

# Royal Dutch Shell Plc Third Quarter 2020 Interim Dividend

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The Hague, October 29, 2020 - The Board of Royal Dutch Shell plc (&#8220;RDS&#8221; or the &#8220;Company&#8221;) today announced an interim dividend in respect of the third quarter of 2020 of US\$ 0.1665 per A ordinary share (&#8220;A Share&#8221;) and B ordinary share (&#8220;B Share&#8221;).

Chair of the Board of Royal Dutch Shell, Chad Holliday commented: "The Board has reviewed Shell&#8217;s recent performance and its plans to grow its businesses of the future, and we are confident that Shell can sustainably grow its shareholder distributions as well as invest for growth.

As a result, the Board has decided to increase the dividend per share to 16.65 US cents for the third quarter 2020. The Board has additionally approved a cash allocation framework for Shell which, on reducing its net debt to \$65 billion, will target total shareholder distributions of 20-30% of cash flow from operations."

Details relating to the third quarter 2020 interim dividend

It is expected that cash dividends on the B Shares will be paid via the Dividend Access Mechanism and will have a UK source for UK and Dutch tax purposes.

Per ordinary share     Q3 2020

RDS A Shares (US\$) 0.1665

RDS B Shares (US\$) 0.1665

Cash dividends on A Shares will be paid, by default, in euros, although holders of A Shares will be able to elect to receive dividends in US dollars or pounds sterling.

Cash dividends on B Shares will be paid, by default, in pounds sterling, although holders of B Shares will be able to elect to receive dividends in US dollars or euros.

The pound sterling and euro equivalent dividend payments will be announced on December 3, 2020.

Per ADS                     Q3 2020

RDS A ADSs (US\$) 0.333

RDS B ADSs (US\$) 0.333

Cash dividends on American Depositary Shares (&#8220;ADSs&#8221;) will be paid, by default, in US dollars.

RDS A and B ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols RDS.A and RDS.B, respectively. Each ADS represents two ordinary shares, two A Shares in the case of RDS.A or two B Shares in the case of RDS.B. ADSs are evidenced by an American Depositary Receipt (ADR) certificate. In many cases the terms ADR and ADS are used interchangeably.

Shell has introduced option to receive dividend in US dollars and moved to full electronic settlement of its dividends

On December 18, 2019, Shell announced the introduction of US dollar as additional currency election and highlighted that its dividend will be settled with its shareholders fully electronically either in CREST or via interbank transfers. The announcement provided an overview of the actions needed by shareholders to ensure they continue to receive their dividends. Please refer to the announcement of December 18, 2019 for further information:  
<https://www.shell.com/media/news-and-media-releases/2019/shell-introduces-option-to-receive-dividend-in-us-dollars.h>

#### Dividend timetable for the third quarter 2020 interim dividend

Announcement date	October 29, 2020
Ex-dividend date	November 12, 2020
Record date	November 13, 2020
Closing of currency election date (see Note below)	November 27, 2020
Pound sterling and euro equivalents announcement date	December 3, 2020
Payment date	December 16, 2020

#### Note

A different currency election date may apply to shareholders holding shares in a securities account with a bank or financial institution ultimately holding through Euroclear Nederland. This may also apply to other shareholders who do not hold their shares either directly on the Register of Members or in the corporate sponsored nominee arrangement. Shareholders can contact their broker, financial intermediary, bank or financial institution for the election deadline that applies.

#### Taxation - cash dividends

Cash dividends on A Shares will be subject to the deduction of Dutch dividend withholding tax at the rate of 15%, which may be reduced in certain circumstances. Non-Dutch resident shareholders, depending on their particular circumstances, may be entitled to a full or partial refund of Dutch dividend withholding tax.

If you are uncertain as to the tax treatment of any dividends you should consult your tax advisor.

#### Dividend Reinvestment Programmes (&#8220;DRIP&#8221;)

The following organisations operate Dividend Reinvestment Plans (&#8220;DRIPs&#8221;) which enable RDS shareholders to elect to have their dividend payments used to purchase RDS shares of the same class as those already held by them:

- Equiniti Financial Services Limited (&#8220;EFSL&#8221;), for those holding shares (a) directly on the register as certificate holder or as CREST Member and (b) via the Nominee Service;
- ABN-AMRO NV (&#8220;ABN&#8221;) for Financial Intermediaries holding &#8216;A&#8217; shares or &#8216;B&#8217; shares via Euroclear Nederland;
- JP Morgan Chase Bank NA (&#8220;JPM&#8221;) for holders of &#8216;A&#8217; and &#8216;B&#8217; American Depositary Shares; and
- Other DRIPs may also be available from the intermediary through which investors hold their shares.

Such organisations provide their DRIPs fully on their account and not on behalf of Royal Dutch Shell plc. Interested parties should contact DRIP Offerors directly.

More information can be found at <https://www.shell.com/drip>

To be eligible for the next dividend, shareholders must make a valid dividend reinvestment election before the published date for the close of elections.

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#### CAUTIONARY NOTE

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This announcement contains forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) concerning the financial condition, results of operations and businesses of Royal Dutch Shell. All statements other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are statements of future expectations that are based on management's current expectations and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these statements. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, statements concerning the potential exposure of Royal Dutch Shell to market risks and statements expressing management's expectations, beliefs, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as aim, ambition, anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, goals, intend, may, objectives, outlook, plan, probably, project, risks, schedule, seek, should, target, will and similar terms and phrases. There are a number of factors that could affect the future operations of Royal Dutch Shell and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements included in this announcement, including (without limitation): (a) price fluctuations in crude oil and natural gas; (b) changes in demand for Shell's products; (c) currency fluctuations; (d) drilling and production results; (e) reserves estimates; (f) loss of market share and industry competition; (g) environmental and physical risks; (h) risks associated with the identification of suitable potential acquisition properties and targets, and successful negotiation and completion of such transactions; (i) the risk of doing business in developing countries and countries subject to international sanctions; (j) legislative, fiscal and regulatory developments including regulatory measures addressing climate change; (k) economic and financial market conditions in various countries and regions; (l) political risks, including the risks of expropriation and renegotiation of the terms of contracts with

governmental entities, delays or advancements in the approval of projects and delays in the reimbursement for shared costs; (m) risks associated with the impact of pandemics, such as the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak; and (n) changes in trading conditions. No assurance is provided that future dividend payments will match or exceed previous dividend payments. All forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Additional risk factors that may affect future results are contained in Royal Dutch Shell's Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2019 (available at [www.shell.com/investor](http://www.shell.com/investor) and [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). These risk factors also expressly qualify all forward-looking statements contained in this announcement and should be considered by the reader. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of this announcement, October 29, 2020. Neither Royal Dutch Shell plc nor any of its subsidiaries undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or other information. In light of these risks, results could differ materially from those stated, implied or inferred from the forward-looking statements contained in this announcement.

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