

# ConocoPhillips Market Update Reaffirms Commitment to Disciplined, Returns-Focused Strategy with Compelling 2022-2031 Plan

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Company Provides Concho Transaction Update; Increases 2021 Share Repurchases by \$1 Billion; Reduces 2021 Capital and Adjusted Operating Cost Guidance

ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP) will host a market update today to reaffirm its commitment to the disciplined, returns-focused strategy it launched in 2016. The company will outline details of a compelling 2022-2031 operating and financial plan that reflects numerous transformational activities undertaken over the past 18 months, most notably the acquisition of Concho.

"We're looking forward to providing today's market update, which comes at a defining moment for our sector," said Ryan Lance, chairman and chief executive officer. "We believe we're entering a constructive environment for the business, but we also recognize that we're in a period of evolving energy transition. ConocoPhillips is meeting this moment with a very compelling plan that is resilient and durable, but also flexible. We can and will adapt as the future plays out, all while remaining focused on delivering superior returns to shareholders through cycles. We don't believe any other company in our E&P sector offers a more investable plan for this vital business."

Today's market update includes the following highlights:

- Increasing anticipated Concho transaction-related synergies and savings to \$1 billion annually;
- Reducing 2021 capital expenditures and adjusted operating cost guidance by \$200 million and \$100 million, respectively, due to stronger-than-projected business execution;
- Increasing 2021 planned share repurchases by \$1 billion, bringing total planned distributions for the year to approximately \$6 billion, or 7% of current market capitalization;
- Expected cash from operations of ~\$145 billion and free cash flow of ~\$70 billion over the 10-year plan period at \$50 per barrel WTI based on 2020 real prices, escalating at 2% annually;
- Capital expenditures expected to average approximately \$7 billion annually, resulting in approximately 3% compounded annual production growth at an average reinvestment rate of ~50%;
- Over \$65 billion in estimated shareholder returns of capital across the plan period, fully funded from cash from operations;
- Return on capital employed projected to grow 1 to 2 percentage points annually, with balance sheet strength further improving throughout the plan period; and
- Progress on the company's ambition to become net-zero for operational (Scope 1 and 2) emissions by 2050.

Lance continued, "We have embraced a new imperative for the business that we call the Triple Mandate. We want to play a valued role in whatever pathway the energy transition takes by investing in the lowest cost of supply barrels, delivering competitive returns of and on capital, and achieving our net-zero emissions ambition. Since 2016, we've been on a continuous path to be the most relevant, sustainable E&P company in the business. Today's strong 10-year plan takes another step forward in that direction."

The ConocoPhillips market update will begin at 9:00 a.m. Central time and is expected to be roughly two hours in duration, including a question-and-answer session. A link to the live webcast and slide deck will be available on the ConocoPhillips Investor Relations website, [www.conocophillips.com/investor](http://www.conocophillips.com/investor), roughly 15 minutes prior to the start of the webcast. The event will also be archived and available for replay later in the day, with a transcript posted shortly afterward.

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## About ConocoPhillips

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benefits from the transaction; unanticipated difficulties or expenditures relating to the Concho transaction; changes in fiscal regime or tax, environmental and other laws applicable to our business; and disruptions resulting from extraordinary weather events, civil unrest, war, terrorism or a cyber attack; and other economic, business, competitive and/or regulatory factors affecting our business generally as set forth in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no duty to update these statements as of any future date and neither future distribution of this material nor the continued availability of this material in archive form on our website should be deemed to constitute an update or re-affirmation of these figures as of any future date. Any future update of these figures will be provided only through a public disclosure indicating that fact.

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Any non-GAAP measures related to current period included herein will be accompanied by a reconciliation to the nearest corresponding GAAP measure at the end of this news release. For forward-looking non-GAAP measures, we are unable to provide a reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP financial measures because the information needed to reconcile these measures is dependent on future events, many of which are outside management's control as described above. Additionally, estimating such GAAP measures and providing a meaningful reconciliation consistent with our accounting policies for future periods is extremely

difficult and requires a level of precision that is unavailable for these future periods and cannot be accomplished without unreasonable effort. Forward looking non-GAAP measures are estimated consistent with the relevant definitions and assumptions.

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Table 1: Reconciliation of production and operating expenses to adjusted operating costs  
\$ millions, except as indicated

	2021 FY Guidance
Production and operating expenses	~5,575
Adjustments:	
Selling, general and administrative (G&A) expenses	~625
Exploration G&A, G&G and lease rentals	~275
Operating costs	~6,475
Adjustments to exclude special items:	
Transaction and restructuring expenses	~(375)
Adjusted operating costs	~6,100

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