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The first financial results for Q4 2023 were published this week with Shell and Chevron both reporting significant quarter-on-quarter growth but double-digit percentage decreases in annual earnings for 2023.

Shell, for its part saw its 2023 earnings drop 30% following lower oil and gas prices worldwide, while Chevron's annual earnings dropped 40% year-on-year after the firm reported impairment charges relating to decommissioning and a further impact from foreign currency fluctuations.

Elsewhere ripples from the US decision to pause LNG exports reverberated around the industry and the corridors of power worldwide, especially in Japan, where Ken Saito, Japan's minister of economy, trade and industry expressed his concern about the potential future of US exports.

On Thursday Gulfstream CEO Vivek Chandra spoke out about the LNG pause suggesting that it would damage the "perception, credibility and reputation" of the US, ultimately harming the American consumer.

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