

PETRO-CANADA

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2005

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS (unaudited)

For the period ended December 31, 2005

(millions of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts)

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	Three mo	nths ended	Year ended			
	Decen	nber 31,	Decem	ber 31,		
	2005	2004	2005	2004		
_		(Note 4)		(Note 4)		
Revenue	4.005	Φ 0.740	0.47.505	# 44.070		
Operating (N. 1. 2)	\$ 4,805	\$ 3,710	\$17,585	\$14,270		
Investment and other income (Note 6)	33	(87)	(806)	(312)		
	4,838	3,623	16,779	13,958		
Expenses Crude oil and product purchases	2.420	1 704	0.046	6,740		
Operating, marketing and general (Note 7)	2,429 806	1,794 672	8,846 2,962	6,740 2,572		
Exploration	77	76	2,902	2,372		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization (Note 7)	285	76 318	1,222	1,256		
Unrealized (gain) loss on translation of foreign currency	200	310	1,222	1,230		
denominated long-term debt	7	(52)	(88)	(77)		
Interest	, 52	34	164	142		
moreo.	3,656	2,842	13,377	10,868		
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	1,182	781	3,402	3,090		
Provision for income taxes						
Current	377	207	1,794	1,365		
Future	137	140	(85)	27		
	514	347	1,709	1,392		
Net earnings from continuing operations	668	434	1,693	1,698		
Net earnings from discontinued operations (Note 4)	46	7	98	59		
Net earnings	\$ 714	\$ 441	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,757		
Earnings per share from continuing operations (Notes 5 and 8)			•			
Basic (dollars)	\$ 1.29	\$ 0.83	\$ 3.27	\$ 3.21		
Diluted (dollars)	\$ 1.28	\$ 0.82	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.17		
Earnings per share (Notes 5 and 8)						
Basic (dollars)	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.85	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.32		
Diluted (dollars)	\$ 1.36	\$ 0.83	\$ 3.41	\$ 3.28		
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$\textbf{CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS} \ (\textit{unaudited})$

For the period ended December 31, 2005

(millions of Canadian dollars)

	Three mor Decem	nths ended lber 31,		ended iber 31,
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Retained earnings at beginning of period	\$ 6,355	\$ 5,006	\$ 5,408	\$ 3,810
Net earnings	714	441	1,791	1,757
Dividends on common shares	(51)	(39)	(181)	(159)
Retained earnings at end of period	\$ 7,018	\$ 5,408	\$ 7,018	\$ 5,408

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

For the period ended December 31, 2005

(millions of Canadian dollars)

	Three months ended December 31,					ear end	
	2005 2004			2005	300111501	2004	
			(N	otes 3 and 4)		(/\	lotes 3 and 4
Operating activities							
Net earnings	\$	714	\$	441	\$ 1,791	\$	1,757
Less: Net earnings from discontinued operations		46		7	98		59
Net earnings from continuing operations		668		434	1,693		1,698
Items not affecting cash flow from continuing operating activities:							
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		285		318	1,222		1,256
Future income taxes		137		140	(85)		27
Accretion of asset retirement obligations		9		13	50		50
Unrealized (gain) loss on translation of foreign currency							
denominated long-term debt		7		(52)	(88)		(77)
Gain on disposal of assets (Note 6)		(25)		-	(48)		(12)
Unrealized (gain) loss associated with the Buzzard derivative							
contracts (Note 16)		(10)		66	889		333
Other		6		10	14		33
Exploration expenses (Note 3)		39		37	140		117
Proceeds from sale of accounts receivable (Note 9)		-		-	80		399
(Increase) decrease in non-cash working capital related to							
continuing operating activities		169		(239)	(84)		104
Cash flow from continuing operating activities	1	,285		727	3,783		3,928
Cash flow from discontinued operating activities (Note 4)		60		66	204		233
Cash flow from operating activities	1	,345		793	3,987		4,161
Investing activities Expenditures on property, plant and equipment and exploration (Notes 3 and 10) Proceeds from sale of assets	1	(881) 52		(936) 7	(3,606) 81	((3,955) 44
Increase in deferred charges and other assets		(15)		(15)	(70)		(36)
Acquisition of Prima Energy Corporation (Note 11) (Increase) decrease in non-cash working capital related to		-		-	-		(644)
investing activities		35		(10)	237		10
		(809)		(954)	(3,358)		(4,581)
Financing activities							
Increase (decrease) in short-term notes payable		-		85	(303)		314
Proceeds from issue of long-term debt (Note 12)		-		-	762		533
Repayment of long-term debt		(1)		(1)	(6)		(299)
Proceeds from issue of common shares (Note 13)		ì3		8	64		` 39 [°]
Purchase of common shares (Note 13)		(89)		(159)	(346)		(447)
Dividends on common shares		(51)		(39)	(181)		(159)
Increase in non-cash working capital related to		. ,		. ,	, ,		. ,
financing activities		-		(8)	-		(26)
-		(138)		(114)	(10)		(45)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		398		(275)	619		(465)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		391		445	170		635
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning or period	\$	789	\$	170	\$ 789	\$	170
Cash and cash equivalents – discontinued operations (Note 4)	 \$	68	<u>Ψ</u>	206	\$ 68	**************************************	206
Cash and cash equivalents — continuing operations	<u></u> \$	721	\$	(36)	\$ 721	**************************************	(36)
Cash and Cash equivalents — continuing operations	φ	141	Φ	(30)	ψ /∠Ι	Ψ	(30)

