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ý ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from ______ to _____

Commission File Number 1-8097

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Ensco Savings Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Ensco plc 6 Chesterfield Gardens

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Administrator and Participants of the Ensco Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Ensco Savings Plan (the "Plan") as of December 31, 2009, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Ensco Savings Plan as of December 31, 2009, and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2009 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Whitley Penn LLP

Dallas, Texas June 25, 2010

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Dallas, Texas June 25, 2009

ENSCO SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$	\$ 13,547
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	11,365,486	12,752,797
Participant contributions	137	1,342
Investments, at fair value	198,941,337	157,306,678
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Net assets reflecting investments at fair		
value	210,306,960	170,074,364
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for		
fully benefit-		
responsive investment contracts	(1,767,417)	529,778
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN		
BENEFITS	\$208,539,543	\$170,604,142

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ENSCO SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
ADDITIONS (REDUCTIONS) TO NET		
ASSETS		
ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 4,542,230	\$ 7,037,620
Participant contributions	8,592,680	9,812,496
Employer contributions	16,043,074	18,364,188
Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value		
of investments	36,060,507	(61,165,305)
Total additions (reductions)	65,238,491	(25,951,001)
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:		
Distributions to participants	27,271,790	14,931,212
Fees	31,300	31,550
Total deductions	27,303,090	14,962,762
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	37,935,401	(40,913,763)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:		
Beginning of year	170,604,142	211,517,905
End of year	\$208,539,543	\$170,604,142

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ENSCO SAVINGS PLAN NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. PLAN ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Ensco Savings Plan (the "Plan") is a defined contribution plan available to employees of Ensco plc and subsidiary companies (the "Company" or "Ensco"). ENSCO International Incorporated, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is the Plan Sponsor. The Plan was established to provide a retirement benefit for eligible employees through Company profit sharing contributions, and matching contributions based on eligible employee contributions, and to promote and encourage eligible employees to provide additional security and income for their retirement through a systematic savings program. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Participation

Eligible employees of the Company may participate in the Plan upon meeting certain age and service requirements, except for those employees, if any, who are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with retirement benefits that are the subject of good faith bargaining between the Company and the employee representative (unless the agreement requires inclusion in the Plan), leased employees and certain non-resident employees. Eligible employees may elect to participate in the employee savings feature of the Plan after completing one month of service with the Company. The entry date with respect to an eligible employee's ability to make 401(k) contributions is the first business day of the month following the month during which the employee satisfies eligibility and participation requirements.

Eligible employees automatically participate in the profit sharing feature of the Plan after completing at least 90 days of continuous full-time employment if they are employed at calendar year-end. Effective January 1, 2008, the Plan was amended by the Company to exclude eligibility to participate in the profit sharing feature of the Plan for employees eligible to participate in the Ensco Multinational Savings Plan beginning on January 1, 2009. The profit sharing contributions of the Company are at the discretion of the Board of Directors as disclosed below.

Contributions

Participants in the Plan ("Plan Participants") may elect to make contributions to the Plan through salary deferrals ("Savings Contributions"), which qualify for tax deferral under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Under the Plan, Savings Contributions are limited to 50% (10% for highly compensated employees) of the participant's compensation, subject to the annual dollar limitation set forth in Section 402(g) of the Code (\$16,500 and \$15,500 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively). Plan Participants who have attained age 50 before the close of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. An individual's total catch-up contributions during 2009 could not exceed \$5,500. Plan Participants may elect to increase, decrease or suspend their Savings Contributions within certain limits, as defined in the Plan document.

