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(Mark One)

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	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
[X]	OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2014

OR

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 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 1-5153

Marathon Oil Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other i

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 5555 San Felipe Street, Houston, TX 77056-2723 (Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 629-6600 (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 R No \pounds

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 R 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	þ		Accelerated filer o	
Non-accelerated filer	0	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	0

25-0996816 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

There were 676,077,784 shares of Marathon Oil Corporation common stock outstanding as of April 30, 2014.

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Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this Form 10-Q to "Marathon Oil," "we," "our," or "us" are references to Marathon Oil Corporation, including its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries, and its ownership interests in equity method investees (corporate entities, partnerships, limited liability companies and other ventures over which Marathon Oil exerts significant influence by virtue of its ownership interest).

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Part I - Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

MARATHON OIL CORPORATION

Consolidated Statements of Income (Onaudited)	Three Mon March 31,	ths Ended
(In millions, except per share data)	2014	2013
Revenues and other income:		
Sales and other operating revenues, including related party	\$2,830	\$3,354
Marketing revenues	540	430
Income from equity method investments	137	118
Net gain on disposal of assets	2	109
Other income	20	9
Total revenues and other income	3,529	4,020
Costs and expenses:		
Production	613	564
Marketing, including purchases from related parties	540	429
Other operating	114	111
Exploration	76	463
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	697	720
Impairments	17	38
Taxes other than income	98	84
General and administrative	192	172
Total costs and expenses	2,347	2,581
Income from operations	1,182	1,439
Net interest and other	(52) (72
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,130	1,367
Provision for income taxes	590	987
Income from continuing operations	540	380
Discontinued operations	609	3
Net income	\$1,149	\$383
Per Share Data		
Basic:		
Income from continuing operations	\$0.78	\$0.54
Discontinued operations	\$0.88	\$—
Net income	\$1.66	\$0.54
Diluted:		
Income from continuing operations	\$0.77	\$0.54
Discontinued operations	\$0.88	\$—
Net income	\$1.65	\$0.54
Dividends	\$0.19	\$0.17
Weighted average shares:		
Basic	693	708
Diluted	696	712
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.		

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

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	Three Mo	onths Ende	d	
	March 31,			
(In millions)	2014	2013		
Net income	\$1,149	\$383		
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Postretirement and postemployment plans				
Change in actuarial loss and other	(30) 13		
Income tax benefit (provision)	10	(5)	
Postretirement and postemployment plans, net of tax	(20) 8		
Foreign currency translation and other				
Unrealized loss		(1)	
Income tax benefit				
Foreign currency translation and other, net of tax		(1)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(20) 7		
Comprehensive income	\$1,129	\$390		
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.				

Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

Consolidated Dataliee Sheets (Onaddited)	March 31,	December 31,
(In millions, except per share data)	2014	2013
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,964	\$264
Receivables	2,222	2,134
Inventories	405	364
Other current assets	196	213
Total current assets	4,787	2,975
Equity method investments	1,223	1,201
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation,		
depletion and amortization of \$22,336 and \$21,895	28,426	28,145
Goodwill	499	499
Other noncurrent assets	1,216	2,800
Total assets	\$36,151	\$35,620
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Commercial paper	\$—	\$135
Accounts payable	2,382	2,206
Payroll and benefits payable	180	240
Accrued taxes	1,476	1,445
Other current liabilities	208	239
Long-term debt due within one year	68	68
Total current liabilities	4,314	4,333
Long-term debt	6,392	6,394
Deferred tax liabilities	2,517	2,492
Defined benefit postretirement plan obligations	660	604
Asset retirement obligations	2,062	2,009
Deferred credits and other liabilities	401	444
Total liabilities	16,346	16,276
Commitments and contingencies	10,010	10,270
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock – no shares issued or outstanding (no par value,		
26 million shares authorized)		_
Common stock:		
Issued – 770 million and 770 million shares (par value \$1 per share,		
1.1 billion shares authorized)	770	770
Securities exchangeable into common stock – no shares issued or	//0	110
outstanding (no par value, 29 million shares authorized)		
Held in treasury, at cost – 89 million and 73 million shares	(3,445) (2,903)
Additional paid-in capital	6,599	6,592
Retained earnings	16,151	15,135
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	,	× (2 = 2
Total stockholders' equity	19,805) (250) 19,344
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$36,151	\$35,620
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial stateme		\$55,020
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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Chaudited)	Three Mont	hs Ended	
	March 31,		
(In millions)	2014	2013	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			
Operating activities:			
Net income	\$1,149	\$383	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Discontinued operations	(609) (3)
Deferred income taxes	105	45	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	697	720	
Impairments	17	38	
Pension and other postretirement benefits, net	21	7	
Exploratory dry well costs and unproved property impairments	43	404	
Net gain on disposal of assets	(2) (109)
Equity method investments, net	(43) (48)
Changes in:		<i>,</i> ,	
Current receivables	(46) 39	
Inventories	(41) (17)
Current accounts payable and accrued liabilities	129	(71)
All other operating, net	(28) 115	
Net cash provided by continuing operations	1,392	1,503	
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	78	25	
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,470	1,528	
Investing activities:			
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(1,051) (1,321)
Disposal of assets	2,123	312	
Investments - return of capital	20	18	
Investing activities of discontinued operations	(49) (54)
All other investing, net	5	8	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,048	(1,037)
Financing activities:			
Commercial paper, net	(135) (200)
Debt repayments		(114)
Purchases of common stock	(551) —	
Dividends paid	(133) (120)
All other financing, net	9	21	
Net cash used in financing activities	(810) (413)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(8) 6	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,700	84	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	264	684	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$1,964	\$768	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statem	ents.		

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

These consolidated financial statements are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, these statements reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results for the periods reported. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature unless disclosed otherwise. These consolidated financial statements, including notes, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements.

As the result of the sale of our Angola assets (see Note 5), the Angola operations are reflected as discontinued operations in all periods presented. The disclosures in this report related to results of operations and cash flows are presented on the basis of continuing operations, unless otherwise noted.

