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L&G - As agreed, we don't make specific comments on allegations on the above; and on Legal matters we are in the excellent hands of (who monitors this closely) and  
However, you may like to be aware of what seem to be (even by the website's standards) particularly offensive comments about various members of the EC from both John Donovan and , also at the end a reference to retention payments and the AGM.

Regards

**Former Shell International HSE Group Auditor Bill Campbell comments on the article: "Contenders for the tarnished Shell crown"**

**Bill Campbell**

**Apr 28th, 2008**

**My only comment on the statement that quote 'Brinded has a track record of turning a blind eye to corrupt management and has the blood on his hands of Shell offshore workers that lost their lives in a preventable accident on the Brent Bravo production platform' was that he was in fact the corrupt Manager (Director) and the 1999 major audit atypically pointed the finger at him as the main catalyst for the demise witnessed in that organisation.**

**He has subsequently, along with his buddy Van der Veer put great energy into covering his wrongdoings up with the assistance of the HSE in relation to the deaths and the subversion of an internal report by the Chief Auditor at that time Jakob Stausholm. For background to the HSE involvement refer to testimony published on your website yesterday from official extracts from the parliamentary Steering Committee.**

**This evidence put to the Committee for circulation has not been denied by the CEO of the HSE Geoffrey Podger or the HSC Chairman Judith Hackitt who both could raise no objections in Law to its publication.**

**Brinded, who I personally had good relations with in the short period I worked with him in his CRINE initiative etc, and who I think is an acutely intelligent man, and no doubt from a business perspective is by far the best man for the job, will never succeed Van der Veer in my opinion. His flaw is that he does not have a sense of balance and to succeed will do anything he can including treating the people offshore in 1999 and after 2003, who were at risk, as some lower form of pond life.**

**He has caused great pain and embarrassment to the non executive Chairman and the Board who I think have already informed him that he is not a contender. Of course Shell if they get hot and bothered about this statement will deny this, but of course as can be seen from the unusual case of Hill vs Hill also published on your system, well they would, wouldn't they. Anyway time as they say will tell.**

**In the last analysis Ollila is not going to replace Van der Veer, the Junior Soprano of the Oil business with his buddy Malcolm, the erstwhile Tony Soprano. Jeroen and Malcolm are to the oil business as the Soprano's are to the waste management business in New Jersey. You may have to translate this humourous but serious comment to the Company Secretary.**

**Bill Campbell**

## Contenders for the tarnished Royal Dutch Shell crown

By John Donovan

The Financial Times published an article on Saturday revealing Shell's intention to make "one-off retention payments to three Shell executive directors", Malcolm Brinded, Peter Voser and Linda Cook; the three candidates vying to succeed Jeroen van der Veer when he retires in June next year.

[Financial Times Article <http://royaldutchshellplc.com/2008/04/26/alarm-at-shell-retention-awards-of-over-15-million-each-for-malcolm-brinded-linda-cook-and-peter-voser/>](http://royaldutchshellplc.com/2008/04/26/alarm-at-shell-retention-awards-of-over-15-million-each-for-malcolm-brinded-linda-cook-and-peter-voser/)

### Not an inspiring trio

Brinded has a track record of turning a blind eye to corrupt management and has the blood on his hands of Shell offshore workers that lost their lives in a preventable accident on the Brent Bravo production platform for which Shell admitted responsibility and paid a record breaking fine. Brinded failed to take adequate action after a "Touch Fuck All" safety culture was exposed in a safety audit led by Shell International HSE Group Auditor, Bill Campbell.

Peter Voser, the Chief Financial Officer of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, is up to his neck in the UBS Bank scandal. He is a member of the blundering board of directors' accused of serious wrongdoing, including misrepresentation and alleged fraud.

Linda Cook along with disgraced former Shell executive directors Sir Phil Watts and Walter van de Vijver, was part of a Shell management team which misled investors over the volume of Shell's reserves. The securities fraud and the resultant scandal cost Shell shareholders \$850 million in fines, class action settlements and legal costs. We have documents confirming her personal involvement in important presentations which contained materially false information.

A former Shell executive, Paddy Briggs, has already made the following comment about the proposed retention payments:

*We shouldn't be surprised by the "retention payments" story but my God how offensive it is that these already hugely overpaid people get more gold whilst the Shell Pensioner community has to be satisfied with the minimum that the company can legally get away with. The poorer Pensioners have been hit by the abolition of the 10% tax rate and by real inflation that far exceeds the RPI. Not that our mega-Rich (and soon to be even richer) leaders could give a damn.*

Mr Briggs recently resigned from the Shell Pensioners Association on a point of principle because Shell management refused to make a once off payment to Shell pensioners hard hit by rising living costs, due in part to the increasing cost of oil. This is ironic bearing in mind that Shell is embroiled in the sinister events in Nigeria generating record high oil prices at the gas pump. As we have previously pointed out, Shell has a commercial relationship with the gangs attacking Shell infrastructure including pipelines. These attacks occur at a sufficient frequency to repeatedly crimp oil supply, thereby driving up global oil prices. There are articles published every day citing the attacks as being a contributory factor to high oil prices.

Is Shell capable of such skulduggery? The answer is yes, it has a track record of sinister activities and unethical trading, including being a "repeat offender" in setting up illegal cartels. It has been fined on that basis.

[Wikipedia Article <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controversies surrounding Royal Dutch Shell>](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controversies_surrounding_Royal_Dutch_Shell)

Within the last few days, Shell has been accused of being a participant in more unlawful price-fixing, this time in respect of the sale of cigarettes.

And it already has a history of engaging in skulduggery in Nigeria.

<http://www.e-ir.info/?p=399>

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**We are also talking about a company making massive profits but which has failed to ensure that lifeboats on a Shell North Sea platform were properly maintained. Once again profits were put before the safety of Shell employees.**

**upstreamonline.com article <<http://royaldutchshellplc.com/2008/03/17/upstreamonlinecom-lifeboats-trouble-at-brent-field/>>**

**On the one hand Shell is intent on heaping huge retention payments funded from multibillion dollar profits on three fat cat executive directors of questionable integrity, all indemnified to the hilt against claims for any misdeeds, apparently including fraud, while refusing to make a once off payment to Shell pensioners and failing to spend enough money to maintain the safety of lifeboat's serving Shell offshore employees.**

**What would be the most appropriate word to describe this situation: Wicked? Evil? Obscene? Take your pick.**

**I feel confident these matters will be raised at the forthcoming Shell AGM.**