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Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
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for the period ended 31 October 2017

BP p.l.c.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Highlights Year-to-date
 organic
 balance at \$49
 a barrel
 Share
 buybacks
 announced to
 offset scrip
 dilution
 Reported third
 quarter group
 oil and gas
 production up
 14%
 Underlying
 replacement
 cost (RC)
 profit* for the
 third quarter
 was

\$1.9 billion,
compared with
\$684 million in
previous
quarter.

Third-quarter
operating cash
flow,
excluding Gulf
of Mexico oil
spill
payments*,
was
\$6.6 billion.
Including these
payments,
operating cash
flow*

for the
quarter was
\$6.0 billion.

Underlying
operating cash
flow* in first
nine months
exceeded
organic capital
expenditure*
plus full
dividend* -
equivalent to
organic cash
balance

including
full dividend at
Brent oil price
of \$49 a barrel,
or \$42 a barrel
including cash
dividend
only(a).

Dividend
unchanged at
10 cents per
share.

Recommencing
share buyback
programme in
fourth quarter

to offset ongoing dilutive effect of scrip dividends over time.

Reported group oil and gas production in the third quarter averaged 3.6 million barrels of oil equivalent a day, 14% higher than in the third quarter of 2016.

Three Upstream major projects* began production in the quarter.

Downstream underlying quarterly earnings were the highest for five years, second-highest on a RC basis.

Around \$4.5 billion in disposal proceeds are expected for full year 2017, with \$1.0 billion received in first nine months. Proceeds expected in the

fourth quarter include those from the

SECCO
transaction
(\$1.4 billion)
and the initial
public offering
of BP
Midstream
Partners LP's
common units
(\$0.7
billion).

Financial summary
Third quarter 2017

See chart on PDF

	Third quarter 2017	Second quarter 2017	Third quarter 2016	Nine months 2017	Nine months 2016
\$ million					
Profit (loss) for the period(b)	1,769	144	1,620	3,362	(382)
Inventory holding (gains) losses*, net of tax	(390)	409	41	(18)	(689)
RC profit (loss)*	1,379	553	1,661	3,344	(1,071)
Net (favourable) adverse impact of non-operating items* and fair value accounting effects*, net of tax	486	131	(728)	715	3,256
Underlying RC profit	1,865	684	933	4,059	2,185
RC profit (loss) per ordinary share (cents)*	6.98	2.80	8.82	17.01	(5.74)
RC profit (loss) per ADS (dollars)	0.42	0.17	0.53	1.02	(0.34)
Underlying RC profit per ordinary share (cents)*	9.44	3.47	4.96	20.65	11.70
Underlying RC profit per ADS (dollars)	0.57	0.21	0.30	1.24	0.70

(a) See organic balance/organic cash balance definition and further information in the Glossary on page 29.

(b) Profit attributable to BP shareholders.

Bob Dudley - Group chief executive:

"We are steadily building a track record of delivering on our plans and growing across our businesses. This quarter, three new Upstream projects and the highest Downstream earnings in five years, underpinned by reliable operations and disciplined spending, have generated healthy earnings and cash flow. There is still room for further improvement and we will keep striving to increase sustainable free cash flow* and distributions to shareholders."

* See definitions in the Glossary on page 29. RC profit (loss), underlying RC profit, operating cash flow excluding Gulf of Mexico oil spill payments / Underlying operating cash flow and organic capital expenditure are non-GAAP measures.

The commentary above and following should be read in conjunction with the cautionary statement on page 32.

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Group headlines

Earnings

BP's profit for the third quarter and nine months was \$1,769 million and \$3,362 million respectively, compared with a profit of \$1,620 million and a loss of \$382 million for the same periods in 2016.

The third-quarter replacement cost (RC) profit was \$1,379 million, compared with \$1,661 million for the same period in 2016. After adjusting for a net charge for non-operating items of \$274 million and net adverse fair value accounting effects of \$212 million (both on a post-tax basis), underlying RC profit for the third quarter was \$1,865 million, compared with \$933 million for the same period in 2016.

For the nine months, RC profit was \$3,344 million, compared with a loss of \$1,071 million a year ago. After adjusting for a net charge for non-operating items of \$794 million and net favourable fair value accounting effects of \$79 million (both on a post-tax basis), underlying RC profit for the nine months was \$4,059 million, compared with \$2,185 million for the same period in 2016.

See further information on page 3.

Non-operating items

Non-operating items amounted to a charge of \$385 million pre-tax and \$274 million post-tax for the quarter and a charge of \$1,297 million pre-tax and \$794 million post-tax for the nine months. See further information on page 25.

Effective tax rate

The effective tax rate (ETR) on RC profit or loss* for the third quarter and nine months was 43% for both periods, compared with -16% and 73% for the same periods in 2016. Adjusting for non-operating items and fair value accounting effects and the impact of the reduction in the rate of the UK North Sea supplementary charge in the third quarter 2016, the adjusted ETR* for the third quarter and nine months was 40% and 42% respectively, compared with 37% and 25% for the same periods in 2016.

