Rating: Buy S&P 500: 1511

## **BP plc**Controversy Diminishing

Symbol	BP	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 6/30/08 (US\$mm)	48,200
Rating	Buy	North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)	5
Price (US\$/sh)	72.30	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)	73
Pricing Date	7/24/07	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	9.7
Shares (mm)	3198	EV/Ebitda	5.9
Market Capitalization (US\$mm)	231,200	PV/Ebitda	6.9
Debt (US\$mm)	53,400	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	44
Enterprise Value (EV) (US\$mm)	284,600	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/boe)	25.30
Present Value (PV) (US\$mm)	331,600	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	14.00
Net Present Value (US\$/share)	87	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/mcfe)	2.33
Debt/Present Value	0.16	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/sh)	7.40
McDep Ratio - EV/PV	0.86	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months	10
Dividend Yield (%/year)	3.6	Indicated Annual Dividend (US\$/sh)	2.60

Note: Estimated cash flow and earnings tied to one-year futures prices for oil and natural gas.

Reported results may vary widely from estimates. Estimated present value per share revised only infrequently. Estimated present value presumes a long-term price for oil of US\$66 a barrel and natural gas, \$11 a million btu.

For historical analysis of BP since 2004 see <a href="www.mcdep.com/1bp.htm">www.mcdep.com/1bp.htm</a>

## **Summary and Recommendation**

Buy-recommended **BP plc** (**BP**) offers unlevered appreciation potential of 17% to estimated net present value (NPV) of \$87 a share revised up from \$80 a share on May 29 when we raised long-term oil price to \$66 a barrel from \$60. Second quarter results reported on July 24 trace a rising trend in unlevered cash flow (Ebitda) connected primarily to crude oil price (see table Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates). Concentrated 59% on oil production, NPV for the mega cap stock looks slightly high compared to our estimates for some thirty other producers (see table Functional Cash Flow and Present Value). Resolution of a dispute over Kovykta, a large undeveloped natural gas field in Russia, improves BP's prospects for profit as half-owner of large Russian producer, TNK-BP. New Chief Executive Tony Hayward also strives to restore operating shortfalls in refining that contributed to higher industry margins, but limited incremental profit for BP. Regardless, the trend in long-term oil price appears to be up despite volatility of short-term quotes (see chart Six-Year Commodity Price Meter). Finally, BP stock also has positive momentum as it trades above its 200-day average.

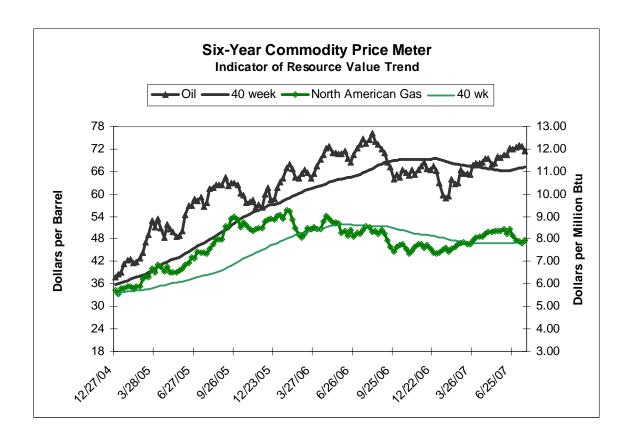
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Next Twelve Months Operating and Financial Estimates

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Volume	-,,,,,,,	.,,		2,22,2,	2, 2 2, 2 ,	.,,			.,,,,,,,
Natural Gas (mmcfd)									
U.S. (or North America)	2,493	2,332	2,376	2,163	2,165	2,165	2,165	2,165	2,165
Overseas (or Int'l)	6,131	5,754	6,042	6,339	5,694	5,754	6,060	5,960	5,960
Total	8,624	8,086	8,418	8,502	7,859	7,919	8,225	8,125	8,125
Oil (mbd)	2,531	2,422	2,475	2,446	2,449	2,449	2,449	2,448	2,449
Total gas & oil (mmb)	361	347	1,415	348	342	347	351	1,388	1,388
Total gas & oil (mbd)	3,968	3,770	3,878	3,863	3,759	3,769	3,820	3,802	3,803
Price									
Natural gas (\$/mcf)									
Henry Hub (\$/mmbtu)	6.81	6.58	7.23	6.81	7.56	6.36	7.22	6.99	7.49
U.S. (or North America)	5.44	5.51	5.74	5.76	5.94	5.00	5.68	5.59	5.88
Overseas (or Int'l)	4.03	4.08	4.32	4.55	3.88	4.08	4.14	4.17	4.17
Total	4.44	4.49	4.72	4.86	4.45	4.33	4.55	4.55	4.63
Oil (\$/bbl)									
WTI Cushing	70.47	70.42	66.05	58.08	64.91	74.48	74.58	68.01	74.07
Worldwide	62.86	64.15	59.27	53.43	59.71	68.52	68.62	62.63	68.15
Total gas & oil (\$/bbl)	49.74	50.85	48.07	44.53	48.21	53.62	53.78	50.05	53.77
NY Harbor 3-2-1 (\$/bbl)	15.39	11.67	10.50	11.68	24.96	14.68	10.24	15.39	13.10
BP Refining Indicator	12.59	8.40	8.39	9.45					
Revenue (\$mm)									
Natural Gas									
U.S. (or North America)	1,234	1,182	4,978	1,121	1,170	996	1,131	4,418	4,646
Overseas (or Int'l)	2,250	2,158	9,518	2,597	2,012	2,158	2,311	9,078	9,078
Total	3,484	3,340	14,496	3,719	3,183	3,154	3,441	13,497	13,724
Oil	14,478	14,294	53,543	11,762	13,308	15,438	15,460	55,967	60,915
Other	55,504	55,368	209,827	47,235	57,902	57,902	57,902	220,941	231,607
Total	73,466	73,002	277,865	62,716	74,392	76,494	76,803	290,404	306,246
Expense									
Production	11,175	8,900	35,996	9,262	9,651	10,702	10,856	40,471	41,265
Other	50,580	51,288	196,860	44,363	53,590	53,822	56,066	207,841	218,507
Ebitda (\$mm)									
<b>Exploration and Production</b>	6,787	8,734	32,042	6,219	6,839	8,738	8,883	30,680	35,080
Other	4,923	4,080	12,966	2,872	4,312	4,080	1,836	13,100	13,100
Total Ebitda	11,711	12,814	45,008	9,091	11,151	12,818	10,719	43,779	48,180
Exploration	97	351	1,045	156	155	155	155	621	620
Deprec., Deplet., & Amort.	2,308	2,194	9,127	2,519	2,535	2,535	2,535	10,124	10,140
Other non cash	(261)	(106)	75						
Ebit	9,567	10,375	34,761	6,416	8,461	10,128	8,029	33,034	37,420
Interest	153	169	718	264	251	251	251	1,017	1,004
Ebt	9,414	10,206	34,043	6,152	8,210	9,877	7,778	32,017	36,416
Income Tax	3,295	3,572	11,915	2,153	2,874	3,457	2,722	11,206	12,746
Net Income (\$mm)									
Exploration and Production	7,347	7,469	27,267	5,295	6,494			11,789	
Other	2,667	2,140	6,295	1,264	2,199			3,463	
Unallocated	(3,895)	(2,975)	(11,434)	(2,560)	(3,356)			(5,917)	
Total	6,119	6,634	22,128	3,999	5,337	6,420	5,056	20,811	23,671
Shares (millions)	3,362	3,303	3,340	3,231	3,198	3,198	3,198	3,204	3,198
Per share (\$)	1.82	2.01	6.63	1.24	1.67	2.01	1.58	6.49	7.40
Ebitda Margin (E&P)	38%	50%	47%	40%	41%	47%	47%	44%	47%
Tax Rate	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%	35%

BP plc Functional Cash Flow and Present Value

				Present		
	NTM Ebitda	Adjusted	PV/	Value		
	(US\$mm)	<u>R/P</u>	<u>Ebitda</u>	(US\$mm)		
North American Natural Gas	2,180	14.9	13.3	29,000	9%	
Rest of World Natural Gas	4,270	9.3	7.0	30,000	9%	
Oil	28,630	9.0	6.8	196,000	59%	
Downstream	13,100		5.9	77,000	23%	
	48,180	9.7	6.9	332,000	100%	
Debt (US\$mm)					53,400	
Net Present Value (US\$mm)					278,200	
Shares (mm)					3,198	
Net Present Value - Standard Estimate (US\$/sh)						
Net Present Value - Approximation by Correlation (US\$/sh)						



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