (41) 317	(181) (220) 57
711	(2,426)	(1,837)		•	(344)
			Analysis of Cash Flow		
Fourth	Third	Fourth			
	2003	2003		2003	Year 2002
	million		(a) Reconciliation of historical cost profit before interest and tax to net cash inflow from operating activities		===== nillion
	4,100 2,485	3,189 3,093	Historical cost profit before interest and tax Depreciation and amounts provided	17,260 10,940	12,543 10,401

Quarter 2002	Third Quarter 2003 ==================================	Quarter 2003	Capital Expenditure and Acquisition By business	2003 =====	ear 2002 ====== illion
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Capital Expenditure and Acquisition	Y	
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Capital Expenditure and Acquisition	Y	
Eourth	Third	Fourth	Capital Expenditure and Acquisition	====== ns	=====
======		=====			======
304	(1,471)	(2,411)	Net cash outflow (inflow) from financing	1,066	(181)
	_ 		share capital	1,999 	750
(17) (31)	(61)	Issue of ordinary share capital Repurchase of ordinary		
321	(1,440)	(2,350)		(760)	
4,037	143	278	borrowing	4,708	10,451
) (1,924)		Short-term borrowing Repayments of short-term	(4,706)	
) (1,433) 1,774		Long-term borrowing Repayments of long-term borrowing		(3,707) 2,369
			(b) Financing		
6 , 197	4,891 ======	3 , 500	operating activities	21 , 698	19 , 342
			Net cash inflow from		
(269 1,219) (638) 107	(1,307) (823)	(Increase) decrease in debtors Increase (decrease) in creditors	(5,628) 1,750	
	(1,048)		(Increase) decrease in stocks		(1,521)
(424		(382)	Utilization of provisions	(1,204)	(1,427)
451			Charge for provisions	1,734	1,277
895			assets and businesses	(831)	
005	(170)	1 -	(Profit) loss on sale of fixed	(001)	(1 100)
(115) (72)	(121)		(341)	(358)
(250			and associated undertakings Interest and other income	(1,438) (341)	
/250	, (422)	(404)	Share of profits of joint venture:		(0.6.6.)
	75	129	written off	297	385
124			Exploration expenditure		

430	89 169 322 79	623	USA	1,509	395 5,759 1,291 308
1,046	659	1,499		3,080	7,753
57	51	35	Petrochemicals UK	116	112
	16			137	
	55		-		262
			Rest of World		276
285	182	299		775	823
61	59	131	Other businesses and corporate(d)(e	÷) 409	428
4,088	9,208	4,667		20,075	19,111
			By geographical area		
398 1,708	377 271 1,403 7,157	637 1,985	UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	1,277 6,291	1,637 6,556 6,095 4,823
4,088	9,208	•		•	19,111

(a) Third quarter includes \$5,888 million for the acquisition of our interest in TNK-BP. Fourth quarter includes a subsequent adjustment of \$94 million to give a net total cost for the year 2003 of \$5,794 million.

Year 2002 included the acquisition of an additional interest in Sidanco.

- (b) Year 2002 included the acquisition of a 5% stake in Enagas.
- (c) Year 2002 included the acquisition of 100% of Veba.
- (d) Year 2003 included the acquisition of the preferred stock of CH-Twenty.
- (e) Year 2002 included the acquisition of the minority interest in Veba's upstream oil and gas assets.

${\tt US \ dollar/Sterling \ exchange \ rates}$

				=======	
1.60	1.66	1.78	Period-end rate	1.78	1.60
1.57	1.61	1.70	Average rate for the period	1.63	1.50

Analysis of Replacement Cost Operating Profit

5	\$ millior	\$	า		
======				====	=
2002	2003	2002	2003	2003	}
Quarter	Quarter	uarter Q	Quarter	rter	
Fourth	Third	Fourth	Fourth	urth	1

