

### SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.

(incorporated with limited liability in The Netherlands and having its statutory domicile in The Hague)

as Issuer

### ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC

(incorporated with limited liability in England)

as Issuer and Guarantor

# U.S.\$25,000,000,000 DEBT SECURITIES PROGRAMME

Arranger

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An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For information on this see "Risk Factors".

Shell International Finance B.V. ("Shell Finance") and Royal Dutch Shell plc ("Royal Dutch Shell") (each an "Issuer" and, together, the "Issuers") have established a programme (the "Programme") to facilitate the issuance of notes and other debt securities (the "Notes") guaranteed (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance) by Royal Dutch Shell (the "Guarantor"). The aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding and guaranteed will not at any time exceed U.S.\$25,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies).

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the FSMA (as defined below) (the "UK Listing Authority") for Notes issued under the Programme up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Information Memorandum to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the "Official List") and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

References in this Information Memorandum to Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to the Official List and have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. The London Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC). However, Notes may be issued pursuant to the Programme on an unlisted basis or may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other or further listing authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance) and the relevant Dealer (as defined below). The relevant Final Terms (as defined on page 5) in respect of the issue of any Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be admitted to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange (or any other or further listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, if applicable).

Copies of each Final Terms relating to the Notes will be available from the registered office of the relevant Issuer and from the specified office set out below of each of the Paying Agents (as defined below). In addition, Final Terms relating to Notes which are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will also be available for inspection on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <a href="http://www.londonstockex.change.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html">http://www.londonstockex.change.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html</a>.

Any person (an "Investor") intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes from any person (an "Offeror") should be aware that, in the context of an offer to the public as defined in Section 102B of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA"), the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance) the Guarantor may be responsible to the Investor for this Information Memorandum under Section 90 of the FSMA only if the relevant Issuer and (if applicable) the Guarantor have authorised that Offeror to make the offer to the Investor. Each Investor should therefore enquire whether the Offeror is so authorised by the relevant Issuer and (if applicable) the Guarantor. If the Offeror is not so authorised, the Investor should check with the Offeror whether anyone is responsible for this Information Memorandum for the purposes of Section 90 of the FSMA in the context of the offer to the public and, if so, who that person is. If the Investor is in any doubt about whether it can rely on this Information Memorandum and/or who is responsible for its contents it should take legal advice.

An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes from an Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of the Notes to an Investor by an Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Offeror and such Investor including as to price, allocations and settlement arrangements. The relevant Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance) the Guarantor will not be a party to any such arrangements with Investors (other than the Dealers) in connection with the offer or sale of the Notes and, accordingly, this Information Memorandum and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The Investor must look to the Offeror at the time of such offer for the provision of such information. The relevant Issuer and (if applicable) the Guarantor have no responsibility to an Investor in respect of such information.

This Information Memorandum comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "Prospectus Directive").

The information contained in this Information Memorandum applies to all Notes issued after the date of this Information Memorandum.

Each Tranche (as defined below) of Notes will be in bearer form and will be represented upon issue by either a temporary global note (each a "Temporary Global Note") or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent global note (each a "Permanent Global Note" and, together with a Temporary Global Note, the "Global Notes" and each a "Global Note"). In each case, the Temporary Global Note or the Permanent Global Note, as the case may be, will be deposited (a) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through Euroclear (as defined below) and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as defined below), on or prior to the issue date with a common safekeeper (if the Global Note(s) are intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN") form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms), or a common depositary (if the Global Note(s) are not intended to be issued in NGN form), in each case on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or delivered outside a clearing system, as agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer. Interests in a Temporary Global Note will only be exchangeable for interests in a Permanent Global Note or, if so stated in the relevant Final Terms (and subject to such notice period as is specified in the relevant Final Terms), for Notes in definitive form ("Definitive Notes") on and after the first business day (the "Exchange Date", which date shall be determined by the Agent (as defined herein)) following the expiry of 40 days after the later of (i) the issue date of the Notes of the relevant Tranche and (ii) the completion of the distribution of the Notes of such Tranche, upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Swiss Franc Domestic Notes (as defined below) will be represented upon issue by a Permanent Global Note and are subject to an exemption from the certification requirements under U.S. Treasury regulations. "Swiss Franc Domestic Notes" means an issue of Notes denominated in Swiss Francs or carrying a Swiss Franc-related element that is cleared through SIX SIS Ltd, the Swiss Securities Services Corporation in Olten, Switzerland, or any successor thereto ("SIS").

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Programme. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Each of Shell Finance and Royal Dutch Shell (each an "Obligor" and, together, the "Obligors" and the "Responsible Persons") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Information Memorandum. To the best of the knowledge of the Obligors (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Information Memorandum is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. This paragraph should be read in conjunction with the fifth paragraph on page 2 of this Information Memorandum.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Information Memorandum in connection with an offer of Notes are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Dealer, the Managers and the persons named in or identifiable from the applicable Final Terms as the Financial Intermediaries, as the case may be.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Information Memorandum in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Obligors or any of the Dealers (as named under "Summary of the Programme" below). Subject to the paragraph entitled "Information Memorandum supplement" on page 21, none of the Obligors or the Dealers accepts any responsibility, express or implied, for updating this Information Memorandum. Neither the delivery of this Information Memorandum nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of either of the Obligors since the date of this Information Memorandum or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Obligors since the date of this Information Memorandum or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Information Memorandum and the offering or sale of Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Information Memorandum comes are required by the Obligors and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction. The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and include Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of Notes and on distribution of this Information Memorandum, see "Subscription and Sale" below.

This Information Memorandum does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Obligors or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

None of the Dealers and the Trustee (as defined below) makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Information Memorandum. Neither this Information Memorandum nor any other financial statements are intended to provide the basis of any credit, taxation or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any Obligor, the Dealers or the Trustee that any recipient of this Information Memorandum or any other financial statements should purchase any Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Information Memorandum and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. Each potential purchaser of Notes is advised to consult a professional adviser in connection therewith. None of the Dealers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Obligors during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Information Memorandum nor to advise any investor or potential investor in any Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers.

This Information Memorandum has been prepared on the basis that, except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) below may apply, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Information Memorandum as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Notes may only do so (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance) the Guarantor or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer or (ii) if a prospectus for such offer has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State and (in either case) published, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the relevant Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of such offer. Except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) above may apply, none of the Obligors and any Dealer has authorised, nor does it authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer. References in this paragraph to the "Prospectus Directive" mean Directive 2003/71/EC and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State, and include any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

The rating of certain Series (as defined below) of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the "CRA Regulation") will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes under the Programme, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the

applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any such stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

In this Information Memorandum "Shell" and the "Shell group" are sometimes used for convenience where references are made to Royal Dutch Shell and its subsidiaries in general. Likewise, the words "we", "us" and "our" are also used to refer to subsidiaries in general or to those who work for them.

These expressions are also used where no useful purpose is served by identifying the particular company or companies. "Subsidiaries", "Shell subsidiaries" and "Shell companies" as used in this Information Memorandum refer to companies over which Royal Dutch Shell, either directly or indirectly, has control through a majority of the voting rights or the right to exercise control or to obtain the majority of the benefits and be exposed to the majority of the risks. The Consolidated Financial Statements consolidate the financial statements of the parent company and all subsidiaries. The companies in which Shell has significant influence but not control are referred to as "associated companies" or "associates" and companies in which Shell has joint control are referred to as "jointly controlled entities". Joint ventures are comprised of jointly controlled entities and jointly controlled assets. In this Information Memorandum, associates and jointly controlled entities are also referred to as "equity-accounted investments".

In this Information Memorandum, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "U.S.\$", "U.S. Dollars" and "\$" are to the lawful currency of the United States, to "C\$" are to the lawful currency of Canada, to "A\$" are to the lawful currency of Australia, to "Swiss Francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland, to "euro" or "€" are to the lawful currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended, and to "pounds sterling", "sterling" and "£" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

### **ISSUE OF NOTES**

Notes will be issuable on a continuous basis in series (each a "Series"), such Notes having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "Tranche") on different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, interest commencement date and principal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be set forth in a final terms document (the "Final Terms") the forms of which are set out in "Forms of Final Terms" below.

This Information Memorandum should be read and construed in conjunction with any amendment or supplement hereto and all documents incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference"). Furthermore, in relation to any Series of Notes, this Information Memorandum should be read and construed together with the relevant Final Terms.

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This Summary must be read as an introduction to this Information Memorandum and any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Information Memorandum as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive in each member state of the European Economic Area (each a "Member State"), no civil liability will attach to the Responsible Persons in any such Member State in respect of this Summary, including any translation hereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Information Memorandum. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Information Memorandum is brought before a court in a Member State, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Information Memorandum before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this summary.

The Issuers:

Shell International Finance B.V.

Shell Finance has its corporate seat in The Hague, The Netherlands. Its registered office is at Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands, tel.: +31 (0) 70 377 9111.

Royal Dutch Shell plc

Royal Dutch Shell's registered office is at Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA, UK and its headquarters are at Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands, tel.: +31 (0) 70 377 9111. Royal Dutch Shell is considered a resident of The Netherlands for Dutch and UK tax purposes.

Shell is one of the world's largest independent oil and gas companies in terms of market capitalisation, operating cash flow and oil and gas production.

Shell's Upstream organisation consists of two businesses: Upstream Americas covering North and South America, and Upstream International covering the rest of the world.

The Downstream organisation consists of the Manufacturing, Marketing and Chemicals businesses, and Trading and Alternative Energy activities in Shell, excluding Wind, which is part of Upstream.

Projects & Technology combines all of Shell's major project delivery, technical services and technology capability covering both Upstream and Downstream. It also oversees Shell's health, safety and environmental performance.

The Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance):

Royal Dutch Shell plc

**Risk Factors:** 

There are certain factors that may affect an Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes issued under the Programme. There are also certain factors that may affect the Guarantor's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. These include (a) price fluctuations in crude oil, natural gas, oil products and chemicals; (b) competition, particularly from state-run entities; (c) exposure to changes in economic and financial market conditions; (d) dependence on delivery of large capital projects and on access to new proved reserves; (e) reputational risk; (f) successful development and deployment of new technologies; (g) climate change concerns and additional regulatory measures; (h) exposure to a wide range of health, safety, security and environmental risks; (i) risks in Shell's Nigerian operations, including security issues, ability to enforce contractual rights, limited infrastructure and

the impact of potential new legislation relating to the petroleum industry in Nigeria; (j) exposure to political, legal and fiscal stability in the numerous countries in which Shell operates; (k) exposure to social instability, terrorism and acts of war or piracy; (l) reliance on information technology systems; (m) capital market risks, particularly with regard to Shell's pension commitments; (n) difficulties in estimating reserves; (o) risks relating to the use of joint ventures and associated companies to conduct certain major projects and operations; and (p) potential violations of antitrust and anticorruption laws. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme (see "Risk Factors").

Arranger: UBS Limited

**Currencies:** 

Dealers: Banco Santander, S.A.

Barclays Bank PLC BNP Paribas

Citigroup Global Markets Limited Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch

Goldman Sachs International

HSBC Bank plc

J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. Lloyds TSB Bank plc Merrill Lynch International

Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc Royal Bank of Canada Europe Limited

Société Générale

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

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and any other dealer appointed from time to time either in respect of a single Tranche or in respect of the whole Programme.

Notes may be denominated in any currency or currencies, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank

requirements. Payments in respect of Notes may, subject to compliance as aforesaid, be made in and/or linked to, any currency or currencies other than

the currency in which the Notes are denominated.

Swiss Franc Domestic Notes and payments in respect of the Swiss Franc Domestic Notes will be denominated in Swiss Francs only.

Trustee: Citicorp Trustee Company Limited

Agent: Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Programme Amount: Up to U.S.\$25,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies) aggregate

principal amount of Notes outstanding and guaranteed at any one time. The Obligors may increase the Programme Amount in accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement (as defined under "Subscription and Sale" below). The aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding shall be determined, at the discretion of the relevant Issuer, either on the date of issue of the relevant Notes, on the date agreement is reached to issue such Notes or on the first day preceding such agreement date on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London. The principal amount of Notes not denominated in U.S. Dollars shall be determined by reference to

such sources as the relevant Issuer considers appropriate.

Availability: The Programme will be continuously available. The maximum amount outstanding under the Programme will not exceed the Programme Amount.

Maturity of the Notes:

Any maturity subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives.

Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent, see "Subscription and Sale".

**Denominations:** 

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer, save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive is intended, in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance, to be €1,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the near equivalent in such other currency) or such other higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year may be subject to restrictions on their denomination, see "Maturity of the Notes" above.

Method of Issue:

Notes may be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. Notes will be issued in one or more Series (which may be issued on the same date or which may be issued in more than one Tranche on different dates). Notes may be issued in Tranches on a continuous basis. Further Notes may be issued as part of an existing Series.

Form of Notes:

Notes shall be issued in bearer form only.

Each Tranche of Notes will be represented upon issue by either a Temporary Global Note or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a Permanent Global Note. In each case, the Temporary Global Note or the Permanent Global Note, as the case may be, will be deposited (a) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg on the issue date with a common safekeeper (if the Global Note(s) are intended to be issued in NGN form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms) or a common depositary (if the Global Note(s) are not intended to be issued in NGN form), in each case on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or delivered outside a clearing system, as agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer. Interests in a Temporary Global Note will only be exchangeable for interests in a Permanent Global Note or, if so stated in the relevant Final Terms, for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date (as defined on page 3), upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Interests in a Permanent Global Note will only be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in accordance with its terms.

**Issue Price:** 

Notes may be issued at their principal amount or at a discount or premium to their principal amount and either on a fully or partly paid basis.

Fixed Rate Notes:

Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms and at maturity.

Floating Rate Notes: Floating Rate Notes will bear interest set separately for each Series by

reference to LIBOR, EURIBOR, LIBID or LIMEAN (or such other benchmark as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms). The margin (if any) relating to an issue of Floating Rate Notes will be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes. Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or

both. Interest periods will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Zero Coupon Notes:** Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their principal amount or at a discount

to it and will not bear interest.

Indexed Redemption Amount Notes and Indexed Interest Notes: The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Indexed Redemption Amount Notes will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable, which may be by reference to an index or formula or as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms.

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Indexed Interest Notes will specify the basis for calculating the amounts of interest payable, which may be by reference to an index or formula or as otherwise provided in the relevant

Final Terms.

**Instalment Notes:** The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes which are redeemable

in two or more instalments will set out the dates on which, and the amounts

in which, such Notes may be redeemed.

Other Notes: Terms applicable to high interest Notes, low interest Notes, step-up Notes,

step-down Notes, dual currency Notes, reverse dual currency Notes, optional dual currency Notes, partly-paid Notes and any other type of Note which the relevant Issuer, and any Dealer or Dealers may agree to issue under the

Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Optional Redemption: The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will state whether

such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the relevant Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the holders, and if so the

terms applicable to such redemption.

Status of the Notes and the Guarantee in respect of them: The Notes and the Guarantee will be direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance), respectively, and will rank *pari passu* and rateably without any preference among themselves and at least equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by Shell Finance), respectively, present and future, save for such obligations as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

Negative Pledge: The Notes will contain no negative pledge.

Cross Default: The Notes will contain no cross default.

Rating:

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, its rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating

applicable to the Programme. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any

time by the assigning rating agency.

Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 will be disclosed

in the Final Terms.

Early Redemption: Except as provided in "Optional Redemption" above, Notes will be

redeemable prior to maturity (i) at the option of the relevant Issuer only for tax reasons or (ii) following an Event of Default pursuant to Condition 10.

Withholding Tax: All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes will be made free

and clear of withholding taxes of, in the case of payments by Shell Finance, The Netherlands or, in the case of payments by Royal Dutch Shell, the United Kingdom or The Netherlands, in each case, subject to customary exceptions, all as described in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes —

Taxation".

Governing Law: English.

Selling Restrictions: The Notes are subject to restrictions on their offering, sale and delivery both

generally and specifically in the United States of America, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Japan, the Republic of France, Belgium and the European Economic Area. These restrictions are described under

"Subscription and Sale" below.

Listing and admission Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under to trading:

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this

Information Memorandum to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the

London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

Swiss Franc Domestic Notes will not be listed or subject to an application for

listing on an exchange located outside Switzerland.

As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Notes may be unlisted.

Each of the Obligors believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither Obligor is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

Factors which the Obligors believe may be material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

Each of the Obligors believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but an Obligor may be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes for other reasons and neither Shell Finance nor Royal Dutch Shell represents that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Information Memorandum and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Prospective investors should consider, among other things, the following which may impact on the Obligors ability to meet its obligations under the Notes:

### Risks related to Shell's businesses

Shell's operations and earnings are subject to competitive, economic, political, legal, regulatory, social, industry, business and financial risks, as detailed below. These could have a material adverse effect separately or in combination on Shell's operational performance, earnings or financial condition. Investors should carefully consider the risks discussed below. They should also be aware that Shell's Articles of Association limit the jurisdictions under which shareholder disputes are settled (see also below).

