

ConocoPhillips appreciates the opportunity provided by the Business and Human Rights Resource Centre to respond to the press release and recent report issued by Amazon Watch and Save America's Forests. Over the last several months, ConocoPhillips has exchanged correspondence with Amazon Watch and provided a detailed account of our activities and plans for operations in Peru. We are in the early phases of exploration in Peru and have completed some seismic activity but have no drilling or production operations currently.

ConocoPhillips agrees with Amazon Watch and Save America's Forest that it is vital to properly consult local communities living in the potentially affected area and to maintain strong environmental and social due diligence processes to guide our activities in the biologically-diverse rainforest ecosystem.

ConocoPhillips encourages mutual respect between all stakeholders. We have worked diligently to ensure a high level of consultation with indigenous inhabitants in the areas where we operate and/or propose to operate. ConocoPhillips has publicly pledged to indigenous inhabitants to work closely with them in order to enhance understanding and alignment prior to conducting operations. We always obtain agreement with relevant indigenous inhabitants prior to initiating activities on any of their titled lands.

We hope to advance the quality of life for local residents through sustainable improvements in health and education, and through job creation. To that end, we have established several innovative partnerships with local non-governmental organizations as well as with regional and national governmental bodies, and are seeking to develop more. Our goal is to be welcomed as a partner in the communities in which we operate, by ensuring our operations do not adversely impact community health, safety, culture and economic opportunities, by aiding communities in meeting basic needs, and in stimulating economic and social development.

In recognition that there are small populations in some parts of Peru living in voluntary isolation, ConocoPhillips has developed a contingency plan in the unlikely event of detection of such populations near our operational areas. Regardless of the likelihood of encountering such peoples, ConocoPhillips provides training as a standard part of our operations in all areas of the Peruvian forest. The plan and training for employees and contractors includes the importance of respecting any such populations' choice to live in voluntary isolation, including respect for their culture, archaeological features and awareness of the potential impact accidental contact could have on such groups' health. For this reason, the training focuses on preventing contact, recognizing the evidence that one may be close to such a group's territory, what to do if such evidence is seen and what to do in case of accidental contact, including how to demonstrate respectful behavior.

Through our environmental and social impact assessment process, we have done extensive research in the area and have engaged more than 100 scientists, including botanists, zoologists, hydrologists, archeologists and geologists, to conduct site-specific research. Our philosophy in operating in Peru is to be roadless, using minimum footprint technologies, avoiding wheeled transportation in sensitive environments and maintaining a zero-discharge policy regarding produced water in sensitive areas. While the Ministry of Environment in Peru is exploring the concept of strategic environmental assessments for the region, ConocoPhillips has already pledged its support to contribute to such studies as appropriate.

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ConocoPhillips has committed on several occasions to meet and discuss issues with Amazon Watch and Save America's Forests and remains willing to do so with these and other organizations. Through ongoing and open dialogue between NGOs, governments, indigenous peoples and ConocoPhillips, we can build a better understanding of the region and its issues together, which in turn will lead to better solutions.

At ConocoPhillips, our business is finding and developing the world's natural energy resources but our mission is to do more than deliver energy. We have a longstanding commitment to maintain the highest ethical standards and foster a culture that values honesty, integrity and responsibility in everything we do. We believe a healthy environment is important to our business success and are fully committed to conducting our business in a manner that preserves the health of the environment, the communities and the people near our operations. To better understand ConocoPhillips' commitment to corporate responsibility, we encourage readers to visit our website: <http://www.conocophillips.com/social/index.htm>