By business

			Exploration and Production		
	582	700	UK		2,526
177	124	152	Rest of Europe	610	714
	1,368		USA		2,835
	1,446		Rest of World	5,144	
3,248	3 , 520	2,938		13,937	9,206
			Gas, Power and Renewables		
	13		UK	74	, ,
	(12)		Rest of Europe	(37)	
9	54		USA		25
93	43	51	Rest of World	263	323
72	98	77		472	354
			Refining and Marketing		
(155)	(119)	(84)	UK	(208)	(498)
(53)	325	1 / 1	Rest of Europe	1,226	571
80	51	161	USA	632	335
92	198	147	Rest of World	690	464
(36)	455			2,340	872
			Petrochemicals		
(47)	(94)	(26)	UK	(177)	(82)
65	85		Rest of Europe	457	337
24	31	(10)	USA	112	126
62	59		Rest of World	176	134
104	81			568	515
			Other businesses and corporate	(904)	(701)
3,181	3,844			16,413	10,246
			By geographical area		
			by geographical area		
793	283	943	UK		1,696
171	525	277	Rest of Europe		1,703
	1,279		USA		2,818
1,273	1,757	1,707	Rest of World	6,410	4,029
3,181	3,844	3,120		16,413	
			Included above	=	
83	303	402	Share of profits of joint ventures Share of profits of	923	346
161	128	93	associated undertakings	511	616
		495			962

Notes

1. Turnover

Fourth	Third	Fourth		
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Y	ear
2002	2003	2003	2003	2002
			======	

\$ million	n		\$ 1	million
·	16,668 36,378 4,336	By business Exploration and Production Gas, Power and Renewables Refining and Marketing Petrochemicals Other businesses and corporate	65,445 149,477 16,075	125,836
56,089 65,503	65 , 049	Less: sales between	262 , 853	202,520
6,367 7,253	7 , 185	businesses	30,282	23 , 799
49,722 58,250	57 , 864	Group excluding JVs Share of sales by	232,571	178 , 721
413 914	1,798	joint ventures	3,474	1,465
50,135 59,164	59 , 662		236,045	180,186
		By geographical area		
13,084 12,561 11,720 12,476 22,573 29,119 10,845 12,766	12,288 26,347	Group excluding JVs UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	50,582	80,381
58,222 66,922	66,646		266,961	210,048
8,500 8,672	8 , 782	Less: sales between areas	34,390	31,327
49,722 58,250	57 , 864		•	178 , 721

2. Replacement cost profit

Replacement cost profits reflect the current cost of supplies. The replacement cost profit for the period is arrived at by excluding from the historical cost profit stock holding gains and losses.

Notes

3. Operating profits are after charging:

Fourth	Third 1	Fourth			
Quarter Qu	ıarter Qı	uarter		Yea	ar
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
======================================	======= million			====== \$ mil	lion
			Exploration expense		
1	11	1	UK	17	27
6	23	5	Rest of Europe	37	47
30	60	60	USA	204	258
142	42	127	Rest of World	284	312
179	136	193		542	644
			Production taxes (a)		
64	65	44	UK petroleum revenue tax	300	309
298	351	377	-	1,423	965

502	410		1,723	
362	416	421	1 723	1 274

(a) Production taxes are charged against Exploration and Production's operating profit and are not included in the charge for taxation in Note 7.

4. Analysis of exceptional items

(1,133) (33) 365 (122) 30	196 (2) (21) 13 (14)	(49) (10) (91) 16 119	Exploration and Production Gas, Power and Renewables Refining and Marketing Petrochemicals Other businesses and corporate	913 (6) (213) 38 99	(726) 1,551 613 (256) (14)
			•		
(893)	172	(15)	Profit (loss) on sale of fixed assets and businesses or termination of operations	831	1,168
21	(4)	84	Taxation (charge) credit	(123)	(125)
(872)	168 ======	69 ====	Exceptional items after taxation	708	1,043 =====

Notes

5. Stock holding gains (losses)

Quarter Quar	nird E ster Qu 2003			Yea 2003	ar 2002
			•		======
\$ mil	lion			\$ mil	llion
(2)	_	_	Exploration and Production	3	3
41	(7)	58	Gas, Power and Renewables	6	51
(201)	89	16	Refining and Marketing	(48)	1,049
(12)	2	10	Petrochemicals	55	26
			- -		
(174)	84	84		16	1,129
_	-	-	Minority shareholders' interest	_	25
(174)	84	84	=	16	1,104

