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ConocoPhillips Lukoil Investment Confirmed

Symbol	COP	Ebitda Next Twelve Months ending 9/30/05 (US\$mm)	18,400
Rating	Buy	North American Natural Gas/Ebitda (%)	12
Price (US\$/sh)	81.57	Natural Gas and Oil Production/Ebitda (%)	74
Pricing Date	9/29/04	Adjusted Reserves/Production NTM	11.2
Shares (mm)	699	EV/Ebitda	4.5
Market Capitalization (US\$mm)	57,000	PV/Ebitda	5.6
Debt (US\$mm)	26,200	Undeveloped Reserves (%)	33
Enterprise Value (EV) (US\$mm)	83,200	Natural Gas and Oil Ebitda (US\$/boe)	23.10
Present Value (PV) (US\$mm)	103,100	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/boe)	9.66
Net Present Value (US\$/share)	110	Present Value Proven Reserves(US\$/mcfe)	1.61
Debt/Present Value	0.25	Earnings Next Twelve Months (US\$/sh)	12.46
McDep Ratio - EV/PV	0.81	Price/Earnings Next Twelve Months	7
Dividend Yield (%/year)	2.1	Indicated Annual Dividend (US\$/sh)	1.72
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Summary and Recommendation

We continue to recommend the common shares of **ConocoPhillips (COP)** for near mega cap size participation in the rising profit opportunities in oil and gas production and refined products. A tender offer announced today combined with auction results announced yesterday implies that COP is investing about five billion dollars for a 20% interest in Russian oil giant, Lukoil. Our separate buy recommendation of Lukoil attests to the attraction of the deal in terms of resource value and the association of the two companies appears to reduce political risk. On the basis of our analysis before the latest news we conclude the company's current stock price corresponds to a 7% real return on a constant real oil price of just \$27 a barrel. In contrast, our estimated net present value of equity of \$110 a share assumes about \$35 constant real and the current spot price for the commodity is about \$49.

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