

**HELLENIC PETROLEUM S.A.**

**CONDENSED INTERIM  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
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## I. Company Information

<b>Directors</b>	Efthimios Christodoulou – Chairman of the Board John Costopoulos – Chief Executive Officer
	Theodoros-Achilleas Vardas – Executive Member Vasilios Bagiokos – Non executive Member Panagiotis Pavlopoulos – Non executive Member Iason Stratos – Non executive Member Elisabeth Typaldou - Loverdou – Non executive Member Georgios Kallimopoulos– Non executive Member Dimitrios Miliakos - Non executive Member (from 14/05/2008) Panagiotis Ofthalmidis– Non executive Member (from 14/05/2008) Alexios Athanasopoulos– Non executive Member (from 14/05/2008) Ioulia Armagou – Non executive Member (from 07/08/2008) Nikolaos Pefkianakis – Non executive Member (from 05/05/2009)
<b>Other Board Members during reporting period</b>	Andreas Vranas – Non executive member (until 14/05/2008) Vasilios Nikitas - Non executive Member (until 14/05/2008) Dimitrios Deligiannis - Non executive Member (until 14/05/2008) Marios Tsakas – Non executive Member (until 07/08/2008) Nikolaos Lerios– Executive Member (until 05/05/2009)
<b>Registered Office:</b>	54 Amalias Avenue 10558 Athens, Greece
<b>Registration number:</b>	2443/06/86/23 / Ministry of Development
<b>Auditors:</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers S.A. 152 32 Halandri Athens, Greece

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## II. Condensed Interim Statement of Financial Position (Reviewed)

		As at	
	Note	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	975.307	855.247
Intangible assets	9	14.057	17.446
Investments in associates and joint ventures		707.902	707.838
Deferred income tax assets		34.002	61.465
Available-for-sale financial assets		21	21
Loans, advances and other receivables	10	1.224	632
		<b>1.732.513</b>	<b>1.642.649</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	11	1.053.847	940.722
Trade and other receivables	12	748.947	713.693
Cash and cash equivalents	13	621.051	520.232
		<b>2.423.845</b>	<b>2.174.647</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>4.156.358</b>	<b>3.817.296</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	14	1.020.081	1.020.081
Reserves	15	452.749	489.407
Retained Earnings		419.631	371.901
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1.892.461</b>	<b>1.881.389</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	16	254.905	263.227
Retirement benefit obligations		109.053	123.496
Long term derivatives	19	66.714	71.219
Provisions and other long term liabilities	17	29.564	31.565
		<b>460.236</b>	<b>489.507</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	18	891.565	682.404
Borrowings	16	826.320	760.798
Dividends payable		85.776	3.198
		<b>1.803.661</b>	<b>1.446.400</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2.263.897</b>	<b>1.935.907</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>4.156.358</b>	<b>3.817.296</b>

The notes on pages 8 to 25 are an integral part of this interim financial information.

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Accounting Director

Ioannis Costopoulos

Andreas Shiamishis

Pantelis Tikkas

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### III. Condensed Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income (Reviewed)

	Note	For the six month period ended		For the three month period ended	
		30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
<b>Sales</b>		<b>2.908.242</b>	<b>4.880.897</b>	<b>1.426.772</b>	<b>2.481.759</b>
Cost of sales		(2.634.761)	(4.517.962)	(1.240.317)	(2.223.527)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>273.481</b>	<b>362.935</b>	<b>186.455</b>	<b>258.232</b>
Selling, distribution and administrative expenses	4	(88.047)	(93.218)	(41.888)	(48.689)
Exploration and development expenses		(2.931)	(13.826)	(1.592)	(8.271)
Other operating income/(expenses) - net	5	(16.362)	(49.979)	(30.703)	(41.012)
Dividend income		17.110	13.462	17.110	13.462
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>183.251</b>	<b>219.374</b>	<b>129.382</b>	<b>173.722</b>
Finance (expenses)/income -net	6	(5.132)	(8.023)	(3.347)	(4.177)
Currency exchange (losses)/gains		4.435	17.414	23.959	(4.822)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>182.554</b>	<b>228.765</b>	<b>149.994</b>	<b>164.723</b>
Income tax expense		(43.133)	(64.786)	(34.335)	(41.017)
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>139.421</b>	<b>163.979</b>	<b>115.659</b>	<b>123.706</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>					
Unrealised gains / (losses) on revaluation of hedges (Note 19)		(36.658)	(165.527)	(38.075)	(133.151)
<b>Other Comprehensive income for the period, net of tax</b>		<b>(36.658)</b>	<b>(165.527)</b>	<b>(38.075)</b>	<b>(133.151)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>102.763</b>	<b>(1.548)</b>	<b>77.584</b>	<b>(9.445)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (expressed in Euro per share)</b>	7	<b>0,46</b>	<b>0,54</b>	<b>0,38</b>	<b>0,40</b>

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## IV. Condensed Interim Statement of Changes in Equity (Reviewed)

	Share Capital	Reserves	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
<b>Balance at 1 January 2008</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>	<b>503.313</b>	<b>608.201</b>	<b>2.131.595</b>
Unrealised gains / (losses) on revaluation of hedges (Note 19)	-	(165.527)	-	(165.527)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	-	<b>(165.527)</b>	-	<b>(165.527)</b>
Profit for the period	-	-	163.979	163.979
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	<b>(165.527)</b>	<b>163.979</b>	<b>(1.548)</b>
Dividends relating to 2007	-	-	(106.972)	(106.972)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>	<b>337.786</b>	<b>665.208</b>	<b>2.023.075</b>
<b>Movement - 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2008</b>				
Unrealised gains / (losses) on revaluation of hedges (Note 19)	-	176.428	-	176.428
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	-	<b>176.428</b>	-	<b>176.428</b>
Loss for the period	-	-	(272.269)	(272.269)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	<b>176.428</b>	<b>(272.269)</b>	<b>(95.841)</b>
Transfers to retained earnings (Law 3220/04)	-	(24.807)	24.807	-
Dividends relating to interim 2008	-	-	(45.845)	(45.845)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>	<b>489.407</b>	<b>371.901</b>	<b>1.881.389</b>
<b>Movement - 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009</b>				
Unrealised gains / (losses) on revaluation of hedges (Note 19)	-	(36.658)	-	(36.658)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>	-	<b>(36.658)</b>	-	<b>(36.658)</b>
Profit for the period	-	-	139.421	139.421
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	<b>(36.658)</b>	<b>139.421</b>	<b>102.763</b>
Dividends relating to 2008	-	-	(91.691)	(91.691)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>	<b>452.749</b>	<b>419.631</b>	<b>1.892.461</b>