6. Interest expense

248 (33)	178 (53)	172 (60)	Group interest payable(a) Capitalized	700 (190)	1,026 (100)
215	125	112		510	926
14	23	36	Joint ventures	89	58
19	11	12	Associated undertakings Unwinding of discount	45	83
42	45	42	on provisions Unwinding of discount on deferred consideration for	173	170

acquisition of investment

	-	9	25	in TNK-BP	34	-
	42	_	-	Change in discount rate for provisions	-	42
		213				1,279
		18		(a) Includes charges relating to the early redemption of debt	31	
7.	Charge fo	or taxatio	n			
	•	1,528 (78)		Current Deferred(a)		3,148 1,194
	•	1,450			•	4,342
	366 759	280 1 , 170	390	UK(a) Overseas	1,568 4,404	•
	1,125	1,450			•	4,342
	-	-	_	(a) Includes the adjustment to the North Sea deferred tax balance for the supplementary UK corporation tax of 10%		355

Notes

8. Analysis of changes in net debt

Fourth Quarter	Third			•	Year
	2003	-			2002
\$	million			\$ m:	illion
			Opening balance		
22,276	18,594	19,970	Finance debt	22,008	21,417
1,005	2,115	1,091	Less: Cash	1,520	1,358
285	329	404	Current asset investments	215	450
20,986	16,150	18,475	Opening net debt	20,273	19,609
			Closing balance		
22,008	19,970	22,325	Finance debt	22,325	22,008
1,520	1,091	1,947	Less: Cash	1,947	1,520
215	404	185	Current asset investments	185	215
20,273	18 , 475	20,193	Closing net debt	20,193	20,273
			Decrease (increase)		
713	(2,325)	(1,718)	in net debt		(664)
463	(1,031)	==== 797	Movement in cash/ bank overdrafts (Decrease) increase in		57

	(56)	76	(223)	current asset investments Net cash (inflow) outflow from financing(excluding	(41)	(220)
	321	(1,440)	(2,350)	share capital)	(760)	(736)
				Partnership interests		
	_	-	_	exchanged for BP loan notes	_	1,135
	_	93	_	Debt transferred to TNK-BP	93	_
				Exchange of Exchangeable Bonds		
				for Lukoil American		
	_	_	_	Depositary Shares	420	_
	19	(31)	5	Other movements	144	76
	(3)	(12)	(3)	Debt acquired	(15)	(1,002)
				Movement in net debt before		
	744	(2,345)	(1,774)	exchange effects	158	(690)
	(31)			Exchange adjustments	(78)	. ,
				(Increase) decrease		
	713	(2,325)	(1,718)	in net debt	80	(664)
====						

Notes

9. TNK-BP Operational and Financial Information

Balance Sheet

29 August - 30 September 2003			29 August - 31 December 2003
654 239 695		Production (Net of royalties) (BP sh Crude oil (mb/d) Natural gas (mmcf/d) Total hydrocarbons (mboe/d)(a)	665 281 713
\$ mill	ion	Income statement (BP share)	\$ million
158 - - (13) (30) (1)	(24) (53) 1	Replacement cost operating profit Profit (loss) on sale of fixed assets and businesses Stock holding gains (losses) Interest expense(b) Taxation Minority shareholders' interest	512 - (37) (83) -
114	278	Net Income	392
114	278	Replacement cost profit before exceptional items	392
9	25 =====	(b) Excludes unwinding of discount or deferred consideration	34

31 December

	2003
	============ \$ million
Fixed assets - investments Gross assets Gross liabilities	10,339 (3,290)
	7,049
Deferred consideration Due within one year Due after more than one year	1,227 2,352
	3,579 =======
29 August - Fourth 30 September Quarter 2003 2003 ===================================	29 August - 31 December 2003
\$ million Cash Flow	<pre>\$ million</pre>
Acquisition of investment (2,625) 274 in TNK-BP joint venture	(2,351)

(a) Natural gas is converted to oil equivalent at 5.8 billion cubic feet = 1 million barrels.

 ${\tt BP's}$ share of the result of the TNK-BP joint venture has been included within Exploration and Production with effect from 29 August. TNK-BP operational and financial information has been estimated.

