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(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

OR

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

Date of event requiring this shell company report _____

Commission file number: 1-14090

Eni SpA
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of Italy
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered

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Shares New York Stock Exchange*

American Depositary Shares New York Stock Exchange

(Which represent the right to receive two Shares) * Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

Ordinary shares 3,634,185,330

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Note - Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on their corporate Web sites, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards† provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

† The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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Certain disclosures contained herein including, without limitation, certain information appearing in “Item 4 – Information on the Company”, and in particular “Item 4 – Exploration & Production”, “Item 5 – Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” and “Item 11 – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk” contain forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Eni that are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which Eni operates and the beliefs and assumptions of the management of Eni. Eni may also make forward-looking statements in other written materials, including other documents filed with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). In addition, Eni’s senior management may make forward-looking statements orally to analysts, investors, representatives of the media and others. In particular, among other statements, certain statements with regard to management objectives, trends in results of operations, margins, costs, return on capital, risk management and competition are forward looking in nature. Words such as ‘expects’, ‘anticipates’, ‘targets’, ‘goals’, ‘projects’, ‘intends’, ‘plans’, ‘believes’, ‘seeks’, ‘estimates’, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. Therefore, Eni’s actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in this Annual Report on Form 20-F under the section entitled “Risk factors” and elsewhere. Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Eni speak only as of the date they are made. Eni does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect any changes in Eni’s expectations with regard thereto or any changes in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based. The reader should, however, consult any further disclosures Eni may make in documents it files with the SEC.

CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS

In this Form 20-F, the terms “Eni”, the “Group”, or the “Company” refer to the parent company Eni SpA and its consolidated subsidiaries and, unless the context otherwise requires, their respective predecessor companies. All references to “Italy” or the “State” are references to the Republic of Italy, all references to the “Government” are references to the government of the Republic of Italy. For definitions of certain oil and gas terms used herein and certain conversions, see “Glossary” and “Conversion Table”.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

The Consolidated Financial Statements of Eni, included in this Annual Report, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Unless otherwise indicated, any reference herein to “Consolidated Financial Statements” is to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Eni (including the Notes thereto) included herein.

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references herein to “dollars”, “\$”, “U.S. dollars”, “US\$” and “USD” are to the currency of the United States, and references to “euro”, “EUR” and “€” are to the currency of the European Monetary Union.

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references herein to “Division” and “segment” are to any of the following Eni’s business activities: Exploration & Production, Gas & Power, Refining & Marketing and Chemicals, Corporate and Other activities.

References to Versalis or Chemical are to Eni’s chemical activities which are managed through its fully-owned subsidiary Versalis and Versalis’ controlled entities.

STATEMENTS REGARDING COMPETITIVE POSITION

Statements made in “Item 4 – Information on the Company” referring to Eni’s competitive position are based on the Company’s belief, and in some cases rely on a range of sources, including investment analysts’ reports, independent market studies and Eni’s internal assessment of market share based on publicly available information about the financial results and performance of market participants. Market share estimates contained in this document are based on management estimates unless otherwise indicated.

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GLOSSARY

A glossary of oil and gas terms is available on Eni's web page at the address eni.com. Below is a selection of the most frequently used terms. Any reference herein to a non-GAAP measure and to its most directly comparable GAAP measure shall be intended as a reference to a non-IFRS measure and the comparable IFRS measure.

