
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark one)

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

For the quarterly period ended MARCH 31, 1996

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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 1-8590

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

200 PEACH STREET
P. 0. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas 71731-7000
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(501) 862-6411 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

[X] Yes [] No

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value, outstanding at March 31, 1996 was 44,852,321.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Thousands of dollars)

	`	naudited) arch 31, 1996	December 31,
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	90,860	62,284
Accounts receivable, less allowance for			
doubtful accounts of \$5,958 in 1996 and			
\$5,863 in 1995		230,520	234,816
Inventories			
Crude oil and raw materials		69,581	70,567
Finished products		62,471	64,996
Materials and supplies		41,642	40,239
Prepaid expenses		27,849	29,703
Deferred income taxes		19,994	17,514

Total current assets	542,917	520,119
Investments and noncurrent receivables Property, plant, and equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation, depletion, and amortization of \$2,731,518 in 1996 and	32,148	31,735
\$2,702,485 in 1995 Deferred charges and other assets	1,515,860 74,398	80,027
	\$ 2,165,323 =======	2,119,113
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term obligations Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Income taxes	\$ 10,641 403,099 30,109	383,663 21,307
Total current liabilities	443,849	
Notes payable and capitalized lease obligations Nonrecourse debt of a subsidiary Deferred income taxes Reserve for dismantlement costs Reserve for major repairs Deferred credits and other liabilities	22,427 175,932 108,301 146,471 16,226 143,980	171,499 105,015 144,893 11,417
Stockholders' equity Capital stock Cumulative Preferred Stock, par \$100, authorized 400,000 shares, none issued Common Stock, par \$1.00, authorized 80,000,000 shares, issued 48,775,314 shares Capital in excess of par value	- 48,775 508,142	507,758
Retained earnings Currency translation adjustments Unamortized restricted stock awards Treasury stock, 3,922,993 shares of Common Stock in 1996, 3,942,800 shares	653,143 1,937 (1,314	4,568
in 1995, at cost	(102,546	
Total stockholders' equity	1,108,137	
	\$ 2,165,323 =======	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, page 4.

The Exhibit Index is on page 10.

Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (Thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

	Ma	onths Ended arch 31,
	1996	1995*
REVENUES Sales Other operating revenues Interest, income from equity companies, and other nonoperating revenues Total revenues	\$ 421,352 14,161 1,704	392,741 11,276 13,367 417,384
COSTS AND EXPENSES Crude oil, products, and related operating expenses Exploration expenses, including undeveloped lease amortization Selling and general expenses Depreciation, depletion, and amortization Interest expense Interest capitalized Total costs and expenses	3,255 (2,167) 393,722	10,595 17,607 58,690 3,523 (1,949)
Income before income taxes	43,495	25,605
Federal and state income taxes Foreign income taxes	11,043 8,438	2,900 6,678
NET INCOME	\$ 24,014 =====	16,027 =====
Average Common shares outstanding	44,881,811	44,878,340
Net income per Common share	\$.54 ======	. 36
Cash dividends per Common share	\$.325 ======	.325

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Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited) (Thousands of dollars)

	Three Mont	1 31,
	1996	1995*
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	3 24,014	16,027
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization Provisions for major repairs Expenditures for major repairs and dismantlement costs Exploratory expenditures charged against income Amortization of undeveloped leases Deferred and noncurrent income tax charges (credits) Gains from disposition of assets Other - net	9,213 2,458 3,065 (83)	6,284 (8,138) 7,698 2,897 (5,370) (629) 4,508
(Increase) decrease in operating working capital other than cash and cash equivalents Other adjustments related to operating activities	92,984 34,016 1,651	81,967 (15,267) 1,126
Net cash provided by operating activities	128,651	67,826
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Capital expenditures requiring cash Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment Other - net	892 (197)	(75,520) 1,023 (391)
Net cash required by investing activities	(89,753)	(74,888)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Increase (decrease) in notes payable and capitalized lease obligations	(8)	13,875
Increase in nonrecourse debt of a subsidiary Dividends paid		12,704
Net cash provided (required) by financing activities		12,016
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(177)	731
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at January 1		5,685 71,144
Cash and cash equivalents at March 31	90,860	76,829 ======
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW ACTIVITIES Cash income taxes paid, net of refunds	8 8,026 ======	
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	5 511 ======	(286) =====

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These notes are an integral part of the financial statements of Murphy Oil Corporation and Consolidated Subsidiaries (Murphy/the Company) on pages 1 through 3 of this report on Form 10-Q.

