

**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.**

**THE HAGUE**

**INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT**

**(unaudited)**

**30 June 2021**

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**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.**

### **DIRECTORS' INTERIM REPORT**

#### **Review of activities**

Shell International Finance B.V. (also referred to as the “Company”) is one of the entities within the “Shell Group” (also referred to as “Shell”). In this context Shell Group companies are companies in which Royal Dutch Shell plc, either directly or indirectly, has control, either through a majority of the voting rights or the right to exercise a controlling influence or to obtain the majority of the benefits and be exposed to the majority of the risks. Companies in which Shell Group Companies have significant influence but not control are classified as “Associated companies”. Royal Dutch Shell plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales, is known as the “Ultimate Parent Company” of the Shell Group.

The principal activity of the Company is to provide funding to other members of the Shell Group.

The Company obtains funding by issuing debt from two commercial paper programmes (together a limit of US \$20.0 billion), a euro medium term note programme (unlimited) and a US universal shelf registration (unlimited). The Company also has in place committed bank facilities (US \$10 billion). Royal Dutch Shell plc guarantees all debt issuance programmes.

The Company has not issued any bonds/commercial papers during the period and repaid long term debts of \$2.7 billion that matured during 2021.

All debt is passed on to Group companies on identical terms, which limits the interest rate or foreign exchange risk to the Company.

The Company’s financial result for the period was a profit of US \$699,000 (6 months ended 30 June 2020: a loss of US \$331,000). This was primarily due to differences on foreign exchange relating to intra-group current accounts not denominated in US Dollars.

The Company employs no staff. This is not expected to change for the remainder of 2021.

No significant change in the business of the Company has taken place during the period or is expected in the immediately foreseeable future.

The rendering of services by the service companies of the Shell Group to the Company will be continued as deemed necessary.

The Board of Directors considers that the internal risk management and control system, which is designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance of achieving business objectives, is adequate and appropriate. The Company’s specific policies for managing the risks to which it is exposed are explained in full in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Company’s operations and earnings are subject to risks such as (although not limited to):

- Changes in legislation and fiscal and regulatory policies: Changes in legislation, taxation (tax rate or policy) and regulation all pose a risk to operations and can affect the operational performance and financial position of the Company.
- Currency fluctuations and exchange control: As part of a global group of companies, changes in currency values and exchange controls could affect the operational performance and financial position of the Company (although the Company’s exposure to this risk is minimised by the back-to-back nature of its debt structures).

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**DIRECTORS' INTERIM REPORT (Continued)**

- Trading and Treasury: In the course of normal business activities the Company is subject to trading and treasury risks. These include *inter alia* exposure to and the risk of counterparty default, but not interest rate or foreign exchange exposure, due to the back-to-back nature of debt structures in the Company.

Within the Shell Group a single overall control framework is in place, which is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and only provides reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. The Shell Control framework applies to the Company and all wholly owned Shell companies and to those ventures and other companies where Royal Dutch Shell plc, directly or indirectly, has a controlling interest.

The Company, in the normal course of the business, uses financial instruments of various kinds for the purposes of managing economic exposure to currency and interest rate movements. The Company has a treasury policy consistent with the Group Treasury Guidelines. These policies cover financing structure; foreign exchange and interest rate risk management as well as the treasury control framework.

On behalf of  
the Board of Directors

**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2021**

(before proposed appropriation of result)

		At 30 June 2021	At 31 December 2020	At 30 June 2020
	Note	US \$'000	US \$'000	US \$'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Financial fixed assets		<b>56,006,208</b>	59,418,029	54,447,754
<b>Current assets</b>				
Accounts receivable		<b>6,858,644</b>	10,988,175	11,790,889
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable		<b>6,843,568</b>	10,973,798	11,778,229
<b>Current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>15,076</b>	14,377	12,660
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>56,021,284</b>	59,432,406	54,460,414
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Long-term debt	4	<b>56,006,208</b>	59,418,029	54,447,754
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>				
Issued capital	5	<b>2,380</b>	2,460	2,244
Other reserves		<b>11,997</b>	10,531	10,747
Unappropriated profit		<b>699</b>	1,386	(331)
		<b>15,076</b>	14,377	12,660
<b>Non-current liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>56,021,284</b>	59,432,406	54,460,414