Notes

10. Consolidated statement of cash flows presented on a US GAAP format

Fourth	Third	Fourth			
Quarter (Quarter	Quarter		Y	ear
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
				=====	
\$	millior	ì		\$ mi	llion
			Operating activities		
657	2,437	2,013	Profit after taxation	10,437	6,922
			Adjustments to reconcile		
			profits after tax to net		
			cash provided by		
			operating activities		
			Depreciation and		
2,515	2,485	3,093	amounts provided	10,940	10,401
			Exploration expenditure		
124	75	129	written off	297	385
			Share of (profit) loss of		
			joint ventures and associa	ates	
(8)	(197)	(217)	less dividends received	(532)	3
			(Profit) loss on sale		
			of businesses and		
895	(172)	15	fixed assets	(831)	(1,166)
			Working capital movement		

13	(78)		(see analysis below) Deferred taxation Other	1,053	(1,416) 1,194 (280)
5 , 070	4,149	2,142	Net cash provided by operating activities	16,941	16,043
(3,577)	(3,116)	(3,800)	Investing activities Capital expenditures	(12,630)	(12,216)
(28)	(28)	(33)	Acquisitions, net of cash acquired Acquisition of investment		(4,324)
_	(2,625)	274	-		-
(217)	-	(162)	joint ventures Investment in	(178)	(354)
(215)	(243)	(227)	associated undertakings Proceeds from	(987)	(971)
1,030	874	1,410	disposal of assets	6,432	6 , 782
(3,007)	(5,138)	(2,538)	Net cash used in investing activities	(9,925) 	(11,083)

Notes

Quarter (Third Quarter (2003	Quarter 2003		2003	ear 2002
	million				llion
			Financing activities Net proceeds from shares		
17	31	61	issued (repurchased) Proceeds from	(1,826)	(555)
651	1,433	1,666	long-term financing Repayments of	4,322	3 , 707
(905)	(1,774)	(776)	long-term financing Net (decrease) increase	(3,560)	(2,369)
(67)	1,781	1,460	in short-term debt Dividends paid	(2)	(602)
(1,340)	(1,433)	(1,438)	-	(5,654)	(5,264)
	(4)		- Minority shareholders		(40)
			Net cash used in		
(1,655)	34	970	financing activities	(6,740)	(5,123)
27	6	63	Currency translation differences relating to cash and cash equivalents	101	90
37			cash and cash equivalents	121	90
445	(949)	637	Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	397	(73)
1,290	2,444	1,495	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,735	1,808
			Cash and cash equivalents		·

1,735	1,495	2,132	at end of period	2,132	1,735
			Analysis of working capital movement		
			(Increase) decrease		
(63)	(1,048)	(362)	in stocks	(841)	(1,521)
			(Increase) decrease		
(271)	(656)	(1,243)	in debtors	(5,611)	(2,750)
			Increase (decrease)		
1,241	831	(2 , 107)	in creditors	1,499	2,855
			Total working		
907	(873)	(3,712)	capital movement	(4,953)	(1,416)
======				=====	

Notes

11. Ordinary shares

Fourth	Third	Fourth			
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter			Year
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
		=======		=====	
(s	hares thousa	.nd)		(share	s thousand)
			Shares in		
			issue at per:	iod	
22,378,651	22,107,715	22,122,610	end (a)	22,122,610	22,378,651
			Average number	er	
			of shares		
			outstanding		
22,351,122	22,092,365	22,103,542	(b)	22,170,741	22,397,126

- (a) Each BP ADS represents six BP Ordinary Shares.
- (b) Excludes shares held by the Employee Share Ownership Plans.

12. Statutory accounts

The above financial information for the year 2003 does not constitute statutory accounts. It is an extract from the 2003 Annual Accounts (except Notes 9 and 10), approved by a duly appointed and authorized committee of the Board of Directors at the Results Committee meeting held on 9 February 2004, but not yet delivered to the UK Registrar of Companies; the report of the auditors on those accounts was unqualified.

