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EXXON MOBIL CORP CIK#: 0000034088 (see all company filings)

SIC: 2911 - PETROLEUM REFINING
State location: TX | State of Inc.: NJ | Fiscal Year End: 1231
formerly: EXXON CORP (filings through 1999-11-30)
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| 10-Q | Documents Interactive Data | Quarterly report [Sections 13 or 15(d)] Acc-no: 0000034088-12-000036 (34 Act) Size: 13 MB | 2012-08-02 | 001-02256 121002677 |
| 8-K | Documents | Current report, Items 2.02 and 7.01 Acc-no: 0000034088-12-000030 (34 Act) Size: 531 KB | 2012-07-26 | 001-02256 12986158 |
| 11-K | Documents | Annual report of employee stock purchase, savings and similar plans Acc-no: 0000034088-12-000026 (34 Act) Size: 191 KB | 2012-06-14 | 001-02256 12908238 |
| 8-K | Documents | Current report, Item 5.07 Acc-no: 0000034088-12-000021 (34 Act) Size: 36 KB | 2012-06-01 | 001-02256 12883293 |
| PX14A6G | Documents | Notice of exempt solicitation Acc-no: 0001214659-12-002351 (34 Act) Size: 603 KB | 2012-05-17 | 001-02256 12851946 |
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| DEFA14A | Documents | Additional definitive proxy soliciting materials and Rule 14(a)(12) material Acc-no: 0001193125-12-227539 (34 Act) Size: 47 KB | 2012-05-11 | 001-02256 12832953 |
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| 8-K | Documents | Current report, Items 2.02 and 7.01 Acc-no: 0000034088-12-000017 (34 Act) Size: 500 KB | 2012-04-26 | 001-02256 12781668 |
| ARS | Documents | [Paper]Annual Report to Security Holders Acc-no: 9999999997-12-008922 (34 Act) Size: 1 KB | 2012-04-13 | 001-02256 12026354 |
| DEFA14A | Documents | Additional definitive proxy soliciting materials and Rule 14(a)(12) material | 2012-04-12 | 001-02256 |

In addition to info on the company, its home state, its industry, and its address, we are offered a list of SEC filings of different types. If we click on "Documents", we can get electronic copies of every aspect of a filing. Click on the "Documents" button for 10-Q,

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Form 10-Q - Quarterly report [Sections 13 or 15(d)]

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| 3 | CERTIFICATION BY PFO PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) | xomexhibi1312.htm | EX-31.2 | 12869 |
| 4 | CERTIFICATION BY PAO PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) | xomexhibi1313.htm | EX-31.3 | 12990 |
| 5 | SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION BY CEO | xomexhibi1321.htm | EX-32.1 | 7339 |
| 6 | SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION BY PFO | xomexhibi1322.htm | EX-32.2 | 7235 |
| 7 | SECTION 906 CERTIFICATION BY PAO | xomexhibi1323.htm | EX-32.3 | 7214 |
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| 8 | XBRL INSTANCE DOCUMENT | xom-20120630.xml | EX-101.INS | 2446291 |
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| 10 | XBRL TAXONOMY EXTENSION CALCULATION LINKBASE | xom-20120630_cal.xml | EX-101.CAL | 76233 |
| 11 | XBRL TAXONOMY EXTENSION DEFINITION LINKBASE | xom-20120630_def.xml | EX-101.DEF | 171785 |
| 12 | XBRL TAXONOMY EXTENSION LABEL LINKBASE | xom-20120630_lab.xml | EX-101.LAB | 399980 |
| 13 | XBRL TAXONOMY EXTENSION PRESENTATION LINKBASE | xom-20120630_pre.xml | EX-101.PRE | 322283 |

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IRS No.: 135409005 | State of Incorp.: NJ | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Form 10-Q | Seq 24 | File No: 000034088-12-000036 | File No: 000034088-12-000036

There are several sequences to any SEC filing, most of which are legally required and lack any important data for an investor. All you need to know is that these certifications and affidavits affirm the truthfulness of the information contained within--lying here is worth several decades in prison, so most executives only sign off if they believe that the data is accurate. Of course, nasty exceptions happen and can be expensive (Enron is perhaps the most well-known expensive and illegal exception). What is important is the document itself, here listed as "FORM 10-Q". To access that, click on the link under "Document" for the form, and you will come across this:

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

FORM 10-Q

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012
or

☐ **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 1-2256

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW JERSEY
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-5409005
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

5959 Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75039-2298
(Zip Code)

(972) 444-1000
(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 ☒ No ☐

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ 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 "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

It's not very pretty, but this page is one of the most important you will find on any website. Scrolling down, you will see "Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION". This contains the bread and butter of info about how this company is performing:

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
(millions of dollars)

