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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. )

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The following is a Question and Answer that was first posted on Burlington Resources Inc.'s intranet web site on January 25, 2006.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These questions and answers have been written to provide you with the information requested in employee meetings and on the Employee Resource Site. Employee questions that are similar in nature are grouped together, rephrased and answered by a team from Human Resources. Please note: If a conflict is discovered between these Q&As and the Plan Documents, the Plan Documents will prevail. For specific individual questions, you are encouraged to seek assistance from your Human Resources representative for answers related to your personal circumstances.

COMPENSATION PROGRAMS  
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Q: WILL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE ANNUAL INCENTIVE BONUSES FOR 2006?

A: Yes. The BR Incentive Compensation Plan provides for an Annual Incentive Bonus payment to all eligible employees within 30 days following the closing date of the merger. If, as we expect, the merger closes during the first half of 2006, this bonus would be based on the greater of (1) the "excellent" level of performance at your base salary at the time, or (2) the highest annual bonus amount that was paid to the individual employee in any of the three prior years. This will be a full-year bonus, and will not be pro-rated. Payment of this bonus is expected to represent the full bonus payout for work performed during 2006. If the merger does not close during 2006, then our existing bonus program will continue to operate in the ordinary course, consistent with how it has worked in prior years.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS RELEVANT TO FORWARD-LOOKING  
INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF "SAFE HARBOR" PROVISIONS OF THE  
PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

Except for the historical and factual information contained herein, the matters set forth in this filing, including statements as to the expected benefits of the acquisition such as efficiencies, cost savings, market profile and financial strength, timing expectations to complete the merger, and the competitive ability and position of the combined company,

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and other statements identified by words such as "estimates," "expects," "projects," "plans," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially, including required approvals by Burlington Resources shareholders and regulatory agencies, the possibility that the anticipated benefits from the acquisition cannot be fully realized, the possibility that costs or difficulties related to the integration of Burlington Resources operations into ConocoPhillips will be greater than expected, the impact of competition and other risk factors relating to our industry as detailed from time to time in each of ConocoPhillips' and Burlington Resources' reports filed with the SEC. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates. Burlington Resources Inc. undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

In connection with the proposed transaction, ConocoPhillips has filed a preliminary registration statement on Form S-4, Burlington Resources will file a proxy statement and both companies will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed merger transaction with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE FORM S-4, PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MERGER. Investors may obtain free copies of the Form S-4, proxy statement and the other documents at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, you may obtain documents filed with the SEC by ConocoPhillips free of charge by contacting ConocoPhillips Shareholder Relations Department at (281) 293-6800, P.O. Box 2197, Houston, Texas, 77079-2197. You may obtain documents filed with the SEC by Burlington Resources free of charge by contacting Burlington Resources Investor Relations Department at (800) 262-3456, 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002, e-mail: [IR@br-inc.com](mailto:IR@br-inc.com).

### INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE MERGER

ConocoPhillips, Burlington Resources and their respective directors and executive officers, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Burlington Resources' stockholders in connection with the merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of ConocoPhillips and their ownership of ConocoPhillips stock will be set forth in the proxy statement for ConocoPhillips' 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Information about the directors and executive officers of Burlington Resources and their ownership of Burlington Resources stock is set forth in Burlington Resources' proxy statement for its 2005 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on March 10, 2005. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants by reading the Form S-4 and proxy statement for the merger.

Investors should read the Form S-4 and proxy statement carefully before making any voting or investment decision.