

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

CONOCO INC.,	§ No. 14, 2001
	§
Defendant Below,	§
Appellant,	§ Court Below—Court of Chancery
	§ of the State of Delaware,
v.	§ in and for New Castle County
	§ C.A. No. 17686
E.I. duPONT de NEMOURS &	§
COMPANY,	§
	§
Plaintiff Below,	§
Appellee.	§

Submitted: January 9, 2001  
Decided: January 11, 2001

Before **VEASEY**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND** and **BERGER**, Justices.

**ORDER**

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001, it appears to the Court that:

- 1) Conoco Inc has petitioned this Court, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 42, to appeal from an interlocutory ruling of the Court of Chancery dated December 20, 2000. The Court of Chancery granted the motion of E.I. duPont de Nemours & Company for leave to file an amended and supplemental complaint.
- 2) On January 5, 2001, the Court of Chancery certified an interlocutory appeal to this Court.

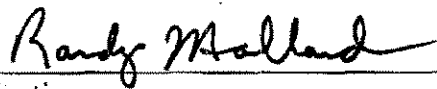
3) Applications for interlocutory review are addressed to the sound discretion of this Court and are granted only in extraordinary cases.

4) In the exercise of its discretion, this Court has concluded that the application for an interlocutory review of the procedural ruling of the Court of Chancery does not meet the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 42(b) and should be refused.

5) The procedural ruling is not ripe for review at this time. It may more appropriately be reviewable following the Court of Chancery's decision on the merits of the issues presented in the amended and supplemental complaint.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the within interlocutory appeal is REFUSED.

BY THE COURT:

  
Justice