



DIVISION OF
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

December 16, 2008

By Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Mr. H. Craig Clark
Chief Executive Officer
Forest Oil Corporation
707 17th Street, Suite 3600
Denver, Colorado 80202

**Re: Forest Oil Corporation
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007
Filed February 28, 2008
File No. 001-13515**

Dear Mr. Clark:

We have reviewed your Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 and have the following comments. We have limited our review of your filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Please provide a written response to our comments. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

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1. We note that you have reported separate line items on the face of your statement of operations for realized and unrealized hedge gains and losses. Please modify your presentation to report realized and unrealized gains and losses from derivatives in a single line item, or tell us why you believe your presentation is appropriate.

Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2008

2. We note that on September 30, 2008, you acquired producing oil and natural gas properties from Cordillera Texas, L.P. Please clarify if you deemed this an acquisition of a business for accounting and reporting purposes. If applicable, please modify your disclosure to include a preliminary purchase price allocation, and provide us your computations of significance tests under Articles 1-02(w) and 3-05 of Regulation S-X.

Closing Comments

Please respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please furnish a letter that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and

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- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

You may contact John Cannarella at (202) 551-3337 or Mark Wojciechowski at (202) 551-3759 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact me at (202) 551-3683 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Jill Davis
Branch Chief