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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ConocoPhillips Adds Another Rig to Kuparuk Field

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – ConocoPhillips Alaska today announced it has signed a contract to bring an additional drilling rig to the Kuparuk River Field on Alaska's North Slope. This is the second rig that will be added to Kuparuk's rig fleet since last spring when SB21, the More Alaska Production Act, was passed by the Legislature.

Nabors 9ES will begin drilling at Kuparuk in January. It joins Nabors 7ES, which has added production of 1,600 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) since it began working in late May. Combined, the two rigs will employ about 200 people directly and support hundreds of indirect jobs.

Earlier this year after passage of SB21, the company also announced plans to pursue two new projects on the North Slope. The two projects, Greater Mooses Tooth #1 in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska and Drill Site 2S in the Kuparuk River Unit, could add approximately 38,000 BOPD (gross) to North Slope production by 2018 at a cost of about \$1.5 billion (gross). During construction, the two projects will employ hundreds of workers.

"This is another step we are taking to increase production on the North Slope," said Trond-Erik Johansen, president of ConocoPhillips Alaska. "SB21 has improved the business climate in Alaska, and I expect we will have more North Slope production-adding investments to announce in the future."

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### **About ConocoPhillips Alaska**

ConocoPhillips has been leading the search for energy in Alaska for more than 50 years. The company is committed to responsibly developing Alaska's resources, providing economic opportunity for Alaska, operating at the highest safety standards and being good stewards of our communities. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.conocophillipsalaska.com">www.conocophillipsalaska.com</a>.

## **About ConocoPhillips**

ConocoPhillips is the world's largest independent E&P company based on production and proved reserves. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ConocoPhillips had operations and activities in 29 countries, \$55 billion in annualized revenue, \$120 billion of total assets, and approximately 18,000 employees as of Sept. 30, 2013. Production from continuing operations averaged 1,511 MBOED for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2013, and proved reserves were 8.6 billion BOE as of Dec. 31, 2012. For more information, go to www.conocophillips.com.

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