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**Shell-BG recommended combination receives Brazilian antitrust clearance**

**The Hague, July 24 2015** – Royal Dutch Shell plc ("Shell") today announced that its recommended combination with BG Group plc ("BG") has received unconditional merger clearance from the Brazilian competition authority (CADE), satisfying the first of the pre-conditions to the combination. Other pre-conditions include merger clearances in Australia, China and Europe.

Commenting on CADE clearance Shell CEO, Ben van Beurden, said: "The addition of BG's competitive deep water Brazil position to Shell's global portfolio is one of the main strategic drivers for the combination. Securing CADE approval at this early stage is a significant deal milestone and reflects not only Shell's thorough preparation but also the professionalism and efficiency of the Brazilian authorities."

Following comments made in June, when the recommended combination cleared its first antitrust hurdle in the United States, van Beurden also today re-confirmed the filing process is well underway in the remaining pre-conditional and other jurisdictions, and the recommended combination remains on track to complete in early 2016. The pre-conditions and conditions to the combination are set out in the 8 April deal announcement.

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