

# Shareholder information card 2009

## Financial information

### Share prices

BP ordinary shares are traded on stock exchanges in the UK, France and Germany. BP is listed on these stock exchanges under the symbol 'BP'. Trading activity and share price information is published in the share tables of most daily newspapers and on the BP website.



### Ordinary share market price range

	pence			
	High	2007 Low	High	2008 Low
1st quarter	572.00	507.50	<b>637.00</b>	<b>496.00</b>
2nd quarter	603.00	547.50	<b>649.75</b>	<b>512.00</b>
3rd quarter	613.00	520.00	<b>572.00</b>	<b>464.00</b>
4th quarter	634.00	557.00	<b>537.25</b>	<b>376.25</b>

### Dividends

We announce the dividends on our shares in US dollars and at the same time state an equivalent sterling dividend. Holders of BP ordinary shares will receive their dividends in sterling. The amount received each quarter may vary as a result of changing foreign exchange rates. The rate of exchange used to determine the sterling equivalent of the US dollar dividend is the average of the forward exchange rate in London over the five business days prior to the announcement date.

### Cash dividends

Period <sup>a</sup>	pence per ordinary share				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1st quarter	3.807	4.450	5.251	5.151	<b>6.830</b>
2nd quarter	3.860	5.119	5.324	5.278	<b>7.039</b>
3rd quarter	3.910	5.061	5.241	5.308	<b>8.705</b>
4th quarter	4.522	5.288	5.258	6.813	<b>9.818</b>
Total	16.099	19.918	21.074	22.550	<b>32.392</b>

### 2009 dividends

#### Proposed key dates for dividends

Period <sup>a</sup>	4Q 2008	1Q 2009	2Q 2009	3Q 2009
Announcement	3 Feb 09	28 Apr 09	28 Jul 09	27 Oct 09
Ex-dividend	18 Feb 09	13 May 09	12 Aug 09	11 Nov 09
Record or qualifying <sup>b</sup>	20 Feb 09	15 May 09	14 Aug 09	13 Nov 09
Payment	9 Mar 09	8 Jun 09	8 Sep 09	7 Dec 09

Please note that these dates are projections and may be subject to change.

<sup>a</sup>Dividend payments are identified by reference to the quarterly earnings to which they relate.

<sup>b</sup>This is also the date by which holders of ordinary shares must notify the BP Registrar of any change in dividend election between cash and participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Dividends on first and second preference shares are paid on 31 January and 31 July of each year.

## UK taxation

### Details of dividends paid on ordinary shares during tax year 2008-2009

This section only applies to holders of ordinary shares who are subject to UK taxation.

The tax credit on dividends is currently 10% of the gross amount. Lower and basic rate taxpayers have no further tax liability. Non-taxpayers cannot reclaim the tax credit on cash dividends paid on or after 6 April 1999. Higher-rate tax on dividend income is currently 32.5% of the gross amount. Higher-rate taxpayers will pay the additional 22.5% on settling their yearly tax bill.

The following amounts apply to ordinary shareholders subject to UK taxation regardless of their decision to receive cash or reinvest through the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP).

### 2008/2009 cash dividends and tax credits

	pence		
	Dividend/ Distribution	Tax credit	Dividend/ Distribution + tax credit
9 Jun 2008	6.830	0.7589	7.5889
8 Sep 2008	7.039	0.7821	7.8211
8 Dec 2008	8.705	0.9672	9.6722
9 Mar 2009	9.818	1.0909	10.9089

### Historic information

5 October 1979 (close of business): Each £1 ordinary stock unit was converted and sub-divided into four ordinary 25p shares and each £1 unit of preference stock was converted into one preference share of £1.

1 May 1987: A capitalization issue was made of two additional ordinary 25p shares for each ordinary share held at the close of business on 15 April 1987.

31 December 1998: Ordinary 25p shares were redenominated into ordinary \$0.50 shares on a one-for-one basis. The redenomination is not treated as a disposal of BP ordinary shares for Capital Gains Tax (CGT) purposes.

4 October 1999: Each ordinary \$0.50 share held at the close of business on 1 October 1999 was sub-divided into two ordinary \$0.25 shares.

### Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP)

#### Capital gains tax (CGT) values

	pounds sterling			
	10 Mar 2008	9 Jun 2008	8 Sep 2008	8 Dec 2008
Payment date				
CGT value per new share allotted	5.3999	5.9970	5.2394	5.0611

A share purchase advice statement is attached to each dividend certificate and provides values specific to each holding. For the CGT value of shares allotted on payment of the dividend on 9 March 2009, please see the relevant share purchase advice statement.

### Market value for CGT purposes

The market values of BP shares for the purposes of CGT, after adjustment for the conversion, capitalization issue and sub-divisions were:

	Ordinary Shares of \$0.25	First Preference Shares of £1	Second Preference Shares of £1
6 April 1965	£0.106771	£1.128125	£1.243750
31 March 1982	£0.475	£0.565	£0.645

A charge to CGT may arise when disposing of an asset with a value higher than its value when acquired. Any losses incurred on the sale of assets during a tax year may reduce the amount chargeable to CGT. Tax is payable on the net gain arising on disposal of assets. In respect of the 2008/2009 tax year, UK residents are entitled to a CGT exemption limit of £9,600. Those not domiciled in the UK and claiming the special 'remittance basis' of tax do not qualify for this exemption. For clarification on any aspect of CGT, please consult HM Revenue & Customs ([www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)) or an appropriate financial adviser. BP and BP's Registrar, Equiniti, are not permitted to advise on CGT.

## Investor information

### Share dealing services

Investors normally use a stockbroker, bank, building society or 'share shop' to buy or sell shares on the open market. There are several low-cost share dealing services available to BP shareholders, including internet and phone-based services provided by Equiniti and Stocktrade.

Equiniti Shareview Dealing  
Tel 0871 384 2020 (UK)  
[www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)

Stocktrade  
Tel 0845 601 0995 (UK)  
Tel +44 (0)131 240 0414 (non-UK)  
[www.stocktradebroking.co.uk/BP](http://www.stocktradebroking.co.uk/BP)  
Quote reference Low Co 234

### ShareGift

Shareholders who hold only a small number of shares, where dealing costs make it uneconomic to sell them, may wish to consider donating them to charity through ShareGift, a registered charity.

ShareGift  
The Orr Mackintosh Foundation  
17 Carlton House Terrace  
London SW1Y 5AH  
Tel +44 (0)20 7930 3737  
[www.sharegift.org](http://www.sharegift.org)

If you wish to donate your shares to charity or otherwise transfer your shares by way of a gift, stock transfer forms are available on the BP website.

## Contacts

### The BP Registrar

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[www.shareview.co.uk](http://www.shareview.co.uk)

Contact the BP Registrar if you have any queries relating to the registration and administration of your shareholding, for example, if you have changed your address or wish to change your dividend election or the way you receive company documents.

### BP Distribution Services

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If you wish to receive a one-off paper copy of a BP publication please contact BP Distribution Services.

Please note that BP Distribution Services is unable to register any change of election for receiving future shareholder communications, to do this you must contact the BP Registrar.

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HSBC Trust Company (UK) Limited is BP's chosen corporate sponsored ISA manager for ISAs in which investments are held in BP shares only.

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