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BP p.l.c. Group Results Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2003

London 10 February 2004

INVESTOR RELATIONS SUPPLEMENT

REPLACEMENT COST OPERATING PROFIT ADJUSTED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS(a) AND ACQUISITION AMORTIZATION(b)

	Third Quarter			Y	ear
2002				2003	
======	======		<pre>\$ million</pre>	=====	=====
		152 1,234	Exploration and Production UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	610 6,685	3,256 714 4,192 3,843
3,666	3 , 813	3 , 687		15 , 977	12,005
(31) 1 9	(12) 54	(11)	Gas, Power and Renewables UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	74 (37) 172 263	, ,
72	98	77		472	384
(21) 225 235 148	397 392	287	Refining and Marketing UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	238 1,503 1,258 690	(45) 936 670 520
587	978	722		3,689	2,081
(26) 74 29 62	85 38	37 (10)	Petrochemicals UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	(141) 457 114 176	(39) 364
139	124	35		606	765
81 (18) (210)) 3	(42) (635)	Other businesses and corporate UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	90 (48) (1,019) 137	(18)
81 (18)	(99)) 3) (235)	387 (42) (635)	UK Rest of Europe USA	90 (48) (1,019)	(

4,318	4,693	4,300	19,904	
(146)	(320)	(221)	(840)	(515)

- (a) The special items refer to non-recurring charges and credits. The special items for the fourth quarter comprise impairment charges and restructuring costs in Exploration and Production, Veba integration costs in Refining and Marketing and a provision to cover future rental payments on surplus property in Other businesses and corporate and tax restructuring benefits.
- (b) Acquisition amortization is depreciation and amortization relating to the fixed asset revaluation adjustments and goodwill consequent upon the ARCO and Burmah Castrol acquisitions. The fourth quarter 2003 includes accelerated depreciation of the revaluation adjustment in respect of the impairment of former ARCO assets.

PER SHARE AMOUNTS

Fourth Quarter 2002	Third Quarter 2003	Fourth Quarter 2003		2003	Year 2002
			Shares in issue		
			at period		
22,378,651	22,107,715	22,122,610	<pre>end (thousand) - ADS equivalent</pre>	22,122,610	22,378,651
3,729,775	3,684,619	3,687,102	(thousand)	3,687,102	3,729,775
			Average number of shares		
			outstanding		
22,351,122	22,092,365	22,103,542		22,170,741	22,397,126
			- ADS equivalent		
3,725,187	3,682,061	3,683,924	(thousand)	3,695,124	3,732,854
			Replacement cost		
			profit after		
			exceptional		
825	2,310	1,888	items (\$m)	10,251	5,741
2 62	10 47	0.55	cents/ordinary	46.00	05.60
3.69	10.47		share	46.23	
0.22	0.63	0.51	dollars/ADS	2.77	1.54
			Replacement cost		
			profit before		
			exceptional		
1,697	2,142	1,819	items (\$m)	9,543	4,698
			cents/ordinary		
7.58	9.71		share	43.03	
0.46	0.58	0.49	dollars/ADS	2.58	1.26
			Pro forma result		
			adjusted for spe		
2,635	2,868	2,667	items (\$m)	12,379	
11.78	13.00		cents/ordinary sl		
0.70	0.78	0.72	dollars/ADS	3.35	2.33

 $^{^{\}star}$ Excludes shares held by the Employee Share Ownership Plans.

ACQUISITION AMORTIZATION BY BUSINESS

	Third Quarter 2003				ear 2002
			<pre>\$ million</pre>		
246 32	32 240 21	375 16	Exploration and Production UK USA Rest of World		
319		426			1,780
107	110 95		Refining and Marketing UK USA	446 380	410 384
203	205	211		826	794
	498 		Total acquisition amortization	2,392 ======	
	ITEMS BY		(PRE-TAX)		
Quarter	Quarter 2003	Quarter			ear 2002
======	======	=====	<pre>\$ million</pre>	=====	
5 - 94 -	-	144 - 179 -	Exploration and Production UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	209 - 260 5	242 - 279 498
99	 -	323		474	1,019
	- - - - -	- - - - -	Gas, Power and Renewables UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	 - - - -	30 30
27 278 59 56	72	- 146 - - - 	Refining and Marketing UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	277 246 - 523	43 365 (49) 56
21 9 5	36 - 7 -	- - - 140	Petrochemicals UK Rest of Europe USA Rest of World	36 2 -	43 27 40 140

