

Shell plc publishes third quarter 2023 press release

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"Shell delivered another quarter of strong operational and financial performance, capturing opportunities in volatile commodity markets. We continue to simplify our portfolio while delivering more value with less emissions.

Shell is commencing a \$3.5 billion buyback programme for the next three months, bringing the buybacks for the second half of 2023 to \$6.5 billion, well in excess of the \$5 billion announced at Capital Markets Day in June. This takes total announced shareholder distributions for 2023 to ~\$23 billion."

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

CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE, SUPPORTING ENHANCED DISTRIBUTIONS

- Q3 2023 Adjusted Earnings of \$6.2 billion, reflecting robust operational performance and higher oil prices and refining margins. CFFO of \$12.3 billion for the quarter, with a \$0.4 billion working capital inflow, despite higher oil prices.
- Enhancing shareholder distributions with \$3.5 billion share buybacks announced, expected to be completed by Q4 2023 results announcement. Total announced distributions for 2023 ~\$23 billion, with dividend per share this quarter being 32% higher than in Q3 2022.
- Demonstrating capital discipline with cash capex outlook for 2023 of \$23 - 25 billion.

\$ million	Adj. Earnings ¹	Adj. EBITDA ¹	CFFO	Cash capex	
Integrated Gas	2,529	4,871	4,009	1,099	
Upstream	2,221	7,412	5,336	2,007	
Marketing	720	1,519	880	917	
Mobility	456	988		669	
Lubricants	226	425		86	
Sectors & Decarbonisation	38	106		163	
Chemicals & Products	1,380	2,591	2,379	879	
<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>(329)</i>	<i>34</i>		<i>486</i>	
<i>Products</i>	<i>1,710</i>	<i>2,557</i>		<i>393</i>	
Renewables & Energy Solutions	(67)	79	(34)	659	
Corporate	(482)	(136)	(238)	87	
Less: Non-controlling interest (NCI)	77				
Shell	Q3 2023	6,224	16,336	12,332	5,649
	Q2 2023	5,073	14,435	15,130	5,130

¹Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders for Q3 2023 is \$7.0 billion. Reconciliation of non-GAAP measures can be found in the unaudited results, available on www.shell.com/investors.

- CFFO of \$12.3 billion for Q3 2023 includes a working capital inflow of \$0.4 billion, with the impact of higher prices on inventory offset by favourable timing effects of accounts payable/receivable. Stable net debt, \$40.5 billion at the end of Q3 2023.

\$ billion Q3 2022 Q4 2022 Q1 2023 Q2 2023 Q3 2023

Divestment proceeds	0.3	0.2	1.7	0.5	0.3
Free cash flow	7.5	15.5	9.9	12.1	7.5
Net debt	48.3	44.8	44.2	40.3	40.5

Q3 2023 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

INTEGRATED GAS

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	60	63	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)	8	8	-
Production (kboe/d)	985	900	870 - 930
LNG liquefaction volumes (MT)	7.2	6.9	6.7 - 7.3
LNG sales volumes (MT)	16.0	16.0	-

- Adjusted Earnings similar to Q2 2023, reflecting favourable trading and optimisation results combined with higher realised liquids prices offset by lower volumes. Trading and optimisation results were higher than in Q2 2023, benefiting from stable supply and capturing additional optimisation opportunities.
- Q4 2023 outlook reflects ongoing maintenance at Prelude and lower expected liquefaction volumes from Egypt.

UPSTREAM

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023 outlook
Realised liquids price (\$/bbl)	72	79	-
Realised gas price (\$/mscf)*	7	7	-
Liquids production (kboe/d)	1,283	1,311	-
Gas production (mscf/d)	2,425	2,564	-
Total production (kboe/d)	1,701	1,753	1,750 - 1,950

**With the completion of the 2022-2023 gas year at the end of September 2023, the Groningen gas field has been closed (subject to exceptional circumstances under which the Dutch government may instruct to re-open the field to a certain extent). Upstream realised gas prices have been restated for 2022 and 2023 to exclude the impact of GasTerra.*

- Adjusted Earnings higher in Q3 2023 due to higher oil prices and higher production volumes. Production was higher, with strong performance in Deep Water.
- Q4 2023 production outlook reflects the closure of the Groningen gas field.

MARKETING

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023 outlook
Marketing sales volumes (kb/d)	2,607	2,654	2,250 - 2,750
Mobility (kb/d)*	1,791	1,782	-
Lubricants (kb/d)*	83	82	-

Sectors & Decarbonisation (kb/d)* 733 790 -

*Comparative information has been revised - see Quarterly Databook

- Adjusted Earnings impacted by compressed fuels margins due to rising feedstock costs in Mobility, offset by improved margin performance in Sectors & Decarbonisation. Adjusted Earnings also reflect one-off tax charges.

CHEMICALS & PRODUCTS

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023 outlook
Refining & Trading sales volumes (kb/d)	1,466	1,548	-
Chemicals sales volumes (kT)	2,828	2,998	-
Refinery utilisation (%)	85	84	75 - 83
Chemicals manufacturing plant utilisation (%)	70	70	62 - 70
Global indicative refining margin (\$/bbl)	9	16	-
Global indicative chemical margin (\$/t)	153	115	-

- Higher refining margins in Q3 2023 driven by lower global product supply combined with higher demand. Chemicals margins continue to be impacted by weak demand. Trading and optimisation margins are higher than in Q2 2023.
- Q4 2023 Refinery utilisation outlook lower than Q3 2023 due to planned maintenance activities in North America.

RENEWABLES & ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023
External power sales (TWh)	67	76
Sales of natural gas to end-use customers (TWh)	172	170
Renewables power generation capacity*	7.1	7.4
● in operation (GW)	2.5	2.5
● under construction and/or committed for sale (GW)	4.6	4.9

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

- Adjusted Earnings are lower than in Q2 2023 mainly driven by lower margins due to seasonal impacts, primarily in Europe, and lower trading and optimisation results.

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.

CORPORATE

Key data	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	outlook
Adjusted Earnings (\$ billion)	(0.7)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.8)

- The Adjusted Earnings outlook is a net expense of \$2.8 - 3.0 billion for the full year 2023. This excludes the impact of currency exchange rate and fair value accounting effects.

UPCOMING INVESTOR EVENTS

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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 third quarter 2023 unaudited results available on www.shell.com/investors.

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