

# Who is Chevron?

## Corporate Profile

Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX Euronext: CHTEX) is an American multinational energy corporation. Headquartered in San Ramon, California, and active in more than 180 countries, it is engaged in every aspect of the oil, gas, and geothermal energy industries, including exploration and production; refining, marketing and transport; chemicals manufacturing and sales; and power generation. Chevron is one of the world's six "supermajor" oil companies. (*wikipedia*)

## Chevron goes to Ecuador

Chevron entered Ecuador by purchasing Texaco. Texaco had been operating in Ecuador since 1960. In 1993 they were hit with a lawsuit for dumping toxic waste in the rainforest. The 18 Billion gallons of toxic sludge they dumped dwarfs the Exxon-Valdez spill, and was done intentionally.

Chevron acquired Texaco, along with their liabilities, in a US\$36 Billion deal that was struck almost exactly 10 years ago, and consummated in 2001. The court-appointed expert witness in the suit estimates the damages at US\$28 Billion, the plaintiffs have recently increased their estimate to over US\$100 Billion.

In 2001, Ecuador was among the most impoverished countries of Latin America, frequently paralyzed by riots and strikes as the indigenous population asserted their rights. The rise of the indigenous people coincides with the decision by Texaco to sell their operations. Here's a brief excerpt of the Ecuador Timeline from *BBC News*:

**1998** - Jamil Mahuad Witt elected president.

**2000** - Vice-President Gustavo Noboa becomes president after Mahuad is forced to leave office by the army and indigenous protesters; Ecuador adopts the US dollar as its national currency in an effort to beat inflation and stabilize the economy.

**2001** January - Ecuador declares state of emergency in Galapagos Islands after an oil spill from a stricken tanker threatens the islands' fragile ecological balance. The potential danger is, in the end, largely averted.

**2001** September - Indigenous community leader Luis Maldonado sworn in as minister for social welfare, the first Indian to hold a cabinet post which does not deal exclusively with indigenous affairs.

**2002** February - Protests by indigenous peoples bring oil production to a near standstill. The protesters demand that more of the oil revenues should be invested in their communities.

## **Chevron websurfing**

example of a "websurfer" from Chevron:

canonical name chvpkproxy3.chevron.com.  
Address 146.23.4.23

Chevron provides access to the web from these addresses:  
146.44.0.0/15, 146.24.0.0/13, 146.40.0.0/14, 146.32.0.0/13,  
146.22.0.0/15, 146.46.0.0/16

Their domain is registered with Network Solutions:

### **Chevron Corp.**

Domain Coordinator  
6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd.  
San Ramon, CA 94583-2324  
US

Queried whois.internic.net with "dom chevron.com"...

Domain Name: CHEVRON.COM  
Registrar: NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC.  
Whois Server: whois.networksolutions.com  
Referral URL: http://www.networksolutions.com  
Name Server: NSCHVPK.CHEVRON.COM  
Name Server: NSHOU150.CHEVRON.COM  
Name Server: NSSGHQ.CHEVRON.COM  
Name Server: NSWFC.CHEVRON.COM  
Status: clientTransferProhibited  
Updated Date: 02-jul-2007  
Creation Date: 13-apr-1990  
Expiration Date: 14-apr-2012

## **Who sells Chevron?**

Much of the public relations work for Chevron is handled by "agency dot com". Agency consists of 10 offices in major cities around the globe. They claim any one of them alone "would be counted among the world's leading interactive agencies". In July, their San Fransisco office re-launched as Signal to Noise, with a list of clients that include Microsoft, Nike, Wells Fargo, Chevron, and many other big chunks that have floated to the top of the corporate septic tank.

They have recently been had by a band of little guys, intent on saving the planet from destruction and that story is archived by the *Yes Men*, who engineered the spoof along with *Rainforest Action Network* and *Amazon Watch*.

## **Chevron drills into the future**

In spite of the ever-increasing disasters that have been left behind by this giant, they have recently won approval for some major new projects...

On October 21, 2010, only 9 days after the end of the drilling moratorium in the Gulf of Mexico, Chevron announced 2 new deepwater projects, with a total investment of over US\$7.5 Billion... and it is reported with uncritical acceptance by the "Green" blog of the New York Times.

Just call it a wash.

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