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Shell to cut jobs in core exploration unit-website

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LONDON, Sept 4 (Reuters) - Royal Dutch Shell Plc is planning job cuts of around 15 percent in its core exploration and production unit, a Shell protest website reported on Friday, citing sources inside the oil major.

An announcement on a restructuring of the unit, which generates most of Shell's profit, is due on Monday, website Royaldutchshellplc.com said. Shell declined comment. (Editing by David Cowell)

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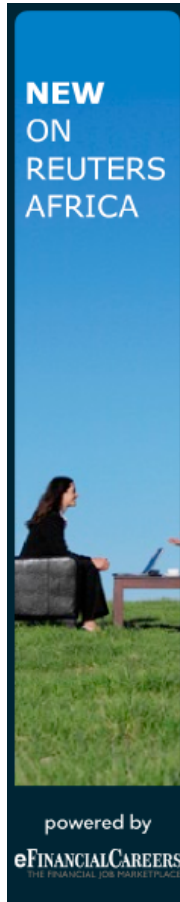
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