NOTE A - INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company presented herein have not been audited by independent auditors, except for the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 1995. In the opinion of the Company's management, the unaudited financial statements presented herein include all adjustments (consisting only of normal, recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position at March 31, 1996, and the results of operations and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 1996 and 1995, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements included in this report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Company's 1995 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as certain notes and other pertinent information have been abbreviated in or omitted from this report.

Financial results for the three months ended March 31, 1996 are not necessarily indicative of future results.

NOTE B - ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCIES

The Company's worldwide operations are subject to numerous laws and regulations designed to protect the environment and/or impose remedial obligations. In addition, the Company may be involved in personal injury claims, allegedly caused by exposure to materials manufactured or used in the Company's operations. The Company operates or has previously operated certain sites or facilities, including refineries, oil and gas fields, service stations, and terminals, for which known or potential obligations for environmental remediation exist.

Under the Company's accounting policies, liabilities for environmentally related obligations are recorded when such obligations are probable and the cost can be reasonably estimated. In instances where there is a range of reasonably estimated costs, the Company will record the most likely amount, or if no amount is most likely, the minimum of the range. Amounts recorded as liabilities are reviewed quarterly and adjusted as needed. Actual cash expenditures often occur a number of years following recognition of the liabilities.

The Company's reserve for remedial obligations, which is included in "Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets, contains certain amounts that are based on anticipated regulatory approval of proposed remediation of sites that were formerly used for refinery waste. If regulatory authorities require more costly alternatives than the proposed processes, future expenditures could increase by up to an estimated \$6 million above the amount reserved.

The Company has received notices from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that it is a Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) at five Superfund sites and has been assigned responsibility by defendants at another Superfund site. The potential total cost to all parties to perform necessary remedial work at these sites is substantial; however, based on information currently available, the Company is a "de minimus" party, with assigned or potentially assigned responsibility of less than two percent at all but one of the sites. At that site, the Company has not determined either its potentially assigned responsibility percentage or its potential total remedial cost. The Company has recorded a reserve totaling \$.1 million for Superfund sites, and due to currently available information on one site and the minor percentages involved on the other sites, the Company does not expect that its related remedial costs will be material to its financial condition. Additional information may become known in the future that would alter this assessment, including any requirement to bear a pro rata share of costs attributable to nonparticipating PRP's or indications of additional responsibility by the Company.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTD.)

NOTE B - ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCIES (CONTD.)

Although the Company is not aware of any environmental matters that might have a material effect on its financial condition, there is the possibility that additional expenditures could be required at currently unidentified sites, and new or revised regulatory requirements could necessitate additional expenditures at known sites. Such expenditures could have a material impact on the results of operations in a future period.

The Company believes that certain environmentally related liabilities and prior environmental expenditures are either covered by insurance or will be recovered from other sources. The outcome of potential insurance recoveries is the subject of ongoing litigation, including the appeal of a judgment awarded the Company in 1995. Since no assurance can be given that the judgment will be upheld upon appeal or that recoveries from other sources will occur, the Company has not recognized a benefit for these potential recoveries at March 31, 1996.

NOTE C - OTHER CONTINGENCIES

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

In the normal course of its business activities, the Company is required under certain contracts with various governmental authorities and others to provide letters of credit that may be drawn upon if the Company fails to perform under those contracts. At March 31, 1996, the Company had contingent liabilities of \$21.5 million on outstanding letters of credit. Contingent liabilities under certain financial guarantees were \$17.7 million at March 31, 1996.

NOTE D - BUSINESS SEGMENTS

	Three Month March 3	s Ended 1, 1996	Three Month March 3	
(Millions of dollars)	Revenues	Income	Revenues*	Income
Petroleum Exploration and production** United States	35.4 33.1	13.8 4.3 6.0 .3	48.6 32.2 31.6 11.8	2.5 4.6 2.5 3.5
	141.9	24.4	124.2	13.1
Refining, marketing, and transportat United States	247.0 71.0	(2.7) (.2) 1.0 (1.9)	229.3 57.2 6.0 	(6.6) (2.0) 1.8 (6.8)
Intrasegment transfers elimination	465.1 (49.7)	22.5	416.7 (34.7)	6.3
Total petroleum	. 20.1	22.5 3.6 (2.1)	382.0 22.0 2.4	6.3 4.7 (2.0)
Revenues/income before special items . Adjustment of estimates for self-insur liabilities, net of taxes	red	24.0	406.4	9.0
	\$437.2	24.0	417.4	16.0

