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Dear Mr Donovan

Thank you for your e-mail of 9 December 2002. We confirm that we are instructed on behalf of all of the companies within the Shell Group as well as all current Shell employees.

I have nothing to add to what was said in my e-mail of 6 December. Shell's position in relation to all these matters should now be perfectly clear to you, as should the risks that you would be undertaking by publication of this manuscript.

Yours sincerely

Colin Joseph