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From:
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To:
Subject: FW: Wikipedia Royal Dutch Shell articles

Please see attached message from Mr D. What do you want to do about this ?

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From: John Donovan [mailto:john@shellnews.net]
Sent: vrijdag 6 maart 2009 17:24
To: Brandjes, Michiel CM SI-LC
Subject: Wikipedia Royal Dutch Shell articles

Dear Mr Brandjes

As you may be aware, I am a major contributor to the Wikipedia articles about Royal Dutch Shell - probably the main contributor.

All information has to be added and authored on an impartial balanced basis in line with Wikipedia requirements and be supported by verifiable reputable independent sources. I have always added all information under my own name and openly declared my background.

Over the past several months I have collected together a considerable volume of evidence to use in support of additional information I am adding to the existing Wikipedia pages, a number of which contain negative information about Shell e.g.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Controversies_surrounding_Royal_Dutch_Shell

There has been discussion on the "controversies" talk page about the need for a Wikipedia article covering entirely positive aspects of our company (speaking as a long term Shell shareholder). This could provide a counter balance to articles containing criticism of Shell. However, no one has been prepared (or had the time?) to make the effort necessary to collect together the evidence to support a "positives" page.

I have now done this. It is included on a webpage on which I have gathered the evidence to support new information I will be adding shortly.

<http://www.shellnews.net/wikipedia/wikipedia-evidence-file.html>

The relevant information is currently under the heading "Royal Dutch Shell initiatives".

Could you kindly let me know if you feel another heading would be more appropriate? It is difficult to find one covering all of the topics currently included under the "initiatives" heading.

Secondly, can you direct me to any other information, which should ideally be included in the "initiatives" page?

Thirdly, if you spot any information under any of the subject headings which Shell knows to be categorically inaccurate or untrue, please say so and I will take appropriate action.

Wikipedia is a great source of encyclopaedic information for the public, the media, investors and anyone who wants to know about the Royal Dutch Shell Group. The Shell related Wikipedia articles reveal the dna of Shell and as far as I know, are already the most comprehensive and informative about any multinational. They will be further enhanced by the addition of more information that will be of continuing interest in coming decades to future generations.

The great thing is that the pages can be updated in line with unfolding events.

As you are probably aware, the Wikipedia articles relating to Shell have been edited from Shell locations without this being disclosed. Personally I believe Shell has the right to **openly** correct any untrue information on Wikipedia about its history or activities and would encourage Shell to do so.

Best Regards
John Donovan