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (unaudited) As at December 31, 2005

(millions of Canadian dollars)

	December 31,	December 31
	2005	2004
A to		(Note 4
Assets Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 721	\$
Accounts receivable (Note 9)	1,617	φ 1,08
Inventories	596	54
Assets of discontinued operations (Note 4)	237	38
Assets of discontinued operations (Note 4)	3,171	2,02
	3,171	2,02
Property, plant and equipment, net	15,921	14,31
Goodwill	737	85
Deferred charges and other assets	415	34
Assets of discontinued operations (Note 4)	411	59
	\$ 20,655	\$ 18,13
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Outstanding cheques less cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 3
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,854	2,18
Income taxes payable	82	27
Liabilities of discontinued operations (Note 4)	102	13
Short-term notes payable	-	29
Current portion of long-term debt	7	
	3,045	2,93
Long-term debt (Note 12)	2,906	2,27
Other liabilities	1,888	64
Asset retirement obligations	923	83
Future income taxes	2,405	2,70
	_,	_,
Shareholders' equity		
Common shares (Note 13)	1,362	1,31
Contributed surplus (Note 13)	1,422	1,74
Retained earnings	7,018	5,40
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(314)	27
	9,488	8,73
	\$ 20,655	\$ 18,13

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(millions of Canadian dollars)

1. SEGMENTED INFORMATION FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS (Notes 3 and 4)

Three months ended December 31,

		merican		Coast					_					
		al Gas		Oil		Sands		national		stream		Services		olidated
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenue														
Sales to customers	\$ 658	\$ 471	\$ 367	\$ 198	\$ 191	\$ 111	\$ 551	\$ 434	\$3,038	\$2,496	\$ -	\$ -	\$4,805	\$ 3,710
Investment and other income	20	1	1	(2)	-	-	16	(86)	(4)	5	-	(5)	33	(87)
Inter-segment sales		64	67				-	-	3	5	-	-		
Segmented revenue	113			115	177	146			3,037	2,506	-	(5)	4,838	3,623
Expenses	791	536	435	311	368	257	567	348						
Crude oil and product purchases	144	85	48	-	166	91	-	-	2,069	1,625	2	(7)	2,429	1,794
Inter-segment transactions					27	16	-	-	329	309	-	-		
Operating, marketing and general	116	103			105	100			410	353			806	672
Exploration Depreciation, depletion and	2 20	4 44	2 42 4	1 27	1	6	97 52	71 26			36	18	77	76
amortization				-					-	-	_ 1		285	318
Unrealized (gain) loss on translation of foreign current pseeaminated long-term debt	89	89	61	58	43	29	40	70	51	72	7	(52)	7	(52)
Interest	_										, 52	34	, 52	34
merest	-	-	-	- 86	-	-	-	-	⁻ 2,859	⁻ 2,359	98	(7)	3,656	2,842
	371	325	157	-	342	242	189	167	-	- 2,339	90	(1)	3,030	2,042
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	420	020	107		26	15	100	107			(98)	2	1,182	781
Provision for income taxes	0	211	278	225			378	181	178	147	(00)	_	.,	
Current					(18)	(36)	265	107	(3)		(38)	(21)	377	207
Future	88	52	83	69 3	()	()	(45)	38	()	36	` ,	()	137	140
	34 122	28	 15	09	29	41 5	220	145	70	19	34 (4)	11 (10)	514	347
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 298	80 \$ 131	98 \$ 180	72 \$ 153	11 \$ 15	\$ 10	\$ 158	\$ 36	67 \$ 111	55 \$ 92	\$ (94)	\$ 12	\$ 668	\$ 434
Expenditures on property, plant and equipment and exploration from continuing operations	<u>`</u>	\$ 195	\$ 89	\$ 78	\$ 109	\$ 132	\$ 163	\$ 205	\$ 320	\$ 308	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 869 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 923 ⁽¹
Cash flow from continuing operating activities	\$ 482	\$ 231	\$ 165	\$ 243	\$ 120	\$ 141	\$ 235	\$ 154	\$ 324	\$ 193	\$ (41)	\$ (235)	\$ 1,285	\$ 727

