



## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-3010

February 23, 2006

Tull R. Florey Baker Botts L.L.P. One Shell Plaza 910 Louisiana Houston, Texas 77002-4995

Re:

ConcoPhillips

Incoming letter dated December 22, 2005

Dear Mr. Florey:

This is in response to your letter dated December 22, 2005 concerning the shareholder proposal submitted to ConocoPhillips by Roger K. Parsons. We also have received a letter from the proponent dated January 3, 2006. Our response is attached to the enclosed photocopy of your correspondence. By doing this, we avoid having to recite or summarize the facts set forth in the correspondence. Copies of all of the correspondence also will be provided to the proponent.

In connection with this matter, your attention is directed to the enclosure, which sets forth a brief discussion of the Division's informal procedures regarding shareholder proposals.

Sincerely,

Eric Finseth

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Enclosures

cc:

Roger K. Parsons

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## Response of the Office of Chief Counsel Division of Corporation Finance

Re: ConocoPhillips

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The proposal would require that the board investigate, independent of inhouse legal counsel, and report to shareholders all potential legal liabilities alleged by the proponent to have been omitted from the February 2002 prospectus titled "Proposed Merger of Conoco and Phillips."

There appears to be some basis for your view that ConocoPhillips may exclude the proposal under rule 14a-8(i)(7), as relating to ConocoPhillips' ordinary business operations (i.e., general legal compliance program). Accordingly, we will not recommend enforcement action to the Commission if ConocoPhillips omits the proposal from its proxy materials in reliance on rule 14a-8(i)(7). In reaching this position, we have not found it necessary to address the alternative bases for omission upon which ConocoPhillips relies.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Ossias Attorney-Adviser

## DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE INFORMAL PROCEDURES REGARDING SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Division of Corporation Finance believes that its responsibility with respect to matters arising under Rule 14a-8 [17 CFR 240.14a-8], as with other matters under the proxy rules, is to aid those who must comply with the rule by offering informal advice and suggestions and to determine, initially, whether or not it may be appropriate in a particular matter to recommend enforcement action to the Commission. In connection with a shareholder proposal under Rule 14a-8, the Division's staff considers the information furnished to it by the Company in support of its intention to exclude the proposals from the Company's proxy materials, as well as any information furnished by the proponent or the proponent's representative.

Although Rule 14a-8(k) does not require any communications from shareholders to the Commission's staff, the staff will always consider information concerning alleged violations of the statutes administered by the Commission, including argument as to whether or not activities proposed to be taken would be violative of the statute or rule involved. The receipt by the staff of such information, however, should not be construed as changing the staff's informal procedures and proxy review into a formal or adversary procedure.

It is important to note that the staff's and Commission's no-action responses to Rule 14a-8(j) submissions reflect only informal views. The determinations reached in these no-action letters do not and cannot adjudicate the merits of a company's position with respect to the proposal. Only a court such as a U.S. District Court can decide whether a company is obligated to include shareholder proposals in its proxy materials. Accordingly a discretionary determination not to recommend or take Commission enforcement action, does not preclude a proponent, or any shareholder of a company, from pursuing any rights he or she may have against the company in court, should the management omit the proposal from the company's proxy material.