

# ConocoPhillips Analyst & Investor Meeting Reaffirms Commitment to Disciplined, Returns-Focused Strategy; Company Outlines Compelling 2020-2029 Plan

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ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP) is hosting an Analyst & Investor Meeting today to reaffirm its commitment to the disciplined, returns-focused strategy it launched in 2016. The company will outline the details of a 2020-2029 operating and financial plan, and will provide region and asset reviews of its global portfolio.

Highlights of the 10-year plan include:

- Free cash flow of approximately \$50 billion based on a real West Texas Intermediate price of \$50 per barrel and annual capital expenditures averaging less than \$7 billion over the decade;
- A capital expenditures plan that reflects optimized pace of development within each asset, low capital intensity and overall low-declining base production;
- Currently announced and planned dispositions, as well as a future 25 percent dilution of company-operated Alaska assets consistent with the company's historical practice of not funding major-project expenditures at 100 percent;
- Resource base of approximately 15 billion barrels of oil equivalent at less than \$40 per barrel WTI average cost of supply;
- Forecast underlying compound annual production growth averaging over 3 percent;
- Projected ordinary dividends of approximately \$20 billion, reflecting growth in the current dividend over the plan period;
- Projected \$30 billion in share buybacks over the 10-year period, representing almost 50 percent of current market capitalization;
- Planned dividends and repurchases funded from free cash flow over life of the plan, representing a combined annual shareholder payout that exceeds our distribution target of more than 30 percent of cash from operations;
- Expected growth in return on capital employed of 1 to 2 percentage points annually; and
- Continued balance sheet strength with an expected leverage ratio of net debt to cash from operations of less than one.

"Over the past few years we have successfully transformed ConocoPhillips to position the company for consistent, predictable performance across the inevitable price cycles of our industry," said Ryan Lance, chairman and chief executive officer. "We believe that we offer the market a compelling, long-term E&P investment that provides downside protection and full exposure to the upside. Today's plan demonstrates sustained value creation through significant free cash flow generation, distinctive returns of capital and growing returns on capital."

Lance continued, "We are committed to delivering superior returns to shareholders. Our plan provides a powerful, multi-year outlook that combines a robust, scenario-based strategy framework, a diverse, low cost of supply resource base, a disciplined, value-based investment approach and a world-class workforce. We believe we are unique in being able to offer this formula to the market."

ConocoPhillips' Analyst & Investor Meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. Central time in Houston. A live webcast of the meeting and the slide deck will be available on the ConocoPhillips Investor Relations website, [www.conocophillips.com/investor](http://www.conocophillips.com/investor). The event will be archived and available for replay later in the day, with a transcript posted shortly afterward.

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About ConocoPhillips

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ConocoPhillips had operations and activities in 17 countries, \$70 billion of total assets, and approximately 10,400 employees as of Sept. 30, 2019. Production excluding Libya averaged 1,310 MBOED for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2019, and proved reserves were 5.3 BBOE as of Dec. 31, 2018. For more information, go to [www.conocophillips.com](http://www.conocophillips.com).

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Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information &dash; To supplement the presentation of the company's financial results prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), this news release contains certain financial measures that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP, including cash from operations, free cash flow, return on capital employed and net debt.

The company believes that the non-GAAP measure cash from operations is useful to investors to help understand changes in cash provided by operating activities excluding the impact of operating working capital changes across periods on a consistent basis and with the performance of peer companies. The company also believes that free cash flow is useful to investors as it provides a measure to compare cash from operations after deduction of capital expenditures and investments across periods on a consistent basis. Free cash flow is not a measure of cash available for discretionary expenditures since the company has certain non-discretionary obligations such as debt service that are not deducted from the measure. The company believes that return on capital employed (ROCE) is a good indicator of long-term company and management performance. ROCE is a measure of the profitability of ConocoPhillips' capital employed in its business. ConocoPhillips calculates ROCE as a ratio, the numerator of which is net income adjusted for special non-reoccurring items, plus after-tax interest expense and excluding after-tax interest income, and the denominator of which is average total equity plus average total debt excluding average cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term investments. Net debt includes total balance sheet debt less cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. The company believes net debt is useful to investors as it provides a measure to compare debt net of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments across periods on a consistent basis. The company's Board of Directors and management also use these non-GAAP measures to analyze the company's operating performance across periods when overseeing and managing the company's business.

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