Financial terms

Leverage	A non-GAAP measure of the Company's financial condition, calculated as the ratio between net borrowings and shareholders' equity, including non-controlling interest. For a discussion of management's view of the usefulness of this measure and its reconciliation with the most directly comparable GAAP measure, "Ratio of total debt to total shareholders's equity (including non-controlling interest)" see "Item 5 – Financial Condition".
Net borrowings	Eni evaluates its financial condition by reference to "net borrowings", which is a non-GAAP measure. Eni calculates net borrowings as total finance debt less: cash, cash equivalents and certain very liquid investments not related to operations, including among others non-operating financing receivables and securities not related to operations. Non-operating financing receivables consist of amounts due to Eni's financing subsidiaries from banks and other financing institutions and amounts due to other subsidiaries from banks for investing purposes and deposits in escrow. Securities not related to operations consist primarily of government and corporate securities. For a discussion of management's view of the usefulness of this measure and its reconciliation with the most directly comparable GAAP measure, "Total debt" see "Item 5 – Financial condition".
TSR (Total Shareholder Return)	Management uses this measure to assess the total return on Eni's shares. It is calculated on a yearly basis, keeping account of the change in market price of Eni's shares (at the beginning and at end of year) and dividends distributed and reinvested at the ex-dividend date.
Business terms	
ARERA (Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment) formerly AEEGSI (Authority for Electricity Gas and Water)	The Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment is the Italian independent body which regulates, controls and monitors the electricity, gas and water sectors and markets in Italy. The Authority's role and purpose is to protect the interests of users and consumers, promote competition and ensure efficient, cost-effective and profitable nationwide services with satisfactory quality levels. Furthermore, since December 2017 the Authority has also regulatory and control functions over the waste cycle, including sorted, urban and related waste.
Associated gas	Associated gas is a natural gas found in contact with or dissolved in crude oil in the reservoir. It can be further categorized as Gas-Cap Gas or Solution Gas.
Average reserve life index	Ratio between the amount of reserves at the end of the year and total production for the year.
Barrel/BBL	Volume unit corresponding to 159 liters. A barrel of oil corresponds to about 0.137 metric tons.
BOE	Barrel of Oil Equivalent. It is used as a standard unit measure for oil and natural gas. The latter is converted from standard cubic meters into barrels of oil equivalent using a certain coefficient (see "Conversion Table").
Concession contracts	Contracts currently applied mainly in Western countries regulating relationships between states and oil companies with regards to hydrocarbon exploration and production. The company holding the mining concession has an exclusive right on exploration, development and production activities and for this reason it acquires a right to hydrocarbons extracted against the payment of royalties on production and taxes on oil revenues to the state.

Condensates is a mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in the gaseous phase at original reservoir temperature and pressure, but that, when produced, is in the liquid phase at surface pressure and temperature.

Consob The Italian National Commission for listed companies and the stock exchange.

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Contingent resources	Contingent resources are those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations, but the applied project(s) are not yet considered mature enough for commercial development due to one or more contingencies.
Conversion capacity	Maximum amount of feedstock that can be processed in certain dedicated facilities of a refinery to obtain finished products. Conversion facilities include catalytic crackers, hydrocrackers, visbreaking units, and coking units.
Conversion index	Ratio of capacity of conversion facilities to primary distillation capacity. The higher the ratio, the higher is the capacity of a refinery to obtain high value products from the heavy residue of primary distillation.
Deep waters	Waters deeper than 200 meters.
Development	Drilling and other post-exploration activities aimed at the production of oil and gas.
Enhanced recovery	Techniques used to increase or stretch over time the production of wells.
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction.
EPCI	Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation.
Exploration	Oil and natural gas exploration that includes land surveys, geological and geophysical studies, seismic data gathering and analysis and well drilling.
FPSO	Floating Production Storage and Offloading System.
FSO	Floating Storage and Offloading System.
Infilling wells	Infilling wells are wells drilled in a producing area in order to improve the recovery of hydrocarbons from the field and to maintain and/or increase production levels.
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas obtained through the cooling of natural gas to minus 160 °C at normal pressure. The gas is liquefied to allow transportation from the place of extraction to the sites at which it is transformed back into its natural gaseous state and consumed. One tonne of LNG corresponds to 1,400 cubic meters of gas.
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas, a mix of light petroleum fractions, gaseous at normal pressure and easily liquefied at room temperature through limited compression.
Margin	The difference between the average selling price and direct acquisition cost of a finished product or raw material excluding other production costs (e.g. refining margin, margin on distribution of natural gas and petroleum products or margin of petrochemical products). Margin trends reflect the trading environment and are, to a certain extent, a gauge of industry profitability.
Mineral Potential	(Potentially recoverable hydrocarbon volumes) Estimated recoverable volumes which cannot be defined as reserves due to a number of reasons, such as the temporary lack of viable markets, a possible commercial recovery dependent on the development of new technologies, or for their location in accumulations yet to be developed or where evaluation of known accumulations is still at an early stage.
Mineral Storage	According to Legislative Decree No. 164/2000, these are volumes required for allowing optimal operation of natural gas fields in Italy for technical and economic reasons. The purpose is to ensure production flexibility as required by long-term purchase contracts as well as to cover technical risks associated with production.
Modulation Storage	According to Legislative Decree No. 164/2000, these are volumes required for meeting hourly, daily and seasonal swings in demand.
Natural gas liquids (NGL)	Liquid or liquefied hydrocarbons recovered from natural gas through separation equipment or natural gas treatment plants. Propane, normal-butane and isobutane, isopentane and pentane plus, that were previously defined as natural gasoline, are natural gas liquids.