35	43			38	250
20	_	74	Other businesses and corporate UK	74	55
1		-	Rest of Europe	_	1
40	(10)		USA Rest of World	(10)	130
61	(10)	74		64	186
615		543	Total special items before interest Interest-bond redemption charges	1,099	1,900 15
630	351	543		1,099	1 , 915
PRODUCT	ION AND E	REALIZATI	ONS		
	Third				
Quarter 2002	Quarter 2003	Quarter 2003			ear 2002
	=======		Production Crude oil (mb/d) (net of royalties)		
447 90			UK Rest of Europe	354 79	439 98
556			USA	576	576
694			Rest of World	902	658
1,787	1,852	2,248	Total crude oil production		1,771
25	23	21	Natural gas liquids (mb/d) (net of UK		
5			Rest of Europe	5	6
200	141	147	USA	150	189
32	33 	33	Rest of World	32	29
262	202	206	Total natural gas liquids production	210	247
======	=======	======	riquius production	======	
			Liquids (a) (mb/d) (net of royalties	;)	
472			UK	377	
95 756			Rest of Europe USA	84 726	104 765
726		1,298	Rest of World	934	687
2,049	2,054	2,454	Total liquids production	2,121	2,018
1 750	1 267		Natural gas (b) (mmcf/d) (net of ro	yalties)	
1,/52	1 , 267	1,318	UK Rest of Europe	1,446 119	•
	3 , 005		USA		3,483
3,684	4,031	4,206	Rest of World	3,920	3 , 522
	8,401		Total natural gas production	8,613	
			Average realizations Crude oil (\$/bbl)		
	27.68		UK	28.30	
26.02			USA		
25.85	26.30	27.56	Rest of World	26.91	23.26

26.22	27.72	28.18	BP Average	28.23	24.06
				======	
			Natural gas liquids (\$/bbl)		
22.07	22.62	20.06	UK	20.08	16.47
13.65	18.37	19.11	USA	18.39	12.14
12.55	21.76	24.23	Rest of World	22.31	12.93
14.62	19.39	20.15	BP Average	19.26	12.85
				======	
			Liquids (a) (\$/bbl)		
26.54	27.34	27.71	UK	27.80	24.44
23.28	26.90	26.92	USA	27.23	21.34
25.06	25.98	27.33	Rest of World	26.60	22.65
24.78	26.79	27.30	BP Average	27.25	22.69
				======	
			Natural gas (\$/mcf)		
2.88	2.69	3.87	UK	3.19	2.78
3.31	4.14	3.85	USA	4.47	2.63
2.40	2.31	2.35	Rest of World	2.47	2.10
2.87	3.08	3.18	BP Average	3.39	2.46
				======	

- (a) Crude oil and natural gas liquids.
- (b) Natural gas is converted to oil equivalent at 5.8 billion cubic feet = 1 million barrels.

RECONCILIATION OF HISTORICAL COST PROFIT (LOSS) TO PRO FORMA RESULT ADJUSTED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

			-	na result isted for
	Reported	Acquisition	Special	special
\$ million	_	Amortization	Items(a)	items
3Q 2003				
Exploration and Production		293	_	3,813
Gas, Power and Renewables		_	_	98
Refining and Marketing	455		318	
Petrochemicals	81		43	124
Other businesses & corporate	(310)	-	(10)	(320)
RC operating profit	3,844	498	351	4,693
Interest expense	(213)	_	_	(213)
Taxation	(1,446)	_	(123)	(1,569)
MSI	(43)	_	_	(43)
RC profit before				
exceptional items	2,142	498	228	2 , 868
Exceptional items before tax	172			
Taxation on exceptional items	(4)			
RC profit after				
exceptional items	2,310			
Stock holding gains (losses)	84			
HC profit	2,394			
	=====			
4Q 2002				
Exploration and Production	3,248	319	99	3,666