These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Marathon Oil Corporation 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the first quarter of 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

2. Accounting Standards

Not Yet Adopted

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an amendment to accounting standards that changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations while enhancing related disclosures. Under the amendment, only disposals representing a strategic shift in operations should be presented as discontinued operations. Those strategic shifts should have a major effect on the organization's operations and financial results. Examples include disposal of a major geographic area, a major line of business, or a major equity method investment. Expanded disclosures about the assets, liabilities, income, and expenses of discontinued operations will be required. In addition, disclosure of the pretax income attributable to a disposal of a significant part of an organization that does not qualify for discontinued operations reporting will be made in order to provide users with information about the ongoing trends in an organization's results from continuing operations. The amendments are effective for us in the first quarter of 2015 and early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the provisions of this amendment and assessing the impact, if any, it may have on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows. Recently Adopted

In June 2013, the FASB ratified the Emerging Issues Task Force consensus which requires that an unrecognized tax benefit (or a portion thereof) be presented as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for an available net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or tax credit carryforward. This accounting standards update was effective for us beginning in the first quarter of 2014 and is required to be applied prospectively. Adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

In February 2013, an accounting standards update was issued to provide guidance for the recognition, measurement, and disclosure of obligations resulting from joint and several liability arrangements for which the total amount of the obligation is fixed at the reporting date, except for obligations such as asset retirement and environmental obligations, contingencies, guarantees, income taxes and retirement benefits, which are separately addressed within United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. This accounting standards update was effective for us beginning in the first quarter of 2014 and is required to be applied retrospectively. Adoption of this standard did not have a significant impact on our consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

3. Variable Interest Entity

The owners of the Athabasca Oil Sands Project ("AOSP"), in which we hold a 20 percent undivided interest, contracted with a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded Canadian limited partnership ("Corridor Pipeline") to provide materials transportation capabilities among the Muskeg River and Jackpine mines, the Scotford upgrader and markets in Edmonton. Costs under this contract are accrued and recorded on a monthly basis, with current liabilities of \$3 million recorded at March 31, 2014, consistent with December 31, 2013. This contract qualifies as a variable interest

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contractual arrangement and the Corridor Pipeline qualifies as a variable interest entity ("VIE"). We hold a variable interest but are not the primary beneficiary because our shipments are only 20 percent of the total; therefore the Corridor Pipeline is not consolidated by us. Our maximum exposure to loss as a result of our involvement with this VIE is the amount we expect to pay over the contract term, which was \$741 million as of March 31, 2014. The liability on our books related to this contract at any given time will reflect amounts due for the immediately previous month's activity, which is substantially less than the maximum exposure over the contract term.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

4. Income per Common Share

Basic income per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted income per share assumes exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights, provided the effect is not antidilutive.

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2014		2013	
(In millions, except per share data)	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted
Income from continuing operations	\$540	\$540	\$380	\$380
Discontinued operations	609	609	3	3
Net income	\$1,149	\$1,149	\$383	\$383
Weighted average common shares outstanding	693	693	708	708
Effect of dilutive securities		3		4
Weighted average common shares, including				
dilutive effect	693	696	708	712
Per share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$0.78	\$0.77	\$0.54	\$0.54
Discontinued operations	\$0.88	\$0.88	\$—	\$—
Net income	\$1.66	\$1.65	\$0.54	\$0.54
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The per share calculations above exclude 5 million and 6 million stock options for the first three months of 2014 and 2013 as they were antidilutive.

5. Dispositions

2014 - International Exploration and Production ("E&P") Segment

In the first quarter of 2014, we closed the sales of our non-operated 10 percent working interests in the Production Sharing Contracts and Joint Operating Agreements for Angola Blocks 31 and 32 for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$2 billion. A \$576 million after-tax gain on the sale of our Angola assets was recorded in the first quarter of 2014. Included in this after-tax gain is a deferred tax benefit reflecting our ability to utilize foreign tax credits that would have otherwise needed a valuation allowance. Our Angola operations are reflected as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of income and the consolidated statements of cash flows for all periods presented.

Select amounts reported in discontinued operations were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,			
(In millions)	2014	2013		
Revenues applicable to discontinued operations	\$58	\$86		
Pretax income from discontinued operations ^(a)	\$51	\$41		
Pretax gain on disposition of discontinued operations	\$470	\$—		
(a) After-tax income of \$33 million and \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013.				

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Assets held for sale in the December 31, 2013 consolidated balance sheet related to the Angola Block 31 disposition that was pending at that date included:

(In millions)	December 31,
	2013
Other current assets	\$41
Other noncurrent assets	1,647
Total assets	\$1,688
Other current liabilities	\$25
Deferred credits and other liabilities	43
Total liabilities	\$68

2013 - North America E&P Segment

In February 2013, we conveyed our interests in the Marcellus natural gas shale play to the operator. A \$43 million pretax loss on this transaction was recorded in the first quarter of 2013.

In February 2013, we closed the sale of our interest in the Neptune gas plant, located onshore Louisiana, for proceeds of \$166 million. A \$98 million pretax gain was recorded in the first quarter of 2013.

In January 2013, we closed the sale of our remaining assets in Alaska, for proceeds of \$195 million, subject to a six-month escrow of \$50 million which was collected in July 2013. A \$46 million pretax gain, before closing adjustments, was recorded in the first quarter of 2013. An additional \$9 million pretax gain was recorded after finalizing closing adjustments in the second quarter of 2013.

6. Segment Information

We have three reportable operating segments. Each of these segments is organized and managed based upon both geographic location and the nature of the products and services it offers.

North America E&P ("N.A. E&P") – explores for, produces and markets liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas in North America;

International E&P ("Int'l E&P") – explores for, produces and markets liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas outside of North America and produces and markets products manufactured from natural gas, such as liquefied natural gas ("LNG") and methanol, in Equatorial Guinea; and

Oil Sands Mining ("OSM") – mines, extracts and transports bitumen from oil sands deposits in Alberta, Canada, and upgrades the bitumen to produce and market synthetic crude oil and vacuum gas oil.

Information regarding assets by segment is not presented because it is not reviewed by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"). Segment income represents income from continuing operations excluding certain items not allocated to segments, net of income taxes, attributable to the operating segments. Our corporate and operations support general and administrative costs are not allocated to the operating segments. These costs primarily consist of employment costs (including pension effects), professional services, facilities and other costs associated with corporate and operations support activities. Unrealized gains or losses on crude oil derivative instruments, certain impairments, gains or losses on dispositions or other items that affect comparability (as determined by the CODM) also are not allocated to operating segments.

As discussed in Note 5, in the first quarter of 2014, we sold our Angola assets. The Angola operations are reflected as discontinued operations and excluded from the International E&P segment in all periods presented.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014				
				Not Allocated	
(In millions)	N.A. E&P	Int'l E&P	OSM	to Segments	Total
Sales and other operating revenues	\$1,392	\$1,061	\$377	\$—	\$2,830
Marketing revenues	440	69	31		540
Total revenues	1,832	1,130	408		3,370
Income from equity method investments		137			137
Net gain on disposal of assets and other income	3	17	2		22
Less:					
Production expenses	211	171	231		613
Marketing costs	440	69	31		540
Exploration expenses	57	19			76
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	515	125	45	12	697
Impairments	17				17
Other expenses ^(a)	110	54	13	129 (c) 306
Taxes other than income	90	3	5		98
Net interest and other	_			52	52
Income tax provision (benefit)	153	512	21	(96)	590
Segment income/Income from continuing operations	\$242	\$331	\$64	\$(97)	\$540
Capital expenditures ^(b)	\$867	\$171	\$68	\$3	\$1,109

^(a) Includes other operating expenses and general and administrative expenses.

