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4TH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2017 UNAUDITED RESULTS



SUMMARY OF UNAUDITED RESULTS

Quarters				\$ million	Definitio on	Full year		
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	% ¹			2017	2016	%
3,807	4,087	1,541	+147	Income/(loss) attributable to shareholders		12,977	4,575	+184
3,082	3,698	1,032	+199	CCS earnings attributable to shareholders	Note 2	12,081	3,533	+242
(1,221)	(405)	(763)		Of which: Identified items ²	A	(3,683)	(3,652)	
4,303	4,103	1,795	+140	CCS earnings attributable to shareholders excluding identified items		15,764	7,185	+119
94	105	40		Add: CCS earnings attributable to non-controlling interest		418	270	
4,397	4,208	1,835	+140	CCS earnings excluding identified items		16,182	7,455	+117
				Of which:				
1,636	1,282	907		Integrated Gas		5,268	3,700	
1,650	562	54		Upstream		3,091	(2,704)	
1,396	2,668	1,339		Downstream		9,082	7,243	
(285)	(304)	(465)		Corporate		(1,259)	(784)	
7,275	7,582	9,170	-21	Cash flow from operating		35,650	20,615	+73
(665)	(3,912)	(3,429)		Cash flow from investing		(8,029)	(30,963)	
6,610	3,670	5,741		Free cash flow	H	27,621	(10,348)	
0.46	0.50	0.19	+142	Basic earnings per share (\$)		1.58	0.58	+172
0.37	0.45	0.13	+185	Basic CCS earnings per share (\$)	B	1.47	0.45	+227
0.52	0.50	0.22	+136	Basic CCS earnings per share excl. identified items (\$)		1.92	0.92	+109
0.47	0.47	0.47	-	Dividend per share (\$)		1.88	1.88	-

^{1.} Q4 on Q4 change

^{2.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes a non-cash charge of \$2,014 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation.

CCS earnings attributable to shareholders excluding identified items were \$4.3 billion for the fourth quarter 2017 and \$15.8 billion for the full year 2017, reflecting increased contributions from all businesses, compared with 2016. Full year earnings benefited mainly from higher realised oil, gas and LNG prices, improved refining performance and higher production from new fields, which offset the impact of field declines and divestments.

Cash flow from operating activities for the fourth quarter 2017 of \$7.3 billion included negative working capital movements of \$1.1 billion. Excluding working capital effects, cash flow from operations was \$8.4 billion. Full year 2017 cash flow from operating activities of \$35.7 billion included negative working capital movements of \$3.2 billion.

Total dividends distributed to shareholders in the quarter were \$3.9 billion, of which \$1.6 billion were settled by issuing 52.7 million A shares under the Scrip Dividend Programme. In November, Shell announced the cancellation of the Scrip Dividend Programme from the fourth quarter 2017. Shell expects to announce a dividend of \$0.47 per ordinary share and \$0.94 per American Depositary Share for the first quarter 2018.

Royal Dutch Shell Chief Executive Officer Ben van Beurden commented:

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"2017 was a year of strong financial performance for Shell. A year of transformation, in which we showed we have what it takes to deliver a world-class investment case. Our relentless focus on value, performance and competitiveness meant we were able to deliver \$39 billion of cash flow from operations excluding working capital movements from our upgraded portfolio. We strengthened our financial framework during the year through an \$8 billion reduction in our net debt, while our increased free cash flow generation gave us the confidence to cancel the scrip dividend programme in the fourth quarter, in line with what we said previously.

We reported strong earnings for the quarter underpinned by continued delivery momentum. Cash flow reflected higher tax payments and increased cash requirements in relation to our trading business. We enter 2018 with continued discipline and confidence, committed to the delivery of strong returns and cash."

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Quarters					Definition	Full year		
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	% ¹			2017	2016	%
6,778	5,742	6,913		Capital investment ²	C	24,006	79,877	
6,474	1,365	3,278		Divestments	D	17,340	4,984	
3,756	3,657	3,905	-4	Total production available for sale (thousand boe/d)		3,664	3,668	-
55.28	47.06	44.54	+24	Global liquids realised price (\$/b)		49.00	38.64	+27
4.40	4.15	4.03	+9	Global natural gas realised price (\$/thousand scf)		4.27	3.65	+17
9,776	9,477	9,895	-1	Operating expenses	G	38,083	41,549	-8
9,839	9,197	9,844	-	Underlying operating expenses	G	37,556	38,342	-2
5.8%	5.0%	3.0%		ROACE (reported income basis)	E	5.8%	3.0%	
5.6%	4.6%	2.9%		ROACE (CCS basis excluding identified items)	E	5.6%	2.9%	
24.8%	25.4%	28.0%		Gearing	F	24.8%	28.0%	

^{1.} Q4 on Q4 change

^{2.} Full year 2016 included \$52,904 million related to the acquisition of BG Group plc.

Supplementary financial and operational disclosure for this quarter is available at www.shell.com/investor.

FOURTH QUARTER 2017 PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENTS

Integrated Gas

During the quarter, Shell completed the sale of its shares in Woodside Petroleum Limited for \$2,635 million.

Shell completed the sale of its 16.8% interest in Companhia de Gas de São Paulo ("Comgás") to Cosan Ltd for \$363 million, including shares and cash consideration.

In January 2018, Shell announced the sale of its stake in the Bongkot field and adjoining acreage offshore Thailand.

Upstream

During the quarter, Shell and its partners announced the start of the extended well test at the Libra field in the Santos Basin in Brazil. Petrobras, the operator, announced that the Libra consortium had submitted the declaration of commerciality and signed a contract to charter the first production FPSO of Mero, which is the north-west block of Libra. The FPSO has a capacity of 180 thousand boe/d and is expected to start production in 2021. Shell has a 20% interest in the consortium developing the Libra area.

In December, Maersk Oil, as operator, announced the final investment decision for the redevelopment of the Tyra gas field in Denmark, which is expected to be completed in 2022. Peak production will be approximately 60 thousand boe/d. Shell holds a 36.8% interest in the Tyra field, which is part of the Danish Underground Consortium.

Upstream divestments completed during the quarter totalled some \$3,254 million, which included the disposal of a package of UK North Sea assets and Gabon onshore interests.

In January 2018, Shell announced the final investment decision on the redevelopment of the Penguins oil and gas field in the UK North Sea. Shell has a 50% interest in the Penguins field and peak production is expected to be 45 thousand boe/d. Shell also completed the purchase of the Turritella FPSO in the Stones development in the Gulf of Mexico.

Downstream

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During the quarter, Shell completed the sale of its LPG marketing business in Hong Kong and Macau (first phase).

