



## **BP annual accounts 2002**

Accounts 2002 – report of the auditors

The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2002 comprises two volumes, Annual Report 2002 and Annual Accounts 2002. This download is an extract from BP's detailed financial and operating information contained in Annual Accounts 2002.

Neither volume on its own contains sufficient information to enable a complete understanding of the results and state of affairs of BP as may be obtained when the two volumes are considered together.

## Independent auditors' report

### To the Members of BP p.l.c.

We have audited the group's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2002 which comprise the group income statement, balance sheets, group cash flow statement, statement of total recognized gains and losses, accounting policies and related notes 1 to 48. These accounts have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein. We have also audited the information in the Directors' Remuneration Report contained in *Annual Report 2002* that is described as having been subject to audit.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Accounts, including the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards as set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the accounts.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements, United Kingdom Auditing Standards and the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and whether the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report, contained in *Annual Report 2002*, is not consistent with the accounts, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if the information specified by law or the Listing Rules regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the group is not disclosed.

We review whether the corporate governance statement contained in *Annual Report 2002* reflects the company's compliance with the seven provisions of the Combined Code specified for our review by the Listing Rules, and we report if it does not. We are not required to consider whether the board's statements on internal control cover all risks and controls, or form an opinion on the effectiveness of the group's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures.

We read other information contained in *Annual Report 2002* and *Annual Accounts 2002* and consider whether it is consistent with the audited accounts. This other information comprises the United States Accounting Principles, the supplementary information on oil and natural gas quantities, the five-year summaries, the Directors' Report, and the unaudited part of the Directors' Remuneration Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any misstatements or material inconsistencies with the accounts. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit.

### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 December 2002 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended; and
- the accounts and the part of the Directors' Remuneration Report that is subject to audit have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

### Ernst & Young LLP

Registered Auditor

London

11 February 2003