

**Shell's response re study alleging that that the company was aware of the causes and risks of climate change, its activities' contribution to those risks and of possible techniques to reduce emissions from the late 1950s; yet failed to take action and actively discounted such risks in public communication**

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Shell to respond to the following report:

- "*Smoke and Fumes: The Legal and Evidentiary Basis for Holding Big Oil Accountable for the Climate Crisis*", Center for International Environmental Law, Nov 2017  
<http://www.ciel.org/reports/smoke-and-fumes/>

Shell sent the following response:

- "Our position on climate change is well known; recognizing the climate challenge and the role energy has in enabling a decent quality of life. Shell recognizes continues to call for effective policy to support lower carbon business and consumer choices and opportunities such as government lead carbon pricing/trading schemes. Today, Shell generally applies a \$40 per tonne of CO2 internal project screening value to project decision-making and has developed leadership positions in natural gas and sugarcane ethanol; the lowest carbon hydrocarbon and biofuel respectively.
- Shell has long shared its understanding of its business environment through publications such as the *Annual Report* and the *Sustainability Report*.
- In addition, at our Management Day on 28 November 2017, Shell announced its ambition to cut the net carbon footprint of its energy products – expressed in grams of CO2 per megajoule consumed – by around half by 2050. As an interim step, by 2035 we aim to reduce it by around 20%.
- We will do this in step with society's drive to align with the Paris goals, and we will do it by taking into account the net carbon footprint of the full range of Shell emissions, from our operations and from the consumption of our products.
- Tackling climate change is a cross-generational, global and multi-faceted effort. This is a challenge for the whole planet, for all of society, for customers, for governments and indeed for businesses. It will mean meeting increasing energy demand with an ever-lower carbon footprint. And it is critical that our ambition covers the full energy lifecycle from production to consumption. We are committed to play our part."