^(b) Includes accruals.

^(c) Includes pension settlement loss of \$63 million.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2013

(In millions)N.A. E&PInt'l E&POSMto SegmentsTotalSales and other operating revenues $\$1,215$ $\$1,801$ $\$388$ $\$(50)$ $)^{(c)}$ $\$3,354$ Marketing revenues 345 85 $ 430$ Total revenues $1,560$ $1,886$ 388 (50) $)$ $3,784$ Income from equity method investments $ 118$ $ 118$ Net gain on disposal of assets and other income $ 16$ $ 102$ 118 Less: $ 564$ Marketing costs 347 82 $ 429$ Exploration expenses 435 28 $ 463$ Depreciation, depletion and amortization 478 180 52 10 720 Impairments 23 $ 15$ 38
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Impairments 23 — — 15 38
Other expenses ^(a) 106 65 8 104 283
Taxes other than income762684
Net interest and other — — 72 72
Income tax provision (benefit) (30) 1,100 13 (96) 987
Segment income/Income from continuing operations \$(59) \$454 \$38 \$(53) \$380
Capital expenditures ^(b) \$970 \$171 \$45 \$30 \$1,216

^(a) Includes other operating expenses and general and administrative expenses.

^(b) Includes accruals.

^(c) Unrealized loss on crude oil derivative instruments.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

7. Defined Benefit Postretirement Plans

The following summarizes the components of net periodic benefit cost:

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	Pension E	Benefits	Other Ber	nefits	
(In millions)	2014	2013	2014	2013	
Service cost	\$14	\$14	\$1	\$1	
Interest cost	16	15	3	3	
Expected return on plan assets	(18) (17) —		
Amortization:					
 prior service cost (credit) 	1	2	(1) (2)
– actuarial loss	6	13			
Net settlement loss ^(a)	63				
Net periodic benefit cost	\$82	\$27	\$3	\$2	
Amortization: – prior service cost (credit) – actuarial loss Net settlement loss ^(a)	1 6 63	$\frac{2}{13}$)

(a) Settlements are recognized as they occur, once it is probable that lump sum payments from a plan for a given year will exceed the plan's total service and interest cost for that year. Such settlements were recorded for our U.S. plans in the first quarter of 2014.

During the first quarter of 2014, we recorded the effects of partial settlements of our United States ("U.S.") pension plans and we remeasured the plans' assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2014. As a result, we recognized a pretax increase of \$36 million in actuarial losses, net of settlement loss, in other comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

During the first three months of 2014, we made contributions of \$20 million to our funded pension plans. We expect to make additional contributions up to an estimated \$57 million to our funded pension plans over the remainder of 2014. Current benefit payments related to unfunded pension and other postretirement benefit plans were \$40 million and \$4 million during the first three months of 2014.

8. Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate is influenced by a variety of factors including the geographic and functional sources of income, the relative magnitude of these sources of income, and foreign currency remeasurement, net of any foreign currency hedge effects. The provision for income taxes is allocated on a discrete, stand-alone basis to pretax segment income and to individual items not allocated to segments. The difference between the total provision and the sum of the amounts allocated to segments is reported in the "Not Allocated to Segments" column of the tables in Note 6. Our effective income tax rates on continuing operations for the first three months of 2014 and 2013 were 52 percent and 72 percent. These rates are higher than the U.S. statutory rate of 35 percent due to earnings from foreign jurisdictions, primarily Norway in 2014 and 2013 and Libya in 2013, where the tax rates are in excess of the U.S. statutory rate. The decrease in the effective tax rate on continuing operations, which are in a lower tax jurisdiction, and pretax losses in Libya.

The tax provision (benefit) applicable to Libyan ordinary income (loss) was recorded as a discrete item in the first three months of 2014 and 2013. Excluding Libya, the effective tax rates on continuing operations would be 53 percent and 64 percent for the first three months of 2014 and 2013. In Libya, where the statutory tax rate is in excess of 90 percent, we have had no oil liftings since July 2013 due to third-party labor strikes at the Es Sider oil terminal and there remains uncertainty around future production and sales levels. Reliable estimates of 2014 and 2013 Libyan annual ordinary income from our operations could not be made and the range of possible scenarios in the worldwide annual effective tax rate calculation demonstrates significant variability. As such, for the first three months of 2014 and 2013, estimated annual effective tax rates were calculated excluding Libya and applied to consolidated ordinary income excluding Libya.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

9. Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market value.

March 31,	December 31,
2014	2013
\$68	\$55
337	309
\$405	\$364
March 31,	December 31,
2014	2013
\$27,309	\$26,755
12,519	12,428
10,514	10,436
420	421
50,762	50,040
(22,336)	(21,895)
\$28,426	\$28,145
	2014 \$68 337 \$405 March 31, 2014 \$27,309 12,519 10,514 420 50,762 (22,336)

Beginning in the third quarter of 2013, our Libya operations have been impacted by on-going third-party labor strikes at the Es Sider oil terminal and there remains uncertainty around future production and sales levels. We have had no oil liftings in Libya since July 2013. We and our partners in the Waha concessions continue to assess the situation and the condition of our assets in Libya. As of March 31, 2014, our net property, plant and equipment investment in Libya is approximately \$770 million.

Exploratory well costs capitalized greater than one year after completion of drilling were \$153 million as of March 31, 2014, a net decrease of \$128 million from December 31, 2013. This net decrease was the result of: a decrease of \$153 million due to the sale of our interests in Angola Blocks 31 and 32, a decrease of \$26 million due to the commencement of drilling at the Boyla development offshore Norway, and an increase of \$51 million related to the Shenandoah prospect in the Gulf of Mexico, with costs incurred primarily in 2012 and 2013, which has now been suspended for more than one year. Additional appraisal drilling on the non-operated Shenandoah prospect is expected to begin in 2014.

11. Fair Value Measurements

Fair Values - Recurring

The following tables present assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 by fair value hierarchy level.