At the discretion of its Board of Directors, the Company may make contributions to the Plan ("Matching Contributions"). Matching Contributions may be made by the Company in the form of a stated dollar amount or in the form of a matching percentage of Savings Contributions. The Company made Matching Contributions to active participant employee accounts as follows:

Contribution Matching

Level Percentage

2009 2008

First 5% of eligible

compensation 100% 100%

Total Matching Contributions for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 were \$4.7 million and \$5.6 million, respectively. Matching Contributions are disclosed net of \$600,000 and \$500,000 of forfeitures for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

At the discretion of its Board of Directors following the close of a fiscal year, the Company may also make annual profit sharing contributions to the Plan for the benefit of all Plan Participants ("Profit Sharing Contributions"). The Company may make Profit Sharing Contributions either in cash or in shares of the Company. Annual Profit Sharing Contributions are allocated to Plan Participants based on their proportionate compensation. The 2009 and 2008 Profit Sharing Contributions were awarded in cash and totaled \$11.4 million and \$12.8 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Plan's contribution receivable from the Company included \$11.4 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, related to the 2009 and 2008 Profit Sharing Contributions, which were paid in March 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Statutory limits on the sum of a participant's annual Savings Contributions, Matching Contributions and Profit Sharing Contribution were the lesser of \$49,000 for 2009 and \$46,000 for 2008 or 100% of the Plan Participant's compensation. Under certain circumstances, Plan Participants may make contributions to the Plan in the form of rollover contributions ("Rollover Contributions").

Plan Administration

T. Rowe Price Trust Company ("T. Rowe Price") serves as the asset custodian and investment manager for the Plan's trust fund and executes all investment actions at the discretion of Plan Participants. T. Rowe Price performs all recordkeeping services.

Vesting

A Plan Participant's Matching Contribution account balance and Profit Sharing Contribution account balance become vested and nonforfeitable upon the completion of years of service with the Company, as follows:

Completed years of service	Vested percentage
Less than one year	0%
One year	33%
Two years	67%
Three or more years	100%

A Plan Participant shall become fully vested in his or her Matching Contribution account balance and Profit Sharing Contribution account balance upon certain events, including death or disability, attaining the age of 65 or a period of service with the Company of at least three years, or a full termination of the Plan. A Plan Participant's Savings Contribution account balance and Rollover Contribution account balance are fully vested at all times.

The nonvested portion of Matching Contribution account balances and Profit Sharing Contribution account balances of terminated Plan Participants are forfeited ("forfeitures") to the Plan and may be used to pay certain administrative expenses of the Plan or to reduce the amount of employer contributions. The Plan used forfeitures of \$600,000 and \$500,000 to reduce a portion of the Company's Matching Contributions during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Distributions

Distributions of a Plan Participant's Savings Contribution account and Rollover Contribution account and the vested portion of a participant's Matching Contribution account and Profit Sharing Contribution account are generally made within 60 days of an employee request due to termination of employment or certain Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations. As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, all Plan Participants who had elected to withdraw from the Plan had been paid.

Investments

The Plan allows participants to direct all contributions among a number of different investment funds managed or held by T. Rowe Price, including American depositary shares, evidenced by American depositary receipts, which represent Class A ordinary shares of the Company (the "Ensco ADS Fund"). In addition, the Plan limits the portion of a participant's aggregate account balance that may be invested in the Ensco ADS Fund to 25%. The Plan was amended on October 1, 2009 to reduce the maximum amount of Company shares a participant could hold in his or her account from 50% to 25% (larger holdings were "grandfathered," but could not be increased) with a similar percentage limitation on "new money" investments. Effective January 1, 2008, the Plan was amended by the Company to increase the number of investment funds available to Plan Participants. The daily value of each investment unit is determined by dividing the total fair market value of all assets in each fund by the total number of units in that fund. Investment income, including certain administrative fees and net appreciation (depreciation) of the fair value of investments, is allocated to each Plan Participant's account based on the change in unit value for each investment fund in which the participant has an account balance.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Method of Accounting

The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value using quoted market prices. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Participant loans are valued at their outstanding balances, which equals their exit value when collected by repayment or deemed distribution if not repaid. The Plan's interest in the T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund is valued based on information reported by the fund's investment advisor using the audited financial statements of the collective trust fund at year-end. See "Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements" for additional information on the fair value measurement of the Plan's net assets.