Network Code A code containing norms and regulations for access to, management and operation of natural gas pipelines.

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Over/Under lifting	Agreements stipulated between partners which regulate the right of each to its share in the production for a set period of time. Amounts lifted by a partner different from the agreed amounts determine temporary Over/Under lifting situations.
Possible reserves	Possible reserves are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than probable reserves.
Probable reserves	Probable reserves are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves but which, together with proved reserves, are as likely as not to be recovered.
Primary balanced refining capacity	Maximum amount of feedstock that can be processed in a refinery to obtain finished products measured in BBL/d.
Production Sharing Agreement (PSA)	Contract regulates relationships between states and oil companies with regard to the exploration and production of hydrocarbons. The mineral right is awarded to the national oil company jointly with the foreign oil company that has an exclusive right to perform exploration, development and production activities and can enter into agreements with other local or international entities. In this type of contract the national oil company assigns to the international contractor the task of performing exploration and production with the contractor's equipment and financial resources. Exploration risks are borne by the contractor and production is divided into two portions: "Cost Oil" is used to recover costs borne by the contractor and "Profit Oil" is divided between the contractor and the national company according to variable schemes and represents the profit deriving from exploration and production. Further terms and conditions of these contracts may vary from country to country.
Proved reserves	Proved oil and gas reserves are those quantities of oil and gas, which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible, from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations, prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain, regardless of whether deterministic or probabilistic methods are used for the estimation. The project to extract the hydrocarbons must have commenced or the operator must be reasonably certain that it will commence the project within a reasonable time. Existing economic conditions include prices and costs at which economic producibility from a reservoir is to be determined. The price shall be the average price during the 12-month period prior to the ending date of the period covered by the report, determined as an unweighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each month within such period, unless prices are defined by contractual arrangements, excluding escalations based upon future conditions. Reserves are classified as either developed and undeveloped. Proved developed oil and gas reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods or in which the cost of the required equipment is relatively minor compared to the cost of a new well, and through installed extraction equipment and infrastructure operational at the time of the reserves estimate if the extraction is by means not involving a well. Proved undeveloped oil and gas reserves are reserves of any category that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion.
Reserves	Reserves are estimated remaining quantities of oil and gas and related substances anticipated to be economically producible, as of a given date, by application of development projects to known accumulations. In addition, there must exist, or there must be a reasonable expectation that there will exist, the legal right to produce or a revenue interest in the production, installed means of delivering oil and gas or related substances to market, and all permits and financing required to implement the project.

Reserve life
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Ratio between the amount of proved reserves at the end of the year and total production for the year.

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Reserve replacement ratio	Measure of the reserves produced replaced by proved reserves. Indicates the company's ability to add new reserves through exploration and purchase of property. A rate higher than 100% indicates that more reserves were added than produced in the period. The ratio should be averaged on a three-year period in order to reduce the distortion deriving from the purchase of proved property, the revision of previous estimates, enhanced recovery, improvement in recovery rates and changes in the amount of reserves – in PSAs – due to changes in international oil prices.
Ship-or-pay	Clause included in natural gas transportation contracts according to which the customer is requested to pay for the transportation of gas whether or not the gas is actually transported.
Take-or-pay	Clause included in natural gas supply contracts according to which the purchaser is bound to pay the contractual price or a fraction of such price for a minimum quantity of gas set in the contract whether or not the gas is collected by the purchaser. The purchaser has the option of collecting the gas paid for and not delivered at a price equal to the residual fraction of the price set in the contract in subsequent contract years.
Title Transfer Facility	The Title Transfer Facility, more commonly known as TTF, is a virtual trading point for natural gas in the Netherlands. TTF Price is quoted in euro per megawatt hour and, for business day, is quoted day-ahead, i.e. delivered next working day after assessment.
Upstream/Downstream	The term upstream refers to all hydrocarbon exploration and production activities. The term downstream includes all activities inherent to the oil and gas sector that are downstream of exploration and production activities.