	March 31, 2014	4			
(In millions)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Collateral	Total
Derivative instruments, assets					
Interest rate	\$—	\$7	\$—	\$—	\$7
Foreign currency	—	10		—	10
Derivative instruments, assets	\$—	\$17	\$—	\$—	\$17
Derivative instruments, liabilities					
Foreign currency	\$—	\$2	\$—	\$—	\$2
Derivative instruments, liabilities	\$—	\$2	\$—	\$—	\$2

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

	December 31,	2013			
(In millions)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Collateral	Total
Derivative instruments, assets					
Interest rate	\$—	\$8	\$—	\$—	\$8
Foreign currency	—	2			2
Derivative instruments, assets	\$—	\$10	\$—	\$—	\$10
Derivative instruments, liabilities					
Foreign currency	\$—	\$4	\$—	\$—	\$4
Derivative instruments, liabilities	\$—	\$4	\$—	\$—	\$4

Interest rate swaps are measured at fair value with a market approach using actionable broker quotes which are Level 2 inputs. Foreign currency forwards are measured at fair value with a market approach using third-party pricing services, such as Bloomberg L.P., which have been corroborated with data from active markets for similar assets or liabilities, and are Level 2 inputs.

Fair Values - Nonrecurring

The following table shows the values of assets, by major category, measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in periods subsequent to their initial recognition.

	Three Months Ended March 31,				
	2014		2013		
(In millions)	Fair Value	Impairment	Fair Value	Impairment	
Long-lived assets held for use	\$—	\$17	\$—	\$38	

All long-lived assets held for use that were impaired in the first quarters of 2014 and 2013 were held by our North America E&P segment. The fair values of each discussed below were measured using an income approach based upon internal estimates of future production levels, prices and discount rate, all of which are Level 3 inputs. Inputs to the fair value measurement included reserve and production estimates made by our reservoir engineers, estimated commodity prices adjusted for quality and location differentials, and forecasted operating expenses for the remaining estimated life of the reservoir.

The Ozona development in the Gulf of Mexico ceased producing in the first quarter of 2013 and a \$21 million impairment was recorded. In the first quarter of 2014, we recorded an additional \$17 million impairment as a result of estimated abandonment cost revisions.

In the first quarter of 2013, as a result of our decision to wind down operations in the Powder River Basin due to poor economics, an impairment of \$15 million was recorded.

Other impairments of long-lived assets held for use by our North America E&P segment in the first quarter of 2013 were a result of reduced drilling expectations, reductions of estimated reserves or declining natural gas prices. Fair Values – Financial Instruments

Our current assets and liabilities include financial instruments, the most significant of which are receivables, commercial paper and payables. We believe the carrying values of our receivables, commercial paper and payables approximate fair value. Our fair value assessment incorporates a variety of considerations, including (1) the short-term duration of the instruments, (2) our investment-grade credit rating, and (3) our historical incurrence of and expected future insignificance of bad debt expense, which includes an evaluation of counterparty credit risk.

The following table summarizes financial instruments, excluding receivables, commercial paper, payables and derivative financial instruments, and their reported fair value by individual balance sheet line item at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

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	March 31, 2014		December 3	1, 2013
	Fair	Carrying	Fair	Carrying
(In millions)	Value	Amount	Value	Amount
Financial assets				
Other noncurrent assets	\$154	\$147	\$154	\$147
Total financial assets	154	147	154	147
Financial liabilities				
Other current liabilities	13	13	13	13
Long-term debt, including current portion ^(a)	7,020	6,427	6,922	6,427
Deferred credits and other liabilities	153	149	149	147
Total financial liabilities	\$7,186	\$6,589	\$7,084	\$6,587
^(a) Excludes capital leases.				

Fair values of our financial assets included in other noncurrent assets and of our financial liabilities included in other current liabilities and deferred credits and other liabilities are measured using an income approach and most inputs are internally generated, which results in a Level 3 classification. Estimated future cash flows are discounted using a rate deemed appropriate to obtain the fair value.

Most of our long-term debt instruments are publicly-traded. A market approach, based upon quotes from major financial institutions, which are Level 2 inputs, is used to measure the fair value of such debt. The fair value of our debt that is not publicly-traded is measured using an income approach. The future debt service payments are discounted using the rate at which we currently expect to borrow. All inputs to this calculation are Level 3. 12. Derivatives

For further information regarding the fair value measurement of derivative instruments, see Note 11. All of our interest rate derivatives are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements under which we may report net amounts. Netting is assessed by counterparty, and as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, there were no offsetting amounts. Positions by contract were all either assets or liabilities. The following tables present the gross fair values of derivative instruments, excluding cash collateral, and the reported net amounts along with where they appear on the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

	March 31, 2014	4		
(In millions)	Asset	Liability	Net Asset	Balance Sheet Location
Fair Value Hedges				
Interest rate	\$7	\$—	\$7	Other noncurrent assets
Foreign currency	10		10	Other current assets
Total Designated Hedges	\$17	\$—	\$17	
	March 31, 2014	1		
(In millions)	Asset	Liability	Net Liability	Balance Sheet Location
Fair Value Hedges				
Foreign currency	\$—	\$2	\$2	Other current liabilities
Total Designated Hedges	\$—	\$2	\$2	

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	December (31, 2013		
(In millions)	Asset	Liability	Net Asset	Balance Sheet Location
Fair Value Hedges				
Interest rate	\$8	\$—	\$8	Other noncurrent assets
Foreign currency	2		2	Other current assets
Total Designated Hedges	\$10	\$—	\$10	
	December (31, 2013		
(In millions)	Asset	Liability	Net Liability	Balance Sheet Location
Fair Value Hedges				
Foreign currency	\$—	\$4	\$4	Other current liabilities
Total Designated Hedges	\$—	\$4	\$4	
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Derivatives Designated as Fair Value Hedges

The following table presents by maturity date, information about our interest rate swap agreements as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, including the weighted average, London Interbank Offer Rate ("LIBOR")-based, floating rate.

	Aggregate Noti	onal March 31,	2014 December 3	1, 2013
	Amount	Weighted Average, LIBOR-Based,		
Maturity Dates	(in millions)	Floating F	late	
October 1, 2017	\$600	4.64	% 4.65	%
March 15, 2018	\$300	4.49	% 4.50	%
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As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our foreign currency forwards had an aggregate notional amount of 4,261 million and 2,387 million Norwegian Kroner at weighted average forward rates of 6.069 and 6.060. These forwards hedge our current Norwegian tax liability and those outstanding at March 31, 2014 have settlement dates through August 2014.

The pretax effect of derivative instruments designated as hedges of fair value in our consolidated statements of income are summarized in the table below. There is no ineffectiveness related to the fair value hedges.

