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## **Robert C. Olsen**

*Distinguished Mechanical Engineer, 2007*

BSME, The University of Texas at Austin, 1972

*Executive Vice President (Retired)*  
ExxonMobil Production Company

Prior to his retirement in 2013, Robert C. Olsen held the position of executive vice president of the ExxonMobil Production Company with responsibility for the company's global oil and gas producing operations.

After graduation from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering, Mr. Olsen joined Exxon Corporation. He progressed through a series of technical and managerial assignments and in 1985 was named production manager for Exxon's offshore Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations.

After serving as an advisor to the Management Committee of Exxon Corporation in New York, he was appointed as division manager for the company's onshore producing division, headquartered in Midland, Texas in 1988.

In 1992 he accepted an assignment as production manager for Esso Production Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur.

In 1994 Exxon formed a venture company to secure new oil and gas production opportunities in Russia and the Caspian region. Mr. Olsen became

the vice president for Exxon Ventures (CIS) and was responsible for negotiations of oil and gas development agreements in Russia.

In 1998, Mr. Olsen was appointed chairman and managing director of Esso Australia Ltd., located in Melbourne, Australia.

In 2004, he relocated to London and was named chairman and production director of ExxonMobil International Limited with responsibility for the company's producing business in Europe, the Caspian and Russia. He also served as a director of South Hook LNG Terminal Company and vice chairman of the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP).

Mr. Olsen was elected to the board of directors of Imperial Oil Limited, Canada's leading integrated petroleum company, in 2008 and served on the board until 2013. He is a former member of the board of the Children's Museum of Houston.

Mr. Olsen and his wife, Sue, have created the Robert C. Olsen Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering.