

THE PERSECUTION OF ROYAL DUTCH SHELL WHISTLEBLOWER, DR JOHN HUONG

EIGHT companies within the Royal Dutch Shell Group, all multinationals in their own right, have for almost two years collectively bombarded former Shell geologist, Dr John Huong, with High Court proceedings in respect of alleged defamatory postings on Shell related websites owned and operated by *Alfred Donovan. In fact, as Shell is well aware, Dr Huong has never posted a single word on the relevant websites. **However, Shell seems hell bent on destroying him at all costs.**

Shell management apparently has no comprehension of how badly it looks to the outside world when such draconian action is taken collectively by EIGHT giant Shell companies against one unemployed Malaysian? It is potentially another huge PR disaster in the making if Shell's persistent intimidation pushes Dr Huong over the edge. He was already suffering from stress when Shell sacked him on false grounds.

Dr Huong has in fact been deluged by legal proceedings by Shell. They started in June 2004 with a High Court Writ, a Restraining Order and an interim Injunction. In the last few weeks, Shell has stepped up the intimidation by issuing a "NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE" requiring him to provide evidence why he should not be jailed or fined for contempt. The legal notice was served on him on 15th March 2006 in the midst of the hearing of his claim against Shell for wrongful dismissal. On 19th April 2006 Shell issued more legal proceedings, this time a further Restraining Order which was served on him at his home in the dark of night: an underhand tactic presumably designed to intimidate him and his family. The legal documents served on him were over an inch thick. (Shell management seems to have developed a taste for jailing anyone who dares to stand up for their rights. Five courageous Irishman were imprisoned for three months last year at the behest of Shell after campaigning against Shell in respect of the Corrib pipeline project in Ireland. That project is now held up indefinitely because of the colossal PR blunder by Shell.)

The avalanche of court proceedings against Dr Huong has resulted in the absurd situation whereby he is under threat of being jailed if he supplies information to Alfred Donovan and under threat of being jailed if he doesn't. Further information can be found on ShellNews.net.

THE RESERVES SCANDAL: Dr Huong wrote to his supervisor to register his deep moral reservations about providing information which would seriously mislead Shell shareholders over the reserves volume. This was in relation to the computer reservoir engineering model for the Kinabalu Field. A Shell document contained the following comment by Dr Huong after he had raised in writing his ethical reservations about the calculation of reserves volume. ***"How can we live a day with a free conscience by getting the money from our investors through the 502F when our depositional model work is in question?"*** shellnews.net has a copy of the relevant incriminating Shell internal document.

HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES: On 7 July 2003, Dr Huong sent an email to Sir Phillip Watts (the then Chairman of Royal Dutch/Shell) and Dominique Gardy, a director of Shell E & P. He also copied it to Jon Chadwick, Country Chairman of Shell Malaysia. The email contained a detailed warning of Dr Huong's concerns over the safety of the Shell helicopter fleet which fell within his responsibilities. His email and associated evidence were unwelcome and ignored. The helicopter safety cover-up has haunted Dr Huong ever since. The concerns expressed by Dr Huong (and other Shell staff in related *internal emails) were unfortunately vindicated by a helicopter crash which occurred in June 2005 involving a helicopter in the same fleet. These are just two examples of the issues of conscience which concerned Dr Huong.

shellnews.net owner, *Alfred Donovan, has had business dealings with Shell stretching back almost 50 years. In the 1980's & 90's the sales promotion company he founded with his son, John (Don Marketing) created and supplied multimillion dollar national promotions for Shell on an international basis. He and his son probably hold the world record for suing Shell, having subsequently brought a series of court actions: five for breach of confidence or breach of contract (after Shell stole ideas disclosed in confidence) and two for libel. They have never lost a case against Shell. Details about the litigation are published on shellnews.net, the unique website owned by Alfred Donovan. It contains the world's largest collection of Shell news articles, Shell insider revelations and leaked Shell documents – astonishingly, over 8,500 web pages all focused on Shell. Mr Donovan owns and uses the registration to the dotcom domain name for Shell's unified \$223 billion (USD) company: Royal Dutch Shell Plc (royaldutchshellplc.com). Shell made an unsuccessful attempt to seize it by instituting proceedings via the World Intellectual Property Organisation in May 2005. A WIPO panel gave a unanimous verdict in favour of Mr Donovan in August 2006.: This leaflet was authored, designed, published and circulated by Shell-News.net, 847a Second Avenue, New York City, New York 10017. Tel: +1 (646) 502 8756: Email alfred@royaldutchshellplc.com. Disclaimer: shellnews.net and the websites royaldutchshellplc.com and royaldutchshellgroup.com are not endorsed or associated with Royal Dutch Shell Plc and the Royal Dutch Shell Group in any way. © ShellNews.net 2006