Gain (Loss)				
		Three Mo	nths Ended Marc	ch 31,
(In millions)	Income Statement Location	2014	2013	
Derivative				
Interest rate	Net interest and other	\$(1) \$(3)
Foreign currency	Provision for income taxes	\$3	\$(25)
Hedged Item				
Long-term debt	Net interest and other	\$1	\$3	
Accrued taxes	Provision for income taxes	\$(3) \$25	
Derivatives not De	signated as Hedges			

The impact of all commodity derivative instruments not designated as hedges appears in sales and other operating revenues in our consolidated statements of income and was a net loss of \$55 million in the first quarter of 2013.

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13. Incentive Based Compensation

Stock option and restricted stock awards

The following table presents a summary of stock option and restricted stock award activity for the first three months of 2014:

Stock Options			Restricted Stock	
Number of		Weighted		Weighted
Shares		U	Awards	Average Grant
		Exercise Price		Date Fair Value
18,104,887		\$27.27	4,031,888	\$31.80
901,447	(a)	\$33.94	138,851	\$33.85
(289,709)	\$20.89	(368,263)	\$33.60
(246,363)	\$33.60	(201,215)	\$31.33
18,470,262		\$27.61	3,601,261	\$31.72
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^(a) The weighted average grant date fair value of stock option awards granted was \$10.47 per share.

Stock-based performance unit awards

During the first quarter of 2014, we granted 221,491 stock-based performance units to certain officers. The grant date fair value per unit was \$34.28.

14. Reclassifications Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table presents a summary of amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net income in their entirety:

·	Three Mor	nths H	Ended Marc	h 31,			
(In millions)	2014		2013		Income Statem	ent Line	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss Comp	onents						
	Income (E	Expen	se)				
Postretirement and postemployment plans							
Amortization of actuarial loss	\$(6)	\$(13)	General and ad	ministrative	
Net settlement loss	(63)			General and ad	ministrative	
	(69)	(13)	Income from o	perations	
	23		5		Provision for in	ncome taxes	
Total reclassifications for the period	\$(46)	\$(8)	Net income		
15. Stockholders' Equity							
During the first quarter of 2014, we acquired 16	million con	nmon	shares at a	cost	of \$551 million u	inder our share	
repurchase program.							
16. Supplemental Cash Flow Information							
				Three Months Ended March 31,			,
(In millions)					2014	2013	
Net cash provided from operating activities:							
Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized)				:	\$56	\$61	
Income taxes paid to taxing authorities				4	453	1,003	
Commercial paper, net:							
Commercial paper - issuances				:	\$2,235	\$200	
- repayments					(2,370) (400)
Noncash investing activities, related to continuin	ng operation	ns:					
Asset retirement costs capitalized				:	\$37	\$27	
Change in capital expenditure accrual					58	(105)
Asset retirement obligations assumed by buyer				4	43	88	

Receivable for disposal	of	assets
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17. Commitments and Contingencies

We are a defendant in a number of lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business, including, but not limited to, royalty claims, contract claims and environmental claims. While the ultimate outcome and impact to us cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe the resolution of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Contractual commitments – At March 31, 2014, Marathon's contract commitments to acquire property, plant and equipment were \$1,190 million.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

We are an international energy company based in Houston, Texas, with activities in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. We have three reportable operating segments. Each of these segments is organized and managed based upon both geographic location and the nature of the products and services it offers.

North America E&P – explores for, produces and markets liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas in North America; International E&P – explores for, produces and markets liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas outside of North America and produces and markets products manufactured from natural gas, such as LNG and methanol, in Equatorial Guinea ("E.G."); and

Oil Sands Mining – mines, extracts and transports bitumen from oil sands deposits in Alberta, Canada, and upgrades the bitumen to produce and market synthetic crude oil and vacuum gas oil.

Certain sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contain forward-looking statements concerning trends or events potentially affecting our business. These statements typically contain words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "targets," "plans," "projects," "could," "may," "should," "would" or similar words indicating that future outcomes a uncertain. In accordance with "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, these statements are accompanied by cautionary language identifying important factors, though not necessarily all such factors, which could cause future outcomes to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. For additional risk factors affecting our business, see Item 1A. Risk Factors in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K. We assume no duty to update these statements as to any future date.

Key Operating and Financial Activities

In the first quarter of 2014, notable activities were:

Increased net income per diluted share to \$1.65, which includes \$0.83 per diluted share related to the after-tax gain on the sale of our Angola assets, an increase of over 200 percent from the same quarter of last year

Increased income from continuing operations per diluted share to \$0.77, up 43 percent from the same quarter of last year

Three high-quality U.S. resource plays averaged net production of 154 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day ("mboed"), up 26 percent from the first quarter of 2013

Eagle Ford downspacing results continued to consistently outperform modeled type curves

Austin Chalk and Eagle Ford co-development continuing on plan with completion of first 2014 Austin Chalk well at 30-day initial production ("IP") rate of 1,600 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("boed")

Bakken and Three Forks co-development progressing with high density pilots delivering strong results; testing eight wells per 1,280-acre drilling spacing unit

Bakken recompletions program delivered five wells with initial 24-hour and 30-day IP rates exceeding expectations South Central Oklahoma Oil Province ("SCOOP") extended-reach (XL) wells delivering strong results with two wells at 30-day IP rates of up to 1,550 boed

Recorded 97 percent average operational availability for operated assets

Marketing of North Sea businesses on schedule; bids due in second quarter

Closed on sales of Angola Blocks 31 and 32 for aggregate cash proceeds of approximately \$2 billion, resulting in after-tax gain of \$576 million

Completed second phase of \$1 billion share repurchase; initiated additional \$500 million share repurchase

Significant second quarter activity through May 7, 2014 includes:

Substantially completed additional \$500 million share repurchase

Overview and Outlook

Our net sales volumes from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2014 averaged 457 mboed compared to 514 mboed for the first quarter of 2013. Excluding Libya, where we had no oil liftings in the first quarter of 2014 as a result of on-going third-party labor strikes at the Es Sider oil terminal, our net sales volumes from continuing operations for the first quarter of 2014 averaged 457 mboed compared to 476 mboed for the first quarter of 2013. See Supplemental Statistics for a tabular presentation of net sales volumes by product and location for each period. North America E&P

Production

Net liquid hydrocarbon and natural gas sales volumes averaged 213 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 198 mboed in the first quarter of 2013, for an increase of approximately 8 percent. Net liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes increased 22 thousand barrels per day ("mbbld") for the first quarter of 2014, primarily reflecting the continued growth across our three U.S. resource plays partially offset by natural declines in Gulf of Mexico production. Extreme winter weather impacts on availability and completion operations negatively impacted production in the first quarter of 2014. Net natural gas sales volumes decreased 40 million cubic feet per day ("mmcfd") during the same period, due primarily to the cessation of production from operated wells in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming and to the sale of our Alaska assets in January 2013. These decreases were somewhat offset by increases in associated natural gas production from our U.S. resource plays.