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#### V. Condensed Interim Statement of Cash Flows (Reviewed)

	Note	For the six month period ended	
		30 June 2009	30 June 2008
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash (used in) / generated from operations	20	188.153	(196.747)
Income tax paid		-	(41.402)
<b>Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities</b>		<b>188.153</b>	<b>(238.149)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment & intangible assets	8,9	(153.873)	(61.717)
Grants received		525	108
Investments in affiliated companies		-	(640)
Dividends received		9.333	11.730
Interest received	6	8.887	5.347
Proceeds from the disposal of available for sale financial assets		-	(2)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(135.128)</b>	<b>(45.174)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest paid	6	(13.573)	(13.370)
Dividends paid		(428)	(106.854)
Proceeds from borrowings		1.088.029	992.563
Repayments of borrowings		(1.021.938)	(536.762)
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>		<b>52.090</b>	<b>335.577</b>
<b>Net increase in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>		<b>105.115</b>	<b>52.254</b>
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at beginning of the period</b>	13	<b>520.232</b>	<b>26.815</b>
Exchange losses on cash & cash equivalents		(4.296)	(861)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		105.115	52.254
<b>Cash &amp; cash equivalents at end of the period</b>	13	<b>621.051</b>	<b>78.208</b>

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## VI. Notes to the Condensed Interim Financial Information (Reviewed)

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Hellenic Petroleum S.A. operates in the energy sector in Greece. The Company's activities include exploration and production, refining and marketing of oil products and the production and marketing of petrochemical products.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The interim financial information of Hellenic Petroleum S.A is prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34) '*Interim Financial Reporting*'.

This interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008. These can be found on the Company's website [www.helpe.gr](http://www.helpe.gr).

The interim financial information of the Company for the six month period ended 30 June 2009 was authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 August 2009.

This condensed interim financial information of the Company has been reviewed, not audited.

#### Accounting policies

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the condensed interim financial information for the six month period ended 30 June 2009 are consistent with those applied for the preparation of the published accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008. The interim financial statements have been prepared under the revised disclosure requirements. Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the changes in the presentation of the current year. Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

*New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations:* Certain new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued that are mandatory for periods beginning during the current reporting period and subsequent reporting periods. The Company's evaluation of the effect of these new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations is as follows.

The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations to existing standards are applicable to the Company for period on or after 1 January 2009:

- *IAS 1(Revised) 'Presentation of Financial Statements'*. IAS 1 has been revised to enhance the usefulness of information presented in the financial statements. The revised standard prohibits the presentation of items of income and expenses (that is 'non-owner changes in equity') in the statement of changes in equity, requiring 'non-owner changes in equity' to be presented separately from owner changes in equity. All 'non-owner changes in equity' are required to be shown in a performance statement. Entities can choose whether to present one performance statement (the statement of comprehensive income) or two statements (the income statement and statement of comprehensive income). The Company has elected to present one statement. The interim financial statements have been prepared under the revised disclosure requirements.
- *IAS 23 'Borrowing Costs'*. This standard replaces the previous version of IAS 23. The main change is the removal of the option of immediately recognising as an expense borrowing costs that relate to assets that need a substantial period of time to get ready for use or sale. The revised standard has presently no impact on the Company's interim financial information.

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- *IAS 39 (Amended) 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (effective for annual period beginning on or after 1 July 2009) – Eligible Hedged Items.* This amendment clarifies how the principles that determine whether a hedged risk or portion of cash flows is eligible for designation should be applied in particular situations. This amendment is applicable to the Company as it applies hedge accounting in terms of IAS 39, but has not had any impact on its interim financial information.
- *IFRS 2 (Amendments) 'Share Based Payment' – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations.* The amendment, clarifies the definition of “vesting condition” by introducing the term “non-vesting condition” for conditions other than service conditions and performance conditions. The amendment also clarifies that the same accounting treatment applies to awards that are effectively cancelled by either the entity or the counterparty. This amendment had no impact on the Company’s interim financial information.
- *IFRS 3 (revised) 'Business Combinations' and consequential amendments to IAS 27 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, IAS 28, 'Investments in associates' and IAS 31, 'Interests in joint ventures',* effective prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 July 2009. The revised standard introduces a number of changes in the accounting for business combinations which will impact the amount of goodwill recognized, the reported results in the period that an acquisition occurs, and future reported results. Such changes include the expensing of acquisition-related costs and recognizing subsequent changes in fair value of contingent consideration through the statement of comprehensive income. The amended IAS 27 requires that a change in ownership interest of a subsidiary be accounted for as an equity transaction. Furthermore the amended standard changes the accounting for losses incurred by the subsidiary as well as the loss of control of a subsidiary. The changes introduced by these standards must be applied prospectively and will affect future acquisitions and transactions with minority interests. The Company will apply these changes from their effective date.
- *IFRS 8, 'Operating Segments'.* This standard supersedes IAS 14, under which segments were identified and reported based on a risk and return analysis. Under IFRS 8 segments are components of an entity regularly reviewed by the entity’s chief operating decision maker and are reported in the financial statements based on this internal component classification. This has resulted in no change in the number of reportable segments presented.