Shell's operating results and financial condition are exposed to fluctuating prices of crude oil, natural gas, oil products and chemicals.

Prices of oil, natural gas, oil products and chemicals are affected by supply and demand both globally and regionally. Moreover, prices for oil and gas can move independently from each other. Factors that influence supply and demand include operational issues, natural disasters, weather, political instability, conflicts, economic conditions and actions by major oil-exporting countries. Price fluctuations have a material effect on Shell's earnings and financial condition. For example, in a low oil and gas price environment Shell would generate less revenue from its Upstream production, and as a result certain long-term projects might become less profitable or even incur losses. Additionally, low oil and gas prices could result in the debooking of oil or natural gas reserves, if they become uneconomic in this type of environment. Prolonged periods of low oil and gas prices, or rising costs, could also result in projects being delayed or cancelled, as well as in the impairment of certain assets. In a high oil and gas price environment, Shell can experience sharp increases in cost and under some production-sharing contracts Shell's entitlement to reserves would be reduced. Higher prices can also reduce demand for Shell's products. Lower demand for Shell's products might result in lower profitability, particularly in Shell's Downstream business.

Shell's ability to achieve strategic objectives depends on how it reacts to competitive forces.

Shell faces competition in each of its businesses. While Shell seeks to differentiate its products, many of them are competing in commodity-type markets. If Shell does not manage its expenses adequately, its cost efficiency might deteriorate and its unit costs might increase. This in turn might erode Shell's competitive position. Increasingly, Shell competes with state-run oil and gas companies, particularly in seeking access to oil and gas resources. Today, these state-run oil and gas companies control vastly greater quantities of oil and gas resources than the major, publicly held oil and gas companies. State-run entities have access to significant resources and may be motivated by political or other factors in their business decisions which may harm Shell's competitive position or access to desirable projects.

The global macroeconomic environment as well as financial and commodity market conditions influence Shell's operating results and financial condition as Shell's business model involves trading, treasury, interest rate and foreign exchange risks.

Shell companies are subject to differing economic and financial market conditions throughout the world. Political or economic instability affects such markets. Shell uses debt instruments such as bonds and

commercial paper to raise significant amounts of capital. Should Shell's access to debt markets become more difficult, the potential impact on Shell's liquidity could have an adverse effect on its operations. For example, Shell's net debt increased by U.S.\$5.6 billion in 2010. Trading and treasury risks include, among others, exposure to movements in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates, counterparty default and various operational risks. As a global company doing business in over 90 countries, Shell is exposed to changes in currency values and exchange controls. While Shell undertakes some currency hedging, it does not do so for all of its activities. The resulting exposure could affect Shell's earnings and cash flow.

Shell's future hydrocarbon production depends on the delivery of large and complex projects, as well as the ability to replace oil and gas reserves.

Shell faces numerous challenges in developing capital projects, especially large ones. Challenges include uncertain geology, frontier conditions, the existence and availability of necessary technology and engineering resources, availability of skilled labour, project delays and potential cost overruns, as well as technical, fiscal, regulatory, political and other conditions. These challenges are particularly relevant in certain developing and emerging market countries, such as Kazakhstan, Iraq, etc. Such potential obstacles may impair Shell's delivery of these projects, as well as Shell's ability to fulfil related contractual commitments, and, in turn, adversely affect Shell's operational performance and financial position. Future oil and gas production will depend on Shell's access to new proved reserves through exploration, negotiations with governments and other owners of known reserves, and acquisitions. Failure to replace proved reserves could result in lower future production.

### OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AVAILABLE FOR SALE

	2010 [B]	2009 [B]	million boe* [A] 2008
Subsidiaries	855	828	846
Equity-accounted investments	355	319	314
Total	1,210	1,147	1,160

<sup>\*</sup> barrels of oil equivalent (boe)

# PROVED DEVELOPED AND UNDEVELOPED RESERVES [A][B] (at 31 December)

	2010 [D]	2009 [D]	million boe [C] 2008 [E]
Shell subsidiaries	10,176	9,859	7,090
Shell share of equity-accounted investments	4,097	4,286	3,825
Total	14,273	14,145	10,915
Non-controlling interest [F]	24	13	12
Total less non-controlling interest	14,249	14,132	10,903

<sup>[</sup>A] Shell manages its total proved reserves base without distinguishing between proved oil and gas reserves associated with its equity-accounted investments and proved oil and gas reserves from subsidiaries.

<sup>[</sup>A] Natural gas has been converted to oil equivalent using a factor of 5,800 standard cubic feet (scf) per barrel.

<sup>[</sup>B] Includes synthetic crude oil production.

<sup>[</sup>B] The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) adopted revised standards for oil and gas reserves reporting from 2009. Reserves for 2008 have been determined on the basis of the predecessor rules.

<sup>[</sup>C] Natural gas has been converted to oil equivalent using a factor of 5,800 scf per barrel.

<sup>[</sup>D] Includes proved reserves associated with future production that will be consumed in operations and synthetic crude oil reserves.

<sup>[</sup>E] Does not include volumes expected to be produced and consumed in operations or synthetic crude oil reserves.

<sup>[</sup>F] Represents reserves attributable to non-controlling interest in Shell subsidiaries held by third parties.

An erosion of Shell's business reputation would have a negative impact on Shell's brand, its ability to secure new resources, its licence to operate and financial performance.

Shell is one of the world's leading energy brands, and Shell's brand and reputation are important assets. The Shell General Business Principles and Code of Conduct govern how Shell and its individual companies conduct its affairs. While Shell seeks to ensure compliance with these requirements by all of its 93,000 employees, it is a challenge. Failure – real or perceived – to follow these principles, or other real or perceived failures of governance or regulatory compliance could harm Shell's reputation. This could impact Shell's licence to operate, damage its brand, harm its ability to secure new resources, limit its ability to access the capital market and affect its operational performance and financial condition.

Shell's future performance depends on the successful development and deployment of new technologies.

Technology and innovation are essential to Shell. If Shell does not develop the right technology, does not have access to it or does not deploy it effectively, the delivery of Shell's strategy, its profitability and its earnings may be affected. Shell operates in environments where the most advanced technologies are needed. While these technologies are regarded as safe for the environment with today's knowledge, there is always the possibility of unknown or unforeseeable environmental impacts. If these materialise, they might affect Shell's earnings and financial condition and expose Shell to sanctions or litigation.

Rising climate change concerns could lead to additional regulatory measures that may result in project delays and higher costs.

In the future, in order to help meet the world's energy demand, Shell expects its production to rise and more of its production to come from unconventional sources than at present. Energy intensity of production of oil and gas from unconventional sources can be higher than that of production from conventional sources. Therefore, it is expected that both the CO<sub>2</sub> intensity of Shell's production as well as Shell's absolute Upstream CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will increase as Shell's business grows, for example, from the expansion of oil sands activities in Canada. Also Shell's Pearl GTL project in Qatar is expected to increase its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions when production begins. Over time, Shell expects that a growing share of its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be subject to regulation and carry a cost. If Shell is unable to find economically viable as well as publicly acceptable solutions that reduce its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for new and existing projects or products it may incur additional costs in delayed projects or reduced production in certain projects.

The nature of Shell's operations exposes Shell to a wide range of health, safety, security and environment risks. The health, safety, security and environment (HSSE) risks, to which Shell is potentially exposed, cover a wide spectrum, given the geographic range, operational diversity and technical complexity of Shell's daily operations. Shell has operations, including oil and gas production, transport and shipping of hydrocarbons, and refining, in difficult geographies or climate zones, as well as environmentally sensitive regions, such as the Arctic or maritime environments, especially in deep water. This exposes Shell to the risk, amongst others, of major process safety incidents, effects of natural disasters, social unrest, personal health and safety, and crime. If a major HSSE risk materialises, such as an explosion or hydrocarbon spill, this could result in injuries, loss of life, environmental harm, disruption to business activities and, depending on their cause and severity, material damage to Shell's reputation and eventually loss of licence to operate. Ultimately, any serious incident could harm Shell's competitive position and materially impact its earnings and financial condition. In certain circumstances, liability could be imposed without regard to Shell's fault in the matter.

An erosion of the business and operating environment in Nigeria could adversely impact Shell's earnings and financial position.

Shell faces various risks in its Nigerian operations. These risks include: security issues surrounding the safety of Shell's people, host communities and operations; Shell's ability to enforce existing contractual rights; limited infrastructure; and potential legislation that could increase Shell's taxes. The Nigerian government is contemplating new legislation to govern the petroleum industry which, if passed into law, would likely have a significant impact on Shell's existing and future activities in that country and could adversely affect Shell's financial returns from projects in that country.

Shell operates in more than 90 countries, with differing degrees of political, legal and fiscal stability. This exposes Shell to a wide range of political developments that could result in changes to laws and regulations. In addition, Shell companies face the risk of litigation and disputes worldwide.

Developments in politics, laws and regulations can, and do, affect Shell's operations and earnings. Potential developments include: forced divestment of assets; expropriation of property; cancellation of

contract rights; additional windfall taxes and other retroactive tax claims; import and export restrictions; foreign exchange controls; and changing environmental regulations. Certain governments, states and regulatory bodies have, in the opinion of Shell, exceeded their constitutional authority by attempting unilaterally to amend or cancel existing agreements or arrangements; by failing to honour existing contractual commitments; and by seeking to adjudicate disputes between private litigants. In Shell's Upstream activities these developments could affect land tenure, re-writing of leases, entitlement to produced hydrocarbons, production rates, royalties and pricing. Parts of Shell's Downstream businesses are subject to price controls in some countries. From time to time, cultural and political factors play a role in unprecedented and unanticipated judicial outcomes contrary to local and international law. When such risks materialise they can affect the employees, reputation, operational performance and financial position of Shell, as well as of the Shell companies located in the country concerned. If Shell does not comply with policies and regulations, it may result in regulatory investigations, lawsuits and ultimately sanctions.

Shell's international operations expose it to social instability, terrorism and acts of war or piracy that could have an adverse impact on its business.

As seen recently in north Africa and the Middle East, social and civil unrest, both within the countries in which Shell operates and internationally, can and does affect operations and earnings. Potential developments that could impact Shell's business include international conflicts, including war, acts of political or economic terrorism and acts of piracy on the high seas, as well as civil unrest and local security concerns that threaten the safe operation of Shell's facilities and transport of its products. If such risks materialise, they can result in injuries and disruption to business activities, which could have a material negative effect on Shell's operational performance and financial condition, as well as on its reputation.

Shell relies heavily on information technology systems for its operations.

The operation of many of Shell's business processes depends on the availability of information technology (IT) systems. Shell's IT systems are increasingly concentrated in terms of geography, number of systems, and key contractors supporting the delivery of IT services. Shell, like many other multinational companies, has been the target of attempts by others to gain unauthorised access through the Internet to its IT systems, including more sophisticated attempts often referred to as advanced persistent threat. For all security incidents Shell seeks to detect and investigate them with an aim to prevent their recurrence. Disruption of critical IT services, or breaches of information security, could have a negative effect on Shell's operational performance and earnings, as well as on its reputation.

Shell has substantial pension commitments, whose funding is subject to capital market risks.

Liabilities associated with defined benefit plans can be significant, as can the cash funding of such plans; both depend on various assumptions. Volatility in capital markets and the resulting consequences for investment performance, as well as interest rates, may result in significant changes to the funding level of future liabilities. In case of a shortfall, Shell might be required to make substantial cash contributions, depending on the applicable regulations per country.

The estimation of reserves involves subjective judgements based on available information and the application of complex rules, so subsequent downward adjustments are possible. If actual production from such reserves is lower than current estimates indicate, Shell's profitability and financial condition could be negatively impacted.

The estimation of oil and gas reserves involves subjective judgements and determinations based on available geological, technical, contractual and economic information. The estimate may change because of new information from production or drilling activities or changes in economic factors, including changes in the price of oil or gas and changes in the taxation or regulatory policies of host governments. It may also alter because of acquisitions and divestments, new discoveries and extensions of existing fields and mines, as well as the application of improved recovery techniques. Published reserves estimates may also be subject to correction due to errors in the application of published rules and changes in guidance. Any downward adjustment would indicate lower future production volumes and may adversely affect Shell's earnings as well as its financial condition.

Many of Shell's major projects and operations are conducted in joint ventures or associated companies. This may reduce Shell's degree of control, as well as its ability to identify and manage risks.

A significant share of Shell's capital is invested in joint ventures or associated companies. In cases where Shell is not the operator it has limited influence over, and control of, the behaviour, performance and cost of operations of joint ventures or associated companies. Additionally, Shell's partners or members of a joint venture or associated company (particularly local partners in developing countries) may not be able

to meet their financial or other obligations to the projects, threatening the viability of a given project. For further information on Shell's investment in joint ventures and associated companies, see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements of RDS included in the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2010 and incorporated by reference herein.

Violations of antitrust and competition law carry fines and expose Shell and/or its employees to criminal sanctions and civil suits.

Antitrust and competition laws apply to Shell companies in the vast majority of countries in which it does business. Shell companies have been fined for violations of antitrust and competition law. These include a number of fines by the European Commission Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP). Due to the DG COMP's fining guidelines, any future conviction of Shell companies for violation of European Union (EU) competition law could result in larger fines. Violation of antitrust laws is a criminal offence in many countries, and individuals can be either imprisoned or fined. Furthermore, it is now common for persons or corporations allegedly injured by antitrust violations to sue for damages.

Shell is currently under investigation by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice for violations of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

In 2010, Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Ltd. ("SNEPCO") and Royal Dutch Shell, on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary SNEPCO, agreed to a Deferred Prosecution Agreement ("DPA") with the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") for violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), which arose in connection with its use of the freight forwarding firm Panalpina. Also Royal Dutch Shell and Shell International Exploration and Production, Inc. ("SIEP") have consented to a Cease and Desist Order from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for violations of the record keeping and internal control provisions of the FCPA as a result of SNEPCO's violation of the FCPA, which also arose in connection with the use of the freight forwarding firm Panalpina in Nigeria. The DPA requires Royal Dutch Shell and SNEPCO to continue to implement a compliance and ethics programme designed to prevent and detect violations of the FCPA and other applicable anti-corruption laws throughout Shell's operations. The DPA also requires Royal Dutch Shell and SNEPCO to report to the DOJ, promptly, any credible evidence of questionable or corrupt payments. Additionally, SNEPCO. paid a U.S.\$30 million penalty to the DOJ, and Royal Dutch Shell and SIEP paid approximately U.S.\$18.1 million in disgorgement and prejudgement interest to the SEC. Any violations of the DPA, or the SEC's Cease and Desist Order, could have a material adverse effect on Royal Dutch Shell as any sanctions could include large fines and possible debarment from U.S. government contracts.

Royal Dutch Shell's Articles of Association determine the jurisdiction for shareholder disputes. This might limit shareholder remedies.

Royal Dutch Shell's Articles of Association generally require that all disputes between its shareholders in such capacity and Royal Dutch Shell or its subsidiaries (or its Directors or former Directors) or between the Royal Dutch Shell and its Directors or former Directors be exclusively resolved by arbitration in the Hague, The Netherlands, under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce. Royal Dutch Shell's Articles of Association also provide that, if this provision is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the dispute may only be brought in the courts of England and Wales. Accordingly, the ability of shareholders to obtain monetary or other relief, including in respect of securities law claims, may be determined in accordance with these provisions.

# Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme

### The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Notes and the impact such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;

- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the currency in which such investor's financial activities are principally denominated;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

### Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of certain such features:

Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when the relevant Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The relevant Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

Index Redemption Amount Notes, Indexed Interest Notes and Dual Currency Notes

The relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "Relevant Factor"). In addition, the relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

### Partly Paid Notes

The relevant Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of its investment.

Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

### Inverse Floating Rate Notes

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of those Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

### Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the relevant Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The relevant Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the relevant Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the relevant Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the relevant Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

### Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium to their nominal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

### Modification, waivers and substitution

The terms and conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of Notes or (ii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the relevant Issuer or (iii) the substitution of another company in place of the Guarantor, in the circumstances described in Condition 17 of the terms and conditions of the Notes.

The right to receive payments on the Notes issued by Royal Dutch Shell or under the Guarantee is subordinated to the other liabilities of its subsidiaries

Royal Dutch Shell is organised as a holding company, and substantially all of its operations are carried on through subsidiaries of Royal Dutch Shell. Royal Dutch Shell's ability to meet its financial obligations is dependent upon the availability of cash flows from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries and affiliated companies through dividends, intercompany advances and other payments. Moreover, Shell Finance is a special purpose financing vehicle that was formed for the purpose of raising debt for the Shell Group. Shell Finance conducts no business or revenue-generating operations of its own. Shell Finance has no subsidiaries and will rely on payments (including principal and interest) from Royal Dutch Shell and other subsidiaries in the Shell Group to whom it has on-lent the proceeds of any debt securities issued by it in order to make payments on securities issued by it. Royal Dutch Shell's subsidiaries are not guarantors of

the Notes that may be issued under the Programme. Claims of the creditors of Royal Dutch Shell's subsidiaries have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over the claims of Royal Dutch Shell. Consequently, in the event of insolvency of Royal Dutch Shell, the claims of holders of debt securities guaranteed or issued by Royal Dutch Shell would be structurally subordinated to the prior claims of the creditors of subsidiaries of Royal Dutch Shell.

### The Notes are unsecured

The Notes issued under the Programme will be unsecured. If Royal Dutch Shell or Shell Finance default on the Notes or Royal Dutch Shell defaults on the Guarantee, or in the event of bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganisation, then, to the extent that Royal Dutch Shell or Shell Finance have granted security over their assets, the assets that secure these debts will be used to satisfy the obligations under that secured debt before Royal Dutch Shell or Shell Finance could make payment on the Notes or the Guarantee, as applicable. If there is not enough collateral to satisfy the obligations of the secured debt, then the remaining amounts on the secured debt would share equally with all unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness.

### EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "Directive"), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual (who is the beneficial owner of those payments) resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland). The Directive does not preclude EU Member States from levying other types of withholding tax.

The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the relevant Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. Save as set out in Condition 7 of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, the relevant Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

### Change of law

The conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Notes. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Notes.

### Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: Definitive Notes

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a Definitive Note in respect of such holding (should Definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If Definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that Definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

### Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

### The secondary market generally

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

### Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The relevant Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes and the Guarantor will make any payments under the Guarantee in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

### Interest rate risks

Interest rate risk occurs when the interest rate payable on assets and liabilities for a fixed period do not coincide. Investments in Notes with fixed interest involve a risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of fixed interest Notes. Investments in Notes with floating interest involve a risk of adverse changes in the interest rate payable on the Notes.

### Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under the CRA Regulation from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended).

### Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

## Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following documents which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Information Memorandum and have been approved by the Financial Services Authority or filed with it shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Information Memorandum:

- (i) the First Quarter 2011 Unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Report of Royal Dutch Shell, as filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Form 6-K on 28 April 2011;
- (ii) Annual Report on Form 20-F filed by Royal Dutch Shell for the year ended 31 December 2010 (the "2010 20-F"), as filed with the SEC;
- (iii) Annual Report on Form 20-F filed by Royal Dutch Shell for the year ended 31 December 2009 (excluding the paragraph headed "Credit ratings" on page 47 and the second paragraph under the heading "Liquidity Risk" in Note 23 of the Consolidated Financial Statements on page 130), as filed with the SEC:
- (iv) the audited financial statements of Shell Finance in respect of the year ended 31 December 2010;
- (v) the audited financial statements of Shell Finance in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009; and
- (vi) the section "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" from each of the previous Information Memoranda relating to the Programme as follows: (a) Information Memorandum dated 22 July 2005 (pages 17-34 thereof), (b) Information Memorandum dated 3 August 2006 (pages 18-35 thereof), (c) Information Memorandum dated 1 August 2007 (pages 19-36 thereof), (d) Information Memorandum dated 4 August 2008 (pages 20-38 thereof), (e) Information Memorandum dated 5 June 2009 (pages 22-41 thereof), and (f) Information Memorandum dated 1 July 2010 (pages 23-42 thereof),

save that (i) any statement contained herein or in any of the documents incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Information Memorandum to the extent that a statement contained in any documents subsequently incorporated by reference, by means of a supplement to this Information Memorandum approved by the UK Listing Authority, modifies or supersedes such statement and (ii) any documents which are incorporated by reference therein shall not constitute a part of this Information Memorandum.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum can be obtained, upon request and free of charge, from the registered office of each of the Obligors and will be available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <a href="http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html">http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html</a>.

### **Information Memorandum supplement**

The Obligors will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Information Memorandum which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Information Memorandum or publish a new Information Memorandum for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes. The Obligors have undertaken to the Dealers in the Dealer Agreement that they will comply with Section 87 of the FSMA.

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note and each Definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant listing authority and/or stock exchange (if any) and agreed by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with such Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Tranche of Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and Definitive Note.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of notes (the notes of such Series being hereinafter called the "Notes", which expression shall mean (i) in relation to Notes represented by a global note (a "Global Note"), units equal to each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (ii) Notes in definitive form ("Definitive Notes") issued in exchange for a Temporary or Permanent Global Note and (iii) any Global Note issued as indicated in the Final Terms (as defined below), by either Shell International Finance B.V. ("Shell Finance") or Royal Dutch Shell plc ("Royal Dutch Shell") (the "Issuer") constituted by a Trust Deed dated 22 July 2005 (as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Trust Deed") made between Shell Finance, Royal Dutch Shell and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited, as trustee in relation to the Notes (the "Trustee", which expression shall include any successor trustee). If the Notes are issued by Shell Finance they are guaranteed by Royal Dutch Shell (in such capacity, where applicable, the "Guarantor") pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed and as described in Condition 2. References herein to the Guarantor and the Guarantee shall only be relevant where the Issuer is Shell Finance and such references shall be disregarded where the Issuer is Royal Dutch Shell.

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Agency Agreement (as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 4 August 2008 made between Shell Finance, Royal Dutch Shell, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as issuing agent, principal paying agent and agent bank (the "Agent", which expression shall include any successor as agent), the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents) and the Trustee.

Interest-bearing Definitive Notes (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms as defined below) have interest coupons ("Coupons") and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons ("Talons") attached on issue. Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes redeemable in instalments will have instalment receipts ("Receipts") for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue.

The final terms in relation to this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached hereto or endorsed hereon and supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References herein to the "applicable Final Terms" are to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached hereto or endorsed hereon.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders", which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below), the holders of the Receipts (the "Receiptholders") and the holders of the Coupons (the "Couponholders", which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), all in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

As used herein, "Tranche" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "Series" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and applicable Final Terms are available for viewing at the specified office of the Trustee, being at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB and at the specified office of each Paying Agent save that, if this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under Directive 2003/71/EC (the "Prospectus Directive"), the applicable Final Terms shall be available for inspection only, upon proof satisfactory to the Trustee or the relevant Paying Agent as to identity, by the holder of any Note to which such Final Terms relates. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, are entitled to the benefit of, and are bound by, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

### 1. Form, Denomination and Transfer

The Notes are in bearer form in the Specified Currency or Currencies and the Specified Denomination(s) and, in the case of Definitive Notes, are serially numbered. Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note is a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Indexed Interest Note, an Indexed Redemption Amount Note, a Dual Currency Note, a Partly Paid Note, an Instalment Note or any appropriate combination thereof or any other type depending upon the Interest/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

If it is a Definitive Note, it is issued with Coupons and, if applicable, Receipts and/or Talons attached, unless it is a Zero Coupon Note in which case references to interest (other than interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Without prejudice to the provisions relating to Global Notes set out below, title to the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons will pass by delivery. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent shall (subject as set out below) be entitled to deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Note, Receipt or Coupon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary or any notation of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for the purpose of making payment thereon and for all other purposes. For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes (standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes (and the holder of the relevant Global Note shall be deemed not to be the holder) for all purposes (including for the purposes of any quorum requirements of, or the right to demand a poll at, meetings of the Noteholders) other than with respect to the payment of principal and interest on such Notes, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee, solely in the bearer of the Global Note in accordance with and subject to its terms, or in the Trustee, in accordance with the Trust Deed (and the expressions "Noteholder", "holder of Notes" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Any references herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearance system approved by the Issuer and the Trustee.

### 2. Status and Guarantee

- (a) Status of Notes: The Notes and the Receipts and Coupons (if any) relating to them constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank pari passu and rateably without any preference among themselves and at least equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer, present and future, save for such obligations as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of law.
- (b) Guarantee: The payment of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and all other moneys by Shell Finance under or pursuant to the Trust Deed has been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor in the Trust Deed (the "Guarantee"). The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and rank and will rank pari passu and rateably without any preference among themselves and at least equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Guarantor, present and future, save for such obligations as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

### 3. Interest

- (a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes
  - (i) Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Fixed Rate(s) of Interest payable in arrear on the Fixed Interest Date(s) in each year and on the Maturity Date if that does not fall on a Fixed Interest Date. The first payment of interest will be made on the Fixed Interest Date next following the Interest Commencement Date and, if the first anniversary of the Interest Commencement Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, will amount to the Initial Broken Amount. If the Maturity Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, interest from (and including) the preceding Fixed Interest Date (or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date will amount to the Final Broken Amount. If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided above or in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Fixed Interest Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on such date will amount to the Fixed Amount

As used herein, "Fixed Interest Period" means the period from (and including) a Fixed Interest Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Fixed Interest Date.

- (ii) Except in the case of Definitive Notes where a Fixed Amount, an Initial Broken Amount or a Final Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Fixed Rate of Interest to:
  - (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
  - (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount (as specified in the applicable Final Terms),

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Fixed Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

In these Conditions:

### "Fixed Day Count Fraction" means:

- (i) If "Actual/Actual-ICMA" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Fixed Interest Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "Accrual Period") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year;
- (ii) If "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from and including the most recent Fixed Interest Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of 12 30-day months) divided by 360; or
- (iii) Such other day count fraction as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- "Determination Period" means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to but excluding the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Fixed Interest Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and
- "sub-unit" means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as lawful currency in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.
- (b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Indexed Interest Notes
  - (i) Interest Payment Dates
    - Each Floating Rate Note and Indexed Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate equal to the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on either:
    - (A) the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
    - (B) if no express Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an "Interest Payment Date") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the business day convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 3(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In this Condition, "Business Day" means a day which is both:

- (I) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any other place as is specified in the applicable Final Terms (each an "Additional Business Centre"); and
- (II) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating.

In these Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"euro" means the lawful currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty;

"Euro-zone" means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt or have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty;

"TARGET2 System" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System; and

"Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Indexed Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(A) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fourth decimal place, 0.00005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 am (London time, in the case of the London inter-bank offered rate ("LIBOR") or Brussels time, in the case of the Euro-zone interbank offered rate ("EURIBOR")) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of the Floating Rate Notes is specified as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(B) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any).

For the purpose of this sub-paragraph (B), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent or other person specified in the applicable Final Terms under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent or that other person were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes, (the "ISDA Definitions") and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on LIBOR or EURIBOR for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
- (iii) Minimum and/or Maximum Interest Rate

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Interest Rate. If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the

provisions of sub-paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Interest Rate.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, or the Calculation Agent, in the case of Indexed Interest Notes, will, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Indexed Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Indexed Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Indexed Interest Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Indexed Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Indexed Interest Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if "Actual/Actual" or "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (iv) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(v) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(vi) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.

(v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Issuer will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relative Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Trustee and any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system by which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Indexed Interest Notes are for the time being admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and to be

published in accordance with Condition 16 as soon as practicable after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Business Day (as defined in Condition 3(b)(i) above) thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment or alternative arrangements will be promptly notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

### (vi) Determination or calculation by Trustee

If for any reason at any time after the Issue Date, the Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) or the Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with sub-paragraph (iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum Interest Rate or Maximum Interest Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

### (vii) Certificates to be final

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 3(b), whether by the Agent or the Calculation Agent or the Trustee, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Trustee, the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by them of their powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

### (c) Dual Currency Notes

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, where the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an exchange rate, the rate or amount of interest shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### (d) Partly Paid Notes

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### (e) Interest accrual

Each Note (or, in the case of redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the due date for redemption thereof unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused in which event interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

### 4. Redemption and Purchase

### (a) Final redemption

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, this Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### (b) Redemption for taxation reasons

If the Issuer satisfies the Trustee immediately before the giving of the notice referred to below that as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws, published practice or regulations of The Netherlands or the United Kingdom or any political subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, The Netherlands or the United Kingdom, as the case may be, having power to tax, or any change in the application or official or generally accepted interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes

effective after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes either the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 9 or the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself the Guarantor would be required to pay such additional amounts, the Issuer may at its option, having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Agent and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all the Notes, but not some only, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Indexed Interest Note) or on the next Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note or an Indexed Interest Note) at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (g) below together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption, provided that no notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days before the earliest date on which the Issuer or the Guarantor would be required to pay the additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by a duly authorised officer of the Issuer or, as the case may be, a duly authorised officer of the Guarantor stating that the requirement referred to above will apply on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders.

### (c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer

If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all or some only (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) as specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes accordingly. In the event of a redemption of some only of the Notes, such redemption must be for an amount being the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Higher Redemption Amount. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by Definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in the nominal amount at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by Definitive Notes, a list of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 16 not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from and including the Selection Date to and including the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 at least 30 days prior to the Selection Date.

### (d) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders

If the Noteholders are specified in the applicable Final Terms as having an option to redeem, upon the holder of this Note (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) giving to the Issuer, in accordance with Condition 16, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer shall, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on any Optional Redemption Date and at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount(s) as specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver this Note, on any Business Day (as defined in Condition 3(b)(i)) falling within the notice period, to the specified office of any Paying Agent, accompanied by a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying

Agent (a "Put Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is by cheque, and address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition.

### (e) Purchases

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any Subsidiary (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or the Guarantor may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons appertaining thereto are surrendered therewith) in any manner and at any price.

### (f) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 10 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (g)(iii) below as though the references therein to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) the day after the date on which the full amount of moneys payable has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders either in accordance with Condition 16 or individually.

### (g) Early Redemption Amounts

For the purposes of paragraph (b) above and Condition 10, the Notes will be redeemed at an amount (the "Early Redemption Amount") determined or calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of Notes with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof; or
- (ii) in the case of Notes (other than Zero Coupon Notes but including Instalment Notes and Partly Paid Notes) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Notes are denominated, at the amount set out in, or determined in the manner set out in, the applicable Final Terms, or, if no such amount or manner is so set out, at their nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, at an amount (the "Accrued Face Amount") equal to the sum of:
  - (A) the Reference Price; and
  - (B) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable,

or such other amount as is provided in the applicable Final Terms.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, it shall be made (I) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note other than a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each and (II) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 (or, if any of the days elapsed falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the number of those days falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (y) the number of those days falling in a non-leap year divided by 365) or (III) on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### (h) Instalments

Instalment Notes will be repaid in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (g) above.

### (i) Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed in full will forthwith be cancelled (together with, in the case of Definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons presented therewith and, in the case of Instalment Notes, with all unmatured Receipts attached thereto or surrendered therewith) and accordingly may not be re-

issued or resold. Notes purchased by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Issuer or Guarantor may be held, resold, re-issued or cancelled.

### 5. Payments

- (a) *Method of payment* Subject as provided below:
  - (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Yen to a non-resident of Japan, will be to a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the holder, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland respectively); and
  - (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9. References to "Specified Currency" will include any successor currency under applicable law.

(b) Presentation of Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Subject as provided below, payments in respect of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Definitive Notes (if issued) will be made against surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the Definitive Notes or, as the case may be, Coupons, in each case, at any specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)). Payments in respect of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Swiss Franc Domestic Notes will be made only within Switzerland. Payments of instalments (if any) of principal, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipt. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Note to which it appertains. If any Definitive Note is redeemed or becomes repayable prior to the stated maturity thereof, principal will be payable only on surrender of such Note together with all unmatured Receipts appertaining thereto. Receipts presented without the Definitive Note to which they appertain and unmatured Receipts do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note, where applicable, against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made on such Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note either by such Paying Agent or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

The holder of the relevant Global Note (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or either of them will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note (or the Trustee, as the case may be) in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or either of them to, or to the order of, the holder of the relevant Global Note (or the Trustee, as the case may be). No person other than the holder of the relevant Global Note (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall have any claim against the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or either of them in respect of any payments due on that Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments of interest in U.S. Dollars will be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in the United States if (a) the Issuer and the Guarantor shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying

Agents would be able to make payment at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (b) payment of the full amount of such interest at such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (c) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences for the Issuer or the Guarantor.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes or Indexed Redemption Amount Notes) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which an amount equal to the face value of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupons as the sum so paid bears to the total amount due) will be deducted from the amount due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relevant missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the relevant date (as defined in Condition 9) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 11) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Indexed Interest Note, Indexed Redemption Amount Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable, all unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Fixed Interest Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any interest-bearing Note in definitive form is not a due date for the payment of interest relating thereto, interest accrued in respect of such interest-bearing Note from (and including) the last preceding due date for the payment of interest (or from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be) will be paid only against surrender of such interest-bearing Note.

### (c) Payment Day

If any date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day (as defined below), then the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment of the relevant amount due until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other sum in respect of any such delay. In this Condition (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms), "Payment Day" means any day which is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation;
  - (B) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is operating.

(d) Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 9 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of Notes; (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (iv) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts; (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Accrued Face Amount;
- (v) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable under or in respect of the Notes; and
- (vi) in relation to Dual Currency Notes, the principal payable in any relevant Specified Currency.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 9 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

### 6. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date or the Fixed Interest Date (as appropriate) on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 11. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date or the Fixed Interest Date (as the case may be) on which the final Coupon comprised in the relative Coupon sheet matures.

### 7. Agent and Paying Agents

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are either set out below or in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of the appointed office of the Agent being unable or unwilling to continue to act as the Agent, or failing duly to determine the Rate of Interest (if applicable) or to calculate the Interest Amounts for any Interest Period, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall appoint the London office of such other bank as may be approved by the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to act as such in its place as Agent. The Agent may not resign its duties or be removed from office without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid. The Issuer and the Guarantor may, with the prior written approval of the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts provided that the Issuer and the Guarantor will (i) so long as any of the Notes is outstanding, maintain a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) having a specified office in a jurisdiction approved by the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) in continental Europe other than The Netherlands; and (ii) so long as any of the Notes are admitted to listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and to trading on the London Stock Exchange and/or any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, maintain a Paying Agent in London and/or in such other place as may be required by the rules of such other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system; and (iii) save where it may from time to time be otherwise agreed with the Trustee that it is unduly onerous or inconsistent with current market practice at the relevant time to do so, ensure that they maintain a Paying Agent in a European Union Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced to

conform to such Directive, save to the extent that such requirement is met by virtue of paragraph (i) above.

In addition, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in the fourth paragraph of Condition 5(b). Notice of any such variation, termination, appointment or change will be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

### 8. Redenomination

### (a) Redenomination

Where Redenomination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, on giving at least 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16, elect that, with Redenomination Date specified in the notice, the Notes shall be redenominated in euro.

The election will have effect as follows:

- (i) each Specified Denomination will be deemed to be denominated in such amount of euro as is equivalent to its denomination in the Specified Currency at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding (and payments in respect of fractions consequent on rounding) as the Issuer may decide, with the approval of the Trustee, and as may be specified in the notice;
- (ii) after the Redenomination Date, all payments in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons will be made solely in euro, including payments of interest in respect of periods before the Redenomination Date, as though references in the Notes to the Specified Currency were to euro; and
- (iii) such changes shall be made to these Terms and Conditions as the Issuer may decide, with the approval of the Trustee, and as may be specified in the notice, to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments denominated in euro or to enable the Notes to be consolidated within one or more issues of other notes, whether or not originally denominated in the Specified Currency or euro.

### (b) Definitions

In this Condition, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Established Rate" means the rate for the conversion of the Specified Currency into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 1091(4) of the Treaty; and

"Redenomination Date" means any date for payment of interest under the Notes specified by the Issuer or, if the country of the Specified Currency is not one of the countries then participating in the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty, which falls on or after such later date as it does so participate.

### 9. Taxation

All payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will be made without withholding of or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatsoever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of The Netherlands in the case of payments by Shell Finance and in the case of payments by Royal Dutch Shell the United Kingdom or The Netherlands or, in either case, any political sub-division thereof or by any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor is compelled by law to withhold or deduct any such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges. In that event, such Issuer or, as the case may be, such Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts receivable by the Noteholders, Receiptholders and/or Couponholders, as the case may be, after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would have been receivable in respect of the Notes and/or Receipts and/or Coupons, as the

case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (i) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with The Netherlands or the United Kingdom (as the case may be) otherwise than by reason only of his holding such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (ii) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would not be liable or subject to such withholding or deduction if he were to comply with any statutory requirement or to make a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption but fails to do so; or
- (iii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive or law; or
- (iv) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (v) presented for payment more than 30 days after the relevant date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days assuming that day to have been a Payment Day.

For this purpose, the "relevant date" means whichever is the later of the date on which the moneys in respect of the Note, Receipt or Coupon (as the case may be) first become due and payable and, if the full amount of the moneys payable on such date has not been received by the Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such date, the date on which such moneys shall have been so received and notice to that effect shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

#### 10. Events of Default and Enforcement

- (a) The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to being indemnified to its satisfaction), (but, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in sub-paragraphs (ii) to (vii) inclusive below only if the Trustee shall have certified in writing that such event, is in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders), give notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly thereby immediately become, due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount (together, in respect of each Note, with interest accrued to the date upon which, the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes having been received by the Agent or the Trustee, payment is made in respect of such Note, or, if earlier, notice is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16) if any of the following events shall occur and be continuing:
  - (i) default is made for more than 30 days in paying any principal of or any interest on any of the Notes when due; or
  - (ii) there is default in the performance of any other obligation of the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Notes or the Trust Deed in respect of the Notes which default is incapable of remedy or, if in the opinion of the Trustee capable of remedy, is not remedied within 90 days after notice of such default shall have been given to the Issuer and the Guarantor by the Trustee; or
  - (iii) except for the purpose of a reconstruction or an amalgamation the terms of which have previously been approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders:
    - (a) an order is made by a court of competent jurisdiction in its country of incorporation of an administrator in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantor or an administration or similar order is made by a court of competent jurisdiction in its country of incorporation in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantor and any such order is not discharged or stayed

- within a period of 90 days or an effective resolution is passed for winding-up or dissolving the Issuer or the Guarantor; or
- (b) the Issuer or the Guarantor ceases to carry on substantially the whole of its business or admits in writing it is unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or
- (iv) an administrative or other receiver or similar officer is appointed of the whole or substantially the whole of the assets of the Issuer or the Guarantor and is not removed, paid out or discharged within 90 days or, following such 90 day period, the appointment is not being disputed in good faith; or
- (v) if Shell Finance is the Issuer, the Issuer applies for surseance van betaling (within the meaning of The Netherlands Bankruptcy Act (Faillissementswet)); or
- (vi) the Issuer or the Guarantor is adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent by a court of competent jurisdiction in its country of incorporation; or
- (vii) the Guarantee is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect.
- (b) The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or so requested in writing by Noteholders holding at least one quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (ii) it shall have been indemnified to its satisfaction. No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder may proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

# 11. Prescription

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include the Talons) will become void unless claims in respect of principal and/or interest are made within a period of 10 years (in the case of Notes and Receipts) and five years (in the case of Coupons), in each case from the relevant date (as defined in Condition 9) in respect thereof, subject to the provisions of Condition 5. There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon, any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5 or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5.

#### 12. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification by Extraordinary Resolution of these Terms and Conditions as modified and completed by the applicable Final Terms or the provisions of the Trust Deed. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority of the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain of these Terms and Conditions as modified and completed by the applicable Final Terms and of the provisions of the Trust Deed the quorum will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned such meeting not less than one-third, of the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding.

An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of Noteholders will be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Trust Deed or these Terms and Conditions as modified and completed by the applicable Final Terms which is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the

Noteholders or which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law. Any such modification, waiver or authorisation shall be binding on the Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers or discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Noteholders as a class and shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of the exercise of its trusts, powers or discretions for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any particular sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer or the Guarantor or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 9 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 9 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of holders of notes (including the Notes) of more than one series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

#### 13. Further Issues

The Issuer is at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to create and issue further notes ranking *pari passu* in all respects (or in all respects save in relation to the first payment of interest thereon) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Notes.

# 14. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

If a Note (including any Global Note), Receipt, Coupon or Talon is mutilated, defaced, destroyed, stolen or lost, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent on payment of such costs as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before new ones will be issued.

#### 15. Indemnification

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility in certain circumstances, including provisions relieving it from taking proceedings to enforce payment unless indemnified to its satisfaction.

#### 16. Notices

All notices regarding the Notes will be valid if published in one leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, if this is not possible, in one other leading English language daily newspaper with general circulation in the United Kingdom. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once, on the date of the first such publication or, if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first such publication in all the required newspapers. If publication as provided above is not practicable, notice will be given in such other manner, and shall be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee may approve.

Until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Note is held in its entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication as aforesaid the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the Noteholders. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders on the third day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as appropriate.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any Noteholder to the Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

# 17. Substitution

The Trustee may agree without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to (i) the substitution in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (where the Issuer is Shell Finance) of any affiliate of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Subsidiary of the Guarantor, any Holding Company (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Guarantor, the Successor in Business (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Guarantor, any Subsidiary of any such Holding Company or any Subsidiary of any such Successor in Business or (where the Issuer is Royal Dutch Shell) of any Subsidiary of the Issuer, any Holding Company of the Issuer, the Successor in Business of the Issuer, any Subsidiary of any such Holding Company or any Subsidiary of any such Successor in Business or (ii) the substitution in place of the Guarantor of a Successor in Business to the Guarantor or any Holding Company of the Guarantor, any such substitution as aforesaid being subject to the Trustee being of the opinion that such substitution is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders and certain other requirements set out in the Trust Deed being complied with.

In addition, the Trustee shall agree without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to any such substitution as described in the preceding paragraph subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set out in the Trust Deed for any such substitution including the provision of ratings confirmation.

# 18. Rights of Third Parties

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term or condition of this Note or the Trust Deed but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

# 19. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

#### (a) Governing Law:

The Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Talons, the Trust Deed (including the Guarantee) and the Agency Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Talons, the Trust Deed (including the Guarantee) and the Agency Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

# (b) Jurisdiction:

Shell Finance has irrevocably agreed in the Trust Deed for the exclusive benefit of the Trustee, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as "Proceedings") arising out of or in connection therewith may be brought in the courts of England.

Shell Finance has in the Trust Deed irrevocably and unconditionally waived any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in the courts of England and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and any judgment obtained in the courts of England shall be conclusive and binding upon it and (save as provided below) may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not to the extent permitted by law save that this Condition does not extend to the taking of Proceedings in any Federal, State or other courts in the United States of America or any State or territory thereof and the Trustee has

undertaken in the Trust Deed not to take any Proceedings in any such courts and neither the Trustee nor any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall have any right to do so.

Shell Finance has in the Trust Deed appointed Shell International Limited (Attention: Company Secretary) at Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA (or at its registered office for the time being in England) as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings in England and has undertaken that in the event of it ceasing so to act it will appoint such other person as the Trustee may approve as its agent for that purpose.

# Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds of each issue of Notes will be used for the general purposes of the Shell Group and/or for such specific purposes as may be determined from time to time.

The form of Final Terms which will be issued in respect of each Tranche with a minimum denomination of less than €100,000 (or equivalent), subject only to the deletion of non-applicable provisions, is set out below:

Final Terms dated [ ]

[Shell International Finance B.V., with corporate seat in The Hague Royal Dutch Shell plc]

[Guaranteed by

Royal Dutch Shell plc]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] under a U.S.\$25,000,000,000 Debt Securities Programme (the "Programme")

[The Information Memorandum referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that, except as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive") (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so:

- (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or
- (ii) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in item 25 of Part A below, provided such person is one of the persons mentioned in item 25 of Part A below and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.]<sup>1</sup>

[The Information Memorandum referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive") (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.]<sup>2</sup>

#### PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Information Memorandum dated [date] which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Information Memorandum. The Information Memorandum is available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Include this legend where a non-exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Include this legend where only an exempt offer of Notes is anticipated.

[The following alternative language applies if the first Tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Information Memorandum with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the Information Memorandum dated [original date] which are incorporated by reference in the Information Memorandum dated [current date] and are attached hereto. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum dated [current date] which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Information Memorandum dated [current date]. Copies of the Information Memorandum are available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].]

[Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, if the Notes have a maturity of less than one year, the minimum denomination must be €100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable"]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

# **Principal Operational Information**

1.	Issuer:	[Shell International Finance B.V./Royal Dutch Shell plc]
2.	ISIN:	[]
3.	Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Common Code:	[]
4.	[WKN/Swiss Security Number:	[ ]]
5.	Additional Clearing System(s):	[CBF] [Euroclear, France] [SIS] [other]
6.	Delivery:	[Delivery [against/free of] payment]
7.	Series Number: (If fungible with existing Series, details of that Series (including the date on which the Notes become fungible) and aggregate nominal amount of the Series):	[]
8.	Specified Currency (or Currencies in the case of Dual Currency Notes):	[]
9.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	[]
10.	Issue Date:	[]
11.	Maturity Date:	[]
12.	Form of Notes:	Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note and further exchangeable into Definitive Notes at the request of the Issuer and [if requested by the bearer on not less than 60 days' notice/only in the limited circumstances set out therein]

Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on [ ] days' notice]

Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes at the request of the Issuer and [if requested by the bearer on not less than 60 days'

Definitive Notes at the request of the Issuer and [requested by the bearer on not less than 60 days' notice/only in the limited circumstances set out therein]

[Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.]

[For Swiss Franc Domestic Notes, insert the following:

The Notes will be represented by a Permanent Global Note. The Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and all rights in connection therewith are documented solely in the form of the Permanent Global Note.

The Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in whole but not in part, but only at the option and sole discretion of the Swiss Principal Paying Agent; holders of the Notes have no right to request the delivery of Definitive Notes.]

[Yes] [No]

[Yes] [No]

[Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.] [include this text if "yes" selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form]

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(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €1,000 minimum denomination, required for Notes issued by Shell International Finance B.V., is not required.)

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(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest

- 13. New Global Note:
- 14. Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:

15. Specified Denomination(s):

16. Calculation Amount:

- 17. Interest/Payment Basis:
- 18. Automatic/optional conversion from one Interest/Payment Basis to another:
- 19. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):
- 20. Method of distribution:
- 21. If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments:
- 22. Date of [Subscription] Agreement:
- 23. If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer:
- 24. Total commission and concession:
- 25. Non-exempt Offer:

common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)

[Fixed Rate/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon/Indexed Interest/Indexed Redemption Amount/Partly Paid/Dual Currency/Instalment/Other [specify] (further particulars specified below)]

[Insert details]

[Yes/No. If yes, give details]

[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

[Not Applicable/give names and addresses and underwriting commitments]

(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers)

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[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

[Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by the Managers [and [specify names [and addresses of other financial intermediaries involved in the offer, if applicable]] (together with the Managers, the "Financial Intermediaries") other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member *State(s)* — *which must be jurisdictions where the* Information Memorandum and any supplements have been passported (in addition to the *jurisdiction where approved and published)*] ("Public Offer Jurisdictions") during the period from [specify date] until [specify date or a formula such as "the Issue Date" or "the date which falls [ ] Business Days thereafter"] ("Offer Period"). See further item 11 of Part B below.

(N.B. Consider any local regulatory requirements necessary to be fulfilled so as to be able to make a non-exempt offer in relevant jurisdictions. No such offer should be made in any relevant jurisdiction until those requirements have been met. Non-exempt offers may only be made into jurisdictions in which the Information Memorandum (and any supplement) has been notified/passported.)