Eagle Ford – Average net sales volumes from Eagle Ford were 96 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 72 mboed in the same period of 2013, for an increase of 33 percent. Approximately 65 percent of the first quarter of 2014 production was crude oil and condensate, 17 percent was natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and 18 percent was natural gas. Individual well results were strong during the quarter and continued to consistently outperform the modeled type curves. With the transition to higher density pad drilling, from an average of three to four wells per pad, coupled with a period of rebuilding uncompleted well inventory, the number of wells we brought to sales was lower compared to the fourth quarter of 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we reached total depth on 83 gross operated wells and brought 49 gross operated wells to sales compared to 76 reaching total depth and 69 brought to sales in the first quarter average spud-to-total depth time was 14 days, which reflected the addition and ramp up of three new rigs and an increased number of wells with longer laterals, compared to 12 days in the same period of 2013.

We continued to progress co-development opportunities in the Austin Chalk. In early April, we brought online an Austin Chalk appraisal well, the Children Weston 4H, with a 30-day IP rate of 1,600 boed (76 percent liquid hydrocarbons) constrained at a 16/64 choke. This is our sixth Austin Chalk producer which continues the further appraisal of full Austin Chalk potential. Two additional Austin Chalk wells are waiting on completion and three more pilot groups, with a total of six Austin Chalk wells, are currently drilling.

Bakken – Average net sales volumes from the Bakken shale were 43 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 37 mboed in the same period of 2013, for an increase of 16 percent. Our Bakken production averages approximately 90 percent crude oil, 4 percent NGLs and 6 percent natural gas. During the first quarter of 2014, we reached total depth on 16 gross operated wells and brought 15 gross operated wells sales. Our first quarter average time to drill a well was 18 days spud-to-total depth, compared to 16 days in the same period of 2013. Both our drilling and completion activities were impacted by extraordinary winter weather in the first quarter of 2014.

We recompleted five wells during the first quarter of 2014 with favorable results in the Myrmidon area and have recently expanded south in the Hector area. We continue high density pilots to test 320-acre spacing for co-development with four Middle Bakken and four Three Forks wells per 1,280-acre spacing unit. Further high density pilots with up to 12 wells per 1,280-acre spacing unit are planned by the end of 2014.

Oklahoma resource basins – Net sales volumes from the Oklahoma resource basins averaged 15 mboed in the first quarter of 2014, for an increase of 15 percent over the same period of 2013. Importantly, liquid hydrocarbon volumes increased approximately 28 percent compared to the first quarter of 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we reached total depth on five gross operated wells and brought four gross SCOOP wells to sales. The 30-day IP rates for the two SCOOP XL wells were 990 boed (70 percent liquid hydrocarbons) and 1,550 boed (66 percent liquid hydrocarbons). We have accumulated more than 100,000 net acres in the SCOOP area.

We continue to test other horizons in Oklahoma with two operated wells producing in the Southern Mississippi Trend and the first of two Granite Wash horizontal wells online. Two additional wells in the Southern Mississippi Trend are scheduled to spud in the second quarter of 2014.

Wyoming – Operated production at the Powder River Basin field ceased in March 2014. Plug and abandonment activities are expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

Exploration

Gulf of Mexico – The Key Largo prospect, located on Walker Ridge Block 578, is anticipated to spud in the third quarter of 2014 as the first well with the new-build deepwater drillship. We are operator and hold a 60 percent working interest in the prospect.

We expect the second appraisal well on the non-operated Shenandoah prospect to be spud in the second quarter of 2014. The well will be located on Walker Ridge Block 51, in which we hold a 10 percent working interest. We have farmed into the Perseus prospect located on Desoto Canyon Blocks 143, 187, 188, 230 and 231. A well is anticipated to spud in the second half of 2014. We hold a 30 percent non-operated working interest. International E&P

Production

Net liquid hydrocarbon and natural gas sales volumes averaged 197 mboed during the first quarter of 2014 compared to 265 mboed in the same period of 2013, a 26 percent decrease. We had no oil liftings in Libya in the first quarter of 2014 as a result of on-going third-party labor strikes at the Es Sider oil terminal. Excluding Libya, net sales volumes decreased 13 percent in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the first quarter of 2013 primarily as a result of significant unplanned downtime at the non-operated Foinaven field in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") and unplanned downtime at the methanol plant in Equatorial Guinea, as well as natural decline from North Sea assets and production curtailments at Alvheim in Norway due to severe winter weather.

Equatorial Guinea – Average net sales volumes were 108 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 111 mboed in the same period of 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, work was completed on scheduled offshore riser repairs, an unplanned repair at the methanol plant, as well as a planned 8-day partial shut-down at the LNG plant, which was accomplished ahead of schedule and under budget.

Norway – Average net sales volumes from Norway decreased 20 percent to 70 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 88 mboed in the same period of 2013, primarily reflecting natural field production decline. Alvheim was also impacted in the first quarter of 2014 by severe winter weather which resulted in eight days of curtailed production.

United Kingdom – Average net sales volumes were 18 mboed in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 28 mboed in the same period of 2013, a 36 percent decrease as a result of reliability issues at the non-operated Foinaven field, as well as natural decline and a delayed reinstatement of gas compression at Brae. During the second quarter of 2014, a turnaround is planned at Brae. The reliability issues at Foinaven continue into the second quarter of 2014 and will impact production and the timing of future liftings. Additionally, we expect a planned turnaround at Foinaven to begin in the second quarter and extend into the third quarter of 2014.

Libya – We have had no oil liftings in Libya since July 2013 due to ongoing third-party labor strikes at the Es Sider oil terminal. Despite reported progress at other terminals, the Es Sider oil terminal remains closed. Exploration

Kurdistan Region of Iraq – The Jisik-1 exploration well was spud on the Harir Block in December 2013. We expect the well to reach a projected total depth of 13,100 feet in the second quarter of 2014. Following the successful 2013 Mirawa-1 discovery, the Mirawa-2 appraisal well is expected to spud in the third quarter of 2014. We hold a 45 percent operated working interest in the Harir Block.