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ABBREVIATIONS

mmCF	= million cubic feet
BCF	= billion cubic feet
mmCM	= million cubic meters
BCM	= billion cubic meters
BOE	= barrel of oil equivalent
KBOE	= thousand barrel of oil equivalent
mmBOE	= million barrel of oil equivalent
BBOE	= billion barrel of oil equivalent
BBL	= barrel
KBBL	= thousand barrels
mmBBL	= million barrels
BBBL	= billion barrels
ktonnes	= thousand tonnes
mtonnes	= million tonnes
MW	= megawatt
GWh	= gigawatthour
TWh	= terawatthour
/d	= per day
/y	= per year
E&P	= the Exploration & Production segment
G&P	= the Gas & Power segment
R&M & C	= the Refining & Marketing and Chemicals segment
E&C	= the Engineering & Construction segment

CONVERSION TABLE

1 acre	= 0.405 hectares	
1 barrel	= 42 U.S. gallons	
1 BOE	= barrel of crude oil	= 5,458 cubic feet of natural gas
1 barrel of crude oil per day	= approximately 50 tonnes of crude oil per year	
1 cubic meter of natural gas	= 35.3147 cubic feet of natural gas	
1 cubic meter of natural gas	= approximately 0.00647 barrels of oil equivalent	
1 kilometer	= approximately 0.62 miles	
1 short ton	= 0.907 tonnes	= 2,000 pounds
1 long ton	= 1.016 tonnes	= 2,240 pounds
1 tonne	= 1 metric ton	= 1,000 kilograms = approximately 2,205 pounds

1 tonne of crude oil

= 1 metric ton of crude oil

= approximately
7.3 barrels of
crude oil
(assuming an API
gravity of 34
degrees)

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PART I

Item 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORS

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

NOT APPLICABLE

Item 3. KEY INFORMATION

Selected Financial Information

The Consolidated Financial Statements of Eni have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The tables below present Eni selected historical financial data prepared in accordance with IFRS as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Eni has adopted IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' and IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' with effect from 1 January 2018. Information on the implementation of new accounting standards is included in the Financial statements – Note 3 Changes in accounting policies. As permitted by IFRS 9 comparatives have not been restated; while with regard to IFRS 16, Eni has elected to apply the 'modified retrospective' approach to transition permitted by IFRS 15 under which comparative financial information is not restated. The adoption of the new standards did not have a material effect on the group's financial statements as at January 1, 2018. In 2015, the business segment Engineering & Construction (E&C), operated by Eni's former subsidiary Saipem, was classified as discontinued operations based on the guidelines of IFRS 5. On January 26, 2016 Eni divested part of its interest in Saipem; this transaction triggered the loss of control on the former subsidiary. The retained interest in Saipem (31%) was classified as an investment in a joint venture, accounted for under the equity method. Also in the financial data for 2014 the E&C segment is presented as discontinued operations. All such data should be read in connection with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes thereto included in Item 18.

	Year ended December 31,				
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	(€ million except data per share and per ADR)				
CONSOLIDATED PROFIT STATEMENT DATA					
Net sales from continuing operations	75,822	66,919	55,762	72,286	98,218
Operating profit (loss) by segment from continuing operations					
Exploration & Production	10,214	7,651	2,567	(959)	10,727
Gas & Power	629	75	(391)	(1,258)	64
Refining & Marketing and Chemicals	(380)	981	723	(1,567)	(2,811)
Corporate and Other activities	(691)	(668)	(681)	(497)	(518)
Impact of unrealized intragroup profit elimination and other consolidation adjustments(1)	211	(27)	(61)	1,205	1,503