In December, Shell agreed to cancel the sale of A/S Dansk Shell, which consists of the Fredericia refinery and local trading and supply activities.

PERFORMANCE BY SEGMENT

INTEGRATED GAS

Quarters				\$ million	Full year		
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	% ¹		2017	2016	%
848	1,217	28		Segment earnings	5,078	2,529	+101
(788)	(65)	(879)		Of which: Identified items (Definition A)	(190)	(1,171)	
1,636	1,282	907	+80	Earnings excluding identified items	5,268	3,700	+42
823	1,742	2,419	-66	Cash flow from operating activities	6,467	9,132	-29
1,043	1,148	1,145	-9	Capital investment (Definition C) ²	3,827	26,214	-85
229	226	222	+3	Liquids production available for sale (thousand b/d)	203	223	-9
4,364	4,496	3,979	+10	Natural gas production available for sale (million scf/d)	3,969	3,832	+4
981	1,001	908	+8	Total production available for sale (thousand boe/d)	887	884	-
8.52	8.45	8.57	-1	LNG liquefaction volumes (million tonnes)	33.24	30.88	+8
17.15	16.97	15.34	+12	LNG sales volumes (million tonnes)	66.04	57.11	+16

^{1.} Q4 on Q4 change

^{2.} Full year 2016 included \$21,773 million related to the acquisition of BG Group plc.

Fourth quarter identified items mainly comprised a loss of \$511 million on fair value accounting of commodity derivatives and a charge of \$412 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation, partly offset by a gain of \$164 million, mainly related to the sale of shares in Woodside and the Comgás divestment.

Compared with the fourth quarter 2016, Integrated Gas earnings excluding identified items benefited from higher realised oil, gas and LNG prices, as well as lower taxation and depreciation, partly offset by lower contributions from trading.

Compared with the fourth quarter 2016, total production increased, mainly due to higher production from Gorgon with three LNG trains online, compared with two trains in the same quarter in 2016.

LNG liquefaction volumes were lower due to higher maintenance, partly offset by increased liquefaction volumes from Gorgon. LNG sales volumes increased, compared with the fourth quarter 2016, reflecting increased sales of third-party volumes.

Cash flow from operating activities decreased, mainly due to working capital movements, increased cash margining on commodity derivatives and higher tax payments, partly offset by increased earnings and dividends received. Working capital movements accounted for a negative impact of \$894 million, mainly from trading, compared with a positive movement of \$40 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Full year identified items mainly reflected a loss of \$445 million on fair value accounting of commodity derivatives and a charge of \$412 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation, partly offset by a gain of \$636 million related to the impact of the strengthening Australian dollar on a deferred tax position.

Compared with 2016, Integrated Gas earnings excluding identified items benefited from higher realised oil, gas, and LNG prices, as well as higher LNG sales volumes. This more than offset the impact of lower liquids production and lower contributions from trading.

Despite higher earnings, cash flow from operating activities decreased compared with 2016, reflecting negative working capital movements of \$2,149 million. 2016 had benefited from positive working capital movements of \$2,842 million.

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Compared with 2016, production volumes mainly reflected higher production from Gorgon, offset by the Pearl GTL controlled shutdown and subsequent ramp-up during the first half of 2017.

LNG sales reflected increased sales of third-party volumes as well as higher liquefaction volumes, mainly due to increased volumes from Gorgon, compared with 2016.

UPSTREAM

Quarters				\$ million	Full year		
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	% ¹		2017	2016	%
2,050	575	35		Segment earnings	1,551	(3,674)	+142
400	13	(19)		Of which: Identified items (Definition A)	(1,540)	(970)	
1,650	562	54		Earnings excluding identified items	3,091	(2,704)	+214
3,765	4,222	3,904	-4	Cash flow from operating activities	16,337	7,662	+113
3,485	2,805	3,490	-	Capital investment (Definition C) ²	13,648	47,507	-71
1,542	1,626	1,732	-11	Liquids production available for sale (thousand b/d)	1,622	1,615	-
7,154	5,974	7,336	-2	Natural gas production available for sale (million scf/d)	6,699	6,781	-1
2,775	2,656	2,997	-7	Total production available for sale (thousand boe/d)	2,777	2,784	-

^{1.} Q4 on Q4 change

^{2.} Full year 2016 included \$31,131 million related to the acquisition of BG Group plc.

Fourth quarter identified items included a total net gain on sale of assets of \$1,129 million, mainly related to the divestment of a package of assets in the UK North Sea, as well as \$570 million for the release of tax liabilities. These identified items were partly offset by a charge of \$1,089 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation, and impairments of \$259 million.

Compared with the fourth quarter 2016, Upstream earnings excluding identified items benefited from higher realised oil and gas prices, the movements of various deferred tax positions and lower depreciation, partly offset by decreased oil and gas volumes.

Cash flow from operating activities decreased compared with the same quarter last year, mainly due to comparative higher tax payments, partly offset by increased earnings. Working capital movements accounted for a positive impact of \$275 million in the quarter, compared with negative working capital movements of \$707 million in the same quarter of 2016.

Fourth quarter production decreased by 7%, compared with the same quarter a year ago, mainly due to the divestments of oil sands in Canada, a package of assets in the UK North Sea and onshore assets in Gabon. Excluding these portfolio impacts, production was 1% higher compared with the same quarter a year ago.

New field start-ups and the continuing ramp-up of existing fields in the Santos Basin in Brazil, in the Permian in the USA and in Fox Creek in Canada, as well as Kashagan in Kazakhstan and Schiehallion in the UK, contributed some additional 215 thousand boe/d to production compared with the fourth quarter 2016. This more than offset the impact of field declines of 82 thousand boe/d.

Full year identified items included impairments totalling \$2,557 million, mainly related to the sale of Shell's oil sands interests in Canada and its Upstream interests in Ireland. Other identified items comprised a charge of \$1,089 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation and a total net gain on sale of assets of \$1,463 million, mainly related to the divestment of a package of assets in the UK North Sea.

Compared with 2016, Upstream earnings excluding identified items benefited from higher realised oil and gas prices, the movements of deferred tax assets and lower depreciation, mainly due to divestments.

Cash flow from operating activities increased by 113%, compared with 2016.

New field start-ups and the continuing ramp-up of existing fields, in particular Lula Central, Lula Alto, Lula South and Lapa in the Santos Basin in Brazil, Kashagan in Kazakhstan, and Malikai in Malaysia and Stones in the Gulf of Mexico, contributed some additional 196 thousand boe/d to production compared with 2016, which nearly offset the impact of field declines and divestments.

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DOWNSTREAM

Quarters				\$ million		Full year		
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	% ¹			2017	2016	%
1,116	2,405	1,575	-29	Segment earnings ²		8,258	6,588	+25
(280)	(263)	236		Of which: Identified items (Definition A)		(824)	(655)	
1,396	2,668	1,339	+4	Earnings excluding identified items ²		9,082	7,243	+25
				Of which:				
884	2,018	823	+7	Oil Products		6,460	5,560	+16
96	891	77	+25	Refining & Trading		2,462	1,469	+68
788	1,127	746	+6	Marketing		3,998	4,091	-2
512	650	516	-1	Chemicals		2,622	1,683	+56
2,649	949	2,286	+16	Cash flow from operating activities		12,429	3,556	+250
2,208	1,743	2,251	-2	Capital investment (Definition C)		6,416	6,057	+6
2,589	2,592	2,698	-4	Refinery processing intake (thousand b/d)		2,572	2,701	-5
6,861	6,557	6,464	+6	Oil products sales volumes (thousand b/d)		6,599	6,483	+2
4,688	4,540	4,414	+6	Chemicals sales volumes (thousand tonnes)		18,239	17,292	+5

^{1.} Q4 on Q4 change

^{2.} Earnings are presented on a CCS basis (See Note 2).

Fourth quarter identified items primarily reflected a charge of \$121 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation and redundancy and restructuring provisions of \$89 million, partly offset by a total net gain on sale of assets of \$103 million, mainly related to the divestment of Shell's LPG marketing business in Hong Kong and Macau.

Compared with the fourth quarter 2016, Downstream earnings excluding identified items benefited from improved refining industry conditions as well as increased contributions from marketing. This was partly offset by higher operating expenses, as a result of exchange rate effects.

Cash flow from operating activities included negative working capital movements of \$402 million, compared with negative movements of \$216 million in the same quarter of 2016.

Oil Products

- **Refining & Trading** earnings excluding identified items benefited mainly from the impact of the Motiva transaction and exchange rate effects, partly offset by lower contributions from trading, compared with the same quarter a year ago.

Refinery processing intake volumes decreased by 4%, compared with the fourth quarter of 2016, mainly due to the divestment of the Port Dickson refinery in Malaysia. Excluding this impact, intake volumes were 1% higher compared with the same quarter a year ago. Refinery availability increased to 89% compared with 87% in the fourth quarter 2016.

- **Marketing** earnings excluding identified items reflected lower taxation and increased underlying unit margins, partly offset by adverse exchange rate effects, compared with the same quarter a year ago.

Oil products sales volumes reflected increased refining and trading volumes, partly offset by lower marketing volumes.

Chemicals

- **Chemicals** earnings excluding identified items reflected higher operating expenses and increased depreciation, partly offset by improved industry conditions.

Chemicals manufacturing plant availability remained 93%, similar to the fourth quarter 2016.

Full year identified items primarily reflected the impact of the Motiva transaction resulting in a net charge of \$546 million, which included a non-cash charge on a taxable gain (see Note 7), as well as impairment losses of \$315 million, and redundancy and restructuring provisions of \$200 million and a charge of \$121 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation. These identified items were partly offset by a total gain of \$585 million, mainly related to the divestment of assets in Saudi Arabia, Africa, Australia, and Hong Kong and Macau.

Compared with 2016, Downstream earnings excluding identified items benefited from improved refining and chemicals industry conditions, partly offset by portfolio impacts.

Cash flow from operating activities increased by 250%, reflecting higher earnings and more favourable working capital movements, which comprised a negative impact of \$325 million in 2017, compared with negative working capital movements of \$6,272 million in 2016.

Oil Products

- **Refining & Trading** earnings excluding identified items benefited from higher margins as a result of stronger refining industry conditions and portfolio impacts, compared with 2016.

Refinery processing intake volumes decreased by 5% compared with 2016, as a result of the divestment of the Port Dickson refinery in Malaysia and the Motiva transaction. Excluding these portfolio impacts, intake volumes were 3% higher compared with the same period a year ago. Refinery availability increased to 91%, compared with 90% in 2016.

- **Marketing** earnings excluding identified items decreased compared with a year ago, reflecting lower volumes mainly as a result of portfolio impacts, partly offset by lower taxation.

Oil products sales volumes reflected increased refining and trading volumes, partly offset by lower marketing volumes.

Chemicals

- **Chemicals** earnings excluding identified items benefited from a better market environment and higher sales volumes.

Chemicals manufacturing plant availability increased to 92% compared with 90% in 2016.

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CORPORATE

Quarters				\$ million	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
(838)	(394)	(566)	Segment earnings	(2,416)	(1,751)
(553)	(90)	(101)	Of which: Identified items (Definition A)	(1,157)	(967)
(285)	(304)	(465)	Earnings excluding identified items	(1,259)	(784)
38	669	561	Cash flow from operating activities	417	265

Fourth quarter identified items mainly reflected a charge of \$392 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation as well as a tax provision of \$282 million.

Compared with the fourth quarter 2016, Corporate earnings excluding identified items reflected increased currency exchange rate gains and lower net interest expense, partly offset by higher taxation.

Full year identified items mainly included a non-cash charge of \$550 million related to the restructuring of the funding of our businesses in North America, a charge of \$392 million related to the impact of the US tax reform legislation as well as a tax provision of \$282 million.

Compared with 2016, Corporate earnings excluding identified items were impacted by higher net interest expense, partly offset by lower operating expenses.

PRELIMINARY RESERVES UPDATE

When final volumes are reported in the 2017 Annual Report and Form 20-F, Shell expects that SEC proved oil and gas reserves additions before taking into account production will be around 0.4 billion boe, and 2017 production to be 1.4 billion boe. As a result, total proved reserves on an SEC basis are expected to be 12.2 billion boe. Acquisitions and divestments of 2017 reserves accounted for a net reduction of 1.4 billion boe.

The proved Reserves Replacement Ratio on an SEC basis is expected to be 27% for the year and 78% for the 3-year average. Excluding the impact of acquisitions and divestments, the reserves replacement ratio was 127% for the year.

Further information will be provided in the 2017 Annual Report and Form 20-F, which is expected to be filed in March 2018.

OUTLOOK FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 2018

Compared with the first quarter 2017, Integrated Gas production volumes are expected to be positively impacted by some 210 thousand boe/d, mainly associated with Pearl, Gorgon and portfolio impacts.

Compared with the first quarter 2017, Upstream earnings are expected to be negatively impacted by a reduction of some 270 thousand boe/d associated with completed divestments, and positively impacted by some 40 thousand boe/d associated with lower maintenance activities. Earnings are expected to be positively impacted by 40 thousand boe/d associated with restored production in Nigeria; however, the security situation remains sensitive. The production outlook for NAM in the Netherlands is subject to decisions on production volumes by the Dutch government following the earthquake in Zeerijp in January 2018.

Refinery availability is expected to decrease in the first quarter 2018 as a result of higher levels of maintenance compared with the same period a year ago.

Chemicals manufacturing plant availability is expected to increase in the first quarter 2018, due to lower levels of maintenance compared with the first quarter 2017.

As a result of the separation of the Motiva assets and completed divestments, oil products sales volumes are expected to decrease by some 175 thousand barrels per day compared with the same period a year ago.

Corporate results, excluding the impact of currency exchange rate effects and interest rate movements, are expected to be a net charge of \$300 – 350 million in the first quarter and around \$1.4 – 1.6 billion for the full year.

As a result of the expected change in the fiscal functional currency of some Shell entities in Australia to US dollars, the impact of exchange rate movements of the Australian dollar on deferred tax balances will be significantly reduced in 2018.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The LNG Outlook will be held on February 26, 2018 in London.

The Downstream Open House for Investors will be held on March 21, 2018.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on May 22, 2018.

First quarter 2018 results and dividends are scheduled to be announced on April 26, 2018. Second quarter 2018 results and dividends are scheduled to be announced on July 26, 2018. Third quarter 2018 results and dividends are scheduled to be announced on November 1, 2018.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
85,422	75,830	64,767	Revenue ¹	305,179	233,591
1,034	1,062	982	Share of profit of joint ventures and associates	4,225	3,545
1,668	841	1,343	Interest and other income ²	2,466	2,897
88,124	77,733	67,092	Total revenue and other income	311,870	240,033
64,095	54,849	45,528	Purchases	223,447	162,574
6,563	6,497	6,703	Production and manufacturing expenses	26,652	28,434
2,953	2,750	2,912	Selling, distribution and administrative expenses	10,509	12,101
260	230	280	Research and development	922	1,014
921	326	568	Exploration	1,945	2,108
5,796	6,408	6,558	Depreciation, depletion and amortisation ³	26,223	24,993
984	1,011	1,115	Interest expense	4,042	3,203
81,572	72,071	63,664	Total expenditure	293,740	234,427
6,552	5,662	3,428	Income/(loss) before taxation	18,130	5,606
2,615	1,450	1,820	Taxation charge/(credit) ⁴	4,695	829
3,937	4,212	1,608	Income/(loss) for the period ¹	13,435	4,777
130	125	67	Income/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	458	202
3,807	4,087	1,541	Income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders	12,977	4,575
0.46	0.50	0.19	Basic earnings per share (\$) ⁵	1.58	0.58
0.46	0.49	0.19	Diluted earnings per share (\$) ⁵	1.56	0.58

^{1.} See Note 2 "Segment information"

^{2.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes net gains on sale and revaluation of non-current assets and businesses of \$1,319 million, of which \$1,066 million relates to the divestment of UK North Sea assets (Q4 2016 included \$1,238 million net gains). Full year 2017 net gains were \$1,641 million (2016: \$2,141 million net gains).

^{3.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes a pre-tax impairment charge of \$402 million (Q4 2016: \$211 million). Full year 2017 includes a pre-tax impairment charge of \$4,190 million (2016: \$1,901 million).

^{4.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes a charge of \$2,014 million primarily related to a remeasurement of deferred tax positions following the US tax reform legislation and a \$111 million loss (Q4 2016: \$433 million loss) driven by exchange rate movements on tax balances. In addition, full year 2017 includes a \$622 million gain driven by exchange rate movements on tax balances (2016: \$253 million gain) and a \$329 million gain from a deferred tax asset recognition following the oil sands divestment.

^{5.} See Note 3 "Earnings per share"

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
3,937	4,212	1,608	Income/(loss) for the period	13,435	4,777
			Other comprehensive income net of tax:		
			Items that may be reclassified to income in later periods:		
355	1,552	(1,484)	- Currency translation differences	5,156	703
258	328	120	- Unrealised gains/(losses) on securities	593	(214)
(484)	(327)	(201)	- Cash flow hedging gains/(losses)	(552)	(617)
-	-	(785)	- Net investment hedging gains/(losses)	-	(2,024)
46	(8)	66	- Share of other comprehensive income/(loss) of joint ventures and associates	170	(28)
175	1,545	(2,284)	Total	5,367	(2,180)
			Items that are not reclassified to income in later periods:		
(2,056)	(512)	2,610	- Retirement benefits remeasurements	604	(3,817)

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(1,881)	1,033	326	Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	5,971	(5,997)
2,056	5,245	1,934	Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	19,406	(1,220)
133	177	8	Comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	578	154
1,923	5,068	1,926	Comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders	18,828	(1,374)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

\$ million	Dec 31, 2017 ¹	Dec 31, 2016
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	24,180	23,967
Property, plant and equipment ²	226,380	236,098
Joint ventures and associates	27,927	33,255
Investments in securities ³	7,222	5,952
Deferred tax	13,791	14,425
Retirement benefits	2,799	1,456
Trade and other receivables ⁴	9,394	9,553
	311,693	324,706
Current assets		
Inventories	25,223	21,775
Trade and other receivables ⁴	49,869	45,664
Cash and cash equivalents	20,312	19,130
	95,404	86,569
Total assets	407,097	411,275
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Debt	73,870	82,992
Trade and other payables ⁴	4,428	6,925
Deferred tax	13,007	15,274
Retirement benefits	13,247	14,130
Decommissioning and other provisions ⁵	24,966	29,618
	129,518	148,939
Current liabilities		
Debt	11,795	9,484
Trade and other payables ⁴	56,663	53,417
Taxes payable	7,250	6,685
Retirement benefits	594	455
Decommissioning and other provisions	3,465	3,784
	79,767	73,825
Total liabilities	209,285	222,764
Equity attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders		
Non-controlling interest	194,356	186,646
	3,456	1,865
Total equity	197,812	188,511
Total liabilities and equity	407,097	411,275

^{1.} See Note 7 "Motiva joint venture".

^{2.} Compared with 2016, the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 2017, includes a decrease of \$12,879 million related to the divestment of assets, mainly Canada oil sands, UK North Sea and Gabon onshore.

^{3.} Compared with 2016, investments at December 31, 2017, increased by \$3,485 million in relation to shares in Canadian Natural Resources Limited received in the second quarter 2017 as partial consideration for the oil sands divestment, and decreased in the fourth quarter by \$2,653 million in relation to the sale of shares in Woodside Petroleum.

^{4.} See Note 6 "Derivative contracts and debt excluding finance lease liabilities".

^{5.} Compared with December 31, 2016, a decrease of \$2,767 million in provisions is included

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

\$ million	Equity attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders						Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Share capital ¹	Shares held in trust	Other reserves ²	Retained earnings	Total			
At January 1, 2017	683	(901)	11,298	175,566	186,646	1,865	188,511	
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	5,851	12,977	18,828	578	19,406	
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(15,628)	(15,628)	(406)	(16,034)	
Scrip dividends	13	-	(13)	4,751	4,751	-	4,751	
Share-based compensation	-	(16)	(204)	(74)	(294)	-	(294)	
Other changes in non-controlling interest ³	-	-	-	53	53	1,419	1,472	
At December 31, 2017	696	(917)	16,932	177,645	194,356	3,456	197,812	
At January 1, 2016	546	(584)	(17,186)	180,100	162,876	1,245	164,121	
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	(5,949)	4,575	(1,374)	154	(1,220)	
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(14,959)	(14,959)	(180)	(15,139)	
Scrip dividends	17	-	(17)	5,282	5,282	-	5,282	
Shares issued	120	-	33,930	-	34,050	-	34,050	
Share-based compensation	-	(317)	520	141	344	-	344	
Other changes in non-controlling interest	-	-	-	427	427	646	1,073	
At December 31, 2016	683	(901)	11,298	175,566	186,646	1,865	188,511	

^{1.} See Note 4 "Share capital".

^{2.} See Note 5 "Other reserves".

^{3.} This includes \$1,286 million for the 50% non-controlling interest share in the acquisition of Marathon Oil Canada Corporation in the second quarter 2017, and \$275 million related to the public offering of limited partner units in Shell Midstream Partners, L.P. in the third quarter 2017.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
3,937	4,212	1,608	Income/(loss) for the period	13,435	4,777
			Adjustment for:		
1,467	1,734	1,241	- Current tax	6,591	2,731
817	839	980	- Interest expense (net)	3,365	2,752
5,795	6,408	6,558	- Depreciation, depletion and amortisation	26,222	24,993
(1,319)	(459)	(1,238)	- Net (gains)/losses on sale and revaluation of non-current assets and businesses	(1,640)	(2,141)
(1,121)	(2,467)	(648)	- Decrease/(increase) in working capital	(3,158)	(6,289)
(1,034)	(1,062)	(982)	- Share of (profit)/loss of joint ventures and associates	(4,225)	(3,545)
1,647	1,082	1,466	- Dividends received from joint ventures and associates	4,998	3,820
155	(1,158)	1,078	- Deferred tax, retirement benefits, decommissioning and other provisions	(3,918)	(823)
(704)	(31)	(153)	- Other ¹	287	(1,226)
(2,365)	(1,516)	(740)	Tax paid	(6,307)	(4,434)
7,275	7,582	9,170	Cash flow from operating activities	35,650	20,615
(5,861)	(5,018)	(5,714)	Capital expenditure	(20,845)	(22,116)
-	-	-	Acquisition of BG Group plc, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired	-	(11,421)
(202)	(42)	(527)	Investments in joint ventures and associates	(595)	(1,330)
2,866	236	1,306	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and businesses ²	8,808	2,072
221	874	1,411	Proceeds from sale of joint ventures and associates	2,177	1,565
157	237	176	Interest received	724	470
2,154	(199)	(81)	Other ³	1,702	(203)
(665)	(3,912)	(3,429)	Cash flow from investing activities	(8,029)	(30,963)
543	(544)	23	Net increase/(decrease) in debt with maturity within three months	(869)	(360)
			Other debt:		
120	29	189	- New borrowings	760	18,144
(4,103)	(2,702)	(3,327)	- Repayments	(11,720)	(6,710)
(840)	(858)	(1,073)	Interest paid	(3,550)	(2,938)
6	279	291	Change in non-controlling interest	293	1,110
			Cash dividends paid to:		
(2,266)	(3,016)	(2,323)	- Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders	(10,877)	(9,677)
(97)	(113)	(72)	- Non-controlling interest	(406)	(180)
-	-	-	- Repurchases of shares	-	-
(443)	(221)	(175)	Shares held in trust: net sales/(purchases) and dividends received	(717)	(160)
(7,080)	(7,146)	(6,467)	Cash flow from financing activities	(27,086)	(771)
83	183	(128)	Currency translation differences relating to cash and cash equivalents	647	(1,503)
(387)	(3,293)	(854)	Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,182	(12,622)
20,699	23,992	19,984	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	19,130	31,752
20,312	20,699	19,130	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	20,312	19,130

¹ Fourth quarter 2017 includes \$726 million of unrealised net gains related to financial instruments.

² Fourth quarter 2017 includes \$2,063 million from the divestment of the package of UK North Sea assets and \$600 million from the divestment of Gabon onshore assets.

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^{3.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes \$2,635 million from the sale of shares in Woodside Petroleum Limited.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation

These unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of Royal Dutch Shell plc (“the Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “Shell”) have been prepared on the basis of the same accounting principles as, and should be read in conjunction with, the Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016 (pages 122 to 127) as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The financial information presented in the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434(3) of the Companies Act 2006 (“the Act”). Statutory accounts for the year ended December 31, 2016 were published in Shell’s Annual Report and a copy was delivered to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales. The auditor’s report on those accounts was unqualified, did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying the report and did not contain a statement under sections 498(2) or 498(3) of the Act.

2. Segment information

Segment earnings are presented on a current cost of supplies basis (CCS earnings), which is the earnings measure used by the Chief Executive Officer for the purposes of making decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance. On this basis, the purchase price of volumes sold during the period is based on the current cost of supplies during the same period after making allowance for the tax effect. CCS earnings therefore exclude the effect of changes in the oil price on inventory carrying amounts. Sales between segments are based on prices generally equivalent to commercially available prices.

INFORMATION BY SEGMENT

Quarters		\$ million		Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
Third-party revenue					
8,205	8,316	7,031	Integrated Gas	32,674	25,282
2,644	1,654	1,418	Upstream	7,723	6,412
74,561	65,843	56,300	Downstream	264,731	201,823
12	17	18	Corporate	51	74
85,422	75,830	64,767	Total third-party revenue	305,179	233,591
Inter-segment revenue					
1,199	1,101	1,087	Integrated Gas	3,978	3,908
8,258	7,991	8,218	Upstream	32,469	26,524
1,281	1,142	796	Downstream	4,248	1,727
-	-	-	Corporate	-	-
CCS earnings					
848	1,217	28	Integrated Gas	5,078	2,529
2,050	575	35	Upstream	1,551	(3,674)
1,116	2,405	1,575	Downstream	8,258	6,588
(838)	(394)	(566)	Corporate	(2,416)	(1,751)
3,176	3,803	1,072	Total	12,471	3,692

RECONCILIATION OF INCOME FOR THE PERIOD TO CCS EARNINGS

Quarters			Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	2017	2016
3,807	4,087	1,541	12,977	4,575
130	125	67	458	202
3,937	4,212	1,608	13,435	4,777
Income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell				
Income/(loss) attributable to non-controlling				
Income/(loss) for the period				
Current cost of supplies adjustment:				
(1,022)	(528)	(633)	(1,252)	(1,284)
287	145	173	349	344
(26)	(26)	(76)	(61)	(145)
(761)	(409)	(536)	(964)	(1,085)
3,176	3,803	1,072	12,471	3,692
CCS earnings				
of which:				
3,082	3,698	1,032	12,081	3,533
94	105	40	390	159

^{1.} The adjustment attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders is a negative \$725 million in the fourth quarter 2017 (Q3 2017: negative \$389 million; Q4 2016: negative \$509 million; full year 2017: negative \$896 million; full year 2016: negative \$1,042 million).

3. Earnings per share

EARNINGS PER SHARE

Quarters			Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016	2017	2016
3,807	4,087	1,541	12,977	4,575
Income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders (\$ million)				
Weighted average number of shares used as the				
8,274.4	8,249.6	8,101.8	8,223.4	7,833.4
Basic earnings per share (million)				
8,354.4	8,324.9	8,170.1	8,299.0	7,891.7
Diluted earnings per share (million)				

4. Share capital

ISSUED AND FULLY PAID ORDINARY SHARES OF €0.07 EACH¹

	Number of shares		Nominal value (\$ million)		
	A	B	A	B	Total
At January 1, 2017	4,428,903,813	3,745,486,731	374	309	683
Scrip dividends	168,232,237	-	13	-	13
At December 31, 2017	4,597,136,050	3,745,486,731	387	309	696
At January 1, 2016	3,990,921,569	2,440,410,614	340	206	546
Scrip dividends	219,253,936	-	17	-	17
Shares issued	218,728,308	1,305,076,117	17	103	120
At December 31, 2016	4,428,903,813	3,745,486,731	374	309	683

^{1.} Share capital at December 31, 2017 also included 50,000 issued and fully paid sterling deferred shares of £1 each.

At Royal Dutch Shell plc's Annual General Meeting on May 23, 2017, the Board was authorised to allot ordinary shares in Royal Dutch Shell plc, and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into ordinary shares in Royal Dutch Shell plc, up to an aggregate nominal amount of €190 million (representing 2,714 million ordinary shares of €0.07 each), and to list such shares or rights on any stock exchange. This authority expires at the earlier of the close of business on August 23, 2018, and the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2018, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied by Royal Dutch Shell plc in a general meeting.

5. Other reserves

OTHER RESERVES

\$ million	Merger reserve	Share premium reserve	Capital redemption reserve	Share plan reserve	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Total
At January 1, 2017	37,311	154	84	1,644	(27,895)	11,298
Other comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders	-	-	-	-	5,851	5,851
Scrip dividends	(13)	-	-	-	-	(13)
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	(204)	-	(204)
At December 31, 2017	37,298	154	84	1,440	(22,044)	16,932
At January 1, 2016	3,398	154	84	1,658	(22,480)	(17,186)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders	-	-	-	-	(5,949)	(5,949)
Scrip dividends	(17)	-	-	-	-	(17)
Shares issued	33,930	-	-	-	-	33,930
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	(14)	534	520
At December 31, 2016	37,311	154	84	1,644	(27,895)	11,298

The merger reserve and share premium reserve were established as a consequence of Royal Dutch Shell plc becoming the single parent company of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company and The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, p.l.c., now The Shell Transport and Trading Company Limited, in 2005. The merger reserve increased in 2016 following the issuance of shares for the acquisition of BG Group plc. The capital redemption reserve was established in connection with repurchases of shares of Royal Dutch Shell plc. The share plan reserve is in respect of equity-settled share-based compensation plans.

6. Derivative contracts and debt excluding finance lease liabilities

The table below provides the carrying amounts of derivatives contracts held, disclosed in accordance with IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*.

DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS

\$ million	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Included within:		
Trade and other receivables - non-current	919	405
Trade and other receivables - current	5,304	5,957
Trade and other payables - non-current	981	3,315
Trade and other payables - current	5,253	6,418

As disclosed in the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, presented in the Annual Report and Form 20-F for that year, Shell is exposed to the risks of changes in fair value of its financial assets and liabilities. The fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair values at December 31, 2017 are consistent with those used in the year ended December 31, 2016. The carrying amounts of derivative contracts measured using predominantly unobservable inputs have not changed materially since December 31, 2016.

The table below provides the comparison of the fair value with the carrying amount of debt excluding finance lease liabilities, disclosed in accordance with IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.

DEBT EXCLUDING FINANCE LEASE LIABILITIES

\$ million	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Carrying amount	70,140	77,617
Fair value ¹	74,650	80,408

¹ Mainly determined from the prices quoted for these securities.

7. Motiva joint venture

On May 1, 2017, Shell and Saudi Refining Inc. ("SRI") completed the separation of assets, liabilities and businesses of Motiva Enterprises LLC ("Motiva"), a 50:50 joint venture. Following the transaction, Shell assumed sole ownership of two refineries, eleven distribution terminals and certain Shell-branded fuel retail markets in the United States. The transaction enables Shell to combine the assets retained from the joint venture with other Shell Downstream assets in North America, in line with its strategy to deliver increased cash and returns through simpler and highly integrated businesses. It is accounted for as a disposal of Shell's 50% interest in the Motiva joint venture and a subsequent business acquisition.

The fair value of Shell's interest in the joint venture on May 1, 2017 was \$3,847 million. This fair value was used, for accounting purposes, as the consideration recognised for the disposal. The disposal gave rise to a taxable gain, leading to a non-cash charge of \$574 million on completion of the transaction. Consequently, income for the second quarter 2017 included a net charge of \$546 million representing the difference between the net carrying amount of Shell's interest in the joint venture (including associated deferred tax liabilities) of \$3,819 million and its fair value, and the tax charge which crystallised upon the disposal. This net charge was reported under "Interest and other income".

The fair value of \$3,847 million also served as the consideration paid for the net assets acquired, in combination with \$862 million received in cash from SRI in the second quarter 2017. The fair value of net assets acquired was \$2,544 million. As a result, goodwill of \$441 million was initially recognised on the business acquisition in the second quarter 2017. In the third quarter 2017, goodwill was reduced to \$391 million following updates to the provisionally agreed cash settlement from SRI and to the fair value of the net assets acquired. In the fourth quarter 2017, goodwill was reduced to \$355 million as set out in the table below. The fair value of Shell's interest in the joint venture, the fair value of the net assets acquired, and therefore the resultant goodwill, remains provisional although no significant adjustments are expected.

GOODWILL RECOGNISED

\$ million	As previously published	Adjustment	As adjusted
Fair value of Shell's interest in the Motiva	3,847	-	3,847
Less: Cash settlement	930	27	957
Less: Fair value of net assets acquired ²			
Intangible assets	641	15	656
Property, plant and equipment	2,699	(14)	2,685
Other non-current assets	67	-	67
Trade and other receivables (current)	-	27	27
Inventories	928	(1)	927
Debt (non-current)	(115)	-	(115)
Trade and other payables (non-current)	(65)	-	(65)
Deferred tax (non-current liabilities)	(312)	(6)	(318)
Retirement benefits (non-current)	(982)	7	(975)
Decommissioning and other provisions (non-current)	(132)	-	(132)
Trade and other payables (current)	(100)	(7)	(107)

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Other current liabilities	(103)	(12)	(115)
	2,526	9	2,535
Goodwill	391	(36)	355

1. Based on Shell's assessment.

2. Based on an independent valuation using cash flow projections based on the historical performance of the newly acquired assets, forecasted pricing for various related commodities and existing business plan information.

For the full year 2017, the total cash impact of this transaction was \$887 million reported under "Proceeds from sale of joint ventures and associates" in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (third quarter 2017: \$842 million). This is the net effect of the \$957 million cash received from SRI and a payment by Shell of \$70 million to settle the transfer of certain retirement benefit liabilities to SRI.

DEFINITIONS

A. Identified items

Identified items comprise: divestment gains and losses, impairments, fair value accounting of commodity derivatives and certain gas contracts, redundancy and restructuring, the impact of exchange rate movements on certain deferred tax balances, and other items. These items, either individually or collectively, can cause volatility to net income, in some cases driven by external factors, which may hinder the comparative understanding of Shell's financial results from period to period. The impact of identified items on Shell's CCS earnings is shown below.

IDENTIFIED ITEMS AFTER TAX

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
1,275	324	1,061	Divestment gains/(losses)	1,657	1,631
(321)	(405)	(293)	Impairments	(3,042)	(2,108)
(541)	(398)	(239)	Fair value accounting of commodity derivatives and certain gas contracts	(335)	(644)
(107)	(71)	(48)	Redundancy and restructuring	(379)	(1,428)
(111)	275	(433)	Impact of exchange rate movements on tax balances	622	253
(1,416)	(130)	(811)	Other ¹	(2,234)	(1,467)
(1,221)	(405)	(763)	Impact on CCS earnings	(3,711)	(3,763)
			Of which:		
(788)	(65)	(879)	Integrated Gas	(190)	(1,171)
400	13	(19)	Upstream	(1,540)	(970)
(280)	(263)	236	Downstream	(824)	(655)
(553)	(90)	(101)	Corporate	(1,157)	(967)
-	-	-	Impact on CCS earnings attributable to non-controlling interest	(28)	(111)
(1,221)	(405)	(763)	Impact on CCS earnings attributable to shareholders	(3,683)	(3,652)

¹ Fourth quarter 2017 includes a non-cash charge of \$2,014 million primarily related to the remeasurement of deferred tax positions following the US tax reform legislation.

The categories above represent the nature of the items identified irrespective of whether the items relate to Shell subsidiaries or joint ventures and associates. The after-tax impact of identified items of joint ventures and associates is fully reported within "Share of profit of joint ventures and associates" on the Consolidated Statement of Income. Identified items related to subsidiaries are consolidated and reported across appropriate lines of the Consolidated Statement of Income. Only pre-tax identified items reported by subsidiaries are taken into account in the calculation of "underlying operating expenses" (Definition G).

Fair value accounting of commodity derivatives and certain gas contracts: In

the ordinary course of business, Shell enters into contracts to supply or purchase oil and gas products as well as power and environmental products. Derivative contracts are entered into for mitigation of resulting economic exposures (generally price exposure) and these derivative contracts are carried at period-end market price (fair value), with movements in fair value recognised in income for the period. Supply and purchase contracts entered into for operational purposes are, by contrast, recognised when the transaction occurs; furthermore, inventory is carried at historical cost or net realisable value, whichever is lower. As a consequence, accounting mismatches occur because: (a) the supply or purchase transaction is recognised in a different period; or (b) the inventory is measured on a different basis. In addition, certain contracts are, due to pricing or delivery conditions, deemed to contain embedded derivatives or written options and are also required to be carried at fair value even though they are entered into for operational purposes. The accounting impacts are reported as identified items.

Impacts of exchange rate movements on tax balances represent the impact on tax balances of exchange rate movements arising on (a) the conversion to dollars of the local currency tax base of non-monetary assets and liabilities, as well as losses (this primarily impacts the Integrated Gas and Upstream segments) and (b) the conversion of dollar-denominated inter-segment loans to local currency, leading to taxable exchange rate gains or losses (this primarily impacts the Corporate segment).

Other identified items represent other credits or charges Shell's management assesses should be excluded to provide additional insight, such as the impact arising from the US tax reform legislation and certain provisions for onerous contracts or litigation.

B. Basic CCS earnings per share

Basic CCS earnings per share is calculated as CCS earnings attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders (see Note 2), divided by the weighted average number of shares used as the basis for basic earnings per share (see Note 3).

C. Capital investment

Capital investment is a measure used to make decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance. It comprises capital expenditure, exploration expense excluding well write-offs, new investments in joint ventures and associates, new finance leases and investments in Integrated Gas, Upstream and Downstream securities, all of which on an accruals basis. In 2016, it also included the capital investment related to the acquisition of BG Group plc.

The reconciliation of "Capital expenditure" to "Capital investment" is as follows.