Expenditures include capitalized interest in the amount of \$8 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005 (\$7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2004).

(millions of Canadian dollars)

1. SEGMENTED INFORMATION FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS (Notes 3 and 4)

Year ended December 31,

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		merican al Gas		Coast Dil	Oil 9	Sands	Intern	ational	Down	stream	Shared	Services	Consc	olidated
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Revenue														
Sales to customers	\$2,073	\$1,770	\$1,284	\$ 914	\$ 749	\$ 412	\$2,183	\$1,767	\$11,296	\$9,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$17,585	\$14,270
Investment and other income	21	3	(2)	(3)	4	-	(851)	(335)		13	(21)	10	(806)	(312)
Inter-segment sales							-	-	43	14	-	-		
Segmented revenue	345 2,439	215 1,988	346 1,628	527 1,438	660 1,413	548960	1,332	1.432	13,352	9,434	(21)	10	16,779	13,958
Expenses	2, 100	1,000	1,020	1,100	1,110		1,002	1, 102						
Crude oil and product purchases	466	359	48	-	571	291	-	-	7,762	6,093	(1)	(3)	8,846	6,740
Inter-segment transactions					80	49	-	-	1,271	1,241	-	-		
Operating, marketing and general	-	0	0	_					1,436	1,328		64	2,962	2,572
Exploration Depreciation, depletion and	426118	979119	⁶ 58 4	₹20 2	423 32	362 16	364117	319 98			155		271	235
amortization Unrealized (gain) loss on translation of foreign currencyosteeaminated	364	321	259	268	133	69	249	320	- 216	- 277	_ 1	_ 1	1,222	1,256
long-term debt											(88)	(77)	(88)	(77)
Interest											164	142	164	142
	⁻ 1,381	⁻ 1,187	-	-	⁻ 1,239	-	-	-	10,685	- 8,939			13,377	10,868
Earnings (loss) from continuing	-	-	475	395	-	7 87	7 30	7 37	=	-	231	127		
operations before income taxes	1,058		1,153	1,043							(252)	(117)	3,402	3,090
Provision for income taxes		801			174	173	602	695	667	495				
Current					(45)	(71)	1,015				(112)	(74)	1,794	1,365
Future	311 73	330(29)	361 17	323 9	104	124	(304)	631(52)	264(12)	226(45)	37	20		27
					59	53					(75)	(54)	(8\$)709	1,392
Net earnings (loss) from	384	301	378	332			711	579	252	181			(/	
continuing operations	\$ 674	\$ 500	\$ 775	\$ 711	\$ 115	\$ 120	\$ (109)	\$ 116	\$ 415	\$ 314	\$ (177)	\$ (63)	\$ 1,693	\$ 1,698
Expenditures on property, plant and equipment and exploration from continuing operations	\$ 713	\$ 666	\$ 314	\$ 275	\$ 772	\$ 397	\$ 696	\$1,707	\$1,053	\$ 839	\$ 12	\$ 9	\$ 3,560 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3,893 ⁽¹⁾
Cash flow from continuing operating activities	\$1,219	\$ 899	\$1,002	\$1,018	\$ 340	\$ 384	\$ 722	\$ 789	\$ 663	\$ 879	\$ (163)	\$ (41)	\$ 3,783	\$ 3,928

⁽¹⁾ Expenditures include capitalized interest in the amount of \$35 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 (\$20 million for the year ended December 31, 2004).