Gas, Power and Renewables Refining and Marketing	72 (36)	- 203	- 420	72 587
Petrochemicals		_		
Other businesses & corporate		_		
RC operating profit		522		
Interest expense		_		
Taxation	(1,146)	-	(214)	(1,360)
MSI	(6)	_		, ,
RC profit before				
exceptional items	1,697	522		
			=======	
Exceptional items before tax	(893)			
Taxation on exceptional items	21			
RC profit after				
exceptional items	825			
Stock holding gains (losses)	(174)			
HC profit	651			
	=====			

(a) The special items refer to non-recurring charges and credits. The special items for the third quarter 2003 comprise a charge resulting from the reassessment of environmental remediation provisions and Veba integration costs in Refining and Marketing; a provision to cover future rental payments on surplus property in Petrochemicals; and a credit resulting from the reassessment of environmental remediation provisions in Other businesses and corporate. The special items in the fourth quarter 2002 include an asset writedown in Exploration and Production; integration and restructuring costs and an impairment charge in Refining and Marketing; integration and restructuring costs in Petrochemicals; provisions to cover future rental payments on surplus leasehold property and environmental charges in Other businesses and corporate; and a bond redemption charge.

RECONCILIATION OF HISTORICAL COST PROFIT (LOSS) TO PRO FORMA RESULT ADJUSTED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

			-	na result usted for
	Reported	Acquisition	Special	special
\$ million	Earnings	Amortization	Items(a)	items
	=======			
Year 2003				
Exploration and Production	13,937	1,566	474	15,977
Gas, Power and Renewables	472	-	_	472
Refining and Marketing	2,340	826	523	3 , 689
Petrochemicals	568	_	38	606
Other businesses & corporate	(904)	_	64	(840)
RC operating profit	16,413	2,392	1,099	19,904
Interest expense	(851)	_	_	(851)
Taxation	(5 , 849)	_	(655)	(6,504)
MSI	(170)	_	_	(170)

-				
RC profit before	0 540	0.000		10 000
exceptional items	9,543	2 , 392	444	
Exceptional items before tax	831			
Taxation on exceptional items	(123)			
RC profit after				
exceptional items	10,251			
Stock holding gains (losses)	16 			
HC profit	10,267			
The Property of the Property o	=====			
Year 2002				
	9,206	1,780	1,019	12,005
Gas, Power and Renewables	354	-	30	384
Refining and Marketing	872	794	415	2,081
Petrochemicals	515	_	250	765
Other businesses & corporate	(701)	_	186	(515)
RC operating profit	10,246	2 , 574	1,900	14,720
Interest expense	(1,279)	-	15	(1,264)
Taxation	(4,217)	_	(456)	(4,673)
MSI	(52)	-	(16)	(68)
RC profit before				
exceptional items	4,698	2,574	1,443	8,715
Exceptional items before tax	1,168			
Taxation on exceptional items	(125)			
-				
RC profit after				
exceptional items	5,741			
Stock holding gains (losses)	1,104			
3 3				
HC profit	6,845			
	=====			

(a) The special items refer to non-recurring charges and credits. The special items for 2003 comprise impairment charges and restructuring costs in Exploration and Production; Veba integration costs and environmental charges in Refining and Marketing; restructuring costs, environmental charges and a reduction in the provision for costs associated with closure of polypropylene capacity in Petrochemicals; a credit related to environmental remediation provisions and a provision to cover future rental payments on surplus property in Other businesses and corporate; and tax restructuring benefits.

The special items for the year 2002 comprise impairment charges, an asset writedown, restructuring and litigation costs for Exploration and Production; an impairment charge in Gas, Power and Renewables; integration and restructuring costs, business interruption insurance proceeds and certain other costs in Refining and Marketing; integration costs and an impairment charge in Petrochemicals; a provision to cover

future rental payments on surplus leasehold property and environmental charges in Other businesses and corporate; and a bond redemption charge. Taxation includes a special charge for an adjustment to the North Sea deferred tax liability for the supplementary UK corporation tax as well as tax relief expected on impairments and related restructuring.

