



## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **CHEVRON SENDS IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO VICTIMS OF TROPICAL STORM NOEL IN THE CARIBBEAN**

**Washington, D.C. (November 29, 2007)** – Over the past two weeks, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) has mobilized \$25,000 of support from the Chevron Corporation in response to the crises caused by Tropical Storm Noel in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The storm hit the Island of Hispaniola with 60 mph winds and heavy rainfall, causing flash floods and mudslides, cutting road access, displacing thousands of families, and leaving hundreds dead.

Chevron immediately responded by sending a Disaster Relief Shelter Package to the Dominican Republic, and by funding emergency relief supplies purchases in Haiti. Under its Texaco brand in Latin America and the Caribbean, Chevron is a key private sector partner and founding member of PADF's Disaster Management Emergency Response Program (DMERP), an initiative that secures advance funding from corporations, therefore facilitating rapid action and high impact.

“Just days after the storm hit, PADF was able to work with the respective Departments of Civil Protection of Haiti and the Dominican Republic to bring relief to the victims, thanks to Chevron's participation in the DMERP. Suffering was – and is still being – alleviated for hundreds of storm victims in both countries,” said Michelet Fontaine, PADF's Director of Caribbean Programs. During 2007 alone, PADF has worked with Chevron and others to respond to disasters in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Peru, Nicaragua, Jamaica, and Dominica.

The Disaster Relief Shelter Package, which was delivered to the Dominican Republic, is an essential part of PADF's In-Kind Donation Program – which provides emergency supplies, including tents, blankets, plastic sheeting, water purification supplies, bottled water, hygienic kits, building supplies, and other urgently needed items for 480 people. Funds for in-country purchases were used for food supplies in Mirebalais, Haiti, one of the areas hit the hardest by the storm and its related disasters.

“Chevron's investment in PADF's Disaster Response Program makes a bigger difference than reacting to post-disaster assessments,” said Rafael Jaen Williamson, regional manager of policy, public and governmental affairs for Chevron in Latin America. “Our contributions arrive at the time of greatest need, and PADF facilitates maximum impact.”

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