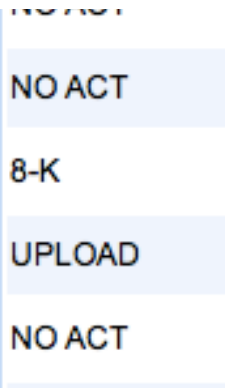
| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | |
| REVENUES AND OTHER INCOME | | | | |
| Sales and other operating revenue ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 112,745 | \$ 121,394 | \$ 231,934 | \$ |
| Income from equity affiliates | 3,651 | 3,720 | 7,861 | |
| Other income | 10,967 | 372 | 11,621 | |
| Total revenues and other income | <u>127,363</u> | <u>125,486</u> | <u>251,416</u> | |
| COSTS AND OTHER DEDUCTIONS | | | | |
| Crude oil and product purchases | 66,344 | 69,447 | 136,169 | |
| Production and manufacturing expenses | 9,787 | 10,322 | 19,637 | |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 3,486 | 3,681 | 7,087 | |
| Depreciation and depletion | 3,899 | 3,881 | 7,741 | |
| Exploration expenses, including dry holes | 372 | 592 | 894 | |
| Interest expense | 50 | 45 | 157 | |
| Sales-based taxes ⁽¹⁾ | 8,027 | 8,613 | 16,520 | |
| Other taxes and duties | 9,207 | 10,286 | 19,505 | |
| Total costs and other deductions | <u>101,172</u> | <u>106,867</u> | <u>207,710</u> | |
| Income before income taxes | 26,191 | 18,619 | 43,706 | |
| Income taxes | 8,537 | 7,721 | 16,253 | |
| Net income including noncontrolling interests | 17,654 | 10,898 | 27,453 | |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | 1,744 | 218 | 2,093 | |
| Net income attributable to ExxonMobil | <u>\$ 15,910</u> | <u>\$ 10,680</u> | <u>\$ 25,360</u> | <u>\$</u> |
| Earnings per common share (dollars) | \$ 3.41 | \$ 2.19 | \$ 5.41 | \$ |
| Earnings per common share - assuming dilution (dollars) | \$ 3.41 | \$ 2.18 | \$ 5.41 | \$ |
| Dividends per common share (dollars) | \$ 0.57 | \$ 0.47 | \$ 1.04 | \$ |
| ⁽¹⁾ Sales-based taxes included in sales and other operating revenue | \$ 8,027 | \$ 8,613 | \$ 16,520 | \$ |

*The information in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
is an integral part of these statements.*

To understand what all of these terms mean and how you should assess them, have a look around the Learning Center here on MyZolio. For now, instead of trying to understand the importance of this and other statements in the EDGAR system, we will instead take a look at what forms are available on EDGAR and how you can access them.

Looking back at XOM's list of filings, you will see many codes under the "Filings" column:

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Some of these forms will be more important for some types of investors. For example, the S-8 form lists securities that employees are offered in lieu of cash payment; if your decision to invest in Exxon depended upon how employees and executives were getting paid as well as how many shares are on the market, this would be a good document to look at.

In most cases, you will choose to buy or sell a stock not based on how employees are getting paid. Other, more important issues are how profitable a company's operations are, if the company is expanding, how much demand there is for the company's offerings, and how much cash the company has on hand. All of this information is carefully documented in EDGAR, but not in every document.

There are several forms that the SEC makes available through EDGAR, but none may be as important as the 10-K and 10-Q forms.

The "10-K" is an annual report of the company's income, earnings, profits, debts, dividend payments, and so on. The document is several pages long and details a company's income and outgoings to a certain level of detail.

The "10-Q" is like the 10-K, but covers the company's financial information for one quarter. Both the 10-Q and 10-K compare the financial information of the period covered with previous periods, so a quick glance at the tables of these forms can tell an investor if a company is making more or less money, and if the company is becoming more or less profitable.

As such, the 10-K and 10-Q forms are the most important filings available in EDGAR.

10-K and 10-Q Analysis

The SEC knows this, which is why it publishes the data both as a form and as "interactive data". Looking at XOM's 10-Q filed on August 2nd, 2012 through EDGAR, we see the button "Interactive Data" next to "Documents". If you click on that, you'll see this:



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| Notes Details | Document Fiscal Year Focus | 2012 |
| All Reports | Document Fiscal Period Focus | Q2 |
| | Trading Symbol | XOM |
| | Entity Registrant Name | EXXON MOBIL CORP |
| | Entity Central Index Key | 0000034088 |
| | Current Fiscal Year End Date | --12-31 |
| | Entity Filer Category | Large Accelerated Filer |
| | Entity Common Stock, Shares Outstanding | 4,615,939,496 |

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