

Shell Chemicals Limited

Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Shell Group has a single risk based control framework - The Shell Control Framework - to identify and manage risks. The Shell Control Framework applies to all wholly owned Shell companies and to those ventures and other companies in which Royal Dutch Shell has directly or indirectly a controlling interest. From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are considered to be those that affect the Shell Group. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the Shell Group, which are discussed on pages 28 to 37 of Royal Dutch Shell's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (the "Group Report"), include those of the Company. The Group Report does not form part of this report.

Key Performance Indicators

Companies of the Shell Group comprise the Upstream businesses of Exploration and Production, Integrated Gas and New Energies, Oil Sands and the Downstream businesses of Oil Products and Chemicals. The Company's key performance indicators, that give an understanding of the development, performance and position of the business are aligned with those of the Shell Group. The development, performance and position of the various businesses is discussed on pages 46 to 80 of the Group Report and the key performance indicators through which the Group's performance is measured are as set out on pages 43 to 45 of the Group Report.

Going concern

In determining the appropriate basis of preparation of the Financial Statements, the Directors are required to consider whether the Company can continue in operational existence over the period to 31 August 2022 (the 'going concern period'). The Directors have considered the potential risks and uncertainties relating to COVID-19 and Brexit impact on the Company's business, credit, market, and liquidity position. Based on the above, together with the Directors knowledge and experience of the market, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Section 172(1) statement/Statement of stakeholder interests

The Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018 ('2018 MRR') require Directors to explain how they considered the interests of key stakeholders and the broader matters set out in section 172(1) (a) to (f) of the Companies Act 2006 ('S172') when performing their duty to promote the success of the Company under S172. This includes considering the interest of other stakeholders which may affect the long-term success of the company.

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This Section 172 Statement, explains how the Directors have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would most likely promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard (among other matters) to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long term and the impact of the Company’s operations on the community and the environment,
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- employee interests, the need to foster the Company’s business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others, and the effect of that regard, including on the principal decisions taken by the Company during the financial year.

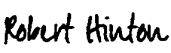
Ahead of matters being put to the Company Board for consideration, significant levels of engagement are often undertaken by the broader business ahead of many of Shell projects or activities. This engagement is often governed by formulated policies, control frameworks, regulation, legislation and may differ by region. Dependent on the project or activity, Board members may participate in this engagement.

The Company is a member of the Shell Group, an organisation which follows a highly developed and formalised governance and oversight framework, which includes but is not limited to Group policies such as the Shell General Business Principles (which sets out the Shell Group’s responsibilities to shareholders, customers, employees, business partners and society) and the Shell Code of Conduct.

The strategic aims of the Company are considered to be derived from those of the Shell Group, which are discussed on pages 18 - 21 of the Royal Dutch Shell plc 2020 Annual Report. The Shell Group internally organises its activities principally along business and function lines but transacts its business through legal entities. This organisation structure is designed to achieve Shell’s overall business objectives, whilst respecting the separate legal identity of the individual Shell companies through which it is implemented and the independence of each legal entity’s Board of Directors.

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Approved by the Board on and signed on its behalf by:

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R.Hinton
Authorised signatory for
Shell Corporate Secretary Limited
Company secretary