

# Shell plc publishes fourth quarter 2021 press release

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"2021 was a momentous year for Shell. We launched our Powering Progress strategy and simplified our share structure and organisation. Progress made in 2021 will enable us to be bolder and move faster. We have a compelling strategy, with customers at its core. We have ambitious plans to generate shareholder value, to decarbonise our products and to provide energy to our customers while respecting nature.

We delivered very strong financial performance in 2021, and our financial strength and discipline underpin the transformation of our company. Today we are stepping up our distributions with the announcement of an \$8.5 billion share buyback programme and we expect to increase our dividend per share by around 4% for Q1 2022."

Shell plc Chief Executive Officer, Ben van Beurden

## STRONG DELIVERY, ACCELERATED DISTRIBUTIONS

- Strong Q4 2021 Adjusted Earnings of \$6.4 billion, supported by higher commodity prices. Continued strong CFFO excluding working capital of \$11.1 billion in Q4 2021. Total CFFO excluding working capital amounted to \$55 billion in 2021.
- Disciplined cash capex: \$20 billion in 2021 and expected to be at the lower end of \$23-27 billion range in 2022.
- Net debt reduced to \$52.6 billion by end-2021, a \$23 billion reduction compared with 2020.
- Share buybacks of \$3.5 billion announced in 2021. Dividend expected to be increased by ~4% to \$0.25 per share for Q1 2022.
- Stepping up pace of distributions by announcing a share buyback programme of \$8.5 billion for the first half of 2022, including the remaining \$5.5 billion of Permian divestment proceeds.

\$ million	Adj. Earnings <sup>1</sup>	Adj. EBITDA (CCS)	CFFO ex. WC	CFFO	Cash capex
Integrated Gas	4,052	6,082	2,399	1,189	2,601
Upstream	2,832	8,491	6,609	7,074	1,537
Oil Products	555	1,742	2,031	(721)	1,341
Refining & Trading	(251)	318			484
Marketing	807	1,424			858
Chemicals	(42)	168	330	383	895
Corporate	(889)	(133)	(228)	245	127
Less: Non-controlling interest	117				
Q4 2021	6,391	16,349	11,140	8,170	6,500
Q3 2021	4,130	13,460	17,472	16,025	4,840
Shell FY 2021	19,289	55,004	55,471	45,105	19,698
FY 2020	4,846	36,533	29,495	34,105	17,827

<sup>1</sup> Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders for Q4 2021 is \$11.5 billion. Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures can be found in the unaudited results, available on [www.shell.com/investors](http://www.shell.com/investors).

\$ billion	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
Divestment proceeds	0.2	3.4	1.3	1.3	9.1
Free cash flow	0.9	7.7	9.7	12.2	10.7

Net debt	75.4	71.3	65.7	57.5	52.6
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## Q4 2021 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

### INTEGRATED GAS, RENEWABLES AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Key data	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	68.04	77.75	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	8.36	9.80	-
Production (kboe/d)	938	927	760 - 820
LNG liquefaction volumes (MT)	7.39	7.94	7.7 - 8.3
LNG sales volumes (MT)	15.18	16.72	-

*Q1 2022 outlook reflects turnaround in Pearl and Prelude unplanned maintenance*

- Adjusted Earnings benefited from higher realised prices and significantly higher trading and optimisation margins, overcoming supply issues and capturing unique optimisation opportunities generated through the large scale and scope of our LNG trading portfolio in a high LNG spot price environment.
- CFFO excluding working capital of \$2.4 billion, mainly impacted by derivative outflows of \$3.8 billion.

### UPSTREAM

Key data	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	67.10	73.49	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	6.09	8.88	-
Liquids production (kboe/d)	1,497	1,458	-
Gas production (mscf/d)	3,387	4,080	-
Total production (kboe/d)	2,081	2,161	2,000 - 2,200

- Adjusted Earnings higher by \$1.1 billion compared to Q3 2021, mainly driven by higher prices. Permian divestment completed in Q4, lowering DD&A.
- Continued strong cash conversion, with CFFO excluding working capital of \$6.6 billion, \$0.7 billion above Q3 2021.

### OIL PRODUCTS

Key data	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022 outlook
Sales volumes (kb/d)	4,665	4,451	4,100 - 5,400
Refining & Trading sales volumes (kb/d)	2,578	2,522	1,800 - 2,600
Marketing sales volumes (kb/d)	2,087	1,929	2,300 - 2,800
Refinery utilisation (%)	71	68	71 - 79
Global indicative refining margin (\$/bbl)	5.70	6.55	-

- Refinery utilisation and realised margins impacted by extended turnaround at Scotford, Hurricane Ida recovery efforts at Norco and a smaller portfolio due to ongoing divestments.
- Trading and optimisation contribution to earnings was lower compared with Q3 2021.
- Marketing Adjusted Earnings impacted due to seasonal trends and foreign exchange impacts in Turkey.
- CFFO excluding working capital of \$2.0 billion includes the timing impact of payments for emission certificates relating to German BEHG and US Biofuel programmes, which was offset by derivatives inflows of \$1.0 billion.

### CHEMICALS

Key data	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022 outlook
Sales volumes (kT)	3,549	3,475	3,300 - 3,700
Manufacturing plant utilisation (%)	78	75	78 - 86

- Adjusted Earnings around break-even, reflect lower base chemicals spreads resulting in lower margins and JV earnings.
- Manufacturing plant utilisation impacted by Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in US Gulf Coast and an extended turnaround at Scotford.
- Cash conversion helped by timing of dividends from JVs.

## CORPORATE

Key data	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022 outlook
Adjusted Earnings (\$ million)	(732)	(889)	(650) - (550)

- Corporate segment Adjusted Earnings were a net expense of \$889 million, including the impact of debt redemption.
- Net debt decreased by \$4.9 billion to \$52.6 billion in Q4 2021 mainly driven by strong CFFO and divestment proceeds.
- The Adjusted Earnings outlook for 2022 is a net expense of \$2,200 - 2,600 million for the full year 2022. This excludes the impact of currency exchange rate effects.

## UPCOMING INVESTOR EVENTS

21 February 2022	LNG Outlook & Shell Insights: Integrated Gas Business Update
5 May 2022	First quarter 2022 results and dividends
10 May 2022	Annual ESG Update
24 May 2022	Annual General Meeting
28 July 2022	Second quarter 2022 results and dividends
27 October 2022	Third quarter 2022 results and dividends

## USEFUL LINKS

[Results materials Q4 2021](#)

[Quarterly Databook Q4 2021](#)

[Dividend announcement Q4 2021](#)

[Webcast registration Q4 2021](#)

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This announcement includes certain measures that are calculated and presented on the basis of methodologies other than in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) such as IFRS, including Adjusted Earnings, Adjusted EBITDA, CFFO excluding working capital movements, Cash capital expenditure, free cash flow, Divestment proceeds and Net debt. This information, along with comparable GAAP measures, is useful to investors because it provides a basis for measuring Shell plc's operating performance and ability to retire debt and invest in new business opportunities. Shell plc's management uses these financial measures, along with the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, in evaluating the business performance.

This announcement contains a forward-looking Non-GAAP measure for cash capital expenditure. We are unable to provide a reconciliation of this forward-looking Non-GAAP measure to the most comparable GAAP financial measure because certain information needed to reconcile the Non-GAAP measure to the most comparable GAAP financial measure is dependent on future events some of which are outside the control of the company, such as oil and gas prices, interest rates and exchange rates. Moreover, estimating such GAAP measure with the required precision necessary to provide a meaningful reconciliation is extremely difficult and could not be accomplished without unreasonable effort. Non-GAAP measures in respect of future periods which cannot be reconciled to the most comparable GAAP financial measure are estimated in

a manner which is consistent with the accounting policies applied in Shell plc's consolidated financial statements.

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The information in this announcement does not constitute the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements which are contained in Shell's fourth quarter 2021 and full year unaudited results available on [www.shell.com/investors](http://www.shell.com/investors).

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