26.	Applicable TEFRA rules:	[D Rules]/[C Rules]/[Not Applicable (only if Tranche has a maturity of one year or under)]
27.	Certificate of Non-U.S. Beneficial	[Yes/No]
Ownership:	Ownership:	(not applicable for issues in respect of which the C Rules are stated above to apply, issues with a maturity of one year or under or Swiss Franc Domestic Notes)
Issu	e of Notes	
28.	Issue Price:	[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
29.	Interest Commencement Date:	[Issue Date]/[other]
Prov	visions Relating to Interest (if any) Payable	
30.	Effective yield:	[ ] (only applicable if Notes are to be listed on the Official Segment of the Stock Market of NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam)
Fixe	ed Rate Notes	
31.	Fixed Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
32.	Fixed Interest Date(s):	[ ] in each year
33.	Fixed Amount: (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)  — [Initial Broken Amount:	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)]	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	— [Final Broken Amount: (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)]	[ ] per Calculation Amount
34.	Fixed Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual-ICMA or 30/360 or specify other]
		[If Actual/Actual-ICMA include Determination Date(s) in each year: [ ]
		[Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in case of a long or short first or last coupon] (N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration.)
35.	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes:	[]
Floa	ating Rate Notes and Indexed Interest Notes	
36.	Specified Period(s) or specified Interest Payment Date(s):	[Specify either a period where Floating Rate Convention is used or specific date(s) where any other Business Day Convention is used]
37.	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other (give details)]
38.	Additional Business Centre(s):	[]
39.	Manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/other (give details)/specify fall back provisions]

40.	Relevant Screen Page (Screen Rate Determination):	[ ]
41.	Reference Rate (Screen Rate Determination):	[]
42.	Interest Determination Date(s) (Screen Rate Determination):	[]
43.	Margin(s):	[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum
44.	Floating Rate Option (ISDA Determination):	[]
45.	Designated Maturity (ISDA Determination):	[ ]
46.	Reset Date (ISDA Determination):	[ ]
47.	Minimum Interest Rate:	[ ] per cent. per annum
48.	Maximum Interest Rate:	[ ] per cent. per annum
49.	Day Count Fraction:	[ ]
50.	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes and fall back provisions:	[]
51.	Calculation Agent responsible for determining interest rate(s) and calculating the interest due, if not the Agent:	[ ]
52.	Index/formula (Indexed Interest Notes):	[give or annex details of the index/formula to which amounts payable in respect of interest are linked and/or the formula to be used in determining the rate of interest]
53.	Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due ( <i>Indexed Interest Notes</i> ):	[]
54.	Provisions for determining the interest due where calculation by reference to Index/Formula is impossible or impracticable ( <i>Indexed Interest Notes</i> ):	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
Zero	o Coupon Notes	
	Accrual Yield:	[]
56.	Reference Price:	[ ] per cent. per annum
57.	Any other formula/basis of determining Accrued Face Amount:	[]
Dua	l Currency Notes	
58.	Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange:	[The Rate(s) of Exchange is/are the exchange rate(s) or basis of calculating the exchange rate(s) to be used in determining the amounts of principal and/or interest payable in the Specified Currencies]

59.	Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable:	[ ]
60.	Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to the Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
61.	Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable:	[ ]
62.	Other provisions:	[give details]
Part	tly Paid Notes	
63.	Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date(s) on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay (including rights of Issuer to forfeit and interest payable on late payments):	[ ]
Inst	alment Notes	
64.	Instalment Amount(s):	[ ]
65.	Instalment Date(s):	[]
Prov	visions Relating to Redemption	
	Option	
66.	Issuer's call option applicable:	[Yes/No]
67.	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]
68.	Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[ ] per Calculation Amount
69.	If redeemable in part:	
	(i) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[ ]
	(ii) Higher Redemption Amount:	[]
Put	Option	
70.	Noteholders' put option applicable:	[Yes/No]
71.	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[]
72.	Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[ ] per Calculation Amount
Fina	al Redemption Amount	
73.	Final Redemption Amount, including the	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	method, if any, of calculating the same:	(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 (the "Prospectus Regulation") will apply)

#### **Early Redemption Amount**

74. Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on an Event of Default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 4(g)):

[ ] per Calculation Amount

#### **Provisions Regarding Payments**

75. Definition of "Payment Day" if different to that set out in Condition 5(c):

[give details]

#### Redenomination

76. Redenomination applicable:

[Yes/No] [Specify any modifications]\*

# **General Provisions Applicable to the Notes**

77. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days:

[Not Applicable/give details]

(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which item 38 relates)

- 78. Details of the relevant Stabilising Manager(s):
- 79. Additional or amended or new selling restrictions.

[give details]

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80. Other final terms:

(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

(In the case of Swiss Franc Domestic Notes, additional provisions will be necessary for the Notes to be exempt from the certification exemption requirements under U.S. Treasury regulations.)

- 81. Trustee: Citicorp Trustee Company Limited
- 82. Agent: [Citibank, N.A., London Branch, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London

E14 5LB]/[other]

- 83. Paying Agent: [Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A. 69 route d'Esch L-2953 Luxembourg]/[other]
- [84. Swiss Paying Agents: Swiss Principal Paying Agent: [ ] shall act as Swiss

Principal Paying Agent (the "Swiss Principal Paying Agent"). All references in the Conditions to the Agent shall, where applicable, for the purposes of the Swiss Franc Domestic Notes only, be construed as references to the Swiss Principal Paying Agent. The Issuer will[, so long as Swiss Franc Domestic Notes are outstanding, maintain

Not applicable to Swiss Franc Domestic Notes.

a principal paying agent for the Notes having a specified office in Switzerland.

Swiss Paying Agents: [ ] (together with the Swiss Principal Paying Agent, the "Swiss Paying Agents"). All references in the Conditions to the Agents shall, where applicable, for the purposes of the Swiss Franc Domestic Notes only, be construed as references to the Swiss Paying Agents and will at no time include a paying agent having a specified office outside Switzerland, unless permitted by applicable law.]\*\*

[85. Dutch Paying Agent:

[Insert details] ]\*\*\*

# **PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS**

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and] [public offer in the Public Offer Jurisdictions] [and] [admission to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] of the Notes described herein] pursuant to the U.S.\$25,000,000,000 Debt Securities Programme of Shell International Finance B.V. and Royal Dutch Shell plc.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [[ ] has been extracted from [ ]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [ ], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading].

By:(Duly authorised)
[Signed on behalf of Shell International Finance B.V.
By:(Duly authorised)]

Signed on behalf of Royal Dutch Shell plc

<sup>\*\*</sup> Complete for Swiss Franc Domestic Notes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> For use if Notes are to be listed on NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam.

#### **PART B — OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Listing

1. Listing and admission to trading:

#### **Ratings**

2. Ratings:

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [].] [Not Applicable.]

[For Swiss Franc Domestic Notes, insert the following:

The Notes will be [unlisted/listed solely on the SWX Swiss Exchange.]]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original securities are already admitted to trading.)

[The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert credit rating agency name(s)].]

(Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.)

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

[[Insert credit rating agency] is established in the European Union and has applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority.]

[[*Insert credit rating agency*] is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and is not registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the "CRA Regulation"). However, the application for registration under the CRA Regulation of [insert the name of the relevant EU CRA affiliate that applied for registration], which is established in the European Union, disclosed the intention to endorse credit ratings of [insert credit rating agency].]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the "CRA Regulation"). The ratings [[have been]/[are expected to be]] endorsed by [insert the name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency] in accordance with the CRA Regulation. [Insert the name of the relevant EU-registered *credit rating agency*] is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, but it is certified in accordance with such Regulation.]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of

#### Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue

[Save for any fees payable to the [Dealer/Managers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are

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	other interests]	
Rea	asons for the Offer, Estimated Net Proc	eeds and Total Expenses
4.	Reasons for the offer	[ ]
		(See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Information Memorandum — if reasons for offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)
5.	Estimated Net Proceeds	[ ]
		(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)
6.	Estimated Total Expenses	[ ] (Expenses are required to be broken down into each principal intended "use" and presented in order of priority of such "uses".)
		(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies, 4 above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in 4, disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at 5 and 6 above are also required.)
Yie	ld (Fixed Rate Notes only)	
7.	Indication of yield:	[ ]
		[Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.]

future yield.

**Historical Interest Rates** (Floating Rate Notes Only)

8. Details of historical [LIBOR/EURIBOR/other] rates can be obtained from [Bloomberg].]

Performance of Index/Formula, Explanation of Effect on Value of Investment and Associated Risks and other Information Concerning the Underlying (Indexed Interest Notes or Indexed Redemption Amount Notes Only)

9. [If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(N.B. The requirements below only apply if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies.)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation.]

(When completing the above paragraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

Performance of Rate[s] of Exchange and Explanation of Effect on Value of Investment (Dual Currency Notes only)]

10. [If there is a derivative component in the interest or the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies, need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(N.B. The requirement below only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies.)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

# **Terms and Conditions of the Offer**

11.	Offer Price:	[Issue Price] [specify]
	[Conditions to which the offer is subject:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
	[Description of the application process:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
	[Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
	[Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
	[Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes:]	[Not Applicable/give details]

place:

[Manner in and date on which results of [Not Applicable/give details] the offer are to be made public:] [Procedure for exercise of any right of [Not Applicable/give details] preemption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:] [Categories of potential investors to which [Not Applicable/give details] the Notes are offered and whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries: [Process for notification to applicants of [Not Applicable/give details] the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:] [Amount of any expenses and taxes [Not Applicable/give details] specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:] [Name(s) and address(es), to the extent [None/give details] known to the Issuer, of the placers in the

various countries where the offer takes

The form of Final Terms which will be issued in respect of each Tranche with a minimum denomination of €100,000 (or equivalent) or more, subject only to the deletion of non-applicable provisions, is set out below:

Final Terms dated [ ]

[Shell International Finance B.V., with corporate seat in The Hague Royal Dutch Shell plc]

[Guaranteed by

Royal Dutch Shell plc]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] under a U.S.\$25,000,000,000 Debt Securities Programme (the "Programme")

#### PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Information Memorandum dated [date] which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Information Memorandum. The Information Memorandum is available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

[The following alternative language applies if the first Tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Information Memorandum with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the Information Memorandum dated [original date] which are incorporated by reference in the Information Memorandum dated [current date] and are attached hereto. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum dated [current date] which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Information Memorandum dated [current date]. Copies of the Information Memorandum are available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].]

[Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws and regulations, if the Notes have a maturity of less than one year, the minimum denomination must be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable"]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

#### **Principal Operational Information**

1.	Issuer:	[Shell International Finance B.V./Royal Dutch Shell plc]
2.	ISIN:	[ ]
3.	Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Common Code:	[]
4.	[WKN/Swiss Security Number:	[ ]]

5.	Additional Clearing System(s):	[CBF] [Euroclear, France] [SIS] [other]
6.	Delivery:	[Delivery [against/free of] payment]
7.	Series Number: (If fungible with existing Series, details of that Series (including the date on which the Notes become fungible) and aggregate nominal amount of the Series):	[ ]
8.	Specified Currency (or Currencies in the case of Dual Currency Notes):	[ ]
9.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	[]
10.	Issue Date:	[ ]
11.	Maturity Date:	[]
12.	Form of Notes: <sup>1</sup>	Temporary Global Note exchangeable Permanent Global Note and further ex-

Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note and further exchangeable into Definitive Notes at the request of the Issuer and [if requested by the bearer on not less than 60 days' notice/only in the limited circumstances set out therein]

Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on [ ] days' notice]

Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes at the request of the Issuer and [if requested by the bearer on not less than 60 days' notice/only in the limited circumstances set out therein]

[Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.]

[For Swiss Franc Domestic Notes, insert the following:

The Notes will be represented by a Permanent Global Note. The Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and all rights in connection therewith are documented solely in the form of the Permanent Global Note.

The Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in whole but not in part, but only at the option and sole discretion of the Swiss Principal Paying Agent; holders of the Notes have no right to request the delivery of Definitive Notes.]

It may be necessary to amend the circumstances in which interests in a Global Note relating to any Series of Notes may be exchanged for Definitive Notes to disapply any Noteholder/Issuer optional exchange in order to allow Notes which have multiple denominations of €100,000 (or equivalent) and integral multiples of a lesser amount, e.g. €1,000, in excess thereof.

- 13. New Global Note:
- 14. Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:

15. Specified Denomination(s):

16. Calculation Amount:

17. Interest/Payment Basis:

- 18. Automatic/optional conversion from one Interest/Payment Basis to another:
- 19. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):
- 20. Method of distribution:
- 21. If syndicated, names of Managers:
- 22. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:

[Yes] [No]

[Yes] [No]

[Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.] [include this text if "yes" selected in which case the Notes must be issued in NGN form]

(N.B. Where multiple denominations above €100,000 or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:

"€100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof up to and including €199,000. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above €199,000.")

(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €1,000 minimum denomination, required for Notes issued by Shell International Finance B.V., is not required.)

(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)

[Fixed Rate/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon/Indexed Interest/Indexed Redemption Amount/Partly Paid/Dual Currency/Instalment/Other [specify] (further particulars specified below)]

[Insert details]

[Yes/No. *If yes, give details*]

[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

[Not Applicable/give names]

[ ]

23.	Applicable TEFRA rules:	[D Rules]/[C Rules]/[Not Applicable (only if Tranche has a maturity of one year or under)]
24.	Certificate of Non-U.S. Beneficial Ownership:	[Yes/No] (not applicable for issues in respect of which the C Rules are stated above to apply, issues with a maturity of one year or under or Swiss Franc Domestic Notes)
Issu	e of Notes	
25.	Issue Price:	[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
26.	Interest Commencement Date:	[Issue Date]/[other]
Prov	visions Relating to Interest (if any) Payable	
27.	Effective yield:	[ ] (only applicable if Notes are to be listed on the Official Segment of the Stock Market of NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam)
Fixe	ed Rate Notes	
28.	Fixed Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
29.	Fixed Interest Date(s):	[ ] in each year
30.	Fixed Amount: (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	— [Initial Broken Amount: (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)]	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	— [Final Broken Amount: (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)]	[ ] per Calculation Amount
31.	Fixed Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual-ICMA or 30/360 or specify other]
		[If Actual/Actual-ICMA include Determination Date(s) in each year: [ ]
		[Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in case of a long or short first or last coupon] (N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration.)
32.	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes:	[]
Floa	ating Rate Notes and Indexed Interest Notes	
33.	Specified Period(s) or specified Interest Payment Date(s):	[Specify either a period where Floating Rate Convention is used or specific date(s) where any other Business Day Convention is used]
34.	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day
		Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other (give details)]
35.	Additional Business Centre(s):	[]

36.	Manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/other (give details)/specify fall back provisions]
37.	Relevant Screen Page (Screen Rate Determination):	[ ]
38.	Reference Rate (Screen Rate Determination):	[ ]
39.	Interest Determination Date(s) (Screen Rate Determination):	[]
40.	Margin(s):	[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum
41.	Floating Rate Option (ISDA Determination):	[]
42.	Designated Maturity (ISDA Determination):	[]
43.	Reset Date (ISDA Determination):	[]
44.	Minimum Interest Rate:	[ ] per cent. per annum
45.	Maximum Interest Rate:	[ ] per cent. per annum
46.	Day Count Fraction:	[]
47.	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes and fall back provisions:	[ ]
48.	Calculation Agent responsible for determining interest rate(s) and calculating the interest due, if not the Agent:	[]
49.	Index/formula (Indexed Interest Notes):	[give or annex details of the index/formula to which amounts payable in respect of interest are linked and/or the formula to be used in determining the rate of interest]
50.	Calculation Agent responsible for calculating the interest due ( <i>Indexed Interest Notes</i> ):	[]
51.	where calculation by reference to Index/ Formula is impossible or impracticable ( <i>Indexed Interest Notes</i> ):	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
Zer	o Coupon Notes	
52.	Accrual Yield:	[]
53.	Reference Price:	[ ] per cent. per annum
54.	Any other formula/basis of determining Accrued Face Amount:	[ ]
Dua	al Currency Notes	
	Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange:	[The Rate(s) of Exchange is/are the exchange rate(s) or basis of calculating the exchange rate(s) to be used in determining the amounts of principal

		and/or interest payable in the Specified Currencies]	
56.	Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest payable:	[ ]	
57.	Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to the Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]	
58.	Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable:	[ ]	
59.	Other provisions:	[give details]	
Part	tly Paid Notes		
60.	Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date(s) on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay (including rights of Issuer to forfeit and interest payable on late payments):	[ ]	
Inst	alment Notes		
61.	Instalment Amount(s):	[ ]	
62.	Instalment Date(s):	[ ]	
Prov	visions Relating to Redemption		
Call	Option		
63.	Issuer's call option applicable:	[Yes/No]	
64.	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]	
65. Optional Redemption Amount and [ ] per Calculation Amount (s):		[ ] per Calculation Amount	
66.	If redeemable in part:		
	(i) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[ ]	
	(ii) Higher Redemption Amount:	[ ]	
Put	Option		
67.	Noteholders' put option applicable:	[Yes/No]	
68.	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]	
69.	Optional Redemption Amount and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[ ] per Calculation Amount	

#### **Final Redemption Amount**

70. Final Redemption Amount, including the method, if any, of calculating the same:

[ ] per Calculation Amount

(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Regulation will apply)

# **Early Redemption Amount**

71. Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on an Event of Default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 4(g)):

[ ] per Calculation Amount

#### **Provisions Regarding Payments**

72. Definition of "Payment Day" if different to that set out in Condition 5(c):

[give details]

#### Redenomination

73. Redenomination applicable:

[Yes/No] [Specify any modifications]\*

# **General Provisions Applicable to the Notes**

74. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days:

75. Details of the relevant Stabilising Manager(s):

76. Additional or amended or new selling restrictions:

[Not *Applicable/give details*]

(Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which item 35 relates)

[ ]

[give details]

[ ]

77. Other final terms:

(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

(In the case of Swiss Franc Domestic Notes, additional provisions will be necessary for the Notes to be exempt from the certification exemption requirements under U.S. Treasury regulations.)

