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NEWS RELEASE

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ConocoPhillips Announces Funding Approval for Kuparuk 1H NEWS

ANCHORAGE – ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. today announced that the Kuparuk viscous oil development 1H NEWS (Northeast West Sak) has been approved for funding by ConocoPhillips and the Kuparuk co-owners. Plans for engineering have been ongoing, and construction will now move forward. This is the largest investment in viscous oil at Kuparuk since 2004, and it is expected to add about 8,000 barrels of oil per day (BOD) gross at peak production.

"The 1H NEWS development is one of the key projects we announced after passage of oil tax reform," said Trond-Erik Johansen, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska. "The positive investment climate created by tax reform was an important factor in our decision to move ahead with this project."

The approximately \$460 million (gross) 1H NEWS project includes a 9.3-acre extension to the existing Drill Site 1H, and installation of surface facilities to support four new production and 15 injection wells. Construction will begin later this year and continue through 2016, and first oil is anticipated in early 2017. The estimated peak workforce during construction is approximately 150 people.

In addition to 1H NEWS, other previously announced North Slope projects are moving forward: Nabors rigs 9ES and 7ES at Kuparuk have added a combined production of 9,000 gross BOD; newbuild rigs Doyon 142 and Nabors CDR3 are under construction; and CD5 and Drill Site 2S are on schedule and should have first production by the end of this year. Work also is progressing on Greater Mooses Tooth 1.

"CD5 has about 700 construction jobs on site this winter while Drill Site 2S and other Kuparuk projects combined have more than 400 construction positions," Johansen said. "ConocoPhillips is continuing with its plans to invest in new oil-producing projects that will help offset North Slope production decline."

Other Kuparuk owners include BP Exploration Alaska, ExxonMobil and Chevron.

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