The following interpretations to existing standards are mandatory for the Company’s accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 or later periods but without any significant impact to the Company’s operations:

- *IAS 32 (Amendment) "Financial Instruments: Presentation" and IAS 1 (Amendment) "Presentation of Financial Statements" – Puttable Financial Instruments* The amendment to IAS 32 requires certain puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidation to be classified as equity if certain criteria are met. The amendment to IAS 1 requires disclosure of certain information relating to puttable instruments classified as equity. This amendment does not impact the Company’s financial statements.
  - *IFRIC 13 'Customer Loyalty Programmes',* effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008). IFRIC 13 clarifies the treatment of entities that grant loyalty award credits such as “points” and “travel miles” to customers who buy other goods or services. This interpretation is not relevant to the Company’s operations.
  - *IFRIC 15 – 'Agreements for the construction of real estate',* effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. IFRIC 15 addresses the diversity in accounting for real estate sales. Some entities recognise revenue in accordance with IAS 18 (i.e. when the risks and rewards in the real estate are transferred) and others recognise revenue as the real estate is developed in accordance with IAS 11. The interpretation clarifies which standard should be applied to particular. This interpretation is not relevant to the Company’s operations.
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- *IFRIC 16 'Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation'*, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008. IFRIC 16 applies to an entity that hedges the foreign currency risk arising from its net investments in foreign operations and qualifies for hedge accounting in accordance with IAS 39. The interpretation provides guidance on how an entity should determine the amounts to be reclassified from equity to profit or loss for both the hedging instrument and the hedged item. This interpretation is not relevant to the Company as the Company does not apply hedge accounting for any investment in a foreign operation.
- *IFRIC 17, 'Distributions of non-cash assets to owners'*, effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009. This interpretation provides guidance on accounting for the following types of non-reciprocal distributions of assets by an entity to its owners acting in their capacity as owners: (a) distributions of non-cash assets and (b) distributions that give owners a choice of receiving either non-cash assets or a cash alternative. This is not currently applicable for the Company, as it has not made any non-cash distributions.
- *IFRIC 18, 'Transfers of assets from customers'*, effective for transfers of assets received on or after 1 July 2009. This interpretation clarifies the requirements of IFRSs for agreements in which an entity receives from a customer an item of property, plant and equipment that the entity must then use to provide the customer with an ongoing supply of goods or services. In some cases, the entity receives cash from a customer which must be used only to acquire or construct the item of property, plant and equipment. This is not relevant for the Company, as it has not received any assets from customers.

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### 3. ANALYSIS BY SEGMENT

The chief operating decision maker has been identified as the executive committee. This committee reviews the Company's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports. The committee considers the business from a number of measures which may vary depending on the nature and evolution of a business segment by taking into account the risk profile, cash flow, product and market considerations.

Information on the Company's operating segments is as follows:

Period ended 30 June 2009	Refining	Petro- chemicals	Exploration & Production	Other	Total
Sales	2.786.520	121.158	564	-	2.908.242
Other operating income / (expense) - net	(17.391)	1.029	-	-	(16.362)
<b>Operating profit / (loss)</b>	<b>175.668</b>	<b>(2.685)</b>	<b>(6.057)</b>	<b>16.325</b>	<b>183.251</b>
Currency exchange gains / (losses)	4.435	-	-	-	4.435
<b>Profit before tax, dividend income &amp; finance costs</b>	<b>180.103</b>	<b>(2.685)</b>	<b>(6.057)</b>	<b>16.325</b>	<b>187.686</b>
Finance income/(expense) - net					(5.132)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>					<b>182.554</b>
Income tax expense					(43.133)
<b>Profit for the period</b>					<b>139.421</b>

Period ended 30 June 2008	Refining	Petro- chemicals	Exploration & Production	Other	Total
Sales	4.685.111	193.712	564	1.510	4.880.897
Other operating income / (expense) - net	(50.961)	982	-	-	(49.979)
<b>Operating profit / (loss)</b>	<b>216.494</b>	<b>7.136</b>	<b>(17.758)</b>	<b>13.501</b>	<b>219.373</b>
Currency exchange gains / (losses)	17.414	-	-	-	17.414
<b>Profit before tax, dividend income &amp; finance costs</b>	<b>233.908</b>	<b>7.136</b>	<b>(17.758)</b>	<b>13.501</b>	<b>236.787</b>
Finance income/(expense) - net					(8.023)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>					<b>228.764</b>
Income tax expense					(64.786)
<b>Profit for the period</b>					<b>163.978</b>

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### Further segmental information as at 30 June 2009 is as follows:

	Refining	Petro-chemicals	Exploration & Production	Other	Total
Total Assets	3.864.496	254.439	3.421	34.002	<b>4.156.358</b>
Total liabilities	1.965.354	212.767	-	85.776	<b>2.263.897</b>
Net Assets	1.899.142	41.672	3.421	(51.774)	<b>1.892.461</b>
Capital Expenditure	153.873	-	-	-	<b>153.873</b>
Depreciation & Amortisation	30.298	6.198	701	-	<b>37.197</b>

### Further segmental information as at 31 December 2008 is as follows:

	Refining	Petro-chemicals	Exploration & Production	Other	Total
Total Assets	3.507.580	244.193	4.058	61.465	<b>3.817.296</b>
Total Liabilities	1.736.353	191.173	-	8.381	<b>1.935.907</b>
Net Assets	1.771.227	53.020	4.058	53.084	<b>1.881.389</b>
Capital Expenditure	241.736	-	-	-	<b>241.736</b>
Depreciation & Amortisation	63.076	12.697	-	-	<b>75.773</b>

## 4. SELLING, DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	For the six month period ended		For the three month period ended	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
Selling and distribution expenses	47.176	51.147	23.192	25.628
Administrative expenses	40.871	42.071	18.696	23.061
	<b>88.047</b>	<b>93.218</b>	<b>41.888</b>	<b>48.689</b>

## 5. OTHER OPERATING (EXPENSES) / INCOME – NET

- (a) Other operating (expenses) / income – net include amongst other, items of income or expenses which do not represent trading activities of the Company. Also included in Other Operating (Expenses) / Income are gains / (losses) from derivative positions not directly associated with operating activities (note 19).
- (b) Within the context of its transformation programme, the Company has announced and implemented a voluntary early retirement scheme. The additional cost which has been charged to the income statement has been estimated to approximately €30 million, and is included within “Trade and other payables” (Note 18).