Citicorp Trustee Company Limited

[Citibank, N.A., London Branch Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB]/ [other]

78. Trustee:

79. Agent:

<sup>\*</sup> Not applicable to Swiss Franc Domestic Notes.

80.	Paying Agent:	[Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A. 69 route d'Esch L-2953 Luxembourg]/[other]
[81.	Swiss Paying Agents:	Swiss Principal Paying Agent: [ ] shall act as Swiss Principal Paying Agent (the "Swiss Principal Paying Agent"). All references in the Conditions to the Agent shall, where applicable, for the purposes of the Swiss Franc Domestic Notes only, be construed as references to the Swiss Principal Paying Agent. The Issuer will[, so long as Swiss Franc Domestic Notes are outstanding,] maintain a principal paying agent for the Notes having a specified office in Switzerland.
		Swiss Paying Agents: [ ] (together with the Swiss Principal Paying Agent, the "Swiss Paying Agents"). All references in the Conditions to the Agents shall, where applicable, for the purposes of the Swiss Franc Domestic Notes only, be construed as references to the Swiss Paying Agents and will at no time include a paying agent having a specified office outside Switzerland, unless permitted by applicable law.]**
[82.	Dutch Paying Agent:	Insert details] ]***
PUR	RPOSE OF FINAL TERMS	
The:	se Final Terms comprise the final terms require	ed for issue [and] [admission to trading on [specify herein] pursuant to the U.S.\$25,000,000,000 Deb B.V. and Royal Dutch Shell plc.
RES	PONSIBILITY	
extra so fa	acted from [ ]. The Issuer confirms that such in	on contained in these Final Terms. [[ ] has been accurately reproduced and that remation published by [ ], no facts have been omitted ccurate or misleading].
Sign	ed on behalf of Royal Dutch Shell plc	
	ly authorised)	
[Sign	ned on behalf of Shell International Finance B.V.	
By: .	ly authorised)]	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Complete for Swiss Franc Domestic Notes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> For use if Notes are to be listed on NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam.

#### **PART B — OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Listing

1. Listing and admission to trading:

2. Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

Ratings

3. Ratings:

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [].] [Not Applicable.]

[For Swiss France Domestic Notes, insert the following:

The Notes will be [unlisted/listed solely on the SWX Swiss Exchange.]]

[The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert credit rating agency name(s)].]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

[[Insert credit rating agency] is established in the European Union and has applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009.]

[[*Insert credit rating agency*] is not established in the European Union and is not registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the "CRA Regulation"). However, the application for registration under the CRA Regulation of [insert the name of the relevant EU CRA affiliate that applied for registration], which is established in the European Union, disclosed the intention to endorse credit ratings of [insert credit rating agency].]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the "CRA Regulation"). The ratings [[have been]/[are expected to be]] endorsed by [insert the name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency] in accordance with the CRA Regulation. [Insert the name of the relevant EU-registered

*credit rating agency*] is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.]

[[Insert credit rating agency] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, but it is certified in accordance with such Regulation.]

# Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue

4. [Save for any fees payable to the [Dealer/Managers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

# Reasons for the Offer, Estimated Net Proceeds and Total Expenses (Derivative Securities only) [(i) Reasons for the offer: [(ii)] Estimate net proceeds: [ ] [(iii)] Estimate total expenses: [ ]] (N.B.: If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in (i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.) **Yield** (Fixed Rate Notes only) Indication of yield: [ ] The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

**Performance of Index/Formula and other Information Concerning the Underlying** (Indexed Interest Notes or Indexed Redemption Amount Notes Only)

7. [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation.]

(When completing the above paragraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

(N.B. This paragraph 7 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies.)

# **Performance of Rate[s] of Exchange** (Dual Currency Notes only)

8. [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

(N.B. This paragraph 8 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Regulation applies.)

# History and development of Royal Dutch Shell

Royal Dutch Shell became the single parent company of N.V. Koninklijke Nederlandsche Petroleum Maatschappij (Royal Dutch Petroleum Company) ("Royal Dutch") and The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company p.l.c. ("Shell Transport") as a result of the unification transaction described below. Since 1907, Royal Dutch and Shell Transport have been the parent companies of a group of companies known collectively as the "Royal Dutch/Shell Group" (now known as Shell or the Shell Group). The companies of the Shell Group are engaged worldwide in all the principal aspects of the oil and natural gas industry.

In July 2005 Royal Dutch Shell became the parent company of Royal Dutch and Shell Transport upon the consummation of (i) an exchange offer under Dutch law by Royal Dutch Shell for the outstanding shares of Royal Dutch and (ii) a scheme of arrangement under English law involving Shell Transport and its shareholders. After the unification, a series of restructuring transactions of the Group occurred in December 2005, which included the contribution of Shell Transport to Royal Dutch and the merger under Dutch law of Royal Dutch with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Shell Petroleum N.V. ("Shell Petroleum"). As a result of the merger, Royal Dutch and the Royal Dutch shares ceased to exist and Shell Petroleum, the surviving company in the merger, became a 100 per cent. owned subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell and Shell Transport a 100 per cent. subsidiary of Shell Petroleum.

Royal Dutch Shell was incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act on 5 February 2002 as a private company limited by shares. On 27 October 2004 it re-registered as a public company limited by shares and changed its name to Royal Dutch Shell plc.

The primary object of Royal Dutch Shell is to carry on the business of a holding company. It has not traded since incorporation. Royal Dutch Shell does not have an objects clause in its Articles of Association and so, pursuant to section 31(1) of the Companies Act 2006, its objects are unrestricted.

Royal Dutch Shell is registered at Companies House, Cardiff, with company number 04366849 and in the commercial register of the Chamber of Commerce, The Hague under number 34179503. Its registered office is at Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA, United Kingdom and its headquarters are at Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands, tel.: +31 (0) 70 377 9111. Royal Dutch Shell is considered a resident of The Netherlands for Dutch and UK tax purposes.

# **History and development of Shell Finance**

Shell Finance was incorporated as a private company with limited liability under the laws of The Netherlands on 5 March 2004 with the name Shell Project Development (VII) B.V. Shell Finance has its corporate seat in The Hague, The Netherlands and is registered in The Hague with trade register number 27265903. The registered office of Shell Finance is Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, tel.: +31 (0) 70 377 9111.

Shell Finance was renamed Shell International Finance B.V. and became a 100 per cent. owned subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell on 20 July 2005. Shell Finance is a financing vehicle for Royal Dutch Shell and its consolidated subsidiaries. Shell Finance has no independent operations, other than raising debt for use by the Shell Group, hedging such debt when appropriate and on-lending funds raised to companies in the Shell Group. Shell Finance will lend substantially all proceeds of its borrowings to companies in the Shell Group and is therefore dependent on such companies repaying funds lent to them. The corporate object of Shell Finance is set out in Article 2 of its Articles of Association and is to obtain financial resources by securing public or private loans or by any other means and making such financial resources available in whatever form in particular to other Shell Group companies (which includes the granting of security rights).

# History and development of the Shell Group

The history of the companies that make up the Shell Group goes back more than a century. Royal Dutch was registered in 1890, with its main interests being the development of the oil fields of Sumatra. Shell Transport was formally established in 1897, having begun as a company selling seashells before diversifying into shipping oil.

Subsequently, the Royal Dutch/Shell Group grew out of a scheme of amalgamation between Royal Dutch and Shell Transport dated 12 September 1906 and agreements from 1907 by which the scheme of amalgamation was implemented and pursuant to which they combined their interests in the oil industry through the transfer of all the significant operating assets of each of Royal Dutch and Shell Transport to companies owned 60 per cent. by Royal Dutch and 40 per cent. by Shell Transport.

The Royal Dutch/Shell Group's energy and petrochemical operations then expanded rapidly with acquisitions in Europe, Africa and the Americas and the establishment of its chemicals business in 1929. By the middle of the twentieth century, the Royal Dutch/Shell Group had become one of the world's leading suppliers of oil products. The Royal Dutch/Shell Group was also developing interests in natural gas, which was emerging as a new alternative source of energy. This was followed by the major oil and gas discoveries in the North Sea in the 1970s, continued growth in gas consumption and the first shipments of liquefied natural gas.

The Shell Group has continued to grow and now employs about 93,000 people with operations in over 90 countries and territories around the world providing a wide range of energy and petrochemical products. Whilst best known to the public for its service stations and for exploring and producing oil and gas on land and at sea, the Shell Group's activities include transporting and trading oil and gas, marketing natural gas, producing and selling fuel for ships and planes, generating electricity and providing energy efficiency advice. The Shell Group also produces and sells petrochemical building blocks to industrial consumers globally and is investing in making renewable and lower-carbon energy sources competitive for large-scale use.

# **Business overview of the Shell Group**

#### **Activities and major interests**

Shell is one of the world's largest independent oil and gas companies in terms of market capitalisation, operating cash flow and oil and gas production. Shell aims to sustain its strong operational performance and continue its investments primarily in countries that have the necessary infrastructure, expertise and remaining growth potential. Such countries include: Australia; Brunei; Canada; Denmark; Malaysia; The Netherlands; Nigeria; Norway; Oman; Qatar; Russia; the UK; the USA; and, in the coming years, China.

Shell is bringing new oil and gas supplies on-stream from major field developments. Shell is also investing in growing its gas-based business through liquefied natural gas ("LNG") and gas to liquids ("GTL") projects. For example, in January 2011, together with its partner, Shell brought the Qatargas 4 LNG project on-stream and later in the year Shell will complete the start up the world's largest GTL project also in Qatar. Shell is also participating in the Gorgon LNG project in Australia.

At the same time, Shell is exploring for oil and gas in prolific geological formations that can be conventionally developed, such as those found in the Gulf of Mexico, Brazil and Australia. But Shell is also exploring for hydrocarbons in formations, such as low-permeability gas reservoirs in the USA, Australia, Canada and China, which can be economically developed only by unconventional means.

Shell also has a diversified and balanced portfolio of refineries and chemicals plants and is a major distributor of biofuels. Shell has the largest retail portfolio of its peers, and delivered strong growth in differentiated fuels. Shell has a strong position not only in the major industrialised countries but also in the developing ones. The distinctive Shell pecten (a trademark in use since the early part of the twentieth century) and trademarks in which the word Shell appears support this marketing effort throughout the world.

#### **Description of activities and principal markets**

Set out below is a summary description of the activities and principal markets of the businesses of the Shell Group.

Upstream International manages the upstream business outside the Americas. It searches for and recovers crude oil and natural gas, liquefies and transports gas and operates the upstream and midstream infrastructure necessary to deliver oil and gas to market. Upstream International also manages Shell's entire LNG and GTL business and the wind business in Europe. The activities are organised primarily within geographical units, although there are some activities that are managed across the business or provided through support units.

Upstream Americas manages the upstream business in North and South America. It searches for and recovers crude oil and natural gas, transports gas and operates the upstream and midstream infrastructure necessary to deliver oil and gas to market. Upstream Americas also extracts bitumen from oil sands that is converted into synthetic crude oil. Additionally, it manages the U.S. based wind business. It comprises operations organised into business-wide managed activities and supporting activities. References to the Group's "Upstream" business in this Information Memorandum are to Upstream International and Upstream Americas.

Downstream manages Shell's manufacturing, distribution and marketing activities for oil products and chemicals. These activities are organised into globally managed classes of business, although some are managed regionally or provided through support units. Manufacturing and supply includes refining, supply and shipping of crude oil. Marketing sells a range of products including fuels, lubricants, bitumen and liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") for home, transport and industrial use. Chemicals produces and markets petrochemicals for industrial customers, including the raw materials for plastics, coatings and detergents. Downstream also trades Shell's flow of hydrocarbons and other energy related products, supplies the Downstream businesses, markets gas and power and provides shipping services. Downstream additionally oversees Shell's interests in alternative energy (including biofuels, but excluding wind) and CO<sub>2</sub> management.

**Projects & Technology** manages the delivery of Shell's major projects and drives the research and innovation to create technology solutions. It provides technical services and technology capability covering both Upstream and Downstream activities. It is also responsible for providing functional leadership across Shell in the areas of health, safety and environment and contracting and procurement.

Corporate is a non-operating segment representing the functional activities supporting the Shell Group.

#### **Principal subsidiaries**

In 2005, Royal Dutch Shell became the single 100 per cent. parent company of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company and of Shell Transport and Trading Company plc, the two former public company parent companies of the Shell Group. After the unification, a series of restructuring transactions of the Group occurred in December 2005, which included the contribution of Shell Transport to Royal Dutch and the merger under Dutch law of Royal Dutch with its wholly owned subsidiary, Shell Petroleum. As a result of the merger, Royal Dutch and the Royal Dutch shares ceased to exist and Shell Petroleum, the surviving company in the merger, became a 100 per cent. owned subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell and Shell Transport a 100 per cent. subsidiary of Shell Petroleum.

Royal Dutch Shell is organised as a holding company and substantially all of its operations are carried on through subsidiaries of Royal Dutch Shell. Royal Dutch Shell's ability to meet its financial obligations is dependent on the availability of cash flows from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries and affiliated companies through dividends, intercompany advances and other payments.

# **Principal investments**

In March 2011, Shell forecasted net capital investment of U.S.\$25-27 billion for the year, including the impacts of organic investment, acquisitions and asset sales, and U.S.\$25-30 billion organic capital investment annually for 2012-14.

#### Reporting of reserves

Reserves reported are based on the SEC rules. The SEC rules are consistent with the technical standards of The Petroleum Resources Management System jointly published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook prepared jointly by The Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers and the Petroleum Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy & Petroleum ("COGE Handbook").

#### **Selected Financial Data**

The selected financial data set out below in respect of the Shell Group is derived, in part, from the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Shell Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2010

(the "Consolidated Financial Statements") and the First Quarter 2011 Unaudited Condensed Interim Financial Report of Royal Dutch Shell filed on Form 6-K on 28 April 2011 (the "Q1 Report"). The selected data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes, the Q1 Report as well as the Business Review in the Annual Report on Form 20-F of Royal Dutch Shell for the year ended 31 December 2010, incorporated by reference herein.

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

reporting standards ( Trk5 ).	Three months March 31,		12 months December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2009
Consolidated Statement of Income (U.S.\$ million) Revenue Income for the period Income attributable to non-controlling interest	109,923 8,925 145	86,062 5,566 85	368,056 20,474 347	278,188 12,718 200
Income attributable to shareholders of Royal Dutch Shell plc	8,780	5,481	20,127	12,518
Earnings per share (U.S.\$) Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	1.42 1.42	0.89	3.28 3.28	2.04
Consolidated Balance Sheet (U.S.\$ million) Total assets Share capital Equity attributable to shareholders of Royal Dutch Shell plc Non-controlling interest	343,327 532 157,805 1,878	297,202 527 138,010 1,727	322,560 529 148,013 1,767	292,181 527 136,431 1,704
Net capital investment (U.S.\$ million) Capital expenditure:    Upstream    Downstream    Corporate Exploration expenses Leases and other adjustments New equity in equity accounted-investments New loans to equity accounted-investments	3,424 671 51 290 (269) 500 203	4,197 1,024 26 204 510 466 159	22,323 4,523 94 1,214 358 1,646 404	20,264 5,979 273 1,186 1,078 1,270 1,685
Total capital investment	4,870	6,586	30,562	31,735
Proceeds from divestments: Upstream Downstream Corporate Total	2,409 801 (45) 3,165	41 349 ———————————————————————————————————	4,487 2,401 (6) 6,882	1,625 1,278 (50) 2,853
Total net capital investment comprising Upstream Downstream Corporate	1,705 1,727 (118) 96	6,196 5,482 687 27	23,680 21,222 2,358 100	28,882 22,326 6,232 324
Other consolidated data (U.S.\$ million) Net cash from operating activities Capital expenditure Net cash used in investing activities Dividends paid (excluding scrip dividend) Net cash used in financing activities Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	8,621 4,146 1,647 1,629 4,368 3,164	4,782 5,247 5,444 2,594 596 (1,271)	27,350 26,940 21,972 9,979 1,467 3,725	21,488 26,516 26,234 10,717 829 (5,469)

	Three months March 31,		12 months December 31,	
	2011	2010	2010	2009
Income by business segment (U.S.\$ million)				
Upstream	5,758	4,415	15,935	8,354
Downstream	1,170	743	2,950	258
Corporate	99	(176)	91	1,310
Gearing ratio (%)*	14.0%	17.1%	17.1%	15.5%
Dividends declared – U.S.\$/share	0.42	0.42	1.68	1.68

<sup>\*</sup> Net debt as percentage of total capital (i.e. total equity plus net debt).

