

Shell plc Annual General Meeting - Clarification statement regarding Resolution 20

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[Shell plc](#) (the Company) would like to provide further clarification to shareholders regarding Resolution 20 - the Company's Energy Transition Progress for the year 2021.

Shell recognises and values the importance of shareholder engagement when considering its energy transition progress. In 2021, shareholders overwhelmingly supported the Shell Energy Transition Strategy, reflected through an advisory vote at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The Company engaged extensively both before and after this shareholder vote. Insight on this engagement was provided on pages 141, 142 and 143* (see note below) of the Company's 2021 Annual Report. The Board is grateful for the time and contribution of all those shareholders who provided feedback, and for the broad indications of support for Shell's strategy.

Resolution 20 asks shareholders to approve Shell's Energy Transition Progress for the year 2021, as disclosed in the Company's 2021 Annual Report AND the Shell Energy Transition Progress Report (ETPR), which are published on the Shell website (www.shell.com/agm). We are aware that some investors feel that we should have included more information on the engagement that the Company has undertaken regarding the energy transition within the ETPR and not just within the 2021 Annual Report. The information that the Company provided on its engagement was included within the 2021 Annual Report as required by the UK Corporate Governance Code. However, the Company notes the feedback and intends to reflect on this when drafting the next progress update.

Setting the Company strategy is the responsibility of the Board, and the advisory vote on Resolution 20 does not change that fundamental principle. As stated in 2021, when the Company published its Energy Transition Strategy, voting on the Resolutions that the Company puts for an advisory vote will not be binding on shareholders - shareholders are not being asked to take responsibility for approving or objecting to Shell's strategy, since that legal responsibility lies with the Board and the Executive Committee.

The purpose of the vote is to provide shareholders a vehicle to express their views on whether the Company's strategy, and progress against it, is reasonable in the current environment.

We are aware of the varying stakeholder views, and multiple motives when voting on such a matter, the Company therefore wishes to clarify that if the resolution does not pass, or receives notable votes against (more than 20%), the Company will engage with, and provide updates to, investors as prescribed under provision 4 of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

The Company believes that transparency and engagement around its energy transition strategy have created a better basis for high-quality dialogues and trust that the Shell Energy Transition Progress Report will have a similarly positive impact. Any future shareholder engagement will also reflect on the actual voting outcome for Resolution 20.

Anthony Clarke
Deputy Company Secretary

** Page 141 of the 2021 Annual Report notes how the Chair, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer hosted meetings with some of the Company's large shareholders, and the outcome of this engagement. Further, on page 142-143 we provided insight on the Company's engagement at the Shell*

Strategy Day 2021 Presentation, the Shell Annual ESG Update 2021, specific events on Shell's Energy Transition Strategy, Chair roadshows, ongoing engagement with the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) and the Safety, Environment and Sustainability Committee engagement with external organisations on Shell Climate Targets.

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Shell's net carbon footprint

Also, in this announcement we may refer to Shell's "Net Carbon Footprint" or "Net Carbon Intensity", which include Shell's carbon emissions from the production of our energy products, our suppliers' carbon emissions in supplying energy for that production and our customers' carbon emissions associated with their use of the energy products we sell. Shell only controls its own emissions. The use of the term Shell's "Net Carbon Footprint" or "Net Carbon Intensity" are for convenience only and not intended to suggest these emissions are those of [Shell plc](#) or its subsidiaries.

Shell's net-Zero Emissions Target

Shell's operating plan, outlook and budgets are forecasted for a ten-year period and are updated every year. They reflect the current economic environment and what we can reasonably expect to see over the next ten years. Accordingly, they reflect our Scope 1, Scope 2 and Net Carbon Footprint (NCF) targets over the next ten years. However, Shell's operating plans cannot reflect our 2050 net-zero emissions target and 2035 NCF target, as these targets are currently outside our planning period. In the future, as society moves towards net-zero emissions, we expect Shell's operating plans to reflect this movement. However, if society is not net zero in 2050, as of today, there would be significant risk that Shell may not meet this target.

Forward Looking Non-GAAP measures

This announcement may contain certain forward-looking non-GAAP measures such as cash capital expenditure and divestments. We are unable to provide a reconciliation of these forward-looking Non-GAAP measures to the most comparable GAAP financial measures because certain information needed to reconcile those Non-GAAP measures to the most comparable GAAP financial measures is dependent on future events some of which are outside the control of Shell, such as oil and gas prices, interest rates and exchange rates. Moreover, estimating such GAAP measures 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 calculated in a manner which is consistent with the accounting policies applied in [Shell plc's](#) consolidated financial statements.

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