(millions of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The note disclosure requirements for annual Consolidated Financial Statements provide additional disclosure to that required for interim Consolidated Financial Statements. Accordingly, these interim Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's 2004 Annual Report. The interim Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and follow the accounting policies summarized in the notes to the annual Consolidated Financial Statements except for the change described in Note 3.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of Cash Flows

Effective January 1, 2005, the Company changed the presentation of cash flow in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. Previously, all exploration expenses were classified as investing activities. With the change, general and administrative and geological and geophysical exploration expenses are treated as a reduction of cash flow from operating activities. All prior periods have been restated to reflect this change. The change results in a decrease in cash flow from operating activities and an increase in cash flow from investing activities by \$38 million and \$131 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (\$39 million and \$118 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004).

4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On December 20, 2005, the Company reached an agreement to sell its producing assets in Syria for \$676 million (Euro 484 million) before adjustments. Accordingly, the producing assets in Syria have been classified as held for sale and presented as discontinued operations in the International segment. The sale is expected to close in the first quarter of 2006. The amount of the gain to be recorded will be determined upon closing of the sale.

The accounting for discontinued operations results in a reduction of the Consolidated Statement of Earnings balances as follows:

		nonths ei		Yea Dece			
	2005		2004	2005			2004
Revenue	\$ 118	\$	94	\$	464	\$	419
Expenses							
Operating, marketing and general	26		30		104		118
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	16		34		145		146
	42		64		249		264
Earnings from discontinued operations before							
income taxes	76		30		215		155
Provision for income taxes	30		23		117		96
Net earnings from discontinued operations	\$ 46	\$	7	\$	98	\$	59

4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS (continued)

The assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations are comprised of the following:

	Year ended December 31,				
	2005		2004		
Current assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 237	\$	387		
Property, plant and equipment, net	300		465		
Goodwill	111		133		
Total assets	648		985		
Current liabilities	102		133		
Net assets of discontinued operations	\$ 546	\$	852		

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5. STOCK DIVIDEND

In July 2005, the Company effected a two-for-one stock-split in the form of a stock dividend. Common shareholders of record at the close of business on September 3, 2005 received one additional common share for each common share held. Information related to common shares, stock options and performance share units has been restated to reflect the above.

INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME

Investment and other income includes a net gain of \$2 million and a net loss of \$882 million on derivative contracts (see Note 16) for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (a net loss of \$75 million and a net loss of \$345 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004) and net gains on disposal of assets of \$25 million and \$48 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (\$nil and \$12 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004).

⁽¹⁾ Includes cash and cash equivalents of \$68 million as at December 31, 2005 (December 31, 2004 - \$206 million).

7. ASSET WRITE-DOWNS

Petro-Canada announced in September 2003 it would cease the Oakville refining operations and expand the existing terminalling facilities. The shutdown of the refinery was completed in April 2005. The total charge to earnings related to the shutdown over the three years was \$195 million after-tax. The following expenses have been recorded in the Downstream segment:

		Thre	e mor	iths er	nded [Decemb	oer 31	,	Year ended December 31,							
		20	005			2	004			2005			2004			
	Pre	-Tax	Afte	r-Tax	Pr	e-Tax	Aft	er-Tax	Pr	e-Tax	Aft	er-Tax	Pr	e-Tax	Aft	er-Tax
Operating, marketing and general expenses (decommissioning and employee related costs) Depreciation and amortization expenses (asset write-downs and increased depreciation)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1	\$	1	\$	(4)	\$	(2)	\$	3 71	\$	2
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17	\$	11	\$	(3)	\$	(2)	\$	74	\$	46

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table provides the common shares used in calculating earnings per share from continuing operations and earnings per share:

	Three mont Decemb		Year ended December 31,		
(millions)	2005	2004	2005	2004	
Weighted-average number of common shares					
outstanding – basic	516.2	521.2	518.4	529.3	
Effect of dilutive stock options	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.9	
Weighted-average number of common shares					
outstanding – diluted	523.1	528.2	525.4	536.2	

9. SECURITIZATION PROGRAM

During 2004, the Company entered into a securitization program, expiring in 2009, to sell an undivided interest of eligible accounts receivable to a third party, on a revolving and fully serviced basis.

