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ConocoPhillips Contracts for a New Extended Reach Drilling Rig

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – ConocoPhillips Alaska today announced it has signed a contract with Doyon Drilling Inc. to build a new Extended Reach Drilling (ERD) Rig. The rig will initially target development of Fiord West, a field northwest of the main Alpine pad discovered in 1996. The ERD rig represents the third new-build drilling rig ConocoPhillips has contracted for since SB21 was passed in 2013.

The new ERD rig will increase the area that can be developed from a drill site from approximately 55 square miles to as much as 125 square miles. Use of the ERD rig will decrease the footprint of development, thus minimizing environmental impact.

“The new ERD rig is good news for ConocoPhillips and for the state. Despite the current challenges facing our industry, we are planning for the future and pursuing new development opportunities,” said Joe Marushack, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska. “Adding the ERD rig to our rig fleet on the North Slope is a potential breakthrough event. It could enable increased oil production by reducing the cost of developing economically challenged or previously unreachable resources.”

“Doyon is proud of the contract to build an ERD rig for ConocoPhillips Alaska,” stated Doyon President and CEO, Aaron Schutt. “The addition of this rig to Doyon Drilling’s fleet means more jobs and more opportunities for development. This is great news for Doyon’s shareholders and for Alaskans.”

This highly-specialized rig will be able to drill to 33,000-plus feet, as compared to the approximate 22,000-foot reach of current rigs. The ERD rig can also be used at other North Slope locations such as GMT1, Greater Kuparuk Area, or for future exploration and development opportunities. The ERD rig is scheduled to begin drilling in 2020. The company anticipates it will have sufficient work to keep the rig busy for 10+ years. This represents a significant potential future investment.

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