The Atrush-4 development well reached total depth on the Atrush Block in January 2014. Well testing was completed in April and the well has been suspended as a future producer. The Chiya Khere-5 development well (formerly Atrush-5), included in the previously approved Atrush development plan, is expected to spud in the second quarter of 2014. First oil from the Atrush Block is expected in 2015. We hold a 15 percent non-operated working interest in the Atrush Block.

Kenya – The Sala-1 exploration well was spud in February 2014 on the eastern side of Block 9, where previous wells drilled had confirmed a working petroleum system. The Sala-1 is expected to reach a total depth of approximately 11,300 feet in the second quarter of 2014. We hold a 50 percent non-operated working interest in Block 9 with the option to operate any commercial development.

Ethiopia – The Shimela-1 spud in March 2014 on the South Omo Block and is expected to reach a total depth of 8,850 feet in the second quarter of 2014. We hold a 20 percent non-operated interest in the South Omo Block.

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We increased our acreage in Ethiopia through a farm-in to the Rift Basin Area Block with 10.5 million gross acres. We hold a 50 percent non-operated working interest in the block with the option to operate if a discovery is made. Gabon – In late October 2013, we were the high bidder as operator of the G13 deepwater block in the pre-salt play offshore Gabon. We have received a Model Production Sharing Contract ("PSC") from the Gabonese government and negotiations toward a final PSC are ongoing. Award of the block is subject to government approval.

Poland – During the first quarter of 2014, we relinquished our remaining 4 operated concessions to the government. Oil Sands Mining

Our Oil Sands Mining operations consist of a 20 percent non-operated working interest in the AOSP. Our net synthetic crude oil sales volumes were 47 mbbld in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 51 mbbld in the same period of 2013, as a result of lower mine reliability and nine days of planned mine maintenance. We expect a planned turnaround in the second quarter of 2014.

Acquisitions and Dispositions

In the first quarter of 2014, we closed the sales of our non-operated 10 percent working interests in the Production Sharing Contracts and Joint Operating Agreements for Angola Blocks 31 and 32 for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$2 billion. See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements for information about these dispositions. The above discussions include forward-looking statements with respect to future drilling plans, exploration drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico, Ethiopia, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Kenya, the timing of first production for the Atrush Block, the award of one block in Gabon, planned turnarounds at Foinaven, Brae, and oil sands mining, the possible sale of the U.K. and Norway businesses, and the common stock repurchase program. The reported average number of days to drill a well may not be indicative of the number of days to drill a well in the future. The current or initial production rates may not be indicative of future production rates. Factors that could potentially affect future drilling plans, exploration drilling activity in the Gulf of Mexico, Ethiopia, the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Kenya, and the timing of first production for the Atrush Block include pricing, supply and demand for liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas, the amount of capital available for exploration and development, regulatory constraints, timing of commencing production from new wells, drilling rig availability, availability of materials and labor, the inability to obtain or delay in obtaining necessary government and third-party approvals and permits, unforeseen hazards such as weather conditions, acts of war or terrorist acts and the governmental or military response thereto, and other geological, operating and economic considerations. The award of the block in Gabon is subject to government approval and negotiation of an exploration and production sharing contract. The planned turnarounds at Foinaven, Brae, and oil sands mining are based on current expectations and good faith projections and are not guarantees of future performance. The possible sale of the U.K. and Norway businesses is subject to the identification of one or more buyers, board approval, successful negotiations, and execution of definitive agreements. The common stock repurchase program could be affected by changes in the prices of and demand for liquid hydrocarbons and natural gas, actions of competitors, disruptions or interruptions of our exploration or production operations, unforeseen hazards such as weather conditions or acts of war or terrorist acts and other operating and economic considerations. Actual results may differ materially from these expectations, estimates and projections and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and difficult to predict. The foregoing factors (among others) could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Market Conditions

Prevailing prices for the various qualities of crude oil and natural gas that we produce significantly impact our revenues and cash flows. The following table lists benchmark crude oil and natural gas price averages relative to our North America E&P and International E&P segments in the first quarters of 2014 and 2013.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
Benchmark	2014	2013
West Texas Intermediate ("WTI") crude oil (Dollars per barrel)	\$98.62	\$94.36
Brent (Europe) crude oil (Dollars per barrel)	\$108.17	\$112.49
Henry Hub natural gas (Dollars per million British thermal units ("mmbtu")) ^(a)	\$4.94	\$3.34
^(a) Settlement date average.		

North America E&P

Liquid hydrocarbons – The quality, location, and composition of our liquid hydrocarbon production mix can cause our North America E&P price realizations to differ from the WTI benchmark.

Quality – Light sweet crude contains less sulfur and tends to be lighter than sour crude oil so that refining it is less costly and has historically produced higher value products; therefore, light sweet crude is considered of higher quality and has historically sold at a price that approximates WTI or at a premium to WTI. The percentage of our North America E&P crude oil and condensate production that is light sweet crude has been increasing. In the first quarter of

2014, the percentage of our U.S. crude oil and condensate production that was sweet averaged 79 percent compared to 74 percent in the same period of 2013.

Location – In recent years, crude oil sold along the U.S. Gulf Coast, such as that from the Eagle Ford, has been priced based on the Louisiana Light Sweet ("LLS") benchmark which has historically priced at a premium to WTI and has historically tracked closely to Brent, while production from inland areas farther from large refineries has been priced lower. The average WTI discount to Brent has narrowed in 2014. In first quarter of 2014, the WTI discount to Brent was \$9.55 compared to \$18.13 in the same period of 2013. As a result of significant increases in U.S. production of light sweet crude oil, the historical relationship between WTI, Brent and LLS pricing may not be indicative of future periods.

Composition – The proportion of our liquid hydrocarbon sales that are NGLs continues to increase due to our development of United States unconventional liquids-rich plays. NGLs were 15 percent of our North America E&P liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 14 percent in the same period of 2013. Natural gas – A significant portion of our natural gas production in the U.S. is sold at bid-week prices, or first-of-month indices relative to our specific producing areas. Average Henry Hub settlement prices for natural gas were 48 percent higher for the first quarter of 2014 than in the same period of 2013.

International E&P

Liquid hydrocarbons – Our international crude oil production is relatively sweet and is generally sold in relation to the Brent crude benchmark, which was 4 percent lower in the first quarter of 2014 than in the same period of 2013. Natural gas – Our major international natural gas-producing regions are Europe and Equatorial Guinea. Natural gas prices in Europe have been considerably higher than in the U.S. in recent years. In the case of Equatorial Guinea, our natural gas sales are subject to term contracts, making realized prices in these areas less volatile. The natural gas sales from Equatorial Guinea are at fixed prices; therefore, our reported average natural gas realized prices may not fully track market price movements.