## 6. FINANCE COSTS - NET

	For the six month period ended		For the three month period ended	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
Interest income	8.887	5.347	3.351	2.562
Interest expense and similar charges	(13.573)	(13.370)	(6.252)	(6.739)
Accrued interest expense	(446)	-	(446)	-
Finance (expenses)/income -net	<b>(5.132)</b>	<b>(8.023)</b>	<b>(3.347)</b>	<b>(4.177)</b>

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### 7. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Diluted earnings per ordinary share are not materially different from basic earnings per share.

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to equity holders of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	For the six month period ended		For the three month period ended	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
<b>Earnings per share attributable to the Company Shareholders (expressed in Euro per share):</b>	<b>0,46</b>	<b>0,54</b>	<b>0,38</b>	<b>0,40</b>
Net income attributable to ordinary shares (Euro in thousands)	139.421	163.979	115.659	123.706
Average number of ordinary shares outstanding	305.635.185	305.635.185	305.635.185	305.635.185

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#### 8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land	Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor vehicles	Furniture and fixtures	Assets Under Con- struction	Total
<b>Cost</b>							
<b>As at 1 January 2008</b>	<b>114.752</b>	<b>147.054</b>	<b>1.200.887</b>	<b>8.719</b>	<b>42.125</b>	<b>157.559</b>	<b>1.671.096</b>
Additions	-	44	308	36	1.453	59.688	61.529
Capitalised projects	-	709	16.455	52	264	(17.480)	-
Disposals	-	-	(35)	(80)	(69)	-	(184)
Transfers & other movements	-	45	(63)	-	5	-	(13)
<b>As at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>114.752</b>	<b>147.852</b>	<b>1.217.552</b>	<b>8.727</b>	<b>43.778</b>	<b>199.767</b>	<b>1.732.428</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>							
<b>As at 1 January 2008</b>	-	<b>89.128</b>	<b>865.566</b>	<b>7.736</b>	<b>32.230</b>	-	<b>994.660</b>
Charge for the year	-	3.589	29.344	170	1.689	-	34.792
Disposals	-	-	(35)	(80)	(69)	-	(184)
Transfers and other movements	-	(13)	-	-	-	-	(13)
<b>As at 30 June 2008</b>	-	<b>92.704</b>	<b>894.875</b>	<b>7.826</b>	<b>33.850</b>	-	<b>1.029.255</b>
<b>Net Book Value at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>114.752</b>	<b>55.148</b>	<b>322.677</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>9.928</b>	<b>199.767</b>	<b>703.173</b>
<b>Cost</b>							
<b>As at 1 July 2008</b>	<b>114.752</b>	<b>147.852</b>	<b>1.217.552</b>	<b>8.727</b>	<b>43.778</b>	<b>199.767</b>	<b>1.732.428</b>
Additions	1.770	138	377	446	2.492	169.440	174.663
Capitalised projects	-	4.025	39.833	1	3.454	(47.313)	-
Disposals	-	(4.471)	(406)	-	(184)	-	(5.061)
Transfers & other movements	(8.502)	12.400	(2.994)	(5)	846	8.965	10.710
<b>As at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>108.020</b>	<b>159.944</b>	<b>1.254.362</b>	<b>9.169</b>	<b>50.386</b>	<b>330.859</b>	<b>1.912.740</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>							
<b>As at 1 July 2008</b>	-	<b>92.704</b>	<b>894.875</b>	<b>7.826</b>	<b>33.850</b>	-	<b>1.029.255</b>
Charge for the year	-	3.611	26.373	180	1.799	-	31.963
Disposals	-	(3.280)	(270)	-	(186)	-	(3.736)
Transfers and other movements	-	(1)	-	12	-	-	11
<b>As at 31 December 2008</b>	-	<b>93.034</b>	<b>920.978</b>	<b>8.018</b>	<b>35.463</b>	-	<b>1.057.493</b>
<b>Net Book Value at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>108.020</b>	<b>66.910</b>	<b>333.384</b>	<b>1.151</b>	<b>14.923</b>	<b>330.859</b>	<b>855.247</b>
<b>Cost</b>							
<b>As at 1 January 2009</b>	<b>108.020</b>	<b>159.944</b>	<b>1.254.362</b>	<b>9.169</b>	<b>50.386</b>	<b>330.859</b>	<b>1.912.740</b>
Additions	1.884	60	106	179	1.398	149.885	153.512
Capitalised projects	-	2.678	39.970	-	67	(42.715)	-
Disposals	-	(6)	-	-	(170)	-	(176)
<b>As at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>109.904</b>	<b>162.676</b>	<b>1.294.438</b>	<b>9.348</b>	<b>51.681</b>	<b>438.029</b>	<b>2.066.076</b>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>							
<b>As at 1 January 2009</b>	-	<b>93.034</b>	<b>920.978</b>	<b>8.018</b>	<b>35.463</b>	-	<b>1.057.493</b>
Charge for the period	-	4.452	26.557	188	2.250	-	33.447
Disposals	-	(4)	-	-	(167)	-	(171)
<b>As at 30 June 2009</b>	-	<b>97.482</b>	<b>947.535</b>	<b>8.206</b>	<b>37.546</b>	-	<b>1.090.769</b>
<b>Net Book Value at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>109.904</b>	<b>65.194</b>	<b>346.903</b>	<b>1.142</b>	<b>14.135</b>	<b>438.029</b>	<b>975.307</b>

