## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report:		April 30, 2012
(Date of earliest event reported):		April 30, 2012
L(	DEWS CORPORATION	
Delaware 1-6541 13-2646102 State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) Identification No.)  67 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8068 Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 521-2000  NOT APPLICABLE  (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)		
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		2(b))

# Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 30, 2012, Registrant issued a press release for Loews Corporation providing information on its results of operations for the first quarter of 2012. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information under Item 2.02 and in Exhibit 99.1 in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information under Item 2.02 and in Exhibit 99.1 in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 <u>Financial Statements and Exhibits.</u>

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibit:

**Exhibit Reference** 

Dated: April 30, 2012

Number <u>Exhibit Description</u>

99.1 Loews Corporation press release, issued April 30, 2012, providing information on first quarter results of operations for 2012.

### **SIGNATURES**

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

LOEWS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

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# LOEWS CORPORATION REPORTS NET INCOME OF \$367 MILLION FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2012

### **NET INCOME PER SHARE OF \$0.92**

# BOOK VALUE PER SHARE OF \$48.96, AN INCREASE OF 3.4% FROM DECEMBER 31, 2011

NEW YORK, April 30, 2012—Loews Corporation (NYSE:L) today reported net income for the 2012 first quarter of \$367 million, or \$0.92 per share, compared to \$379 million, or \$0.92 per share, in the 2011 first quarter. Book value per share increased to \$48.96 at March 31, 2012 from \$47.33 at December 31, 2011.

The decrease in net income is due to lower earnings at Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. and HighMount Exploration & Production LLC. These decreases were partially offset by higher earnings at CNA Financial Corporation and increased parent company investment income.

CNA's earnings increased as a result of higher investment income primarily due to an increase in limited partnership results and higher fixed maturity securities income and lower catastrophe losses.

Diamond Offshore's earnings decreased due to lower utilization primarily from fewer revenue earning days and higher contract drilling expense that reflects the higher cost of operating rigs internationally rather than domestically.

HighMount's earnings decreased due to a non-cash impairment charge related to the carrying value of its natural gas and oil properties. This charge was the result of declines in natural gas prices. The results in 2012 also reflect lower production volumes and prices as compared to the prior year period.

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### CONSOLIDATED HIGHLIGHTS

Three Months Ended March 31,			
2012		2011	
\$	348	\$	367
	19		12
\$	367	\$	379
\$	0.92	\$	0.92
\$	48.96		
	47.33		
	45.38		
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### CONFERENCE CALLS

A conference call to discuss the first quarter results of Loews Corporation has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. EDT, today. A live webcast of the call will be available online at the Loews Corporation website (www.loews.com). Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial (877) 692-2592, or for international callers, (973) 582-2757. The conference ID number is 67907133. An online replay will also be available on the Loews Corporation's website following the call.

A conference call to discuss the first quarter results of CNA has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. EDT, today. A live webcast will be available at http://investor.cna.com. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial (888) 352-6793, or for international callers, (719) 457-2707. Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software.

A conference call to discuss the first quarter results of Boardwalk Pipeline has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. EDT, today. A live webcast will be available at www.bwpmlp.com. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial (866) 202-0886 or for international callers, (617) 213-8841. The conference ID number is 79965643. Please go to the website at least ten minutes before the event begins to register and to download and install any necessary audio software.

A conference call to discuss the first quarter results of Diamond Offshore was held on Thursday, April 19, 2012. An online replay is available on Diamond Offshore's website (www.diamondoffshore.com).

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### ABOUT LOEWS CORPORATION

Loews Corporation, a holding company, is one of the largest diversified corporations in the United States. Its principal subsidiaries are CNA Financial Corporation (NYSE: CNA), a 90% owned subsidiary; Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE: DO), a 50.4% owned subsidiary; Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (NYSE: BWP), a 61% owned subsidiary; HighMount Exploration & Production LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary; and Loews Hotels, a wholly owned subsidiary.

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements contained in this press release which are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected by management of the Company. A discussion of the important risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company's overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and readers of this release are urged to review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. Copies of these reports are available through the Company's website (www.loews.com). Given these risk factors, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Any such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

(In millions)		Three Months Ended Mar		Iarch 31,
		2012	2011	
Revenues:				
CNA Financial	\$	2,369	\$	2,302
Diamond Offshore (a)		796		809
Boardwalk Pipeline		314		311
HighMount		76		104
Loews Hotels		80		80
Investment income and other		77		39
		3,712		3,645
Investment gains:				
CNA Financial		32		22
Corporate and other				1
		32		23
Total	\$	3,744	\$	3,668
Income (Loss) Before Income Tax:		20.4		2.40
CNA Financial	\$	334	\$	310
Diamond Offshore (a)		252		296
Boardwalk Pipeline		92		82
HighMount (b)		(34)		29
Loews Hotels		7		3
Investment income, net		76		41
Other (c)		(18)		(27)
		709		734
Investment gains:		22		22
CNA Financial		32		22
Corporate and other		32		23
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Total	\$	741	\$	757
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Loews Corporation:				
CNA Financial	\$	207	\$	187
Diamond Offshore (a)	Ф	87	Ф	117
Boardwalk Pipeline (d)		35		33
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HighMount (b)		(22)		
Loews Hotels		4 50		2 27
Investment income, net				
Other (c)		(13)		(18)
Investment gains:		348		367
CNA Financial		19		12
Corporate and other		1.0		12
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Net income attributable to Loews Corporation	\$	367	\$	379

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes a \$25 million gain (\$9 million after tax and noncontrolling interests) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 on the sale of a jack-up rig.

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes a non-cash impairment charge of \$44 million (\$28 million after tax) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 related to the carrying value of HighMount's natural gas and oil properties.

<sup>(</sup>c) Consists primarily of corporate interest expense and other unallocated expenses.

<sup>(</sup>d) Represents a 61.8% and 65.9% ownership interest in Boardwalk Pipeline for the respective periods.

(In millions, except per share data)	Three Month	s Ende	Ended March 31, 2011	
	2012			
Revenues:				
Insurance premiums	\$ 1,64	9 \$	1,615	
Net investment income	72	6	661	
Investment gains	3	2	23	
Contract drilling revenues	75	5	789	
Other	58	2	580	
Total	3,74	4	3,668	
Expenses:				
Insurance claims & policyholders' benefits	1,38	.1	1,364	
Contract drilling expenses	39		362	
Other (a)	1,22	•	1,185	
Total	3,00		2,911	
Income before income tax	74	1	757	
Income tax expense	(22	2)	(195)	
Net income	51	9	562	
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(15		(183)	
Net income attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 36	7 \$	379	
Diluted income per share attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 0.9	2 \$	0.92	
Weighted diluted number of shares	397.4	4	413.83	

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes a non-cash impairment charge of \$44 million (\$28 million after tax) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 related to the carrying value of HighMount's natural gas and oil properties.