**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

		<b>6 months ended 30 June</b>	
		<b>2021</b>	2020
	Note	US \$'000	US \$'000
Interest income and similar income		<b>797,420</b>	816,746
Interest expense and similar expenses		<b>(796,481)</b>	(817,185)
<b>RESULT BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>939</b>	(439)
Taxation on result	6	<b>(240)</b>	108
<b>NET RESULT AFTER TAXATION</b>		<b>699</b>	(331)

**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.****CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	6 months ended 30 June	
	2021	2020
	US \$'000	US \$'000
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Profit before tax	939	(439)
Loans granted to Group companies	-	(9,108,177)
Loan repayments from Group companies	2,682,500	4,000,000
Loans granted to Group companies from proceeds of commercial paper	-	(6,535,323)
Loan repayments from Group companies from proceeds of commercial paper	4,034,680	2,431,011
Interest received	828,232	756,347
Interest income	(797,420)	(816,746)
Interest expense	796,481	817,185
Movement in working capital	-	-
Tax credit/(charge)	-	-
<b>NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>7,545,462</b>	<b>(8,456,142)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	-	9,108,177
Proceeds from issuance of commercial paper	-	6,535,323
Repayment of borrowings	(2,682,550)	(4,000,000)
Repayments of commercial paper	(4,034,680)	(2,431,011)
Interest paid	(828,232)	(756,347)
<b>NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(7,545,462)</b>	<b>8,456,142</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CASH AT 1 JANUARY</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CASH AT 30 JUNE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>



## **SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

#### **1) GROUP AFFILIATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company has its statutory seat in The Hague. The Company is one of the companies of the Shell Group. The term “Companies of the Shell Group” (“Group companies”) means companies in which Royal Dutch Shell plc, based in The Hague, The Netherlands, either directly or indirectly, has control either through a majority of the voting rights or the right to exercise a controlling influence or to obtain the majority of the benefits and be exposed to the majority of the risks. The financial information of the Company has been consolidated in the financial information of Royal Dutch Shell plc. Royal Dutch Shell plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales, is known as the “Ultimate Parent Company” of the Shell Group.

The shares of the Company are held by Royal Dutch Shell plc.

The Company’s principal activity is to acquire funds by contracting public or private loans or otherwise and to make such funds available in whatever form, to companies and enterprises in which companies of the Royal Dutch Shell Group have a direct or indirect participation. The Group is engaged worldwide in all the principal aspects of the oil and natural gas industry. The Group also has interests in chemicals and alternative energy.

#### **2) BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

This condensed Interim Financial Report for the six months ended 30 June 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the European Union and with guidance from IAS 34, ‘Interim financial reporting’ as adopted by the European Union.

The condensed Interim Financial Report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Annual Report and the Interim Financial Report were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands and are in compliance with the provisions of the Netherlands Civil Code, Book 2, Title 9.

The Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 was approved by the Board of Directors on 28 April 2021 and filed with the UK Listing Authority. The report of the auditors on those accounts was unqualified and did not contain an emphasis of matter paragraph.

This condensed Interim Financial Report has not been reviewed or audited by the Company’s external auditors.

#### **3) ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020, as described in the Annual Report.

**SHELL INTERNATIONAL FINANCE B.V.****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021 (continued)****4) DEBT SECURITIES PROGRAMME INFORMATION MEMORANDUM**

The Debt Securities Programme Information Memorandum filed with the London Stock Exchange disclosed that as at 30 June 2021, the Company had total debt of US \$62,393 million of which US \$56,006 million was long-term debt due after more than one year.

The true and fair total debt of the Company as at 30 June 2021 is shown in the table below.

