



AN OPEN LETTER FROM ALFRED DONOVAN TO RICHARD WISEMAN (LEFT), GENERAL COUNSEL, SHELL INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED.

Wednesday 3rd May 2006

(I HAVE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT EVERYTHING STATED HEREIN)

Dear Mr Wiseman,

I am writing to you as a matter of courtesy. As of immediate effect a team of leaflet distributors will be stationed at the entrances to the Shell Centre. They will be offering leaflets to all individuals entering or leaving the Shell Centre.

They have been instructed to engage in this activity politely, without causing any obstruction, and will obey all lawful instructions issued by Shell security staff in relation to the distribution of the leaflets. Please advise me by email in the unlikely event that any complaints arise about the way in which the leaflets are distributed. In that event I would take action immediately.

I have enclosed for your information, examples of the five initial leaflets being distributed—each with a different theme. This “open letter” is one of the leaflets. Two of the leaflets relate to Dr John Huong, the former Shell geologist of 29 years standing who blew the whistle (internally at Shell Malaysia) in respect of the multibillion dollar reserves fraud which, in 2004, destroyed Shell’s reputation. He is, as you are aware, the subject of multiple court proceedings by EIGHT different multinational companies within the Royal Dutch Shell Group. This includes the “NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE” served on him in March 2006 seeking his imprisonment for engaging in his fundamental human right to freedom of expression.

Solely at my own initiative, I am giving my active support to Dr Huong and the several hundred other former Shell employees in Malaysia embroiled in litigation with Shell e.g. the group of 399 known as “Team A”. After my own horrendous experience of litigation with Shell and the unscrupulous, oppressive and sometimes underhand methods used by Shell lawyers (and associated undercover agents), I have great empathy for them. Shell has decided to raise the stakes in its attempt to silence Dr Huong. This is my response.

The information on the leaflets is published by me in accordance with the 18 May 2005 legal statement made by Shell International Petroleum Company Limited in its submission to the World Intellectual Property Organisation in which you expressly recognised my rights to freedom of expression in relation to criticising Shell.

(This was the same statement which contained a defamatory comment about my son John in relation to the SMART litigation and false information about the terms of the SMART settlement. In fact, unbeknown to the Judge, the media and Shell shareholders, John insisted upon and received a payment in addition to his legal fees, which were paid by Shell. The secret payment was not revealed in the so called “joint” press release.)

In your email to me on 14th November 2005, you commented on what you described as Shell’s “*extraordinary tolerance*” to my activities which “*ought to demonstrate better than anything else the fact that we are uninterested in, and unmoved by, your current activities*”. You then betrayed your true feelings about my “activities” by issuing what could only be construed as a threat in relation to the removal of a satirical feature on my website directed at the CEO of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Mr Jeroen van der Veer.

This was the same email in which you admitted to removing my postings from the “TellShell” internet forum for supposed open debate. I had of course already publicly exposed your secret censorship activities on the forum. Shortly thereafter, Shell suspended the “TellShell” discussion forum indefinitely. It remains suspended nearly six months later because you (Shell) no longer wish to hear what your shareholders and current/former employees want to say. One contribution from a disgruntled former Shell manager disappeared without the excuse normally used: “removed for legal reasons”. In this instance, like Shell’s reserves, the posting just vanished.

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