The selected financial data set out below in respect of Shell Finance is derived without material adjustment from the audited financial statements of Shell Finance in respect of the year ended 31 December 2010. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Shell Finance's audited financial statements and related Notes, incorporated by reference herein. The audited financial statements of Shell Finance have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in The Netherlands.

Income Data	2010 U.S.\$ 000	2009 U.S.\$ 000
Interest income	1,929,318	1,773,522
Interest expense and similar expenses	(1,927,645)	(1,768,337)
Taxation	2,538	(984)
Net Income	3,650	2,609
Balance Sheet Data		
Current Assets and Non-current Assets	37,453,813	29,608,868
Current Liabilities	7,872,076	2,471,907
Long Term Debt	29,135,835	26,460,944
Capital Employed	10,857	7,207

Notes

Shell Finance did not have any activities until it became a 100 per cent. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell as at 20 July 2005. As at 30 April 2011, Shell Finance had total debt of U.S.\$35,082 million, of which U.S.\$33,822 million was long term debt.

#### **Trend information**

Save as disclosed under the sections entitled "Risks related to Shell's businesses" under "Risk Factors" above and "Recent Developments" below on pages 12-16 and 75-77, respectively, the Shell Group is not aware of any other trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Obligors' prospects in the context of the issue of any Notes for the current financial year.

# **Share capital**

The issued and fully paid up share capital of Royal Dutch Shell as at 31 May 2011 was:

	Issued (number)	Issued (amount)
Class A ordinary shares of €0.07 each	3,595,096,473	€251,656,753
Class B ordinary shares of €0.07 each	2,695,808,103	€188,706,567
Sterling deferred shares of £1 each	50,000	£50,000

Any future issue of additional "B" Shares will only be made after prior consultation with the Dutch Revenue Service.

Shell Finance has an authorised share capital consisting of 10,000 ordinary registered shares of €1,000 each of which 2,000 have been issued and paid up.

# **Board of Directors**

The Directors of Royal Dutch Shell and their function, their respective business addresses and other principal activities are:

Name	Business Address	Function	Other principal activities
Jorma Ollila	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Chairman and Chairman of the Nomination and Succession Committee	Chairman of the Board of Nokia
Lord Kerr of Kinlochard GCMG	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Deputy Chairman (and senior independent Non-executive director) <sup>(2),(3)</sup>	Non-executive director of Rio Tinto plc Non-executive director of Scottish American Investment Company plc Non-executive director of Scottish Power BAE Systems Advisory Board member
Peter Voser	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Chief Executive Officer	Director of Catalyst Director of Roche Holdings Limited
Simon Henry	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Chief Financial Officer	_
Malcolm Brinded CBE	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Executive director, Upstream International	Member of the Nigerian Presidential Honorary International Investor Council Chairman of the Shell Foundation Trustee of the Emirates Foundation Trustee of the International Business Leaders Forum Non-executive director of Network Rail
Dr Josef Ackermann	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director <sup>(1)</sup>	Chairman of the Management Board and the Group Executive Committee of Deutsche Bank AG Member of the supervisory board of Siemens AG Director of Zurich Financial Services Limited
Guy Elliott	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director and Chairman of the Audit Committee	Chief Financial Officer of Rio Tinto plc
Charles O. Holliday	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director and Chairman of the Corporate and Social Responsibility Committee <sup>(1)</sup>	Director of Bank of America Corporation Director of Deere & Company

Name	<b>Business Address</b>	Function	Other principal activities
Gerard Kleisterlee	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director <sup>(4)</sup>	Chairman of Vodafone Group plc Member of Supervisory Board of De Nederlandsche Bank NV Member of Supervisory Board of Daimler AG Director of Dell Inc Member of the European Roundtable of Industrialists
Christine Morin-Postel	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director <sup>(4)</sup>	Non-executive director of British American Tobacco PLC Non-executive director of 3i Group plc Non-executive director of Exor S.p.A.
Linda G. Stuntz	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive director <sup>(4)</sup>	Partner of the law firm Stuntz, Davis & Staffier P.C. Director of Raytheon Company
Jeroen van der Veer	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive Director <sup>(2)</sup>	Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Royal Philips Electronics N.V. Vice-Chairman of ING Group
Hans Wijers	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Non-executive Director and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee <sup>(3)</sup>	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Management of Akzo Nobel N.V. Member of the European Roundtable of Industrialists

<sup>(1)</sup> Member of the Remuneration Committee.

The Directors of Shell Finance and their function, their respective business addresses and other principal activities are:

Name	<b>Business Address</b>	Function	Other principal activities
Michiel Brandjes	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Director	General Counsel Corporate and Company Secretary to board of Royal Dutch Shell
Alan McLean	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Director	Executive Vice President Tax & Corporate Structure
Tjerk Huijsinga	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Director	Vice President Investor Relations Europe
Andrew Longden	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596 HR The Hague, The Netherlands	Director	Group Treasurer of the Shell Group

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Corporate and Social Responsibility Committee.

<sup>(3)</sup> Member of the Nomination and Succession Committee.

<sup>(4)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain statutory duties with respect to directors' conflicts of interest are in force under the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"). In accordance with that Act and the Articles of Association, the Royal Dutch Shell Board may authorise any matter that otherwise may involve the Directors' breaching their duty to avoid conflicts of interest. The Royal Dutch Shell Board has adopted a procedure to address these requirements. It includes the Directors completing detailed conflict of interest questionnaires. The matters disclosed in the questionnaires are reviewed by the Royal Dutch Shell Board and, if considered appropriate, authorised in accordance with the Act and the Articles of Association. Conflicts of interest and gifts and hospitality received by and provided by Directors are kept under review by the Royal Dutch Shell Board.

No Royal Dutch Shell director has any potential conflict of interest between their duties to Royal Dutch Shell and their private interests or other duties. Royal Dutch Shell is not aware of any persons who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, will exercise or could exercise control over Royal Dutch Shell.

No Shell Finance director has any potential conflict of interest between their duties to Shell Finance and their private or other duties.

## **Corporate governance**

Royal Dutch Shell is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance and believes that such standards are essential to business integrity and performance. The Royal Dutch Shell Board confirms that for the year ended 31 December 2010 Royal Dutch Shell complied with the principles and provisions set out in Section 1 of the 2008 Combined Code on Corporate Governance (the "Combined Code")\*, except that for the period from May to December only two of the three members of the Remuneration Committee were deemed to be wholly independent. This issue was addressed with the appointment of Charles O. Holliday, a wholly independent Non-executive Director, as a member of the Committee with effect from 1 January 2011. In addition to complying with applicable corporate governance requirements in the UK, Royal Dutch Shell must follow the rules of NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam as well as Dutch securities laws because of its listing on this exchange. Royal Dutch Shell must likewise follow U.S. securities laws and the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules and regulations because its securities are registered in the USA and listed on the NYSE.

Shell Finance complies with the corporate governance regime of The Netherlands.

## **Audit Committee**

The key responsibilities of the Committee are to assist the Royal Dutch Shell Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities in relation to internal control and financial reporting, the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control system, compliance with applicable external legal and regulatory requirements, monitoring the qualifications, expertise, resources and independence of both the internal and external auditors and assessing each year the auditors' performance and effectiveness.

The Committee keeps the Royal Dutch Shell Board informed of the Committee's activities and recommendations. Where the Committee is not satisfied with or wherever it considers action or improvement is required concerning any aspect of risk management and internal control, financial reporting or audit-related activities, it promptly reports these concerns to the Royal Dutch Shell Board. It invites the external auditor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Internal Auditor, the Executive Vice President Controller and the Vice President Accounting and Reporting to attend each meeting and other members of management attend as and when requested. The Committee holds private sessions with the external auditors and the Chief Internal Auditor without members of management present.

Each year the Committee also considers the re-appointment of the external auditors and makes a recommendation to the Royal Dutch Shell Board. There are no contractual obligations that restrict the Committee's ability to make such a recommendation. The last competitive audit tender was in 2005.

The members of the Audit Committee are Guy Elliott (chairman), Christine Morin-Postel, Gerard Kleisterlee and Linda G Stuntz (with effect from June 2011).

<sup>\*</sup> In June 2010, the Financial Reporting Council issued an update to the Combined Code, namely the UK Corporate Governance Code, which applies to accounting periods beginning on or after 29 June 2010.

A copy of the Committee's terms of reference is available from the Company Secretary and can be found on the Shell Group website at: <a href="http://www.static.shell.com/static/investor/downloads/company\_information/committees/tor\_rds\_audit\_committee\_14072008.pdf">http://www.static.shell.com/static/investor/downloads/company\_information/committees/tor\_rds\_audit\_committee\_14072008.pdf</a>.

Shell Finance does not have an audit committee and there is no requirement for it to have an audit committee.

# **Recent Developments**

## **Litigation Update**

Groundwater contamination

Shell Oil Company (including subsidiaries and affiliates, referred to collectively as SOC), along with numerous other defendants, have been sued by public and quasi-public water purveyors, as well as governmental entities, alleging responsibility for groundwater contamination caused by releases of gasoline-containing oxygenate additives. Most of these suits assert various theories of liability, including product liability, and seek to recover actual damages, including clean-up costs. Some assert claims for punitive damages. Fewer than 25 of these cases remain. Based on court rulings in SOC's favour in certain cases claiming damages from threats of contamination, the claims asserted in remaining matters, and Shell's track record with regard to amounts paid to resolve varying claims, management of Shell does not currently believe that the outcome of the remaining oxygenate-related litigation pending, as at the date of this Information Memorandum, will have a material impact on Shell.

### Other

Shell subsidiaries are subject to a number of other loss contingencies arising from litigation and claims brought by governmental and private parties, which are handled in the ordinary course of business. The operations and earnings of Shell subsidiaries continue, from time to time, to be affected to varying degrees by political, legislative, fiscal and regulatory developments, including those relating to the protection of the environment and indigenous groups, in the countries in which they operate, including for example, Nigeria. The industries in which Shell subsidiaries are engaged are also subject to physical risks of various types. The nature and frequency of these developments and events, not all of which are covered by insurance, as well as their effect on future operations and earnings, are unpredictable.

### **Business Update**

UPSTREAM

In Africa and Europe, Shell completed an asset swap with Hess to acquire assets in Gabon and in the UK North Sea in return for Shell's interest in a pair of Norwegian offshore fields.

In Australia, Shell and PetroChina completed the acquisition of all of the shares in Arrow Energy Limited; the total cash consideration was some U.S.\$3.1 billion (Shell interest in Arrow 50 per cent.).

Also in Australia, Shell sold 29.18 per cent. of its interest in Woodside, or 10.0 per cent. of Woodside's issued capital, for a total price of U.S.\$3.2 billion, reducing Shell's interest in the company to 24.27 per cent.

In Brazil, Shell announced the Final Investment Decision to support phase 2 of the Parque das Conchas (BC-10) project (Shell interest 50 per cent.).

In China, Shell and PetroChina announced plans to appraise, develop and produce tight gas under a 30-year production-sharing contract in an area of approximately 4,000 square kilometres in the Jinqiu block of central Sichuan Province. In addition, shale gas assessment work commenced in January 2010 in the Fushun block that covers another area of also approximately 4,000 square kilometres.

In Qatar, Shell signed a new exploration and production-sharing agreement for Qatar block D. Under the agreement, the partners will jointly explore for natural gas in an area of 8,089 square kilometres onshore and offshore Qatar. The total term of this agreement is 30 years and will start with a five-year First Exploration Period.

Also in Qatar, Shell and Qatargas announced delivery of the first cargo of LNG from the Qatargas 4 project (Shell share 30 per cent.). Production is expected to ramp up to 1.4 billion standard cubic feet of gas per day (scf/d), delivering 7.8 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of LNG and 70 thousand barrels per day (b/d) of condensate and liquefied petroleum gas.

In Syria, Shell sold a 35 per cent. interest in Syria Shell Petroleum Development ("SSPD"), previously 100 per cent. owned, to China National Petroleum Corporation. SSPD has interests in three production licences covering some 40 oil fields, with production in 2010 of approximately 20 thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day (boe/d) (Shell share).

As of 31 October 2010, Shell has ceased all upstream activities in Iran in compliance with the U.S. Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010.

Also in the USA, Shell announced the Final Investment Decision for the Mars B project (Shell interest 71.5 per cent.), a tension leg platform in the Gulf of Mexico with a 100 thousand boe/d capacity.

In the Netherlands, Shell produced its first oil from the Schoonebeek Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) project (Shell share 30 per cent.). The field is expected to ramp up to produce some 20 thousand boed.

Shell sold non-core Upstream assets, with proceeds totalling U.S.\$2.4 billion in the first quarter of 2011. In the USA, Shell completed the sale of a group of predominately mature tight gas fields in Rio Grande Valley, south Texas in the USA, producing some 200 million scf/d (Shell share), for some U.S.\$1.8 billion, as part of ongoing asset optimisation. In addition, Shell sold various other non-core assets in Canada, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and the USA (combined Shell share of production of some 25 thousand boe/d) as well as exploration acreage in Colombia.

During the first quarter of 2011, Shell confirmed a significant oil and gas discovery, Geronggong, drilled in 2010 in deep water Brunei.

### DOWNSTREAM

In the Marketing businesses, Shell continued to invest in selected retail markets, such as those of Germany and China, and in its growing Lubricants businesses in China and Russia.

In New Zealand, Shell sold its Downstream business, including the 17.1 per cent. shareholding in the 104 thousand b/d refinery at Marsden Point, for some U.S.\$0.5 billion.

In Germany, Shell sold its 90 thousand b/d Heide refinery and some wholesale commercial activities for approximately U.S.\$0.1 billion.

In Finland and Sweden, Shell sold the majority of its refining and marketing businesses, including Shell's 100 per cent. owned 87 thousand b/d Gothenburg refinery.

Shell also sold its Downstream businesses in Costa Rica, Gibraltar, Laos and Panama in separate transactions.

Shell announced that it has agreed to divest the majority of its shareholdings in most of its Downstream businesses in Africa. The proposed deal will raise a total of approximately U.S.\$1 billion (including estimated working capital of U.S.\$0.4 billion). Under the agreements, two new joint venture companies will continue to make Shell fuels and lubricants available in 14 African countries under the Shell brand. Excluded from the deal are the fuels, lubricants and refining activities in South Africa. The agreements are subject to regulatory approvals.

Shell announced the decision to review ownership options for most of its LPG businesses.

In the United Kingdom, Shell agreed the sale of its 272 thousand b/d Stanlow refinery and associated local marketing businesses for a total consideration of some U.S.\$1.3 billion (including estimated working capital of U.S.\$0.9 billion) which, subject to certain conditions precedent, will be completed during the second half of 2011.

In Qatar, Shell signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Qatar Petroleum to study jointly the development of a major petrochemical complex that would include a mono-ethylene glycol plant of up to 1.5 million tonnes per annum. Combined with the output of other olefin derivatives, the plant is expected to produce more than 2 million tonnes per year of chemicals.

Shell sold non-core Downstream assets, mainly in the USA, with proceeds totalling U.S.\$0.8 billion in the first quarter of 2011.

On 1 April 2011, Shell agreed to sell most of its downstream business in Chile for a total consideration of some U.S.\$0.6 billion (including estimated working capital of U.S.\$0.1 billion).

In addition, on 12 April 2011, Shell announced a proposal to convert its 79 thousand b/d Clyde refinery and Gore Bay terminal in Australia into a fuel import terminal.

In Brazil, on 2 June 2011, Shell and Cosan S.A. launched their multi-billion dollar joint venture *Raízen* – a major retail and commercial fuels company which will operate in Brazil. Shell is combining its extensive retail experience, global network and research in advanced biofuels with Cosan S.A.'s technical knowledge of producing biofuels on a large scale. Raízen will produce and sell over two billion litres a year of the lowest-carbon biofuel commercially available – ethanol made from Brazilian sugar cane.

### The Netherlands

The following is intended as general information only and it does not purport to present any comprehensive or complete description of all aspects of Dutch tax law which could be of relevance to a Noteholder. For Dutch tax purposes, a Noteholder may include an individual or entity who does not have the legal title of the Notes, but to whom nevertheless the Notes are attributed based either on such individual or entity owning a beneficial interest in the Notes or based on specific statutory previsions, including statutory provisions pursuant to which Notes are attributed to an individual who is, or who has directly or indirectly inherited from a person who was, the settler, grantor or similar originator of a trust, foundation or similar entity that holds the Notes. Prospective Noteholders should therefore consult their tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of any purchase, ownership or disposal of Notes.

The following summary is based on the Dutch tax law as applied and interpreted by Dutch tax courts and as published and in effect on the date hereof, without prejudice to any amendments introduced at a later date and implemented with or without retroactive effect.

The Issuers have been advised that under Dutch tax law the following treatment will apply to the Notes.

