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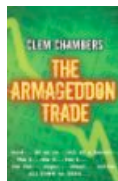
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day and oil storage facilities. Company [Web site](http://www.royaldutchshellplc.com): <http://www.royaldutchshellplc.com> -By James Herron, [Dow Jones](mailto:james.herron@dowjones.com) Newswires; +44 (0)20 7842 9317; james.herron@dowjones.com

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