

Shell Plc publishes second quarter 2023 press release

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"Shell delivered strong operational performance and cash flows in the second quarter, despite a lower commodity price environment.

Today we are delivering on our Capital Markets Day commitment of a 15% dividend increase. We are going further on our buyback guidance by commencing a \$3 billion programme for the next three months and, subject to Board approval, at least \$2.5 billion at the Q3 2023 results. As we deliver more value with less emissions, we will continue to prioritise share buybacks, given the value that our shares represent."

[Shell plc](#) Chief Executive Officer, Wael Sawan

STRONG OPERATIONAL AND CASH PERFORMANCE, ENHANCED DISTRIBUTIONS

- Q2 2023 Adjusted Earnings of \$5.1 billion, with lower oil and gas prices and refining margins, lower volumes and lower LNG trading & optimisation results. CFFO of \$15.1 billion for the quarter, with a \$4.8 billion working capital inflow offsetting tax payments.
- \$3 billion share buybacks announced, expected to be completed by Q3 2023 results announcement. Quarterly dividend increase of 15% to \$0.331 per share.
- Cash capex outlook range for 2023 lowered to \$23 - 26 billion.

\$ million	Adj. Earnings ¹	Adj. EBITDA ¹	CFFO	Cash capex
Integrated Gas	2,498	4,827	3,628	1,089
Upstream	1,684	6,447	4,519	2,029
Marketing	894	1,604	1,412	670
Mobility	518	1,036		402
Lubricants	312	448		72
Sectors & Decarbonisation	66	120		196
Chemicals & Products	450	1,300	2,110	669
<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>(468)</i>	<i>(143)</i>		230
<i>Products</i>	<i>917</i>	<i>1,443</i>		439
Renewables & Energy Solutions	228	438	3,192	556
Corporate	(654)	(180)	269	117
Less: Non-controlling interest (NCI)	27			
Shell	Q2 2023	5,073	14,435	15,130
	Q1 2023	9,646	21,432	14,159
				6,501

¹Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders for Q2 2023 is \$3.1 billion. Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures can be found in the unaudited results, available on www.shell.com/investors.

- CFFO of \$15.1 billion for Q2 2023, with a working capital inflow of \$4.8 billion offset by tax paid of \$3.8 billion reflecting regular payment phasing. Working capital release mainly due to lower prices, inflows from initial margin and favourable accounts receivable movement (including lower over-the-counter collaterals). Net debt decreased to \$40.3 billion at the end of Q2 2023.

\$ billion	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
Divestment proceeds	0.8	0.3	0.2	1.7	0.5
Free cash flow	12.4	7.5	15.5	9.9	12.1
Net debt	46.4	48.3	44.8	44.2	40.3

Q2 2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

INTEGRATED GAS

Key data	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	70	60	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	10	8	-
Production (kboe/d)	970	985	870 - 930
LNG liquefaction volumes (MT)	7.2	7.2	6.3 - 6.9
LNG sales volumes (MT)	17.0	16.0	-

- Adjusted Earnings lower than in Q1 2023 due to lower prices and trading & optimisation results. Trading & optimisation results significantly lower, driven by seasonality and fewer optimisation opportunities, compared with a strong Q1 2023.
- Q3 2023 production and liquefaction outlook reflects scheduled maintenance (including Prelude and Trinidad & Tobago).

UPSTREAM

Key data	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	74	72	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	13	5	-
Liquids production (kboe/d)	1,346	1,283	-
Gas production (mscf/d)	3,078	2,425	-
Total production (kboe/d)	1,877	1,701	1,600 - 1,800

- Production lower than in Q1 2023, mainly driven by scheduled maintenance and completed divestments.
- Adjusted Earnings lower compared with Q1 2023 due to lower prices and production volumes.
- Q3 2023 production outlook reflects scheduled maintenance across the portfolio.

MARKETING

Key data	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023 outlook
Marketing sales volumes (kb/d)	2,446	2,607	2,450 - 2,950

Mobility (kb/d)	1,609	1,727	-
Lubricants (kb/d)	85	83	-
Sectors & Decarbonisation (kb/d)	752	797	-

- Marketing margins higher than Q1 2023 driven by improved Mobility unit margins and seasonal impact on volumes partly offset by higher opex.

CHEMICALS & PRODUCTS

Key data	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023 outlook
Refining & Trading sales volumes (kb/d)	1,706	1,466	-
Chemicals sales volumes (kT)	2,831	2,828	-
Refinery utilisation (%)	91	85	82 - 90
Chemicals manufacturing plant utilisation (%)	71	70	67 - 75
Global indicative refining margin (\$/bbl)	15	9	-
Global indicative chemical margin (\$/t)	138	153	-

* *Products covers refining and trading*

- Lower Products margins driven by a fall in prices, lower trading & optimisation results and higher maintenance.
- *Lower Chemicals* margins driven by continued weak demand and lower utilisation.

RENEWABLES & ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Key data	Q1 2023	Q2 2023
External power sales (TWh)	68	67
Sales of natural gas to end-use customers (TWh)	221	172
Renewables power generation capacity*	6.4	7.1
● in operation (GW)	2.3	2.5

- under construction and/or committed for sale (GW) 4.0 4.6

*Excluding Shell's equity share of associates where information cannot be obtained

- Adjusted Earnings lower than Q1 2023 driven by lower trading & optimisation results, primarily in the Americas due to seasonally lower demand, decreased volatility, and higher opex.

Renewables and Energy Solutions includes renewable power generation, the marketing and trading and optimisation of power and pipeline gas, as well as carbon credits, and digitally enabled customer solutions. It also includes the production and marketing of hydrogen, development of commercial carbon capture and storage hubs, investment in nature-based projects that avoid or reduce carbon emissions, and Shell Ventures, which invests in companies that work to accelerate the energy and mobility transformation.

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Shell's Net carbon intensity

Also, in this announcement we may refer to Shell's "Net Carbon Intensity", which includes 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 Intensity" is 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 Intensity (NCI) targets over the next ten years. However, Shell's operating plans cannot reflect our 2050 net-zero emissions target and 2035 NCI 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.

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The information in this announcement does not constitute the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements which are contained in Shell's second quarter 2023 and half year unaudited results available on www.shell.com/investors.

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