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### 9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer software	Licences & Rights	Total
<b>Cost</b>			
As at 1 January 2008	44.015	35.080	79.095
Additions	188	-	188
As at 30 June 2008	<u>44.203</u>	<u>35.080</u>	<u>79.283</u>
<b>Accumulated Amortisation</b>			
As at 1 January 2008	38.027	14.641	52.668
Charge for the year	2.202	2.296	4.498
As at 30 June 2008	<u>40.229</u>	<u>16.937</u>	<u>57.166</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 30 June 2008</b>	<u>3.974</u>	<u>18.143</u>	<u>22.117</u>
<b>Cost</b>			
As at 1 July 2008	44.203	35.080	79.283
Additions	5.356	-	5.356
Disposals of E&P license	-	(13.529)	(13.529)
Transfers, acquisitions & other movements	2.962	-	2.962
As at 31 December 2008	<u>52.521</u>	<u>21.551</u>	<u>74.072</u>
<b>Accumulated Amortisation</b>			
As at 1 July 2008	40.229	16.937	57.166
Charge for the year	6.816	-	6.816
Disposals of E&P licence	-	(6.759)	(6.759)
Transfers, acquisitions & other movements	(614)	17	(597)
As at 31 December 2008	<u>46.431</u>	<u>10.195</u>	<u>56.626</u>
<b>Net Book Value 31 December 2008</b>	<u>6.090</u>	<u>11.356</u>	<u>17.446</u>
<b>Cost</b>			
As at 1 January 2009	52.521	21.551	74.072
Additions	361	-	361
As at 30 June 2009	<u>52.882</u>	<u>21.551</u>	<u>74.433</u>
<b>Accumulated Amortisation</b>			
As at 1 January 2009	46.431	10.195	56.626
Charge for the period	2.585	1.165	3.750
As at 30 June 2009	<u>49.016</u>	<u>11.360</u>	<u>60.376</u>
<b>Net Book Value at 30 June 2009</b>	<u>3.866</u>	<u>10.191</u>	<u>14.057</u>

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#### 10. LOANS ADVANCES AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Loans and advances and other long term assets	1.224	632
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.224</b>	<b>632</b>

#### 11. INVENTORIES

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Crude oil	419.100	364.671
Refined products and semi-finished products	543.738	478.747
Petrochemicals	24.185	35.097
Consumable materials and other	66.824	62.207
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.053.847</b>	<b>940.722</b>

#### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Trade receivables	461.817	461.766
Other receivables	258.733	204.180
Derivatives held for trading (Note 19)	7.924	24.833
Deferred charges and prepayments	20.473	22.914
<b>Total</b>	<b>748.947</b>	<b>713.693</b>

#### 13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Cash at Bank and in Hand	18.554	30.660
Short term bank deposits	602.497	489.572
<b>Total</b>	<b>621.051</b>	<b>520.232</b>

Cash equivalents comprise of short-term deposits (relating to periods of less than three months). Such deposits depend on the immediate cash requirements of the Company.

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### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of Shares (authorised and issued)	Share Capital	Share premium	Total
<b>As at 1 January 2008 &amp; 31 December 2008</b>	<b>305.635.185</b>	<b>666.285</b>	<b>353.796</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>
<b>As at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>305.635.185</b>	<b>666.285</b>	<b>353.796</b>	<b>1.020.081</b>

All ordinary shares were authorised, issued and fully paid. The nominal value of each ordinary share is €2,18 (31 December 2008: €2,18).

#### *Share options*

During the AGM of Hellenic Petroleum S.A. held on 25 May 2005, a revised share option scheme was approved with the intention to link the number of share options granted to employees with the results and performance of the Company and its management. The AGM of Hellenic Petroleum S.A. of 31 May 2006 has approved and granted stock options for the year 2005 of 272.100 shares, for which the vesting period is 1 November to 5 December of the years 2008 – 2012. The AGM of 17 May 2007 has approved and granted stock options for the year 2006 of 408.015 shares, vesting on 1 November to 5 December of the years 2009 – 2013. The AGM of 14 May 2008 has approved and granted stock options for the year 2007 of 385.236 shares, vesting on 1 November to 5 December of the years 2010 – 2014. The AGM of 3 June 2009 has approved and granted stock options for the year 2008 of 1.704.716 shares, vesting on 1 November to 5 December of the years 2011 – 2015.

No stock options were exercised during the six-month period ended 30 June 2009, or the comparative period of the previous year. Stock based compensation expense was immaterial for the 6 month periods ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.

### 15. RESERVES

	Statutory reserve	Special reserves	Hedging reserve	Tax-free reserves	Total
<b>Balance at 1 January 2008</b>	<b>97.829</b>	<b>86.495</b>	<b>(47.380)</b>	<b>366.369</b>	<b>503.313</b>
Fair value gains / (losses) on cash flow hedges (Note 19)	-	-	(165.527)	-	(165.527)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>97.829</b>	<b>86.495</b>	<b>(212.907)</b>	<b>366.369</b>	<b>337.786</b>
Fair value gains / (losses) on cash flow hedges (Note 19)	-	-	176.428	-	176.428
Transfer to retained earnings (Law 3220/04)	-	-	-	(24.807)	(24.807)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>97.829</b>	<b>86.495</b>	<b>(36.479)</b>	<b>341.562</b>	<b>489.407</b>
Fair value gains / (losses) on cash flow hedges (Note 19)	-	-	(36.658)	-	(36.658)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>97.829</b>	<b>86.495</b>	<b>(73.137)</b>	<b>341.562</b>	<b>452.749</b>

#### *Statutory reserves*

Under Greek law, corporations are required to transfer a minimum of 5% of their annual net profit as reflected in their statutory books to a statutory reserve until such reserve equals one third of outstanding share capital. This reserve cannot be distributed during the existence of the corporation, but can be used to offset accumulated losses.

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### Special reserves

Special reserves primarily relate to reserves arising from tax revaluations which have been included in the holding company accounts in accordance with the relevant legislation in prior years. Where considered appropriate deferred tax provisions are booked in respect of these reserves.

### Tax-free reserves

Tax-free reserves include:

- (i) Tax deferred reserves are retained earnings which have not been taxed with the prevailing corporate income tax rate as allowed by Greek law under various statutes. Certain of these retained earnings will become liable to tax at the rate prevailing at the time of distribution to shareholders or conversion to share capital. Distributions to shareholders and conversions to share capital are not normally anticipated to be made through these reserves.
- (ii) Partially taxed reserves are retained earnings, which have been taxed at a rate less than the corporate tax rate as allowed by Greek law. Certain of these retained earnings will be subject to the remaining tax up to the corporate tax rate prevailing at the time of distribution to shareholders or conversion to share capital.
- (iii) In line with similar policy in the past, the Company had set up tax free reserves under the provisions of applicable incentive legislation Law 3220/2004 of the Hellenic Republic in respect to investment plans amounting to €81 million. The EU Commission has subsequently challenged this law as being a government subsidy that is not in accordance with EU policies. The Greek Government, conforming to European Union Directives passed Law 3614/2007 on the 22 November 2007 cancelling the provisions of Law 3220/2004, enabling companies to reallocate investments under other incentive legislation and requesting the payment of any due tax on the remaining amounts. Following the legislation amendment of Law 3220/2004, an amount of €69,6 million previously included in tax free reserves was reclassified to "Retained Earnings" (€44,8 million in 2007 and €24,8 million in 2008). As a result, the tax free reserves now include a remaining amount of €11,4 million under Environmental Investment Laws 2601/98 and 3299/04. The Company has repaid back the relevant investment subsidies under Law 3220/2004 and has appealed against the Greek State to include the relevant investment under law 2992/2002.

## 16. BORROWINGS

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
<b>Non-current borrowings</b>		
Bank borrowings	254.905	263.227
<b>Non-current borrowings</b>	<b>254.905</b>	<b>263.227</b>
<b>Current borrowings</b>		
Short term loans	817.398	751.876
Current portion of long term debt	8.922	8.922
<b>Total current borrowings</b>	<b>826.320</b>	<b>760.798</b>
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>1.081.225</b>	<b>1.024.025</b>

In April 2006, the Company concluded a €400 million multi-currency loan agreement with Hellenic Petroleum Finance Plc ("HPF"). The loan facility amount was increased to €600 million on 18 October 2006 and to €1 billion on 18 October 2007. The loan facility has been used to refinance existing financial indebtedness and for general corporate purposes. In particular, parts of the proceeds of the loan were used in order to fully repay the \$350 million bond loan issued by the Company in February 2005. As at 30 June 2009, the outstanding loan balance with HPF amounted to the equivalent of €825 million (US \$768 million and € 288 million).

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### 17. PROVISIONS AND OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Government grants	25.435	26.431
Litigation provisions	4.000	5.000
Other provisions	129	134
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.564</b>	<b>31.565</b>

#### *Government grants*

Government grants related to amounts received from the Greek State under investment legislation for the purpose of developing assets

#### *Environmental costs*

No material provision for environmental restitution is included in the accounts as the Company has a policy of addressing identified environmental issues on an ongoing basis.

#### *Other provisions*

Amounts included in other provisions and long term liabilities relate to sundry operating items and risks arising from the Company's ordinary activities.

### 18. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Trade payables	746.327	615.918
Accrued Expenses & Deferred Income	32.226	19.206
VRS liability	43.432	-
Derivatives (Note 19)	46.187	12.268
Other payables	23.393	35.012
<b>Total</b>	<b>891.565</b>	<b>682.404</b>

VRS liability includes a provision of approximately €30 million reflecting the cost of the voluntary retirement scheme that is over and above the legal compensation as determined by the provisions of law 2112/1920 (Note 5).

### 19. FAIR VALUES OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### **Derivatives held for trading**

In the context of managing risk resulting from the volatility in the inventory values of products and crude oil, the Company enters into derivative contracts. To the extent that these contracts are not designated as hedges, they are categorized as derivatives held-for-trading. The fair value of derivatives held-for-trading is recognized on the balance sheet in "Trade and other receivables" and "Trade and other payables" if the maturity is less than 12 months and in "Loans, advances and other receivables" and "Other long term liabilities" if the maturity is more than 12 months. Changes in the fair value of these derivatives are charged to the Income Statement either within "Other operating (expenses) / income – net" or "Cost of Sales".

The instruments used for this risk management include commodity exchange traded contracts (ICE futures), full refinery margin forwards, product price forward contracts or options.

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As part of managing operating and price risk, the Company engages in derivative transactions with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties with the intention of matching physical positions and trades or close proxies thereof and are therefore considered an integral part of “Cost of Sales”. For the 6 months ended 30 June 2009 the resulting gains / losses attributable to such derivatives were € 822 loss (6 months ended 30 June 2008: € 42.706 loss).

In certain cases it may not be possible to achieve a fully matched position, in which case the impact can not be considered as a “Cost of Sales” component. The result from such derivative positions as at 30 June 2009 is €2.027 loss (30 June 2008: €14.045 loss) and is shown under “Other operating (expenses) / income – net”.

#### Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage certain exposures to fluctuations in commodity prices. In this framework, the Company has entered into a number of commodity price swaps which have been designated by the Company as cash flow hedges, have been evaluated and proven to be highly effective, and in this respect, any changes in their fair value are recorded within Equity. The fair value of the Commodity swaps at the balance sheet date was recognised in “Trade and other Payables” and “Long term derivatives”(€35.660 and €53.432 respectively at 30 June 2009 and €0 and €46.812 respectively at 31 December 2008) , while changes in their fair value are recorded in reserves as long as the forecasted purchase of inventory is highly probable and the cash flow hedge is effective as defined in IAS 39.