REPLACEMENT COST OPERATING PROFIT ADJUSTED FOR NON-CASH CHARGES AND CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS

	Third Quarter			Year	
2002	2003	2003		2003	
======				======	
			\$ million		
			Replacement cost operating profit		
3,181	3,844	3,120	(reported) (a)	16,413	10,246
2,515	2,485	3,093	Depreciation and amounts provided (b)	10,940	10,401
124	75	129		297	385
			Dividends from JVs and associates		
			less share of RCOP		(396)
(11)			Dividends paid to minority shareholds		
27	487	181	3 -	530	(150)
(1.4)	(-)	(4)	Adjust interest and other income	(0.0)	(25)
(14)	(5)	(4)	to cash basis (d)	(26)	(25)
5,712	6 , 555	6,192		27,248	20,421
			Tax paid adjusted for certain items*		
4,513	5 , 699	4,526	Adjusted RCOP after tax paid	22,215	17,031
			* Calculation of tax paid adjusted		
			for certain items		
(1,061)	(803)	(1,516)	Cash tax paid	(4,804)	(3,094)
(21)			Tax charge on exceptional items		125
(117)	(57)	(66)	Tax shield assumption +	(352)	(421)
(1,199)	(856)	(1,666)		(5,033)	(3,390)
			+ Calculation of tax shield assumption	 on	
(335)	(163)	(190)	-		(1,204)
35%		35%			35%
			-		
(117)	(57)	(66)		(352)	(421)

- (a) Total replacement cost operating profit is before tax, exceptional items, stock holding gains and losses and interest expense.
- (b) Includes depreciation and amortization relating to the fixed asset revaluation adjustment and goodwill consequent upon the ARCO and Burmah Castrol acquisitions.
- (c) Add the amount by which the charge for provisions exceeds the utilization of provisions.
- (d) Deduct the amount by which interest and other income exceeds the total of interest received and dividends received from the group cash flow statement.
- (e) Deemed tax rate for tax shield adjustment is equal to the US statutory tax rate.

RETURN ON AVERAGE CAPITAL EMPLOYED

Fourth Third Quarter Quarter Q 2002 2003	uarter 2003		2003	ear 2002
	=====	<pre>\$ million</pre>	======	=====
1,697 2,142 140 82 6 43	73	Replacement cost basis RC profit before exceptional items Interest + Minority shareholders' interest	332	4,698 602 52
1,843 2,267		Adjusted RC profit	10,045	•
91,767 93,001 8.0% 9.8%	96 , 857	Average capital employed ROACE - replacement cost basis	95,722 10.5%	
1,843 2,267 522 498 406 228 91,767 93,001 16,903 14,110	637 211 96,857	Pro forma basis Adjusted RC profit Acquisition amortization Special items (post-tax) Average capital employed Average capital employed acquisition adjustment	10,045 2,392 444 95,722	2,574 1,449 89,616
74,864 78,891 14.8% 15.2%		Average capital employed (pro forma basis) ROACE - Pro forma basis adjusted for special items	80,705	71,839
651 2,394 140 82 6 43 	73 41 	Historical cost basis Historical cost profit after exceptional items Interest + Minority shareholders' interest Adjusted historical cost profit		602 77
91,767 93,001 3.5% 10.8%	•	Average capital employed ROACE - historical cost basis	95,722 11.3%	

⁺ Excludes interest on joint venture and associated undertakings debt as well as unwinding of discount on provisions and effect of change in discount rate on provisions and unwinding of discount on deferred consideration for acquisition of investment in TNK-BP, and is on a post-tax basis, using a deemed tax rate equal to the US statutory tax rate.

NET DEBT RATIO - NET DEBT: NET DEBT + EQUITY

Fourth	Third	Fourth			
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter		Y	ear
2002	2003	2003		2003	2002
				=====	======
			<pre>\$ million</pre>		
•	•	•	Gross debt Cash and current asset investments	22,325 2,132	•
20,273	18 , 475	20,193	Net debt	20,193	20,273

	=========		
70,047 74,356 77,063	Equity	77,063 70,047	
22% 20% 21%	Net debt ratio	21% 22%	
16,672 13,751 13,362	Acquisition adjustment	13,362 16,672	
28% 23% 24%	Net debt ratio - pro forma basis	24% 28%	

SIGNATURES

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.

BP p.l.c.
(Registrant)

Dated: 10 February 2004 /s/ D. J. PEARL

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D. J. PEARL

Deputy Company Secretary