



Venezuela Fact Sheet

Highlights of Operations

Chevron's legacy in Venezuela dates back to the 1920s, and we currently participate in six onshore and offshore production projects in the country.

We are partnered with Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., Venezuela's national crude oil and natural gas company, on each of the projects.

In western Venezuela, Chevron participates in the nonoperated Petroboscan and Petroindependiente projects. Production consists of heavy and light crude oil, respectively. In eastern Venezuela, we are involved in the Petropiar operation, which produces extra-heavy crude oil and upgrades it into synthetic crude.

Chevron holds a natural gas license in Blocks 2 and 3 of Plataforma Deltana offshore Venezuela and was invited to participate in the country's first liquefied natural gas processing unit.

Our operations are accompanied by social investment projects that enable growth in the areas where we work. We also make significant contributions to education, health, social and cultural programs.

Business Portfolio

Exploration and Production

Chevron is one of the leading private oil companies in Venezuela, where we partner with Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) in exploration and production projects.

In 2011, total daily production averaged 259,000 barrels of crude oil (60,000 net) and 119 million cubic feet of natural gas (27 million net).

- The Boscan Field in the state of Zulia in western Venezuela is operated by Petroboscan, a joint venture with PDVSA in which Chevron holds a 39.2 percent interest. During 2011, Petroboscan's total daily production averaged 103,000 barrels of liquids (27,000 net) and 14 million cubic feet of natural gas (6 million net). In 2011, 18 development wells were drilled.
- Chevron owns 25.2 percent of Petroindependiente, which operates the LL-652 Field in Lake Maracaibo. During 2011, Petroindependiente's total daily production averaged 4,000 barrels of liquids (1,000 net) and 44 million cubic feet of natural gas (8 million net).
- Chevron has a 30 percent interest in Petropiar, a nonoperated joint venture with PDVSA in Venezuela's Orinoco Belt. This vertically integrated project produces extra-heavy crude and refines it to a high-quality synthetic crude oil. It has the capacity to process 190,000 barrels of extra-heavy crude oil into 180,000 barrels of lighter, higher-value synthetic crude oil per day. During 2011, total daily production averaged 152,000 barrels of synthetic oil (33,000 net) and 61 million cubic feet of natural gas (13 million net).

Chevron also has an important presence offshore Venezuela, in the Plataforma Deltana region. Chevron operates and holds a 60 percent interest in Block 2 and a 100 percent interest in Block 3. In 2011, progress was made on a development concept called the Regional Cooperative Arrangement.

Chevron has a 34 percent interest in Petroindependencia, which is working to commercialize the Carabobo 3 Project. This heavy oil project is in three blocks within the Carabobo Area of the Orinoco Belt. Conceptual engineering for the potential development of the concession is under way.

An exploratory program for the Cardon III Block, north of Lake Maracaibo, was completed in 2011.

Block 2 of the Plataforma Deltana project includes the Loran Field. Loran is scheduled to supply initial natural gas for Venezuela's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) project. A 2008 agreement provides Chevron with a 10 percent interest in the nonoperated first processing unit of the LNG plant and the associated offshore pipeline. An interim operating agreement governing the processing unit activities prior to a final investment decision was signed by the partners in 2009. The Venezuelan government accepted a Block 2 Declaration of Commerciality in 2010.

In the Community

Over the years, Chevron has helped communities in Venezuela by providing thousands of jobs and improving the quality of life for many people.

In the past 10 years, our social investments in Venezuela have topped \$60 million and benefited more than 200,000 people. One percent of the income from our nonoperated joint ventures is devoted to social investment. Our efforts are focused on providing sustainable growth through infrastructure development and programs that support basic human needs, education and training, small and medium-size business development, and cultural causes.

Education and Training

For the past eight years, Chevron has sponsored the Natural Gas Business Management postgraduate program at Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas. The program—unique in Venezuela—covers many aspects of the natural gas industry, from wellhead to burner tip. A team from Chevron has worked with university professors to teach hundreds of professionals about the natural gas business from both a local and an international perspective. Chevron's investment of more than \$1.3 million has helped 200 students graduate from the program.

Since 2005, Chevron has partnered with the Ministry of Education to advance teaching skills and thereby improve education in communities near our operations.