In March 2005, Petro-Canada increased the limit to sell eligible accounts receivable under the program from \$400 million to \$500 million. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company sold an additional \$80 million of outstanding receivables for net proceeds of \$80 million. As at December 31, 2005, \$480 million (December 31, 2004 - \$400 million) of outstanding accounts receivable had been sold under the program.

10. FORT HILLS OIL SANDS MINING PROJECT

In June 2005, the Company acquired a 60% interest in the Fort Hills oil sands mining project for \$300 million, which was previously wholly-owned by UTS Energy Corporation (UTS). As part of the acquisition, Petro-Canada became the project operator. To pay for their investment, Petro-Canada will fund a portion of UTS' share of next \$2.5 billion of development capital.

In November 2005, the Company and UTS finalized agreements with Teck Cominco Limited (Teck Cominco) whereby Teck Cominco acquired a 15% interest in the Fort Hills oil sands mining project with Petro-Canada and UTS holding interests of 55% and 30%, respectively. Petro-Canada remains the project operator.

11. ACQUISITION OF PRIMA ENERGY CORPORATION

On July 28, 2004, Petro-Canada acquired all the common shares of Prima Energy Corporation, an oil and gas company with operations in the U.S. Rockies, for a total acquisition cost of \$644 million, net of cash acquired. The results of operations were included in the Consolidated Financial Statements from the date of acquisition.

The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The allocation of fair value to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was:

Property, plant and equipment	\$ 688
Goodwill	193
Current assets, excluding cash of \$74 million	36
Deferred charges and other assets	2
Total assets acquired	919
Current liabilities	41
Future income taxes	217
Asset retirement obligations and other liabilities	17
Total liabilities assumed	275
Net assets acquired	\$ 644

Goodwill, which is not tax deductible, was assigned to Petro-Canada's North American Natural Gas business segment.

12. LONG-TERM DEBT

	Maturity	December 31, 2005
Debentures and notes		
5.95% unsecured senior notes (\$600 million US) (1)	2035	\$ 700
5.35% unsecured senior notes (\$300 million US)	2033	350
7.00% unsecured debentures (\$250 million US)	2028	292
7.875% unsecured debentures (\$275 million US)	2026	321
9.25% unsecured debentures (\$300 million US)	2021	350
5.00% unsecured senior notes (\$400 million US)	2014	466
4.00% unsecured senior notes (\$300 million US)	2013	350
Capital leases	2007-2017	77
Retail licensee trust loans	2012-2014	7
		2,913
Current portion		(7)
		\$ 2,906

⁽¹⁾ In May 2005, the Company issued \$600 million US 5.95% notes due May 15, 2035. The proceeds were used primarily to repay existing short-term notes payable.

13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Changes in common shares and contributed surplus were as follows:

	Shares	Amount	 ontributed Surplus
Balance at January 1, 2005	519,928,022	\$ 1,314	\$ 1,743
Issued under employee stock option and share purchase plans	3,544,282	64	-
Repurchased under normal course issuer bid	(8,333,400)	(22)	(324)
Stock-based compensation	-	6	3
Balance at December 31, 2005	515,138,904	\$ 1,362	\$ 1,422

In June 2005, the Company renewed its normal course issuer bid to repurchase up to 26 million of its common shares during the period from June 22, 2005 to June 21, 2006, subject to certain conditions. The Company purchased 2,000,000 shares at a cost of \$89 million and 8,333,400 shares at a cost of \$346 million during the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (4,806,376 shares at a cost of \$159 million and 13,736,164 shares at a cost of \$447 million during the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004). The excess of the purchase price over the carrying amount of the shares purchased, which totaled \$83 million and \$324 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively, was recorded as a reduction of contributed surplus.

14. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Changes in the number of outstanding stock options and performance share units (PSUs) were as follows:

	Stoc	PSUs		
		Weight Exer		
	Number	(0	lollars)	Number
Balance at January 1, 2005	18,074,698	\$	21	565,860
Granted	4,185,800		35	642,940
Exercised	(3,544,282)		18	-
Cancelled	(354,599)		29	(49,833)
Balance at December 31, 2005	18,361,617	\$	24	1,158,967

The total stock-based compensation expense recorded was \$13 million and \$99 million during the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (\$1 million and \$12 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004).

Compensation expense has not been recorded for stock options issued prior to 2003. The following table presents the pro forma net earnings and the pro forma earnings per share computed assuming the fair value based accounting method had been used to account for the compensation cost of stock options granted in 2002.

				7	Γhree mor	าth	s endec	l Dec	ember 3	31,			
			2005					2004					
	Earnings per share (dollars)												
	Net earnings				Basic Diluted			Diluted	Basic			Diluted	
Net earnings as reported	\$	714	\$	441	\$;	1.38	\$	1.36	\$	0.85	\$	0.83
Pro forma adjustment		2		2			-		-		0.01		-
Pro forma net earnings	\$	712	\$	439	\$;	1.38	\$	1.36	\$	0.84	\$	0.83

			Year er	nded De	cemb	er 31,						
	2005	2004		2005					2004			
		Earnings per share (dollars)										
	Net e		Basic Diluted		Diluted	Basic			Diluted			
Net earnings as reported	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,757	\$	3.45	\$	3.41	\$	3.32	\$	3.28		
Pro forma adjustment	8	9		0.01		0.02		0.02		0.02		
Pro forma net earnings	\$ 1,783	\$ 1,748	\$	3.44	\$	3.39	\$	3.30	\$	3.26		

15. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

The Company maintains pension plans with defined benefit and defined contribution provisions and provides certain health care and life insurance benefits to its qualifying retirees. The expenses associated with these plans are as follows:

		Three months ended December 31,				ear ende cember 3	ended nber 31,		
	2005			2004	2005		2004		
Pension Plans:									
Defined benefit plans									
Employer current service cost	\$	12	\$	12	\$ 36	\$	31		
Interest cost		23		21	86		81		
Expected return on plan assets		(23)		(22)	(88)		(79)		
Amortization of transitional assets		(3)		(2)	(6)		(5)		
Amortization of net actuarial losses		8		7	34		30		
		17		16	62		58		
Defined contribution plan		5		4	16		13		
	\$	22	\$	20	\$ 78	\$	71		
Other post-retirement plans:									
Employer current service cost	\$	1	\$	1	\$ 4	\$	4		
Interest cost		3		4	12		13		
Amortization of transitional									
obligation		1		-	2		3		
	\$	5	\$	5	\$ 18	\$	20		

The Company contributed \$112 million to its pension plans in 2005.

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND DERIVATIVES

Investment and other income includes unrealized gains and losses on the outstanding derivative contracts associated with the 2004 acquisition of an interest in the Buzzard field in the U.K. sector of the North Sea. These contracts resulted in a gain of \$10 million and a loss of \$889 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (a loss of \$66 million and a loss of \$333 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004).

Unrealized gains and losses on all derivative contracts increased investment and other income by \$1 million and decreased investment and other income by \$889 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2005, respectively (decreased investment and other income by \$72 million and \$338 million for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2004). As at December 31, 2005, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and other liabilities have been increased by \$5 million, \$1 million, and \$1,222 million, respectively, as a result of unrealized mark-to-market amounts on derivative contracts.

17. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

Accounting Guideline 15 (AcG 15), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (VIEs), provides criteria for the identification of VIEs and further criteria for determining what entity, if any, should consolidate them. Entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristic of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support are subject to consolidation by a company if that company is deemed the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is the party that is subject to a majority of the risk of loss from the variable interest entity's activities, or is entitled to receive a majority of the variable interest entity's residual returns, or both. The Company determined that certain retail licensee agreements would constitute VIEs, even though the Company has no ownership in these entities. The Company, however, is not the primary beneficiary and, therefore, consolidation is not required. In certain of these retail licensee arrangements, the Company has provided loan guarantees. Management is of the opinion that the Company's maximum exposure to loss from these arrangements would not be material.