**Un organism de arbitraj internaţional a acordat Exxon Mobil Corp compensatii de aproape 908 milioane dolari intr-o disputa cu Venezuela drept despăgubire pentru naţionalizarea activelor sale, a declarat societatea duminică.**

Exxon Mobils-a adresat unui organ de arbitraj după ce guvernul preşedintelui Hugo Chavez a naţionalizat un proiect privind petrolul din ţară, în 2007.

Decizia data de Camera Internaţională de Comerţ a confirmat că compania de stat Petroleos de Venezuela SA "are o datorie contractuală fata de a Exxon Mobil," -purtatorul de cuvant al companiei Patrick McGinn a declarat într-un e-mail.

El a spus ca compensatia este de 907.588 milioane dolari.



Venezuelan government officials did not respond to messages on Sunday seeking comment.

"The dispute is not over Venezuela's power to expropriate assets, but rather the failure of PDVSA to comply with contractual provisions to compensate Exxon Mobil," McGinn said.

The Irving, Texas-based oil company has not publicly released figures on how much it was seeking in compensation. McGinn said the company received the decision on Friday and was still reviewing its more than 400 pages.

According to the ICC's arbitration rules, decisions are binding.

Exxon Mobil still has another arbitration case pending against Venezuela before the World Bank-affiliated International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, or ICSID. More than a dozen other arbitration cases involving Venezuela are also pending as companies have sought billions of dollars in compensation in response to nationalizations by Chavez's leftist government.

The Caracas-based consulting firm Ecoanalitica estimated recently, before the latest Exxon Mobil decision, that the bulk of the government's nationalizations involved more than $33.7 billion in assets, including about $23 billion in outstanding obligations.

Venezuela has reached negotiated settlements on payments to some other companies.

Last month, Mexican cement company Cemex SAB said Venezuela agreed to pay $600 million for the 2008 takeover of the company's operations in the country.

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