When certain of the forecasted transactions cease to be highly probable, they are de-designated from cash flow hedges at which time amounts charged to reserves are transferred to the income statement. As at 30 June 2009 amounts transferred to the income statement for de-designated hedges amounted to €5.225 gain (30 June 2008: €34.952 loss). The remaining cash flow hedges remain highly effective and the movement in the fair value of these derivatives amounting to a loss of €36.658 as at 30 June 2009 (30 June 2008: €165.527 loss) was transferred to “Reserves” within other comprehensive income and expense.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of the derivative assets in the Balance Sheet.

	30 June 2009		31 December 2008	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
<b>Derivatives held for trading</b>				
<b>Commodity derivatives:</b>				
Commodity swaps	7.924	23.808	24.833	36.675
	<b>7.924</b>	<b>23.808</b>	<b>24.833</b>	<b>36.675</b>
<b>Total held for trading</b>	<b>7.924</b>	<b>23.808</b>	<b>24.833</b>	<b>36.675</b>
<b>Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges</b>				
Commodity swaps	-	89.093	-	46.812
<b>Total cash flow hedges</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89.093</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46.812</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.924</b>	<b>112.901</b>	<b>24.833</b>	<b>83.487</b>
<b>Non-current portion</b>				
Commodity swaps	-	66.714	-	71.219
	<b>-</b>	<b>66.714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71.219</b>
<b>Current portion</b>				
Commodity swaps (Notes 12, 18)	7.924	46.187	24.833	12.268
	<b>7.924</b>	<b>46.187</b>	<b>24.833</b>	<b>12.268</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.924</b>	<b>112.901</b>	<b>24.833</b>	<b>83.487</b>

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#### 20. CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	Note	For the six month period ended	
		30 June 2009	30 June 2008
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>182.554</b>	<b>228.765</b>
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible and intangible assets	8,9	37.197	39.290
Amortisation of grants		(1.861)	(1.397)
Financial expenses	6	5.132	8.023
Provisions for expenses and valuation changes		25.709	50.098
Foreign exchange (gains) / losses		(4.435)	(17.414)
Dividend income		(17.110)	(13.461)
		<b>227.186</b>	<b>293.904</b>
<b>Changes in working capital</b>			
Increase in inventories		(113.125)	(148.549)
Increase in trade and other receivables		(24.528)	(274.646)
Increase / (decrease) in payables		98.620	(67.456)
		<b>(39.033)</b>	<b>(490.651)</b>
<b>Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities</b>		<b>188.153</b>	<b>(196.747)</b>

#### 21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in the Income Statement are proceeds, costs and expenses, which arise from transactions between the company and related parties. Such transactions mainly comprise of sales and purchases of goods and services in the ordinary course of business.

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i) Sales of goods and services	For the six month period ended	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
<b>Sales of goods</b>		
Group Entities	933.188	1.655.982
Other related parties	66.974	327.751
<b>Sales of services</b>		
Group Entities	4.016	4.360
	<b>1.004.178</b>	<b>1.988.093</b>
<b>ii) Purchases of goods and services</b>		
<b>Purchases of goods</b>		
Group Entities	-	16.386
Other related parties	15.385	14.922
<b>Purchases of services</b>		
Group Entities	24.478	7.786
	<b>39.863</b>	<b>39.094</b>
<b>iii) Balances arising from sales / purchases of goods / services</b>		
	As at	
	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
<b>Receivables from related parties</b>		
<i>Group Entities</i>		
- Receivables	159.239	93.922
<i>Other related parties</i>		
- Receivables	162.028	191.186
	<b>321.267</b>	<b>285.108</b>
<b>Payables to related parties</b>		
<i>Group Entities</i>		
- Payables	10.598	10.400
<i>Other related parties</i>		
- Payables	2.278	1.825
	<b>12.876</b>	<b>12.225</b>
	<b>308.391</b>	<b>272.883</b>
<b>Net balances from related parties</b>		
	For the six month period ended	
	30 June 2009	30 June 2008
Charges for directors remuneration	564	880

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All transactions with related parties are effected under normal trading and commercial terms

Group Entities include all companies consolidated under the full method of consolidation.

Other related parties include non affiliated or Governmental organisations such as the Hellenic Armed Forces and the Public Power Corporation (Hellas). They are considered related parties due to the shareholding in the Company by the Hellenic State. Also included are Group companies consolidated with the equity method of consolidation.

Transactions and balances with related parties are in respect of the following:

- a) Hellenic Petroleum Group companies.
  - b) Parties which are under common control with the Company due to the shareholding and control rights of the Hellenic State:
    - Public Power Corporation Hellas
    - Hellenic Armed Forces
    - Olympic Airways/ Olympic Airlines
  - c) Financial institutions which are under common control with the Company due to the shareholding and control rights of the Hellenic State. The Company as at 30 June 2009 have no outstanding loans (31 December 2008: equivalent €121) due to the following related financial institutions:
    - National Bank of Greece
    - Agricultural Bank of Greece
  - d) Joint ventures with other third parties:
    - Melrose- Kuwait Energy
    - STPC Sea of Thrace
    - Sea of Thrace
    - OMV Aktiengesellschaft (until January 2008)
    - Woodside – Repsol – Helpe (until November 2008)
    - Oil Search, Melrose (until February 2008)
  - e) Associates of the Company:
    - Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company S.A. (EAKAA)
    - Public Gas Corporation of Greece S.A. (DEPA)
    - Artenius A.E.
    - Elpedison B.V.
    - Spata Aviation Fuel Company S.A. (SAFCO)
  - f) Financial institutions in which substantial interest is owned by parties which hold significant participation in the share capital of the Company. The Company as at 30 June 2009 had outstanding loans amounting to the equivalent of €240 million (31 December 2008: equivalent of €240 million) with the following related financial institutions:
    - EFG Eurobank Ergasias S.A.
  - g) Enterprises in which substantial interest is owned by parties which hold significant participation in the share capital of the Company.
    - Private Sea Marine Services (ex Lamda Shipyards)
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### 22. COMMITMENTS

