

## **Verzoek om wederhoorverzoek aan Shell's dochteronderneming SPDC, 23-11-2020**

On behalf of the Dutch tv-program Zembra we are working on a story about the devastating consequences of oil spills in the Niger Delta. On June 13<sup>th</sup> 2010, Zembra covered this issue in a documentary you can find via this link <https://www.bnnvara.nl/zembra/artikelen/vuile-olie-van-shell>.

At the moment we are carrying out a new investigation which will also look into how the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria (SPDC) has implemented CSR principles to their operations in the Niger Delta and the way Royal Dutch Shell is monitoring the practices. We furthermore look into the following aspect: We hear stories about SPDC employees involved in causing oil spills. We also hear that contractors of SPDC are involved in these practices.

To obtain more information on this issues, we would like SPDC to respond to the following questions:

1. Does SPDC have any knowledge about involvement of employees in causing oil spills in the Niger Delta or any accusations of such an involvement? With involvement we mean any possible way to collude in order to actively cause oil spills. If this is the case, when and where did this take place and what did SPDC do with this information?
2. Does SPDC have any knowledge about involvement of employees from remediating companies contracted by SPDC cause oil spills in the Niger Delta or of any accusations of such an involvement? If this is the case, when and where did this take place and what did SPDC do with this information?
3. In case SPDC has knowledge about this practices, has SPDC informed the Royal Dutch Shell headquarter about it?
4. Shell's Code of Conduct defines the integrity principles all Shell employees, contractors and those at joint ventures Shell operates are expected to behave in line with. How does SPDC make sure that local employees and contractors apply theses principles? How is this monitored? How is this reported to Shell? Could you send us the reports?

## **Reactie van Shell's dochteronderneming SPDC, 27-11-2020**

A spokesperson for Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) said:

“SPDC is not aware of any staff or contractors involved in acts causing oil spills in the Niger Delta. Pipeline vandalism is a criminal offence and persons making such allegation or in possession of such facts should report such cases (if any) involving SPDC staff or contractor(s) to the appropriate Nigerian mandated security agencies/authorities for investigation and ultimate prosecution in line with Nigerian laws.”