Dividend

BP today announced a quarterly dividend of 10.00 cents per ordinary share (\$0.600 per ADS), which is expected to be paid on 21 December 2017. The corresponding amount in sterling will be announced on 11 December 2017. See page 22 for further information.

Share buybacks

BP will recommence a share buyback programme in the fourth quarter, intended to offset the ongoing dilutive effect of scrip dividends over time. The programme will not necessarily match the dilution on a quarterly basis but will reflect the ongoing judgement of various factors including changes in the price environment, the underlying performance of the business, the outlook for the group's financial framework and other market factors which may vary from quarter to quarter.

Operating cash flow*

Excluding post-tax amounts related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, operating cash flow* for the third quarter and nine months was \$6.6 billion and \$17.9 billion respectively, compared with \$4.8 billion and \$13.1 billion for the same periods in 2016. Including amounts relating to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, operating cash flow for the third quarter and nine months was \$6.0 billion and \$13.0 billion respectively, compared with \$2.5 billion and \$8.3 billion for the same periods in 2016.

Capital expenditure*

Organic capital expenditure* for the third quarter and nine months was \$4.0 billion and \$11.9 billion respectively, compared with \$3.5 billion and \$12.2 billion for the same periods in 2016.

Inorganic capital expenditure* for the third quarter and nine months was \$0.5 billion and \$1.1 billion respectively, compared with \$0.05 billion, and \$0.3 billion for the same periods in 2016.

Organic and inorganic capital expenditure are non-GAAP measures. See page 24 for further information.

The adjusted ETR for the third quarter and nine months is higher than a year ago mainly due to changes in the mix of profits, notably the impact of the renewal of our interest in the Abu Dhabi onshore oil concession. We continue to expect the full year adjusted ETR to be above 40%. Adjusted ETR is a non-GAAP measure. See further information on page 29.

Divestment proceeds*

Divestment proceeds were \$0.2 billion for the third quarter and \$1.0 billion for the nine months, compared with \$0.6 billion and \$2.2 billion for the same periods in 2016.

Net debt*

Net debt at 30 September 2017 was \$39.8 billion, compared with \$32.4 billion a year ago. The net debt ratio* at 30 September 2017 was 28.4%, compared with 25.9% a year ago. Net debt and the net debt ratio are non-GAAP measures. See page 23 for more information.

Brian Gilvary - Chief financial officer:

"We have made strong progress this year in adjusting to the lower oil price environment and have now brought our finances, including the full dividend, back into organic balance at an oil price just below \$50 a barrel. Given the momentum we see across our businesses and our confidence in the outlook for the group's finances, we will be recommending a share buyback programme this quarter. We intend to offset the ongoing dilution from the scrip dividend over time."

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Analysis of underlying RC profit before interest and tax

\$ million	Third quarter 2017	Second quarter 2017	Third quarter 2016	Nine months 2017	Nine months 2016
Underlying RC profit before interest and tax*					
Upstream	1,562	710	(224)	3,642	(942)
Downstream	2,338	1,413	1,431	5,493	4,757
Rosneft	137	279	120	515	432
Other businesses and corporate	(398)	(366)	(260)	(1,204)	(814)
Consolidation adjustment - UPII*	(130)	135	17	(63)	(64)
Underlying RC profit before interest and tax	3,509	2,171	1,084	8,383	3,369
Finance costs and net finance expense relating to pensions and other post-retirement benefits	(444)	(420)	(358)	(1,251)	(1,012)
Taxation on an underlying RC basis	(1,212)	(1,055)	164	(3,030)	(161)
Non-controlling interests	12	(12)	43	(43)	(11)
Underlying RC profit attributable to BP shareholders	1,865	684	933	4,059	2,185

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Reconciliations of underlying RC profit or loss to the nearest equivalent IFRS measure are provided on page 1 for the group and on pages 6-11 for the segments.

Analysis of RC profit (loss) before interest and tax and reconciliation to profit (loss) for the period

	Third quarter 2017	Second quarter 2017	Third quarter 2016	Nine months 2017	Nine months 2016
\$ million					
RC profit (loss) before interest and tax*					
Upstream	1,242	795	1,196	3,293	(118)
Downstream	2,175	1,567	978	5,448	4,263
Rosneft	137	279	120	515	432
Other businesses and corporate(a)	(460)	(721)	(441)	(1,612)	(7,040)
Consolidation adjustment - UPII	(130)	135	17	(63)	(64)
RC profit (loss) before interest and tax	2,964	2,055	1,870	7,581	(2,527)
Finance costs and net finance expense relating to pensions and other post-retirement benefits	(566)	(541)	(481)	(1,620)	(1,381)
Taxation on a RC basis	(1,031)	(949)	229	(2,574)	2,848
Non-controlling interests	12	(12)	43	(43)	(11)
RC profit (loss) attributable to BP shareholders	1,379	553	1,661	3,344	(1,071)
Inventory holding gains (losses)	557	(586)	(60)	37	996
Taxation (charge) credit on inventory holding gains and losses	(167)	177	19	(19)	