

Royal Dutch Shell plc  
Att Ben van Beurden  
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Dear Mr Van Beurden,

This morning, activists from Greenpeace Southeast Asia - Philippines climbed a jetty at Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation's Tabangao (Batangas) refinery and called on your company to put People and Planet first, not profit.

We are calling on Royal Dutch Shell plc and all subsidiaries, to acknowledge its contributions to the climate crisis and to show up at the first public hearing of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines taking place on 27-28 March in Manila. Five public hearings are currently scheduled. Following the March hearing, there will be two more in the Philippines, one in the United States, and another in the UK.

We have made all efforts to engage Shell and other companies to participate in the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines investigation into the responsibilities of the Carbon Majors, for human rights violations or threats of violations resulting from the impacts of climate change since September 2015. So far, Shell's only response has been requests to dismiss the investigation.

In September 2015, representatives of communities across the Philippines - one of the countries most at risk from the impacts of climate change - including fisher folk from Alabat, communities living in the shadow of the Bataan coal power plant, survivors of super-typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), and civil society organizations, including Greenpeace Southeast Asia-Philippines, filed the petition with the Commission. Shell is one of the 47 investor-owned oil, coal, gas and cement companies identified in the petition.

We want all of our lives to be livable and not ruled by fear of the next extreme weather event, failed crop harvest, or futile fishing trip. The fossil fuel industry has profited at our expense - we the people - for far too long, and Shell should acknowledge its share of the responsibility and help solve the climate crisis that it has helped to create.

The fossil fuel industry, including Shell, knew decades ago that its operations and products presented a danger to the climate. What's more, companies had the resources to do something about it, but they did not.

But people are not standing by and waiting for companies, including Shell, to finally act. When we talk about the human rights that the fossil fuel industry threatens, we talk about our rights to life, health, clean water, food, shelter, livelihood, self-determination, a balanced and healthful ecology, and development. Human rights are rights for everyone, and not just the privileged few.

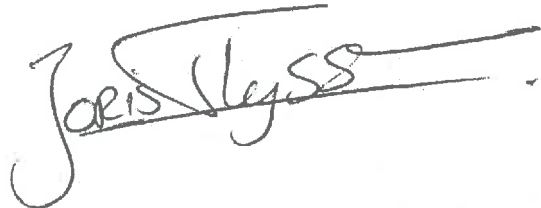
At Shell's Annual General Meeting in The Hague last year, Filipino petitioners directly asked you why Shell is seeking to stop the investigation by asking for its dismissal. You responded that, despite deep respect for the Commission on Human Rights, you believe that this issue was outside the mandate of the Commission. The Commission is of another opinion and has asserted its clear and explicit authority and jurisdiction to investigate all forms of human rights violations in the Philippines, including human rights violations resulting from climate change.

The sincerest way to show respect is to show up and listen to Filipinos who continue to have their lives and livelihoods threatened by the climate crisis.

Yours sincerely,



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