Significant contractual commitments of the Company are as follows:

- Capital investment in upgrading Hellenic Petroleum refinery installations of €462 million (31 December 2008: €439 million). Out of the €462 million, €396 million relate to the major upgrade projects in Elefsina and Thessaloniki.
- Upstream exploration and development costs of €4 million (31 December 2008: €13 million) have been committed as part of the Joint Operating Agreements (JOA) in place. These commitments will depend on the progress of exploration activities.

### 23. CONTINGENCIES AND LITIGATION

The Company has contingent liabilities in respect of bank and other guarantees and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Provisions are set up by the Company against such matters whenever deemed necessary and included in other provisions (note 17). They are as follows:

- (i) The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings and has various unresolved claims pending arising in the ordinary course of business. Based on currently available information, management believes the outcome will not have a significant effect on the company's operating results or financial position.
- (ii) The Company has not undergone a tax audit for the years ended 31 December 2002 to 31 December 2008. The tax audit for the years 2002 – 2005 is currently under way, likewise a temporary tax audit for the financial year 2006. The tax audit of Petrola Hellas AEBE (merged with Hellenic Petroleum S.A. in 2003) for 2002 and 1/1 – 4/6/2003 was completed in March 2009. Management believes that no additional material liability will arise as a result of open tax years over and above the tax liabilities and provisions recognised in the financial statements.
- (iii) The Company has provided letters of comfort and guarantees to the favour of banks as security for loans granted by them to subsidiaries and associates of the Group, the outstanding amount of which as at 30 June 2009 was the equivalent of €1.379 million (31 December 2008 €1.124 million). The Company has also issued letters of credit and guarantees to the favour of third parties, mainly for the procurement of crude oil, which as at 30 June 2009 amounted to the equivalent of €344 million equivalent (31 December 2008 €364 million).
- (iv) Following complaints by IATA, the Greek Competition Committee initiated an investigation into the pricing of aviation jet fuel in the Greek market. The conclusion of the investigation was to assert a fine of €9.4m to all Greek refineries, Hellenic Petroleum share accounts for €7,3m and it is based on a percentage of the relevant sales revenues in the year preceding the complaint. The Company maintaining its position that the rationale of the conclusion has not taken into account critical evidence presented, has filed an appeal with the Athens Administrative Court of Appeals. In parallel a petition to suspend the decision has also been filed and partially accepted; the Court has suspended the corrective measures imposed by the Greek Competition Committee until 31 August 2007 (since then all necessary changes have been implemented), but did not suspend the payment of the fine, which has already been paid. Management believes that the final outcome of this case will not have any material impact on the Company's financial statements. The court date for the appeal, initially set for the 27 September 2007 and postponed to take place on 17 January 2008, was finally tried on the 25 September 2008. The resolution issued has partly accepted the Company's appeal i.e. and (a) has reduced the fine of €7,3 million by €1,5 million (b) has revoked the corrective measures which were temporarily suspended as above. The Company is contesting the above decision before the Supreme Administrative Court for the part which the aforementioned resolution has not been fully accepted.
- (v) In November and December 2008, the Z' Customs Office of Piraeus, issued deeds of assessment amounting at approx. €40.000 for alleged stock shortages in the bonded warehouses of Aspropyrgos and Elefsina installations. In relation with the above, the Company has filed within the deadlines required by the Law, contestations before the Administrative Court of First Instance of Piraeus. In addition, independent auditors have confirmed that there are no stock shortages and the books are in complete agreement with official stock

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counts. Further to the substantial reasons of contestation, the legal advisors have expressed the opinion that such claims have been time-barred.

#### **24. DIVIDENDS**

A proposal to the AGM for an additional €0,35 per share as final dividend for 2007 was approved by the Board of Directors on 14 February 2008. This amounts to €106.972 and is included in the current financial information.

At its meeting held on 7 August, 2008, during which the Board of Directors approved the Condensed Interim Financial Statements of the Group for the six month period ended 30 June 2008, the Board proposed and approved an interim dividend for the 2008 financial year of €0,15 per share (amounting to a total of €45.845). The relevant amounts relating to the interim dividend have been included in the interim financial information of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

A proposal to the AGM for an additional €0,30 per share as final dividend for 2008 was approved by the Board of Directors on 26 February 2009 and the final approval was given by the shareholders at the AGM held on 3 June 2009. This amounts to €91.691 and is included in the current interim consolidated financial statements.

At its meeting held on 27 August 2009, during which the Board of Directors approved the Condensed Interim Financial Information of the Company for the six month period ended 30 June 2009, the Board proposed and approved an interim dividend for the 2009 financial year of €0,15 per share (amounting to a total of €45.845). The relevant amounts relating to the interim dividend will be included in the interim financial information of the Company for the next period ending 30 September 2009.

#### **25. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

On 26 June 2009 Hellenic Petroleum S.A. agreed to acquire BP's Ground Fuels business activities in Greece. The deal excludes lubricants, aviation fuels and the solar energy business. The agreement, which is subject to the approval of the relevant authorities, includes BP's nationwide network retail of 1,200 branded service stations and storage facilities of 170,000m<sup>3</sup> as well as the commercial and industrial retail business. The total value of the transaction is €359m, including the undertaking of €40m of net debt and other liabilities. Following completion, about 240 BP employees will continue working for the business activities transferred to Hellenic Petroleum. The agreement provides for a transitional period regarding the management of the network and branding.