

2011: oil, 2.3 mil. barrels (-5% vs. '10); natural gas, 13.2 billion cubic feet (+8% vs. '10). On an oil-equivalent basis, total production rose 1% in 2011. Daily refinery runs in 2011, 5.2 million barrels (-1% vs. '10); product sales, 6.4 mill. bbls (flat vs. '10). Chemical

15 years. 10-year average reserve replacement rate: 121%. Acquired XTO Energy, 2010. Employs 83,600. Chairman and CEO: Rex Tillerson. Inc.: NJ. Addr.: 5959 Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039-2298. Tel.: 972-444-1000. Internet: www.exxonmobil.com

Current Liab. **ANNUAL RATES** Est'd '09-'11 Past Past 5 Yrs. 7.5% 5.0% 3.5% 10 Yrs. 10.5% to '15-'17 10.0% of change (per sh) Sales "Cash Flow" 11.5% 12.5% 10.0% 10.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 11.0% 9.5% 13.5%

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8310.0

55235.0 58984.0

41275.0 50034.0 2476.0 2787.0

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9812.0

72963.0

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Cal-	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2009	56222	65951	73285	80106	275564
2010	80222	82747	85181	93428	341578
2011	101335	112781	111991	107419	433526
2012	107500	114500	112500	110500	445000
2013	115000	122000	120000	118000	475000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE B Full				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2009	.92	.81	.98	1.27	3.98
2010	1.33	1.60	1.44	1.85	6.22
2011	2.14	2.18	2.13	1.97	8.42
2012	2.05	2.10	2.05	2.05	8.25
2013	2.15	2.25	2.15	2.20	8.75
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=†				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2008	.35	.40	.40	.40	1.55
2009	.40	.42	.42	.42	1.66
2010	.42	.44	.44	.44	1.74
2011	.44	.47	.47	.47	1.85
2012	.47				

We look for Exxon Mobil's earnings to ease a tad in 2012. Our view is based on the prospect that refining margins may not be as stellar as they were in 2011. It would be a plus for Exxon if gasoline prices were to stay ahead of, or even keep pace with, the advance in oil prices. But demand tends to slacken once pump prices approach the \$4.00-a-gallon mark. There are indications that those less palatable levels may soon be reached. Lower demand could then pull down gasoline prices, while oil prices remained high.

We figure bottom-line progress will resume in 2013. That is assuming the global economy picks up from what is shaping up as a below-trend year of growth in 2012. More rapid economic expansion would stimulate consumption of petroleum products and, most likely, nudge oil prices higher.

There is reason for optimism out to 2015-2017. Exxon stands alone in its ability to keep profits humming from the integrated business model approach. Most other major oil companies have given up a large portion of their refining and chemicals businesses to focus on oil drilling,

whereas Exxon has relinquished comparatively little ground in that regard. That points to a very high level of efficiency, which carries over into all facets of operations, and suggests higher profits down the road as global energy needs rise.

The company's resource base is impressive. Exxon more than replaced its production with fresh reserves in 2011, favoring oil, owing to low prices for natural gas. The company's reserve life at current production rates is 15 years. And, if we were to consider resources not officially on the books yet, Exxon's oil and gas assets could last more than 50 years.

There is always room for improvement. Investors would welcome with open arms more rapid production growth. Notably higher spending in recent years hasn't moved the needle much in that respect, but may yet. Greater geographic diversification, such as a bigger role in Russia, would be another positive.

All told, this blue chip stock is timely, and has solid appeal for conservative, investors. An aggressive long-term share-repurchase program adds spice. Robert Mitkowski, Jr. March 9, 2012

(A) Net of gasoline excise taxes.
(B) Based on diluted shares. Excludes non-Net of gasoline excise taxes recurring gains (losses): '96, 11¢; '97, 6¢; '98,

report due late April.

67¢; '05, 36¢; '06, 7¢. Earnings may not sum due to changes in share count. Next earnings Dividend reinvestment plan available. Stock Purchase Plan available w/o broker. Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 60