	<b>US \$'000</b>
Long-term debt	
- Due after more than one year	56,006,208
- Due within one year	3,676,728
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Total long-term debt	59,682,936
Short-term debt (Commercial paper)	2,709,641
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<b>Total debt at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>62,392,577</b>
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**5) SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY**

The Company's authorised share capital comprises 10,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1,000 each, amounting to a nominal value of EUR 10,000,000. As at 30 June 2021, 2,000 ordinary shares (30 June 2020: 2,000 ordinary shares) with a total nominal value of EUR 2,000,000 (30 June 2020: EUR 2,000,000) were issued and fully paid. This EUR share capital has been revalued based on the period-end rate, resulting in a legal reserve termed Cumulative Currency Translation Difference (CCTD), which is included in 'Other Reserves' below. The movements in shareholder's equity are summarised below:

	<b>Issued capital</b>	<b>Other Reserves</b>	<b>Unappropriated profit</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>US \$'000</b>	<b>US \$'000</b>	<b>US \$'000</b>	<b>US \$'000</b>
As at 1 January 2021	2,460	10,531	1,386	14,377
Appropriation of 2020 result	-	1,386	(1,386)	-
Result for the period	-	-	699	699
CCTD	(80)	80	-	-
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As at 30 June 2021	2,380	11,997	699	15,076
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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021 (continued)**

#### **6) TAXATION**

The effective tax rate for the period is 25.0% (6 months period ended 30 June 2020: 25.0%) in comparison to the nominal corporation tax rate in the Netherlands of 25.0%.

#### **7) EMPLOYEES AND SALARY COSTS**

The Company employed no personnel during 2021 or 2020 and therefore incurred no salary or related costs of employment.

#### **8) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Financial instruments on the Balance Sheet include accounts receivable, other financial fixed assets and current and non-current liabilities. Financial instruments are recognised on the date the underlying transaction occurs.

The Company uses financial instruments to mitigate the following risks:

**Currency risk:** Based on a risk analysis, the Board of Directors has determined that any individual activities, over EUR 5.0 million, are generally economically hedged by foreign exchange derivatives, further information is provided in Note 1 of 2020 Annual Report.

**Interest rate risk:** The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on interest-bearing receivables (mainly taken up in financial fixed assets, securities and cash at bank and in hand), interest-bearing long-term and current liabilities (including loans to credit institutions).

The Company is exposed to the variability in cash flows of variable interest rates on receivables and liabilities. In relation to fixed interest receivables and liabilities, it is exposed to the fair value of the receivables and liabilities.

Exposure to currency and interest rate risk is deemed to be low due to the back-to-back nature of the Company's lending arrangements.

#### **Credit risk**

The Company on-lends funds generated from bond issuance to Group companies, all of significant size and importance within the Shell Group. These companies have a long and proven track record of being reliable creditors, and their suitability for future credit is monitored on an ongoing basis.

The Company has procedures and policies in place to limit the amount of interest, currency and credit exposure to any counterparty or market. These procedures limit the Company's exposure to concentrations of these risks.

In the event of a counterparty defaulting on payments due to the Company the resulting losses, if any, would be limited to the fair values of the instruments on which the default occurred.

The contract/notional amounts of the financial instruments outstanding give an indication of the extent that these financial instruments are used but not of the exposure to credit or market risk.

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### **9) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

For the assessment of Netherlands income tax, the Company, together with Royal Dutch Shell plc and most of its subsidiaries established in the Netherlands, forms part of a fiscal unity. Pursuant to the applicable legal stipulations, each company is jointly and severally liable for the income tax to be paid by the companies involved in the fiscal unity.

### **10) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

All the Company's income arises from dealings with other Group companies or Associated companies. The Company does not have direct dealings with non-related parties except to the extent of its financing related transactions.

### **11) SEASONALITY**

The results of the Company are not subject to seasonal fluctuations.

### **12) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There are no subsequent events with a significant impact on the accounts.

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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Directors' confirm that this condensed Interim Financial Report:

- Has been prepared in accordance with Disclosure and Transparency Rules (DTR) as adopted by the European Union, gives a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of the entity as required by DTR 4.2.4; and
- That the Directors' Interim Report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7 and DTR 4.2.8, namely:
  - an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
  - material related-party transactions in the first six months and any material changes in the related-party transactions described in the last annual report.

The Directors of Shell International Finance B.V. are listed on page 1.

Signed in The Hague on 09 August 2021

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