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
5,861	5,018	5,714	Capital expenditure¹	20,845	22,116
-	-	-	Capital investment related to the acquisition of BG Group plc	-	52,904
202	42	527	Investments in joint ventures and associates	595	1,330
380	280	416	Exploration expense, excluding exploration wells written off	1,048	1,274
330	312	215	Finance leases	1,074	2,343
5	90	41	Other ¹	444	(90)
6,778	5,742	6,913	Capital investment	24,006	79,877
			Of which:		
1,043	1,148	1,145	Integrated Gas	3,827	26,214
3,485	2,805	3,490	Upstream	13,648	47,507
2,208	1,743	2,251	Downstream	6,416	6,057

42	46	27	Corporate	115	99
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^{1.} Full year 2017 includes capital expenditure of \$911 million and, under "Other", a payable position of \$375 million, related to the acquisition of Marathon Oil Canada Corporation in Canada.

D. Divestments

Divestments is a measure used to monitor the progress of Shell's divestment programme. This measure comprises proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and businesses, joint ventures and associates, and other Integrated Gas, Upstream and Downstream investments, reported in "Cash flow from investing activities", adjusted onto an accruals basis and for any share consideration received or contingent consideration recognised upon divestment, as well as proceeds from the sale of interests in entities while retaining control (for example, proceeds from sale of interest in Shell Midstream Partners, L.P.), which are included in "Change in non-controlling interest" within "Cash flow from financing activities".

With effect from January 1, 2017, consideration received in the form of shares is valued and included in this measure upon completion of the divestment transactions, instead of when these shares are disposed of. This change in timing of recognition enables Shell to better evaluate its progress against its divestment programme. The share or contingent consideration is not remeasured thereafter, including if and when the shares received are eventually disposed of, or contingent consideration is realised. Comparative information for 2016 has been adjusted to include the share consideration received upon the divestments of Shell's interests in the Deep Basin and Gundy acreages (Canada) and the Brutus TLP and Glider subsea production system (USA), both in the fourth quarter 2016.

In future periods, the proceeds from any disposal of shares received as divestment consideration, and proceeds from realisation of contingent consideration, will be included in "Cash flow from investing activities".

The reconciliation of "Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and businesses" to "Divestments" is as follows.

Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
2,866	236	1,306	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and businesses¹	8,808	2,072
221	874	1,411	Proceeds from sale of joint ventures and associates ²	2,177	1,565
217	-	275	Share and contingent consideration ³	3,046	275
-	275	289	Proceeds from sale of interests in entities while retaining control	278	1,108
3,170	(20)	(3)	Other adjustments ⁴	3,031	(36)
6,474	1,365	3,278	Divestments	17,340	4,984
			Of which:		
3,021	22	47	Integrated Gas	3,077	352
3,254	187	1,480	Upstream	11,542	1,726
199	1,156	1,747	Downstream	2,703	2,889
-	-	4	Corporate	18	17

^{1.} Full year 2017 includes \$5,188 million related to the Canada oil sands divestment. As reflected in Definition C, capital expenditure of \$911 million and a payable position of \$375 million, together \$1,286 million, were also recorded as part of the oil sands transaction and are integral to the divestment programme.

^{2.} Full year 2017 includes the Motiva transaction, see Note 7. Also integral to the divestment programme is \$1,331 million primarily related to net debt assumed by the counterparty in the Motiva transaction, which would have otherwise increased the cash consideration received by Shell.

^{3.} Full year 2017 includes \$2,829 million for shares in Canadian Natural Resources Limited received as partial consideration for the Canada oil sands divestment.

^{4.} Fourth quarter 2017 includes proceeds of \$2,635 million from the sale of shares in Woodside Petroleum Limited.

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E. Return on average capital employed

Return on average capital employed (ROACE) measures the efficiency of Shell's utilisation of the capital that it employs. In this calculation, ROACE is defined as income for the current and previous three quarters, adjusted for after-tax interest expense, as a percentage of the average capital employed for the same period. Capital employed consists of total equity, current debt and non-current debt.

\$ million	Quarters		
	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016
Income for current and previous three quarters	13,435	11,106	4,777
Interest expense after tax	2,995	3,088	2,730
Income before interest expense	16,430	14,194	7,507
Capital employed - opening	280,988	286,558	222,500
Capital employed - closing	283,477	286,889	280,988
Capital employed - average	282,233	286,723	251,744
ROACE	5.8%	5.0%	3.0%

Return on average capital employed on a CCS basis excluding identified items is defined as the sum of CCS earnings attributable to shareholders excluding identified items for the current and previous three quarters, as a percentage of the average capital employed for the same period.

\$ million	Quarters		
	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016
CCS earnings excluding identified items for current and previous three quarters	15,764	13,256	7,185
Capital employed - average	282,233	286,723	251,744
ROACE on a CCS basis excluding identified items	5.6%	4.6%	2.9%

F. Gearing

Gearing is a key measure of Shell's capital structure and is calculated as follows.

\$ million	Quarters		
	Dec 31, 2017	Sep 30, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
Current debt	11,795	8,675	9,484
Non-current debt	73,870	79,681	82,992
Total debt ¹	85,665	88,356	92,476
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(20,312)	(20,699)	(19,130)
Net debt	65,353	67,657	73,346
Add: Total equity	197,812	198,533	188,511
Total capital	263,165	266,190	261,857
Gearing	24.8%	25.4%	28.0%

¹ Includes finance lease liabilities of \$15,525 million at December 31, 2017, \$15,400 million at September 30, 2017 and \$14,859 million at December 31, 2016.

G. Operating expenses

Operating expenses is a measure of Shell's total operating expenses performance, comprising the following items from the Consolidated Statement of Income: production and manufacturing expenses; selling, distribution and administrative expenses; and research and development expenses. Underlying operating expenses measures Shell's total operating expenses performance excluding identified items.

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Quarters			\$ million	Full year	
Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2016		2017	2016
6,563	6,497	6,703	Production and manufacturing expenses	26,652	28,434
2,953	2,750	2,912	Selling, distribution and administrative expenses	10,509	12,101
260	230	280	Research and development	922	1,014
9,776	9,477	9,895	Operating expenses	38,083	41,549
			Less identified items:		
(152)	(131)	(51)	Redundancy and restructuring charges	(565)	(1,870)
215	(149)	-	Provisions	38	(915)
-	-	-	BG acquisition costs	-	(422)
63	(280)	(51)		(527)	(3,207)
9,839	9,197	9,844	Underlying operating expenses	37,556	38,342

H. Free cash flow

Free cash flow is used to evaluate cash available for financing activities, including dividend payments, after investment in maintaining and growing our business. It is defined as the sum of "Cash flow from operating activities" and "Cash flow from investing activities" as shown on page 1.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

All amounts shown throughout this announcement are unaudited. All peak production figures in Portfolio Developments are quoted at 100% expected production.

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