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On December 14, 2005, the following memo was sent on behalf Jim Mulva, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ConocoPhillips, to all Burlington Resources Inc. employees.

Dear Burlington Resources Employees,

As you know, ConocoPhillips has reached an agreement to purchase Burlington Resources. While it will be a number of months before the transaction is formally complete, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Burlington Resources to ConocoPhillips and explain why we are so pleased about our future together.

Burlington Resources is well known in our industry for operational excellence and technical innovation. Simply put, we believe that Burlington Resources' capabilities, reserves and production assets are an excellent complement to ConocoPhillips' global portfolio of integrated exploration, production, refining, and energy transportation operations. By bringing our two companies together, we will realize opportunities and growth that otherwise would not be possible.

You'll probably have many questions about the future of our new company. Rest assured that the management teams of both companies are committed to keeping you informed of important milestones in this transaction. Integration planning for the two companies has just begun. As Bobby told you, a team has been formed with representatives from both ConocoPhillips and Burlington Resources to facilitate this transition.

Again, we are very pleased that Burlington Resources will be joining the ConocoPhillips family and look forward to an exciting future. I wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Jim Mulva, Chairman and CEO ConocoPhillips

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the matters set forth in this filing, including statements as to the expected benefits of the acquisition such as efficiencies, cost savings, market profile and financial strength, and the competitive ability and position of the combined company, and other statements identified by words such as "estimates," "expects," "projects," "plans," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially, including required approvals by Burlington Resources shareholders and regulatory agencies, the possibility that the anticipated benefits from the acquisition cannot be fully realized, the possibility that costs or difficulties related to the integration of Burlington Resources operations into ConocoPhillips will be greater than expected, the impact of competition and other risk factors relating to our industry as detailed from time to time in each of ConocoPhillips' and Burlington Resources' reports filed with the SEC. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. Burlington Resources Inc. undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In connection with the proposed transaction, ConocoPhillips will file a Form S-4, Burlington Resources will file a proxy statement and both companies will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE FORM S-4 AND THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MERGER. Investors may obtain a free copy of the Form S-4 and the proxy statement (when available) and the other documents free of charge at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

ConocoPhillips, Burlington Resources and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Burlington Resources' stockholders in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of ConocoPhillips and their ownership of ConocoPhillips stock will be set forth in the proxy statement for ConocoPhillips' 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of Burlington Resources and their ownership of Burlington Resources stock is set forth in Burlington Resources' proxy statement for its 2005 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2005. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the Form S-4 and proxy statement for the merger when they become available.

Investors should read the Form S-4 and proxy statement carefully when they become available before making any voting or investment decision.