As described in Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position, FSP AAG INV-1 and SOP 94-4-1, "Reporting of Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts Held by Certain Investment Companies Subject to the AICPA Investment Company Guide and Defined-Contribution Health and Welfare and Pension Plans" (the "FSP"), investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of the Plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan's T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund invests in investment contracts through a collective trust. As required by the FSP, the statements of net assets available for plan benefits present the fair value of the investment in the collective trust as well as the adjustment of the investment in the collective trust from fair value to contract value relating to the investment contracts. The statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits are prepared on a contract value basis.

Purchases and sales of mutual funds and the Ensco ADS Fund are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Plan presents in the statements of changes in net assets available for plan benefits the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments, which consists of the realized gains and/or losses and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments. Net appreciation (depreciation) is calculated based on beginning of the year market values of investments to the date of sale and the purchase price, if purchased during the year, to the end of the year market value.

Distributions

Distributions of benefits to participants are recorded when paid.

Loans

Approved loans to eligible participants are granted from the Plan Participants' vested accounts. The interest rate is a fixed rate determined monthly. All loans must be secured with an irrevocable pledge assignment. Loan payments are generally made through participant payroll deductions. Loans may not exceed the limitations listed in the Plan document, which are the lesser of 50% of the Plan Participant's vested balance or \$50,000 less the highest outstanding loan balance in the previous 12 months. The Plan allows no more than two outstanding loans at a time to any one participant.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related changes in net assets available for Plan benefits, as well as disclosures of gain and loss contingencies at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") established the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (the "ASC") as the source of authoritative accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied in preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP. As the establishment of the ASC did not change U.S. GAAP, its adoption did not have any impact on the Plan's 2009 financial statements.

3. PLAN INVESTMENTS

The fair value of investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets are identified a follows:

	2009	December 31,	2008
Mutual Funds			
T. Rowe Price:			
Mid-Cap Growth Fund		\$ 14,883,242	\$ 9,149,680
Spectrum Growth Fund		13,461,217	9,155,520
Balanced Fund		10,736,276	8,975,161
Other Funds (individually represent less than 5% of			
net assets)		50,525,358	31,744,156
Common Collective Trust Fund:			
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund		58,855,522	56,514,686
Employer Securities:			
Ensco ADS Fund		39,806,546	30,361,931
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		188,268,161	145,901,134
Loan Fund		10,673,176	11,405,544
Total Investments		\$198,941,337	\$157,306,678

During 2009 and 2008, the Plan's investments, including gains and losses on investments purchased and sold, as well as held during the year, appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	2009	2008
Mutual funds Ensco ADS Fund	\$22,011,224 14,049,283	\$(33,527,626) (27,637,679)
	\$36,060,507	\$(61,165,305)

As of December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Plan's investment in the Ensco ADS Fund was based on the closing price on such dates of \$39.94 per share and \$28.39 per share, respectively. Like any investment in publicly traded securities, the Company's shares are subject to price changes. During 2009 and 2008, the high and low prices of the Company's shares were \$51.30 and \$22.04 and \$83.24 and \$22.38, respectively. The Plan's investment in the Ensco ADS Fund approximated 20.0% and 19.3% of the Plan's total investments as of December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Certain provisions of FASB ASC 820-10 (previously SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements") establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy assigns the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3"). Level 2 measurements are inputs that are observable for assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly, other than quoted prices included within Level 1. The following fair value hierarchy table categorizes information regarding the Plan's net assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009 and 2008:

As of December 31,	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
2009				
Mutual funds	\$ 89,606,093	\$	\$	\$ 89,606,093
Ensco ADS Fund	39,806,546			39,806,546
Common collective				
trust fund		58,855,522		58,855,522
Participant loans			10,673,176	10,673,176
Total assets	\$129,412,639	\$58,855,522	\$10,673,176	\$198,941,337
As of December 31, 2008				
Mutual funds	\$ 59,024,517	\$	\$	\$ 59,024,517
Ensco ADS Fund	30,361,931			30,361,931
Common collective				
trust fund		56,514,686		56,514,686
D (' ' (1			11,405,544	11,405,544
Participant loans			11,100,011	

The following table summarizes the Plan's fair value measurements using significant Level 3 inputs, and changes therein, for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Participant loans:		
Beginning balance	\$11,405,544	\$11,352,864
Issuances and settlements, net	(732,368)	52,680
Ending balance	\$10,673,176	\$11,405,544

5. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

The Plan has no employees. All administrative expenses of the Plan have been paid by the Company. Fees paid by the participants and the Plan for investment management and loan origination services amounted to \$31,000 and \$32,000 for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by letter dated July 28, 2005, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, however, management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Code.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price, the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

American depositary shares of the Company held by the Plan in the Ensco ADS Fund as an investment also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

9. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for Plan benefits between the financial statements and Form 5500:

	December 31, 2009	December 31, 2008
Net assets available for Plan benefits per the		
financial statements	\$208,539,543	\$170,604,142
Adjustment to fair value from contract value		
for fully		
benefit-responsive investment contracts	1,767,417	(529,778)
N. 4 4		
Net assets available for Plan benefits per Form 5500	\$210,306,960	\$170,074,364

The following is a reconciliation of additions to net assets between the financial statements and Form 5500:

December 31,

December 31,

2009

2008

\$65,238,491	\$(25,951,001)
2,297,195	(833,977)
\$67 535 686	\$(26,784,978)

10. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment options that are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect Plan Participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for Plan benefits.

Supplemental Information Schedule I

ENSCO SAVINGS PLAN SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) AS OF DECEBER 31, 2009

Identity of issue or party involved	Description of investment	Rate of interest	Fair value
T. Rowe Price:			
*T. Rowe Price Stable			
	Common Trust		
Value Common Trust Fund	Fund	4.14% - 5.80%	\$ 58,855,522
*Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	-	14,883,242
*Spectrum Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	-	13,461,217
*Balanced Fund	Mutual Fund	-	10,736,276
*Blue Chip Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	-	10,053,882
*Spectrum Income Fund	Mutual Fund	-	9,106,233
*Equity Income Fund	Mutual Fund	-	5,002,758
*Vanguard Institutional			
Index Fund	Mutual Fund	-	4,842,048
*Perimeter Small Cap			
Growth	Mutual Fund	-	3,420,135
*Euro Pacific Growth Fund	Mutual Fund	-	3,309,245
*Columbia Small Cap			
Value	Mutual Fund	-	3,086,949
*Vanguard Total Bond			
Market Index Fund	Mutual Fund	-	1,022,834
*Retirement Income Fund	Mutual Fund	-	247,596
*Retirement 2005 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	435,865
*Retirement 2010 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	1,168,359
*Retirement 2015 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	841,999
*Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	3,033,601
*Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	932,262
*Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	1,433,038
*Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	836,271
*Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	1,047,103
*Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	486,460
*Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	160,603
*Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual Fund	-	58,117
			148,461,615
Employer securities:			
*Ensco ADS Fund	Ensco plc	-	39,806,546
	American		
	Depositary Shares		

Participant Loans,	4.25% -	10,673,176
maturity dates	10.50%	
ranging		
from January		
2010		
to October 2018		
	maturity dates ranging from January 2010	maturity dates 10.50% ranging from January 2010

\$198,941,337

Historical cost information is not presented on this schedule, as all investments are participant directed.

^{*}Party-in-interest

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Administrative Committee of the Plan has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ensco Savings Plan

Date: June 28, 2010 /s/ DOUGLAS J.

MANKO

By: Douglas J. Manko

Controller and Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

23.1 Consents of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms.