

EMAIL ALFRED DONOVAN TO KEITH RUDDOCK: Thu 13/09/2007 07:12

Dear Mr Ruddock

We are grateful to you and Mr Robert Allen of Simmons & Simmons for the replies kindly supplied by email yesterday.

We have revised the email to MP's deleting reference to the codenames issue which you have both now dealt with in an unambiguous way. Under the circumstances we will not raise that particular issue with the Information Commissioner. If Shell would only follow the same path in all correspondence with us, rather than resorting to legalese, it would save shareholders a great deal of money.

The revised draft is printed below and assuming there are no objections to the facts set out therein, it will be circulated without further reference to Shell or Simmons & Simmons.

Yours sincerely
Alfred Donovan

REVISED DRAFT: The safety of your constituents is at risk

Bill Campbell, the former Shell Group Auditor recently sent you an email warning of an inevitable catastrophe on Shell North Sea platforms unless action is taken. Bill led the safety audit team which discovered a "Touch F*** All" safety policy endorsed by Shell management. Shell failed to take adequate remedial steps to deal with falsified safety reports and bodged repairs discovered in the audit. Two offshore workers died in a subsequent avoidable accident. Shell was fined £900,000 after admitting responsibility.

Bill is convinced that despite these events, Shell is still putting profits and production before safety.

If Bill's warnings are proved correct, families all over the UK, including in your constituency, could lose loved ones because Shell, which made \$26.3 billion profit in 2006, has not faced up to its responsibilities in relation to offshore employee safety.

Information published on the HSE website proves that contrary to claims by Shell, safety and fatality statistics are getting worse, not better. For example since the fatalities, on average, an enforcement order has been placed against Shell every 40 days or so, leading to almost continual breach with 88 separate breaches of legislation.

The campaign led by Bill has gathered momentum since he wrote to you. A number of MP's kindly intervened by making representations to Shell or to the Minister responsible. If you have not taken action, please send an email to the Executive Director of Shell EP, Malcolm Brinded (malcolnbrindedatxxxxxx) expressing your concern, with a copy to Bill (Cambellxxxxx.com) so he is aware of your support. It will only take a few minutes but could, in combination with the efforts of others, result in lives being saved.

We are also delighted with the media publicity. There have been several articles mentioning the joint campaign involving Bill and the website royaldutchshellplc.com which I own with my son, John Donovan e.g. in the Daily Mail on 1 September an article headlined: "Shell on back foot as gripe site alleges safety concerns" and another in the Daily Telegraph on 8 Sept: "Pressure on Shell over safety of platforms".

The mission of our non commercial website is to persuade Shell to live up to the core principles in Shell's Statement of General Business Principles pledging integrity, honesty, transparency and respect for people in all of Shell's dealings. If Shell had abided by its own ethical code, there would have been no "Touch F*** All" culture and no Brent Bravo fatalities

(and no reserves fraud).

Two offshore unions last week joined the growing chorus of voices expressing serious reservations over these matters. On 6 Sept, BBC News reported "Two offshore unions have called on the HSE to investigate Shell's operations in the North Sea".

An interview with Shell CEO Jeroen van der Veer by The Guardian on 31 Aug 2007 contained the following sentence:

"He also makes clear he was hurt by the coverage of another fiasco – when a Shell consultant, Bill Campbell, blew the whistle on safety breaches in the North Sea."

Although sorry his feelings are hurt, that is preferable to more Shell employees losing their lives.

On a related matter, we obtained via a SAR application, Shell internal documents revealing a frenzied reaction to the prospect of a Campbell/Donovan alliance. It included the creation of a crisis reaction team designed to torpedo the budding relationship and thwart our activities. We will write further on Shell's panic stricken machinations.

Released documents contained admissions never meant for public consumption and evidence of further documents relating to us. We asked Shell for the missing information and on 6 Sept received an unsatisfactory response from solicitors hastily retained by Shell. We gave Shell advance sight of an earlier version of this email and have deleted the only information categorically stated by Shell as being factually incorrect.

Yours sincerely
Alfred Donovan