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**Additional details are presented in the tables on page 9.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net income for the first quarter of 1996 was \$24 million, \$.54 a share, which compares to a first quarter 1995 income before special items of \$9 million, \$.20 a share. The first quarter of 1995 also included a special benefit of \$7 million, \$.16 a share, from an adjustment of amounts previously reserved relating to matters for which the Company is self-insured. Including this special item, net income for the prior year's quarter was \$16 million, \$.36 a share. Net cash from operating activities excluding changes in noncash working capital items totaled \$94.6 million in the first quarter of 1996, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Excluding the special item in 1995, earnings for the current quarter were up 167 percent from a year ago and represent the best quarter the Company has had since the fourth quarter of 1992. Earnings from exploration and production operations rose 86 percent, primarily the result of an 88-percent increase in U.S. natural gas sales prices and higher crude oil sales prices, partially offset by lower U.S. natural gas production. The loss from refining, marketing, and transportation operations in 1996 narrowed from a year ago, but earnings from farm, timber, and real estate operations were down 23 percent.

Exploration and production operations earned \$24.4 million in the current quarter compared to \$13.1 million a year ago. U.S. operations earned \$13.8 million, up from \$2.5 million in the first quarter of 1995. Operations in Canada earned \$4.3 million compared to \$4.6 million a year ago, and U.K. operations earned \$6 million in the current quarter, up from \$2.5 million. Other international operations earned \$.3 million compared to \$3.5 million a year earlier. The Company's crude oil and gas liquids sales prices averaged \$18.13 a barrel in the U.S. and \$19.68 in the U.K., increases of 10 percent and 16 percent, respectively. In Canada, sales prices averaged \$17.59 a barrel for light oil, up seven percent, and \$11.28 for heavy oil, down 10 percent. The average sales price for synthetic oil from Murphy's interest in the Canadian Syncrude project was \$18.56 a barrel, up eight percent from a year ago. Total crude oil and gas liquids production averaged 54,909 barrels a day compared to 56,166 in the first quarter of 1995. U.S. production was essentially unchanged, but U.K. production declined 10 percent. In Canada, heavy oil production increased 11 percent, while light oil production was down nine percent. Production of synthetic oil in Canada averaged 8,598 barrels a day in the first quarter of 1996 compared to 7,660 a year ago, which was affected by a turnaround. Murphy's average natural gas sales price in the U.S. was \$2.84 a thousand cubic feet (MCF) in the current quarter compared to \$1.51 a year ago. The average natural gas sales price in Canada increased from \$1.04 an MCF to \$1.07. Sales prices averaged \$2.59 an MCF in the U.K., an increase of five percent, and \$2.77 in Spain, a decrease of two percent. Total natural gas sales averaged 248 million cubic feet a day compared to 286 million a year ago. Sales of natural gas in the U.S. averaged 167 million cubic feet a day, down from 206 million in the first quarter of 1995. Exploration expenses totaled \$11.7 million in the current quarter compared to \$10.6 million a year ago. The tables on page 9 provide additional details of the results of exploration and production operations for the first quarter of each year. A slightly lower dry hole component in the current quarter reflects the high success rate achieved in a very aggressive drilling program during the first guarter of 1996.

Margins in the Company's U.S. and U.K. downstream operations continued to be under pressure, but the worldwide downstream loss dropped from \$6.8 million a year ago to \$1.9 million in the current quarter. Refining, marketing, and transportation operations in the U.S. lost \$2.7 million, and U.K. operations lost \$.2 million. A year ago, those areas lost \$6.6 million and \$2 million, respectively. Earnings from purchasing, transporting, and reselling crude oil in Canada were \$1 million in the current quarter compared to \$1.8 million in the first quarter of 1995. Refinery crude runs were 139,716 barrels a day compared to 150,451 in the first quarter of 1995. Refined product sales were 148,335 barrels a day, down from 153,535 a year ago.

Earnings from farm, timber, and real estate operations totaled \$3.6 million in the first quarter of 1996 compared to \$4.7 million earned a year ago. The current quarter was adversely affected by lower sales prices for sawtimber and finished lumber. The average sales price for sawtimber harvested declined 25 percent, and lumber prices were down 14 percent. Real estate operations improved as 49 lots were

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTD.)

sold at the Chenal Valley development in western Little Rock during the first quarter of 1996 compared to 13 a year ago.

