

FOREST OIL CORP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

FOREST OIL CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

707 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3600

Denver, Colorado 80202

(303) 812-1400

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

25-0484900
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

Forest Oil Corporation 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Richard W. Schelin

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Forest Oil Corporation

707 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3600

Denver, Colorado 80202

(303) 812-1400

(Name and Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed	Proposed	Amount of Registration Fee
		Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	
Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (3) (4)	20,000,000	\$0.385	\$7,700,000	\$894.74

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act), this registration statement also covers any additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of Forest Oil Corporation (Common Stock) that may become issuable under the Forest Oil Corporation 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan (the 2014 LTIP) by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, or any other similar transaction that results in an increase in the number of the Registrant s outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange composite tape on December 12, 2014.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock to be registered hereby consist of 20,000,000 shares to be issued under the 2014 LTIP.
- (4) Includes associated stock purchase rights, which automatically trade with Common Stock. Prior to the occurrence of certain events, the preferred stock purchase rights will not be evidenced or traded separately from the Common Stock. Value attributable to the preferred stock purchase rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the Common Stock. The stock purchase rights will expire on December 31, 2014.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Forest Oil Corporation (Forest or the Registrant) is filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the Registration Statement) to register the issuance of shares of Common Stock that may be issued pursuant to the 2014 LTIP under the Securities Act.

The documents containing the information required by Part I of this Registration Statement will be sent or given to participants in the 2014 LTIP as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. As permitted by the instructions to Part I of Form S-8, the prospectus which is to be used for Forest 's issuance of the shares of common stock subject to the 2014 LTIP is omitted from this Registration Statement.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) are incorporated herein by reference (excluding any portions of such documents that have been furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)):

(a) the Registrant 's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 (File No. 1-13515), filed with the Commission on February 26, 2014 (including information specifically incorporated by reference in the Registrant 's Form 10-K from the Registrant 's Definitive Proxy Statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders), as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto on Form 10-K/A, filed with the Commission on October 1, 2014 (the Annual Report);

(b) all other reports filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report; and

(c) the description of the Registrant 's common stock contained in the Registrant 's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on October 20, 1997, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-A filed with the Commission on October 17, 2003.

In addition, except to the extent that information is furnished and not filed for purposes of the Exchange Act, all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of it from the respective dates of filing such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

The validity of the shares of common stock covered by this Registration Statement has been passed upon by Richard W. Schelin, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Forest. As of the date of this Registration Statement, Mr. Schelin beneficially owns (i) 17,489 shares of Forest common stock (including 11,166 restricted shares subject to forfeiture provisions) and (ii) 73,166 phantom stock units payable in cash under the terms of the Forest Oil Corporation 2007 Stock Incentive Plan. Mr. Schelin is eligible to participate in the 2014 LTIP.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Sections 721 through 725 of the New York Business Corporation Law (the NYBCL) permit New York corporations such as Forest, acting through their boards of directors, to extend broad protection to their directors, officers, and other employees by way of indemnity and advancement of expenses. These sections (1) provide that the statutory indemnification provisions of the NYBCL are not exclusive, provided that no indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any director or officer if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer establishes that his acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that he personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not entitled, (2) establish procedures for indemnification and advancement of expenses that may be contained in the certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or, when authorized by either of the foregoing, set forth in a resolution of the shareholders or directors or an agreement providing for indemnification and advancement of expenses, (3) apply a single standard for statutory indemnification for third-party and derivative suits by providing that indemnification is available if the director or officer acted, in good faith, for a purpose which he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the corporation, and, in criminal actions, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful, (4) eliminate the requirement for mandatory statutory indemnification that the indemnified party be wholly successful, and (5) provide for the advancement of litigation expenses upon a receipt of an undertaking to repay such advance if the director or officer is ultimately determined not to be entitled to indemnification. Section 726 of the NYBCL permits the purchase of insurance to indemnify a corporation or its officers and directors to the extent permitted. Essentially, the NYBCL allows corporations to provide for indemnification of directors, officers and employees except in those cases where a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the indemnified party establishes that the acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty or that the indemnified party personally gained a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not legally entitled.

Article IX of Forest s bylaws contains very broad indemnification provisions which permit it to avail itself of the NYBCL to extend broad protection to its directors, officers and employees by way of indemnity and advancement of expenses. Forest s bylaws set out the standard under which it will indemnify directors and officers, provides for reimbursement in such instances, for the advancement or reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in defending an action, and for the extension of indemnity to persons other than directors and officers. Forest s bylaws also establish the manner of handling indemnification when a lawsuit is settled. It is not intended that Forest s bylaws are an exclusive method of indemnification.

The 2014 LTIP provides that members of the committee of directors that administers the 2014 LTIP (the Committee) and any officer or employee of the Registrant or any of its subsidiaries acting at the direction or on behalf of the Committee shall not be personally liable for any action or determination taken or made in good faith with respect to the 2014 LTIP, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be indemnified and held harmless by the Registrant with respect to any such action or determination.

We carry directors and officers liability coverages designed to insure our officers and directors and those of our subsidiaries against certain liabilities incurred by them in the performance of their duties, and also providing for reimbursement in certain cases to us and our subsidiaries for sums paid to directors and officers as indemnification for similar liability.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

See Index to Exhibits immediately following the signature page.

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities

offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78o(d)) that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Denver, State of Colorado, on this 15th day of December, 2014.

Forest Oil Corporation

/s/ Patrick R. McDonald
Patrick R. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Patrick R. McDonald, Richard W. Schelin, and Victor A. Wind, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments and registration statements filed pursuant to Rule 462 or otherwise) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and the other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the dates indicated:

/s/ Patrick R. McDonald
Patrick R. McDonald
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
(Principal
Executive Officer)

December 15, 2014

/s/ Victor A. Wind
Victor A. Wind
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting
Officer)

December 15, 2014

/s/ James D. Lightner
James D. Lightner
Director, Chairman of the Board

December 15, 2014

/s/ Loren K. Carroll

December 15, 2014

Loren K. Carroll
Director

/s/ Dod A. Fraser
Dod A. Fraser
Director

December 15, 2014

/s/ James H. Lee
James H. Lee
Director

December 15, 2014

/s/ Raymond I. Wilcox
Raymond I. Wilcox
Director

December 15, 2014

Richard J. Carty
Director

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number

Document

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| 4.1 | Forest Oil Corporation 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Appendix I to the Forest Oil Corporation Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed October 20, 2014 (File No. 001-13515). |
| 4.2 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Forest Oil Corporation, as amended through July 10, 2014, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Form 10-Q for Forest Oil Corporation filed August 18, 2014 (File No. 001-13515). |
| 4.3 | Bylaws of Forest Oil Corporation Restated as of February 14, 2001, as amended by Amendments No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Registration Statement on Form S-4 for Forest Oil Corporation filed June 4, 2013 (File No. 333-189064). |
| 4.4 | Rights Agreement, dated as of July 9, 2014, between Forest Oil Corporation and Computershare Inc., which includes the form of Certificate of Amendment as Exhibit A, the form of Rights Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares as Exhibit C, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K for Forest Oil Corporation filed July 10, 2014. |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Richard W. Schelin. |
| 23.1* | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP. |
| 23.2* | Consent of DeGolyer and MacNaughton. |
| 23.3* | Consent of Richard W. Schelin (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto). |

* Filed herewith.