

Royal Dutch Shell Plc Publishes Second Quarter 2021 Press Release

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"We are stepping up our shareholder distributions today, increasing dividends and starting share buybacks, while we continue to invest for the future of energy. The quality of Shell's operational and financial delivery and strengthened balance sheet have given the Board confidence to rebase the dividend per share from Q2 2021 onwards to 24 US cents. We are also launching \$2 billion of share buybacks, which is targeted to be completed by the end of this year.

Total shareholder distributions for 2021 are expected to be around the middle of the 20-30% range of CFFO from the previous four quarters. Our progressive dividend policy to grow dividends per share by 4% annually, subject to Board approval, remains unchanged."

Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Officer, Ben van Beurden

STEPPING UP DISTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

- Another quarter of strong operational and financial delivery, with \$14.2 billion CFFO excl. WC and \$5.5 billion Adj. Earnings.
- Shell moves to the next phase of the capital allocation framework, consistent with our Powering Progress strategy:
 - Dividend rebased to 24 US cents per share, an increase of over 38% from Q1 2021; maintaining ~4% annual growth
 - Share buybacks targeted at \$2 billion in the second half of 2021
 - Targeting AA credit metrics through the cycle; \$65 billion net debt milestone retired
- Disciplined cash capex: remains below \$22 billion in 2021.

\$ million	Adj. Earnings ¹	Adj. EBITDA (CCS)	CFFO ex. WC	CFFO	Cash capex
Integrated Gas	1,609	3,364	4,350	3,761	880
Upstream	2,469	6,714	5,444	5,056	1,696
Oil Products	1,299	2,608	3,365	2,213	882
<i>Refining & Trading</i>	112	676			
<i>Marketing</i>	1,187	1,932			
Chemicals	670	1,036	1,225	1,133	895
Corporate	(399)	(101)	(208)	454	30
Less: Non-controlling interest	115	115			
RDS					
Q2 2021	5,534	13,507	14,176	12,617	4,383
Q1 2021	3,234	11,490	12,683	8,294	3,974

¹ Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders for Q2 2021 is \$3.4 billion. Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures can be found in the unaudited results, available on www.shell.com/investors.

\$ billion	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021
Divestment proceeds	0.7	0.9	0.2	3.4	1.3
Free cash flow	0.2	7.6	0.9	7.7	9.7
Net debt	77.8	73.5	75.4	71.3	65.7

Q2 2021 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

INTEGRATED GAS, RENEWABLES AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Key data	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	55.74	58.97	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	5.41	6.32	-
Production (kboe/d)	967	938	870 - 920
LNG liquefaction volumes (MT)	8.16	7.49	7.4 - 8.0
LNG sales volumes (MT)	16.38	15.92	-

- Adjusted Earnings and CFFO benefited from higher realised prices, partly offset by lower trading and optimisation margins.
- Trading and optimisation contributions to earnings were significantly below average, mainly due to supply disruptions.
- Strong cash conversion, with CFFO excluding working capital of \$4.3 billion, benefiting from variation margin inflows in gas and power trading.
- Q3 2021 production and LNG liquefaction volumes outlook is impacted by maintenance activities.

UPSTREAM

Key data	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	55.17	62.53	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	3.64	4.31	-
Liquids production (kboe/d)	1,579	1,558	-
Gas production (mscf/d)	5,126	4,082	-
Total production (kboe/d)	2,462	2,262	2,100 - 2,250

- Higher Adjusted Earnings than in Q1 2021, driven by higher prices and a one-off release of a non-cash tax provision of approximately \$600 million.
- Continued strong cash conversion, with CFFO excluding working capital of \$5.4 billion.
- Production 8% below Q1 2021, driven by gas demand seasonality and increased maintenance.
- Q3 2021 total production is expected to be impacted by lower seasonal gas demand.

OIL PRODUCTS

Key data	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021 outlook
Sales volumes (kb/d)	4,164	4,552	4,300 - 5,300
Refining & Trading sales volumes (kb/d)	1,944	2,145	-
Marketing sales volumes (kb/d)	2,220	2,406	-
Refinery utilisation (%)	72	76	73 - 81
Global indicative refining margin (\$/bbl)	2.69	4.17	-

- Strong Marketing earnings driven by improved retail unit margins and volumes.
- Improved refining margins as well as higher intake and utilisation than in Q1 2021.
- Trading and optimisation contributions to earnings were average.
- Marginally higher operating expenses than in Q1 2021, driven by recovery in volumes.
- Strong cash conversion with CFFO excluding working capital of \$3.4 billion.

CHEMICALS

Key data	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021 outlook
Sales volumes (kT)	3,583	3,609	3,600 - 3,900
Manufacturing plant utilisation (%)	79	82	77 - 85

- Higher base chemicals margins due to higher utilisation, partly offset by lower intermediate margins resulting from lower spreads in key value chains.
- Marginally higher operating expenses than in Q1 2021, driven by maintenance catch-up.
- Strong cash conversion including timing impact of dividends from joint ventures and associates.

CORPORATE

Key data	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	outlook
Adjusted Earnings (\$ million)	(666)	(399)	(600)	(700)

- Corporate segment Adjusted Earnings were a net expense of around \$400 million, impacted by favourable movements in deferred tax positions.
- The latest full year estimate for Corporate Adjusted Earnings is lowered to a net expense of \$2,300 - 2,600 million. This excludes the impact of currency exchange rate effects.
- Net debt decreased by \$5.5 billion to \$65.7 billion in Q2 2021 driven by higher cash flow from operations partly offset by a working capital outflow.

UPCOMING INVESTOR EVENTS

28 October 2021 Third quarter 2021 results and dividends

USEFUL LINKS

[Q2 2021 results materials and share buyback announcement](#)

[Quarterly Databook Q2 2021](#)

[Dividend announcement Q2 2021](#)

[Q2 results webcast registration](#)

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The information in this announcement does not constitute the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements which are contained in Shell's second quarter 2021 and half year unaudited results available on www.shell.com/investors.

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