Corporate functions reflected a loss of \$2.1 million in the current quarter compared to \$2 million in the first quarter of 1995.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Cash provided by operating activities was \$128.6 million for the first three months of 1996 compared to \$67.8 million for the same period in 1995. The 1995 amount included a benefit of \$7 million from the unusual item previously reviewed. Changes in operating working capital other than cash and cash equivalents provided cash of \$34 million in the first quarter of 1996, while such changes required \$15.3 million of cash in the 1995 period. Cash provided by operating activities was reduced by expenditures for refinery turnarounds and abandonment of oil and gas properties totaling \$2.3 million in the current quarter compared to \$8.1 million a year ago. Predominant uses of cash in both years were for capital expenditures (which, including amounts expensed, are summarized in the following table) and payment of dividends.

(Millions of dollars)	1996	1995
Exploration and production	6.7	53.6 20.2 1.2 .5
	\$90.4	75.5

Working capital at March 31, 1996 was \$99.1 million, down \$5.4 million from December 31, 1995. This level of working capital does not fully reflect the Company's liquidity position, because the lower historical costs assigned to inventories under LIFO accounting were \$96.3 million below current costs at March 31, 1996.

At March 31, 1996, nonrecourse debt of a subsidiary was \$175.9 million; the increase of \$4.4 million that occurred during the first three months of 1996 was attributable to the development of the Hibernia oil field, offshore Newfoundland. Notes payable and capitalized lease obligations of \$22.4 million remained unchanged. A summary of capital employed at March 31, 1996 and December 31, 1995 follows.

		1996		1995
(Millions of dollars)	Amount	% 	Amount	%
Notes payable and capitalized lease obligations		85 	171.5 1,101.1	2 13 85

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Millions of dollars)	States						
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1996							
Oil and gas sales and	*	00.0	00.4	0.7	407.4	44.5	444.0
operating revenues Production costs	\$63.7 13.4		33.1		127.4 32.1		
Depreciation, depletion,	13.4	7.1	0.7	2.9	32.1	10.0	42.1
and amortization	16.8	6.0	11.2	3.8	37.8	1.4	39.2
Exploration expenses		_					
Dry hole costs Geological and geophysic	2.0	. 6	-	-	2.6	-	2.6
costs	2.5	1.0	. 2	.8	4.5	_	4.5
Other costs	.7	.1			2.1	-	2.1
Undayalanad lassa	5.2	1.7	.5	1.8	9.2	-	9.2
Undeveloped lease amortization	1.8	7	_	_	2.5	_	2.5
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Total exploration							
expenses	7.0	2.4	.5	1.8	11.7	-	11.7
		1 2	.8				5.6
Selling and general expens Income tax provisions					5.6 17.7	1.2	
 Results of operations							
(excludes corporate							
overhead and interest)	\$13.8	2.4	6 0	2	~~ -	4 0	
					22.5		24.4
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THREE MONTHS ENDED					_		
THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1995*	======	======	=====	=====	======	======	=====
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THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1995* Oil and gas sales and operating revenues	\$48.6	20.3	31.6	11.8	112.3	11.9	124.2
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^{*}Reclassified to conform to 1996 presentation.

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

- (a) One of the Company's subsidiaries, Murphy Oil USA, Inc., owns and operates two oil refineries in the U.S. This subsidiary is a defendant in two governmental actions that: (1) seek monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more, and (2) arise under enacted provisions that regulate the discharge of materials into the environment or have the purpose of protecting the environment. These actions individually or in the aggregate are not material to the financial condition of the Company.
- (b) The Company and its subsidiaries are engaged in a number of other legal proceedings, all of which the Company considers routine and incidental to its business and none of which is material as defined by the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

- (a) Exhibit index The exhibits listed below are included only in the electronic filing. Other exhibits have been omitted since they either are not required or are not applicable.
 - Exhibit 27.1 Financial Data Schedule for the three months ended March 31, 1996.
 - Exhibit 27.2 Restated Financial Data Schedule for the three months ended March 31, 1995.
- (b) No reports on Form 8-K have been filed for the quarter covered by this report.

SIGNATURES

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

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By /s/ Ronald W. Herman

Ronald W. Herman, Controller (Chief Accounting Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

May 9, 1996 (Date) THIS FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31, 1996, AND THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 1996, OF MURPHY OIL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THIS RESTATED FINANCIAL DATA SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT MARCH 31, 1995, AND THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS THEN ENDED, OF MURPHY OIL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS RESTATED MARCH 31, 1996.

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AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN RESTATED TO CONFORM TO 1996 PRESENTATION.