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On May 3, 2013, Elliott Associates, L.P. and Elliott International, L.P. issued the following press release:

ISS ENDORSES FULL SLATE OF ELLIOTT NOMINEES AT HESS

*Recommends Hess Shareholders Vote on the **GREEN** Proxy Card to Elect Elliott Nominees Rodney Chase, Harvey Golub, Karl Kurz, David McManus and Mark Smith*

New York (May 3, 2013) Elliott Management Corporation (Elliott), one of the largest shareholders of Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES), today announced that Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), a leading independent proxy voting advisory firm, has recommended that Hess shareholders vote on the **GREEN** proxy card to support all of Elliott's independent nominees: Rodney Chase, Harvey Golub, Karl Kurz, David McManus and Mark Smith. ISS recommended that Hess shareholders **DO NOT VOTE** on the Company's white proxy card.

In reaching its conclusion, ISS acknowledged the serious lack of oversight and accountability at the Board level at Hess. ISS performed a detailed analysis of both sides' positions and carefully considered, among other things, the Company's total shareholder return, operating performance and financial performance, as well as the strong experience and qualifications of Elliott's nominees. ISS concluded that shareholders should **vote on the GREEN proxy card**, saying:

The dissidents have made a compelling case that a change in the composition of the board is necessary, and have proposed a slate of nominees that are well positioned to effect this change. Thus, shareholders should vote FOR the five dissident nominees Chase, Golub, Kurz, McManus, and Smith on the GREEN CARD.

John Pike, Senior Portfolio Manager at Elliott, said, "We appreciate ISS's support and recognize that ISS rarely endorses a full slate of nominees. This conclusion further underscores the issues at Hess and the need for change. We believe a reconstituted Board will be able to deliver change at Hess and unlock value for all shareholders. Our highly-qualified independent nominees will bring the industry experience and business judgment that is sorely needed at Hess, and are firmly committed to evaluating all options and orchestrating a turnaround at the Company."

If you have any questions, require assistance with submitting your consents on the **GREEN** proxy card or need additional copies of the proxy materials, please contact:

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Additional Information

Elliott Associates, L.P. and Elliott International, L.P. (Elliott) filed a definitive proxy statement and an accompanying proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on April 3, 2013. Stockholders are advised to read the definitive proxy statement, and other materials filed with the SEC, because they contain important information concerning Elliott s solicitation of proxies for the 2013 Hess Annual Meeting of Stockholders, including information concerning the participants in that solicitation. These materials are available for no charge at the SEC s website

at www.sec.gov or by directing a request to Elliott's proxy solicitor, Okapi Partners, at its toll-free number (877) 796-5274 or via email at info@okapipartners.com.

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About Elliott Management:

Elliott's two funds, Elliott Associates, L.P. and, Elliott International, L.P., together have more than \$21 billion of assets under management. Founded in 1977, Elliott is one of the oldest hedge funds under continuous management. The Elliott funds' investors include large institutions, high-net-worth individuals and families, and employees of the firm.

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