Oil Sands Mining

The Oil Sands Mining segment produces and sells various qualities of synthetic crude oil. Output mix can be impacted by operational reliability or planned unit outages at the mines or upgrader. Sales prices for roughly two-thirds of the normal output mix have historically tracked movements in WTI and one-third has historically tracked movements in the Canadian heavy crude oil marker, primarily Western Canadian Select ("WCS"). The WCS discount to WTI in the first quarter of 2014 decreased 28 percent when compared to the same period of 2013. The operating cost structure of our Oil Sands Mining operations is predominantly fixed and therefore many of the costs incurred in times of full operation continue during production downtime. Per-unit costs are sensitive to production rates. Key variable costs are natural gas and diesel fuel, which track commodity markets such as the Canadian Alberta Energy Company ("AECO") natural gas sales index and crude oil prices.

The table below shows benchmark prices that impacted both our revenues and variable costs for the first quarters of 2014 and 2013:

	Three Mont	Three Months Ended March 31,		
Benchmark	2014	2013		
WTI crude oil (Dollars per barrel)	\$98.62	\$94.36		
WCS crude oil (Dollars per barrel) ^(a)	\$75.55	\$62.41		
AECO natural gas sales index (Dollars per mmbtu) ^(b)	\$4.99	\$3.16		
(2) $M_{\rm eff}$ (1) $M_{\rm eff}$ (1) $M_{\rm eff}$ (2) $M_{\rm eff$				

^(a) Monthly pricing based upon average WTI adjusted for differentials unique to western Canada.

- ^(b) Monthly average AECO day ahead index.
- **Results of Operations**

Consolidated Results of Operation

Net income per diluted share was \$1.65 in the first quarter of 2014, up over 200 percent from the same period of 2013 primarily due to the \$0.83 per diluted share after-tax gain on the sale of our Angola assets and a reduction in exploration expenses. The effective tax rate for continuing operations was 52 percent in the first quarter of 2014 compared to 72 percent in the first quarter of 2013. This decrease was primarily due to higher projected 2014 annual ordinary income from our North American operations, which are in a lower tax jurisdiction, and pretax losses in Libya in the first quarter of 2014, compared to pretax income in Libya during the same period of 2013, where the tax rates are in excess of 90 percent. Income from continuing operations per diluted share was \$0.77, an increase of 43 percent

from the first quarter of 2013, primarily due to the reduction in exploration expenses and the change in the income mix to lower tax jurisdictions.

Sales and other operating revenues, including related party are summarized by segment in the following table:

 Three Months Ended March 31,		
2014	2013	
\$1,392	\$1,215	
1,061	1,801	
377	388	
2,830	3,404	
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\$2,830	\$3,354	
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North America E&P sales and other operating revenues increased \$177 million in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the same period of 2013 primarily due to higher net liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes resulting from the continued growth across our three U.S. resource plays partially offset by slightly lower liquid hydrocarbon price realizations compared to the same period of 2013.

The following table gives details of net sales volumes and average price realizations of our North America E&P segment:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2014	2013	
North America E&P Operating Statistics			
Net liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes (mbbld) ^(a)	163	141	
Liquid hydrocarbon average price realizations (per bbl) ^{(b)(c)}	\$84.79	\$86.14	
Net crude oil and condensate sales volumes (mbbld)	138	121	
Crude oil and condensate average price realizations (per bbl) ^(b)	\$92.48	\$94.68	
Net natural gas liquids sales volumes (mbbld)	25	20	
Natural gas liquids average price realizations (per bbl) ^(b)	\$43.11	\$35.48	
Net natural gas sales volumes (mmcfd)	300	340	
Natural gas average price realizations (per mcf) ^(b)	\$5.28	\$3.86	
(a) Includes crude oil condensate and natural gas liquids			

(a) Includes crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids.

^(b) Excludes gains and losses on derivative instruments.

Inclusion of realized losses on crude oil derivative instruments would have decreased average liquid hydrocarbon
 (c) price realizations by \$0.31 per bbl for the first three months of 2013. There were no crude oil derivative instruments for the first three months of 2014.

International E&P sales and other operating revenues decreased \$740 million in the first quarter of 2014 from the comparable prior-year period. The decrease in the first quarter of 2014 was primarily due to lower liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes, primarily in Libya and Norway as previously discussed, and lower liquid hydrocarbon price realizations.

The following table gives details of net sales volumes and average price realizations of our International E&P segment:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2014	2013	
International E&P Operating Statistics			
Net liquid hydrocarbon sales volumes (mbbld) ^(a)	110	171	
Liquid hydrocarbon average price realizations (per bbl)	\$96.49	\$107.79	
Net natural gas sales volumes (mmcfd) ^(b)	518	568	
Natural gas average price realizations (per mcf)	\$1.98	\$2.57	
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(a) Includes crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids. The amounts correspond with the basis for fiscal settlements with governments, representing equity tanker liftings and direct deliveries of liquid hydrocarbons.

(b)

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Includes natural gas acquired for injection and subsequent resale of 7 mmcfd and 11 mmcfd for the first quarters of 2014 and 2013.

Oil Sands Mining sales and other operating revenues decreased \$11 million in the first quarter of 2014 from the comparable prior-year period.

The following table gives details of net sales volumes and average price realizations of our Oil Sands Mining segment:

	Three Months Ended March			
	31,			
	2014	2013		
Oil Sands Mining Operating Statistics				
Net synthetic crude oil sales volumes (mbbld) ^(a)	47	51		
Synthetic crude oil average price realizations (per bbl)	\$88.50	\$79.98		
(a) Includes blandsteelse				

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Unrealized gains and losses on crude oil derivative instruments are included in total sales and other operating revenues but are not allocated to the segments. These crude oil derivatives resulted in a net unrealized loss of \$50 million in the first quarter of 2013. There were no crude oil derivative instruments in the first quarter of 2014.

Marketing revenues increased \$110 million in the first quarter of 2014 from the comparable prior-year period. The increase related primarily to North America E&P segment marketing activities, which serve to aggregate volumes in order to satisfy transportation commitments as well as to achieve flexibility within product types and delivery points, and which increased in 2014 as a result of market dynamics.

Income from equity method investments increased \$19 million in the first quarter of 2014 versus the first quarter of 2013 primarily due to higher LNG average price realizations.

Net gain on disposal of assets in the first quarter of 2013 included a \$98 million pretax gain on the sale of our interest in the Neptune gas plant, a \$46 million pretax gain on the sale of our remaining assets in Alaska and a \$43 million pretax loss on the conveyance of our interest in the Marcellus natural gas shale play to the operator. See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements for information about these dispositions.