Chevron sponsored the [Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership](#) in alliance with the Ministry of Education. In 2011, Chevron started a teacher training program to strengthen this program and engage educators, students and parents in new ways of using audiovisual material to teach and learn. Chevron helped pay for equipment and classroom remodeling. Eleven schools across the country were helped, including 10,000 children from poor areas in Zulia, Anzoátegui and Caracas.

In the state of Zulia, Chevron has refurbished 11 schools and has a maintenance program in place to make sure these projects continue. Chevron is expanding Suürula Wakualpa Elementary School. With 500 students, the Wayúu school is in one of the poorest municipalities in the state.

Chevron also supports the Centro de Formación Profesional San Francisco in the Maracaibo area. The program offers vocational training to young people from low-income families. A second training facility was inaugurated in 2011 to enable more than 300 students to attend year-round.

Chevron funded the construction of the first high school in the community adjacent to our joint-venture Petroboscan operations in western Venezuela. More than 200 students have graduated from the 600-student school. Seventy percent of the graduates were the first in their families to earn a high school diploma. In partnership with Petroboscan, Chevron is building the Boscan Training Center to train oil workers on field disciplines.

Health

Chevron has consistently supported health programs to improve the lives of people living in the communities where we operate. We have partnered with the nongovernmental organizations Operation Smile, Fundamigos, Rotaplast International, Rotary Cumanagoto, Rotary Coquivacoa and Hogar Clínica San Rafael, a public hospital, to treat 2,800 children with cranial malformations and cleft palates.

In the states of Anzoategui and Delta Amacuro, Chevron supports the Healthy Communities program in partnership with Fundación Paragüero. The program supplies equipment to outpatient clinics and offers preventive health training. More than 500 people are helped every year.

Small and Medium-Size Business Development

Chevron works with the Center for the People's Action and its partners to support Emprered (Network of Entrepreneurs). The program offers training for new small business owners and micro entrepreneurs in the areas where we operate. Emprered has trained more than 1,400 people in project development, marketing, finance and other skills necessary to develop a sustainable business. As part of this program, Chevron provides loans and training through Empremujer, the first entrepreneur network for women in the country.

Ingenuity is one of Chevron's core values. Since 2004, we have sponsored the Ideas Contest to promote innovation and community-oriented development. Since 2010, we have recognized novel ideas developed by women with the Chevron Award for Women Entrepreneurs.

Cultural Programs and Volunteers

Chevron supports cultural programs as well. For the eighth year, Chevron is partnering with the Venezuelan embassy in Washington, D.C., to sponsor Venezuelan Sounds, which brings Venezuelan music and culture to the United States.

Record of Achievement

Chevron's relationship with Venezuela started in the early 1920s, when the company began exploring for oil there. In 1946, the giant Boscan oil field was discovered west of Lake Maracaibo, in the state of Zulia. Following the nationalization of the Venezuelan oil industry in the mid-1970s, Chevron returned to Venezuela in 1996 to assume operation of the same field. That same year, Chevron headquartered our Latin American operations in Caracas. In 2006, under a new contract, operatorship of Boscan shifted to Petroboscan, a joint-venture company in which Chevron holds a 39.2 percent interest.

In 1997, Chevron was named the operator of the LL-652 Field, an offshore field in the northeast portion of Lake Maracaibo. In 2006, under a new contract, operatorship of LL-652 shifted to Petroindependiente, a joint-venture company in which Chevron holds a 25.2 percent interest.

Also in 1997, Chevron partnered with Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) to develop the Hamaca Field, in an area currently known as the Ayacucho Field. Under a 2007 contract, Petropiar became the operator. Chevron has a 30 percent interest in Petropiar, a joint venture with PDVSA. The project extracts and upgrades extra-heavy crude oil from the Orinoco Belt, the world's largest known hydrocarbon deposit, in eastern Venezuela.

Chevron also has made several significant natural gas discoveries in Plataforma Deltana Blocks 2 and 3. Plataforma Deltana is an extensive offshore area close to the estuary of the Orinoco River, in eastern Venezuela.

Economy

Chevron and its partners have made significant capital investments in Venezuela, helped develop the national workforce and promoted the use of local resources.

Petropiar's crude oil upgrader and upstream facilities employed about 12,000 people during peak construction. The project will require an estimated 1,000 employees during its anticipated 34 years of operation.

Chevron makes important technological contributions by bringing our most effective methods to the Venezuelan oil industry. We also share knowledge in the areas of offshore engineering design and heavy-oil production and upgrading.

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