I prefer to just ignore. This is fairly consistent with our earlier approach until the stuff emerged which we felt we needed to be a bit more proactive about.

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: 09 July 2007 09:58
To: 
CC: 
Subject: FW: Email to Keith Ruddock
Importance: High

I assume that the line is we don't respond to Donovan but if we do:

Option 1: Do nothing and Donovan carry on his campaign

Option 2: respond saying

Option 3: respond saying

- who is standing in for while away. Also views as to above? Option 2 fits with what we have said before I feel.

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-----Original Message-----
From: John Donovan [mailto:john@shellnews.net]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2007 6:39 PM
To: Niven, Jim R SEIC-C-EA

30/09/2009
Hello Mr Niven

You will have already received a copy of my email to Mr. Ruddock sent earlier this morning (printed below).

I have received an automated response advising that he is on leave.

Under the circumstances I would be grateful if you would deal with this matter and respond on behalf of the named individuals "Craig, Ruddock and Finlayson" by close of business today if you wish to do so.

Regards
John Donovan

THE EMAIL

Dear Mr. Ruddock

The following comment was posted on our www.royaldutchshellplc.com website on Saturday by "Jim McGuire". This may be a false name.

"I can confirm the views of Simon and Lucio. I was kicked out of SEIC and have since been the victim of uninterrupted personal threats and attacks by Craig, Ruddock and Finlayson's police in an attempt to silence me from telling you the whole truth about Sakhalin 2 budget and schedule. It is only the fear of losing my freedom and livelihood that prevents me from telling you more".

As you will be aware, we have received a number of leaks from Sakhalin-2 insiders, not all of whom have given us their true names. Nonetheless, in general terms the information received has proven to be correct. Even in the case of the person who used the name of David Greer, it transpired that the leaked internal email later supplied was 100% authentic.

Since you are personally named in this latest posting, it seems only fair to invite your response. If you are able to categorically state that the allegations are unfounded and that you have had no involvement in trying to prevent information reaching us concerning the Sakhalin-2 project, we will delete the comment.

If there is no denial or no response to this email, then we will use the information in an article being prepared for external publication as well as publication on our own website. As usual you are in any event be very welcome to see the draft article before publication and we would publish unedited any rebuttal you wished to supply.

In case you are unaware of the "views of Simon and Lucio", the posting was as follows:

July 1st, 2007 10:43

Now, at last, the realest truth is coming out. Bring back Marshall Greer and his colleague Troost now. Without them, Sak Energy and the Ph II Project has lost its spine, guts, muscle and will to deliver.

As a result, the proj schedule and (US$20 billion) budget will be blown sky high for sure. Mark our words, Masters Donovans, soon the real cost and schedule of Sakhalin 2 will be revealed and all hell will break loose soon. You and Gazprom and Shell will be shocked.

We are all doomed on Sakhalin under Craig's and Visser's school boy "leadership".

What a horror movie this is for the few good peoples left here on island.

Lots of people are about to leave this Company and more will leave this Company soon for sure as long as present "leaders" prevail.
Us included.

Simon and Lucio the Wolf

If there is no response by close of business today, I will assume that you will not be responding.

Regards
John Donovan