

Shell Research Limited

Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Key Performance Indicators

Companies of the Shell Group comprise the Upstream businesses of Exploration and Production, Integrated Gas and New Energies, 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 45 to 79 of the Group Report and the key performance indicators through which the Group's performance is measured are as set out on pages 42 to 44 of the Group Report.

Strategic report - Section 172(1) statement

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 will have an impact on the long-term success of the company.

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 20 - 21 of the Royal Dutch Shell plc 2019 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 Board of Directors.

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Principal Decisions

We define Principal decisions taken by the Board as those decisions in 2019, that are of a strategic nature and/or that are significant to any of our key stakeholder groups.

To remain concise, we have categorised our key stakeholders into six groups. Where appropriate, each group is considered to include both current and potential stakeholders.

Key stakeholder groups

- A. Shareholders
- B. Employees/Workforce/Pensioners
- C. Regulators/Governments/NGOs
- D. Communities
- E. Customers
- F. Suppliers /Strategic Partners

Principal Decisions in 2019

Upon review of the Board activity in 2019, we have determined that no principal decisions were taken by the Board during the year under review. All matters considered by the Board were either standing board updates or the approval of administrative matters.