

Royal Dutch Shell Plc Publishes First Quarter 2021 Press Release

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"Shell has made a strong start to 2021, generating over \$8 billion of cash in the quarter. Our integrated business model is ideally positioned to benefit from recovering demand. As previously announced, the first quarter 2021 dividend per share has been increased by around 4%, in line with our progressive dividend policy. We have reduced net debt by more than \$4 billion this quarter, progressing towards the \$65 billion milestone to increase shareholder distributions. Our competitive and robust financial performance provides the platform to achieve the goals of our Powering Progress strategy."

Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Officer, Ben van Beurden

IN POLE POSITION TO BENEFIT FROM ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- Sector-leading cash generation over the last 4 years. Strong operational and financial performance across the segments highlights the benefits of our integrated business model. Resilient Integrated Gas and Marketing, robust Upstream and outstanding Chemicals results.
- Net debt reduction of over \$4 billion to \$71.3 billion, progressing towards \$65 billion. Once this milestone is achieved, we target to increase shareholder distributions to 20-30% of our cash flow from operations.
- Delivering on our commitment to further improve transparency and understanding of our businesses - introducing new and enhanced disclosures. First energy company to submit its Energy Transition Strategy to shareholders for an advisory vote at the Annual General Meeting.

\$ million	Adj. Earnings ¹	Adj. EBITDA (CCS)	CFFO ex WC	CFFO	Cash capex
Integrated Gas	1,415	3,206	3,653	2,491	1,015
Upstream	963	5,387	4,702	4,108	1,534
Oil Products	877	2,112	3,313	893	668
Refining & Trading	(105)	467			
Marketing	982	1,646			
Chemicals	730	1,041	1,045	324	730
Corporate	(666)	(172)	(30)	478	28
Less: Non-controlling interest	85	85			
RDS Q1 2021	3,234	11,490	12,683	8,294	3,974
RDS Q4 2020	393	8,319	6,624	6,287	5,503

¹ Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders for Q1 2021 is \$5.7 billion. Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures can be found in the unaudited results, available on www.shell.com/investors.

\$ billion	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Divestment proceeds	2.2	0.7	0.9	0.2	3.4
Free cash flow	12.1	0.2	7.6	0.9	7.7
Net debt	74.4	77.8	73.5	75.4	71.3

Q1 2021 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

INTEGRATED GAS, RENEWABLES AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Key data	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	37.68	55.74	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	4.33	5.41	-
Production (kboe/d)	942	967	880 - 940
LNG liquefaction volumes (MT)	8.21	8.16	7.6 - 8.2
LNG sales volumes (MT)	16.89	15.80	-

- Adjusted Earnings and CFFO excluding working capital benefited from higher realised prices.
- Trading and optimisation contributions to earnings were significantly below average.
- Net financial impact from the Texas winter storm was limited as positive trading margins were offset by provisions (\$0.4 billion after tax) due to related counterparty credit risk.
- Strong cash conversion with CFFO excluding working capital of \$3.7 billion, impacted by positive derivatives movement mainly driven by variation margin inflows and a non-cash mark-to-market impact in Adjusted Earnings.
- Q2 2021 production and LNG liquefaction volumes outlook are expected to be impacted by maintenance activities.

UPSTREAM

Key data	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	40.75	55.17	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	2.87	3.64	-
Liquids production (kboe/d)	1,537	1,579	-
Gas production (mscf/d)	4,837	5,126	-
Total production (kboe/d)	2,371	2,462	2,150 - 2,350

- Higher prices, higher demand and lower depreciation drove higher Adjusted Earnings.
- Adjusted Earnings reflected favourable comparative deferred tax movements which were partly offset by around \$200 million comparative adverse currency effects.
- Strong cash conversion with CFFO excluding working capital of \$4.7 billion, \$1.8 billion above Q4 2020.
- Production 4% above Q4 2020, driven by demand seasonality.
- Q2 2021 total production outlook is expected to be impacted by lower seasonal gas demand and divestments.

OIL PRODUCTS

Key data	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021 outlook
Sales volumes (kb/d)	4,781	4,164	4,000 - 5,000
Refining & Trading sales volumes (kb/d)	2,444	1,944	-
Marketing sales volumes (kb/d)	2,338	2,220	-
Refinery utilisation (%)	72	72	73 - 81
Global indicative refining margin (\$/bbl)	1.59	2.69	-

- Small improvement in refining margins from Q4 2020, lower intake and utilisation due to lower demand and impact of Texas winter storm.
- Trading and optimisation contributions to earnings were average.
- Realised Marketing margins remained resilient despite the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns in certain markets, particularly Europe.
- Lower operating expenses driven by lower maintenance costs, Marketing spend and underlying structural cost reductions.
- Strong cash conversion with CFFO excluding working capital of \$3.3 billion.

CHEMICALS

Key data	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021 outlook
Sales volumes (kT)	3,718	3,583	3,500 - 3,800
Manufacturing plant utilisation (%)	79	79	76 - 84

- Higher base and intermediate chemicals margins across most product segments complemented by margin optimisation initiatives.
- Higher joint ventures income due to improved margins and continued strong demand in Asia.
- Lower operating expenses driven by lower maintenance costs, timing of provisions and underlying structural cost reductions.
- CFFO excluding working capital negatively impacted by timing effect of dividends from joint ventures and associates.

CORPORATE

Key data	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	outlook
Adjusted Earnings (\$ million)	(836)	(666)	(600)	- (700)

- Net debt decreased by \$4.1 billion to \$71.3 billion in Q1 2021 driven by higher cash flow from operations and divestment proceeds offset by large working capital outflow.

UPCOMING INVESTOR EVENTS

4 May 2021	Introduction to Enhanced Quarterly Disclosures
7 May 2021	Shell Insights: Energy Transition Strategy
18 May 2021	Annual General Meeting
25 May 2021	Shell Insights: Upstream Strategy
29 July 2021	Second quarter 2021 results and dividends
28 October 2021	Third quarter 2021 results and dividends

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[Q1 2021 results material](#)

[Quarterly Databook Q1 2021](#)

[Dividend announcement Q1 2021](#)

[Q1 results webcast registration](#)

[Enhanced Quarterly Disclosures webcast registration](#)

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