For the purpose of this paragraph, "Dutch Taxes" shall mean taxes of whatever nature levied by or on behalf of the Netherlands or any of its subdivisions or taxing authorities. The Netherlands means the part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands located in Europe.

## A. Withholding tax

Any payments made under the Notes will not be subject to withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any Dutch Taxes.

## B. Taxes on income and capital gains

This section does not purport to describe the possible Dutch tax considerations or consequences that may be relevant to a Noteholder who is an individual and for whom the income or capital gains derived from the Notes are attributable to employment activities, the income from which is taxable in the Netherlands.

A Noteholder will not be subject to any Dutch Taxes on any payment made to the Noteholder under the Notes or on any capital gain made by the Noteholder from the disposal, or deemed disposal, or redemption of, Notes, except if:

- (i) the Noteholder is, or is deemed to be resident in the Netherlands for Dutch (corporate) income tax purposes; or
- (ii) if the Noteholder is an individual and has opted to be taxed as if resident in the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes; or
- (iii) the Noteholder derives profits from an enterprise, whether as entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or pursuant to a co-entitlement to the net worth of such enterprise, other than as an entrepreneur or a shareholder, which enterprise is, in whole or in part, carried on through a permanent establishment (*vaste inrichting*) or a permanent representative (*vaste vertegenwoordiger*) in the Netherlands, to which the Notes are attributable; or
- (iv) the Noteholder is an individual and has a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) in the Issuer or derives benefits from miscellaneous activities (*overige werkzaamheden*) carried out in the Netherlands in respect of the Notes, including (without limitation) activities which are beyond the scope of active portfolio investment activities; or
- (v) the Noteholder is not an individual and has a substantial interest, or a fictitious substantial interest (fictief aanmerkelijk belang), in the Issuer, which is not part of the assets of an enterprise; or
- (vi) the Noteholder is not an individual and is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise or a coentitlement to the net worth of an enterprise, which is effectively managed in the Netherlands other than by way of the holding of securities and to which enterprise the Notes are attributable; or

(vii) the Noteholder is an individual and is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise, which is effectively managed in the Netherlands other than by way of securities and to which enterprise the Notes are attributable.

Generally, a Noteholder has a substantial interest if such Noteholder, alone or together with his partner, directly or indirectly:

- (i) owns, or holds certain rights on, shares representing five per cent. or more of the total issued and outstanding capital of the Issuer, or of the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares of the Issuer;
- (ii) holds rights to acquire shares, whether or not already issued, representing, directly or indirectly, five per cent. or more of the total issued and outstanding capital of the Issuer, or of the issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares of the Issuer; or
- (iii) owns, or holds certain rights on, profit participating certificates that relate to five per cent. or more of the annual profit of the Issuer or to five per cent. or more of the liquidation proceeds of the Issuer.

A Noteholder who has the ownership of shares of the Issuer, will also have a substantial interest if his partner or one of certain relatives of the Noteholder or of his partner has a substantial interest.

For Dutch tax purposes, the direct or indirect ownership of the shares of the Issuer is attributed to the Noteholder based either on the Noteholder owning a beneficial interest in the shares or based on specific statutory provisions, including statutory provisions pursuant to which shares are attributed to an individual who is, or who has directly or indirectly inherited from a person who was, the settler, grantor or similar originator of a trust, foundation or similar entity that holds the shares, although the Noteholder does not have the legal title of the shares.

Generally, a Noteholder has a fictitious substantial interest if, without having an actual substantial interest in the Issuer:

- (i) an enterprise has been contributed to the Issuer in exchange for shares on an elective non-recognition basis;
- (ii) the shares have been obtained under inheritance law or matrimonial law, on a non-recognition basis, while the disposing shareholder had a substantial interest in the Issuer;
- (iii) the shares have been acquired pursuant to a share merger, legal merger or legal demerger, on an elective non-recognition basis, while the Noteholder prior to this transaction had a substantial interest in an entity that was party to that transaction; or
- (iv) the shares held by the Noteholder, prior to dilution, qualified as a substantial interest and, by election, no gain was recognised upon disqualification of these shares.

### C. Gift tax or inheritance tax

No Dutch gift tax or inheritance tax is due in respect of any gift of Notes by, or inheritance of Notes on the death of, a Noteholder, except if:

- (i) at the time of the gift or death of the Noteholder, the Noteholder is resident, or is deemed to be resident, in the Netherlands; or
- (ii) the Noteholder passes away within 180 days after the date of the gift of the Notes and is not, or not deemed to be, at the time of the gift, but is, or is deemed to be, at the time of his death, resident in the Netherlands; or
- (iii) the gift of the Notes is made under a condition precedent and the Noteholder is resident, or is deemed to be resident, in the Netherlands at the time the condition is fulfilled.

### D. Other taxes

No other Dutch Taxes, including turnover tax and taxes of a documentary nature, such as capital tax, stamp or registration tax or duty, are payable by or on behalf of a Noteholder by reason only of the issue, acquisition or transfer of the Notes.

## E. Residency

Subject to the exceptions above, a Noteholder will not become resident, or deemed resident, in the Netherlands for tax purposes, or become subject to Dutch Taxes, by reason only of the Issuer's performance, or the Noteholder's acquisition (by way of issue or transfer to it), holding and/or disposal, of the Notes.

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The following is a summary of the Issuers' understanding of current law and HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") practice in the United Kingdom relating only to United Kingdom withholding taxation treatment at the date hereof in relation to payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes. The comments do not deal with other United Kingdom tax aspects of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. The comments relate only to the position of persons who are absolute beneficial owners of the Notes. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of people (such as dealers and persons connected with the Issuers) to whom special rules may apply. Prospective Noteholders should be aware that the particular terms of issue of any series of Notes as specified in the relevant Final Terms may affect the tax treatment of that and other series of Notes. The following is a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution. Noteholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers.

Noteholders who may be liable to taxation in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom in respect of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes are particularly advised to consult their professional advisers as to whether they are so liable (and if so under the laws of which jurisdictions), since the following comments relate only to United Kingdom withholding taxation aspects of payments in respect of the Notes. In particular, Noteholders should be aware that they may be liable to taxation under the laws of other jurisdictions in relation to payments in respect of the Notes even if such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxation under the laws of the United Kingdom.

# A. UK Withholding Tax on Payments by the Issuer

Provided that the interest is not treated as having a United Kingdom source, payments of interest by the Issuer on Notes issued by Shell Finance may be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Payments of interest on the Notes issued by Royal Dutch Shell may be regarded as having a United Kingdom source and may therefore be required to be paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax.

However, even if payments of interest on the Notes are regarded as having a United Kingdom source, they may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax under the United Kingdom "quoted Eurobond exemption" if and for so long as they carry a right to interest and are and continue to be listed on a recognised stock exchange as defined in Section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the "Act"). The London Stock Exchange is such a recognised stock exchange. Notes will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange. Provided therefore that Notes remain so listed, payments of interest by the Issuer on such Notes may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Interest on the Notes paid by the Issuer may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where interest on such Notes is paid by a company and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Notes is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest; provided that HMRC has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the above exemption is not available in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

Interest on the Notes paid by the Issuer may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where the maturity of the Notes is less than 365 days and those Notes do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be capable of remaining outstanding for more than 364 days.

In other cases, if payments of interest on the Notes are treated as having a United Kingdom source an amount must generally be withheld from such payments on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Noteholder without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

# B. Payments by Guarantor

If Royal Dutch Shell (as Guarantor) makes any payments in respect of interest on the Notes (or other amounts due under the relevant Notes other than the repayment of amounts subscribed for the Notes) the payments may be regarded as having a United Kingdom source, and such payments may be subject to withholding on account of United Kingdom tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.) subject to any direction to the contrary by HMRC under the provisions of any applicable double taxation treaty or any other relief that may apply. Such payments by Royal Dutch Shell may not be eligible for the exemptions described above.

### C. Provision of Information

Noteholders who are individuals may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of an individual. HMRC also has power to obtain information from any person in the United Kingdom who pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of Chapter 8 of Part 4 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receives such amounts for the benefit of an individual, although HMRC published practice indicates that HMRC will not exercise its power to require this information where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2012. Such information may include the name and address of the beneficial owner of the amount payable on redemption. Any information obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HMRC with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

For the above purposes, "interest" should be taken, for practical purposes, as including payments made by a guarantor in respect of interest on Notes.

## D. Other Rules Relating to United Kingdom Withholding Tax

- 1. Notes may be issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount. Any discount element on any such Notes will not be subject to any withholding on account of United Kingdom tax pursuant to the provisions mentioned in A above, but may be subject to reporting requirements as outlined above.
- 2. Where Notes are issued with a redemption premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest. Payments of interest which have a United Kingdom source are subject to withholding on account of United Kingdom tax, subject to any reliefs that may apply. Whether or not they have a United Kingdom source, payments of interest will be subject to the reporting requirements as outlined above.
- 3. Where interest has been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Noteholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be able to recover all or part of the tax deducted if there is an appropriate provision in any applicable double taxation treaty.
- 4. The references to "interest" and "principal" in this summary of the United Kingdom withholding tax position mean "interest" and "principal" as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements in this summary do not take any account of any different definitions of "interest" or principal" which

- may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the terms and conditions of the Notes or any related documentation.
- 5. This summary description of the United Kingdom withholding tax position assumes that there will be no substitution of an issuer pursuant to Condition 17 of the Notes and does not consider the tax consequences of any such substitution.

## **EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE**

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "Directive"), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual (who is the beneficial owner of those payments) resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland). The Directive does not preclude EU Member States from levying other types of withholding tax.

The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

# Subscription and Sale

Subject to the terms and conditions in an amended and restated Dealer Agreement dated 28 June 2011 between Shell Finance, Royal Dutch Shell, the Dealers and the Arranger (as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Dealer Agreement"), Notes may be offered on a continuous basis by each Issuer to the Dealers. Such Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches which are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

Shell Finance and Royal Dutch Shell have agreed to indemnify the Dealers, on a joint and several basis, against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of Notes.

### THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## **Regulation S Category 2**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. federal tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

Where the D Rules are specified in the Final Terms as being applicable in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the following legend will appear on all Notes which have an original maturity of more than one year and on all Receipts, Coupons and Talons relating to such Notes:

"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after completion of the distribution of all the Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part as determined, and certified to the Agent or the relevant Issuer, by such Dealer (or in the case of a sale of a Tranche of Notes to or through more than one Dealer, by each of such Dealers as to the Notes of such Tranche purchased by or through it, or, in the case of a syndicated issue, the relevant lead manager in which case the Agent or the relevant Issuer shall notify such Dealer when all such Dealers have, or the lead manager has, as the case may be, so certified) only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and it will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Notes a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

In addition, until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each issuance of index, commodity or currency linked Notes, shall be subject to such additional United States selling restrictions as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

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Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) Commercial paper: in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the relevant Issuer;
- (b) *Investment advertisements*: it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to either Obligor; and
- (c) General compliance: it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### THE NETHERLANDS

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has complied with and will comply with the requirements under the Dutch Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*) that Zero Coupon Notes in definitive form of any Issuer and other Notes which qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Dutch Savings Certificates Act may only be transferred or accepted through the intermediary of either the relevant Issuer or a Member of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. and with due observance of the Dutch Savings Certificates Act (including registration requirements), except in the case of (i) the initial issue of such Notes to the first holders thereof, (ii) any transfer and acceptance by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or trade, and (iii) any transfer or acceptance of such Notes, if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter.

### **JAPAN**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the "FIEA") and each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## **REPUBLIC OF FRANCE**

Each Obligor and each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

(a) Offer to the public in France:
It has only made and will only make an offer of Notes to the public in France in the period beginning
(i) when a prospectus in relation to those Notes has been approved by the Autorité des marchés financiers ("AMF"), on the date of its publication or, (ii) when a prospectus has been approved by

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the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, on the date of notification of such approval to the AMF, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of the approval of the prospectus all in accordance with Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French Code monétaire et financier and the Règlement général of the AMF and in each case (iii) when the formalities required by French laws and regulations have been carried out; or

## (b) Private placement in France:

It has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Information Memorandum, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties, and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

This Information Memorandum prepared in connection with the Notes has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the AMF.

### **BELGIUM**

With regard to Notes having a maturity of less than 12 months, this Information Memorandum has not been, and is not expected to be, submitted for approval to the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it shall refrain from taking any action that would be characterised as a public offering of such Notes in Belgium in accordance with the law of 16 June 2006 on public offerings of investment instruments and the admission of investment instruments to trading on regulated markets, as amended or replaced from time to time.

### PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

In relation to each Member State which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Information Memorandum as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State; except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the Final Terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "Non-exempt Offer"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Final Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or Final Terms, as applicable and the relevant Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt offer;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the relevant Issuer for any such offer; or

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(d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the relevant Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

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These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the relevant Issuer and the Dealers (provided such modification shall comply with applicable laws, regulations and/or directives) or, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) either by mutual agreement or following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in the Final Terms issued in respect of the issue of Notes to which it relates or in a supplement to this Information Memorandum.

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any Notes, or possession or distribution of this Information Memorandum or any other offering material or any Final Terms, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and directives in each country or jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes this Information Memorandum, any other offering material or any Final Terms and none of the Obligors and any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefor.

# General Information

- 1. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or about 30 June 2011. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Information Memorandum to be admitted to the Official List and to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.
  - It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche.
- 2. Each Obligor has obtained all internal necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in the United Kingdom and The Netherlands in connection with the issue and performance of Notes and the Guarantee. The update of the Programme and the issue of Notes was authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of Shell Finance passed on 25 May 2009 and 16 December 2010 and a resolution of the Board of Directors of Royal Dutch Shell passed on 20 May 2009. The giving of the Guarantee by Royal Dutch Shell was authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of Royal Dutch Shell passed on 20 May 2009.
- 3. Each Note, Receipt, Coupon and Talon relating to Notes which have an original maturity of more than one year days will bear the following legend: "Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code".
- 4. There are no, nor have there been, any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Obligors are aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this document, which may have, or have had in such period, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of Shell Finance, Royal Dutch Shell or Royal Dutch Shell and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- 5. Save as disclosed under "Recent Developments Business Update" on pages 75-77, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of Royal Dutch Shell, Shell Finance or Royal Dutch Shell and its subsidiaries taken as a whole since 31 December 2010, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Royal Dutch Shell or Royal Dutch Shell and its subsidiaries taken as a whole since 31 March 2011 and there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Shell Finance since 31 December 2010.
- 6. The financial statements of Royal Dutch Shell for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 and for the financial year ended 31 December 2010 have, in each case, been audited, without qualification, by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors of 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH.
  - Royal Dutch Shell was incorporated in February 2002. The financial information relating to Royal Dutch Shell included in this document does not constitute its statutory accounts for any of the periods presented. The statutory accounts of Royal Dutch Shell for the 12-month period ended 31 December 2009 and for the 12-month period ended 31 December 2010 have, in each case, been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have issued an audit report under Section 235 of the Companies Act in respect of the accounts for the 12-month period 31 December 2009 and for the 12-month period ended 31 December 2010. Each audit report was unqualified and did not include any statements made under Section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act.

The financial statements of Shell Finance for the financial year ended 31 December 2009 and for the financial year ended 31 December 2010 have, in each case, been audited, without qualification, by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V., the partner signing the auditors' report is a member of the Dutch Institute for Chartered Accountants (NIVRA).

The auditors of the Obligors have no material interest in the Obligors.

7. Notes have been accepted for clearance through the Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg systems. The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for each Series of Notes will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

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The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert 11, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

- 8. The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.
- 9. Neither Obligor intends to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.
- 10. For a period of 12 months following the date of this Information Memorandum, copies of the following documents (together with an English translation, where relevant) will when published be available, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) for inspection at the office of each of the Obligors and the Agent:
  - (i) the Agency Agreement (as amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time);
  - (ii) the Dealer Agreement (as amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time);
  - (iii) the Trust Deed (as amended, supplemented and/or restated from time to time) (which includes the form of the Global Notes, the Definitive Notes, the Coupons, the Receipts and the Talons);
  - (iv) the constitutional documents of each of the Obligors; and
  - (v) this Information Memorandum, any supplement to this Information Memorandum and any documents incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum from time to time and each Final Terms (save that Final Terms relating to Notes which are neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospective Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Notes and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Obligors and the Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity).

In addition, copies of this Information Memorandum, any supplement to this Information Memorandum, any documents incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum from time to time and each Final Terms relating to Notes which are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will also be available for inspection on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <a href="http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html">http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html</a>.

Final Terms relating to Notes which are either admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area other than the London Stock Exchange's regulated market or offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will be published in accordance with Article 14 of the Prospectus Directive.

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