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Michael D. Phillipus is Senior Director of Risk Management for Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Oxy). Oxy is an international energy company with operations in the United States, Middle East, Africa and Latin America. Oxy's subsidiary, OxyChem, is a major North American chemical manufacturer. Mr. Phillipus is president and director of Opcal Insurance, Inc. and Woodlands International Insurance, Inc., Oxy's captive insurance company subsidiaries. He serves as Assistant Treasurer of several other Oxy subsidiaries.

Mr. Phillipus began his insurance and risk management career with the Progressive Corporation in 1981, after graduation from Rice University in Houston, Texas. Mr. Phillipus joined Pennzoil Company in 1985 and in 1990, he was promoted to casualty risk manager, a position he held until the merger with Quaker State Company in 1998. Following the merger, he was named manager of risk management, where he was responsible for the worldwide insurance program for Pennzoil-Quaker State Company and its subsidiaries. Mr. Phillipus also served as president and director of Savannah Company Limited, Pennzoil-Quaker State's captive insurance company subsidiary. Mr. Phillipus left Pennzoil-Quaker State following the merger of Pennzoil into Shell Oil in 2002. He was thereafter named Director of Insurance and Risk Management for Horizon Offshore Contractors, Inc., a leading supplier of marine construction services for the offshore oil and gas and other energy related industries. He left Horizon in December 2007 following the acquisition of the company by Cal Dive International. In January 2008, he became Director of Insurance and Risk Management for ATP Oil & Gas Corporation, an international offshore oil and gas development and production company focused in the Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean Sea and North Sea.

Mr. Phillipus has been a member of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) Houston chapter since 1985. In 1989 he was elected as director of the Houston chapter and served as president of the chapter in 1995. He has served the Houston chapter of RIMS for a decade as an instructor for the "Essentials of Risk Management" and the "Essentials of Risk Financing" classes. Mr. Phillipus has served as director of the Global Risk Management Institute and on the Institute's Education Committee. He is a former member of the Associate in Risk Management advisory committee of the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters/Insurance Institute of America (AICPCU/IIA). Elected to the RIMS Executive Council from 1999-2003, he served as vice president – education, vice president – external affairs and vice president – communications & external Affairs. At the 1998 RIMS Conference, Mr. Phillipus received the first "Heart of RIMS" Award. This award recognizes a member who exhibits qualities that further risk management at the chapter level.

Mr. Phillipus served on the Board of Directors of the Risk and Insurance Management Society 2010-2014. He served as Chair of the Audit Committee from 2011-2013. He served as a member of the Finance Committee of the Society until 2017.

Mr. Phillipus has served as a speaker and panelist at various industry and risk management conferences including local, regional and national RIMS, World Captive Forum, Captive Insurance Companies Association, National Safety Council, Energy Week, Bermuda Insurance Symposium, Workers Compensation and Disability Management Conference and the Houston Marine Insurance Seminar.

Mr. Phillipus is the author of "Ending the Paper Chase: Applying Electronic Data Interchange," published in Risk Management Magazine and "Ergonomics: Waiting in the Wings," published in Claims Magazine. In June 2002, Mr. Phillipus testified before the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, Committee on Financial Services of the United States House of Representatives on the subject of "Insurance Regulation and Competition for the 21st Century."

Mr. Phillipus served as Risk Manager in Residence at the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary in 2002, at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2009, at Temple University in Philadelphia in 2011, at Ball State University in Muncie for 2016, at the University of Louisiana at Monroe in 2018 and at Mississippi State University in 2019.

Mr. Phillipus earned the Associate in Risk Management designation from the Insurance Institute of America. He is a Texas licensed risk manager and All-Lines insurance adjuster. He received the OIL Technical Accreditation in 2013. He served on the Board of Directors of the Offshore Energy Center Society and is a member of the Pipeline Insurance Managers Conference.