# **CARBON TRACKER AND ENERGY TRANSITIONS COMMISSION, SHELL ARCTIC ANNOUNCEMENT – OVERVIEW ON MEDIA COVERAGE**

**Top Stories Energy Transitions Commission and Shell**

# **BBC RADIO TODAY PROGRAMME**

Interview with Jeremy Leggett and ETC, Shell Arctic pullout one the BBC’s flagship radio programme which sets the agenda for the press in the UK. Hear clip 50 minutes into programme. i.e. Move cursor 50 minutes in.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06d2g8q>

# **Financial Times - Shell’s Arctic pullout fuels ‘stranded assets’ debate. 28.09.15**

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/1c72d562-65d8-11e5-9846-de406ccb37f2.html#axzz3n1Tw2hVR>

The timing of [Royal Dutch Shell](http://markets.ft.com/tearsheets/performance.asp?s=uk:RDSA)’s decision to halt its Arctic oil exploration campaign is hard to ignore — it comes just 10 weeks before nearly 200 countries are due to strike a global climate change accord in Paris.

# **Guardian: Shell abandons Alaska Arctic drilling 28.09.15**

# <http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/sep/28/shell-ceases-alaska-arctic-drilling-exploratory-well-oil-gas-disappoints>

Shell has abandoned its controversial drilling operations in the Alaskan Arctic in the [face of mounting opposition](http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/sep/10/shell-leaves-climate-project-it-helped-found-amid-arctic-drilling-row) in what jubilant environmentalists described as “an unmitigated defeat” for big oil.

**Can Oil Companies Really Be Part Of The Transition To A Low-Carbon Future?**

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/mikescott/2015/09/29/can-oil-companies-really-be-part-of-the-transition-to-a-low-carbon-future/>

# **Energy Voice - Energy Transitions Commission aims to help shift world to a low carbon economy. 28.09.15**

<https://www.energyvoice.com/other-news/88832/energy-transitions-commission-aims-to-help-shift-world-to-a-low-carbon-economy/>

A new initiative to develop an orderly shift to a low carbon economy – backed by energy giants including Shell and BHP Billiton – was officially launched today.

**Invezz - Shell share price: Firm discontinues Arctic exploration as first well disappoints. 28.09.15**

<http://invezz.com/news/equities/20394-Shell-share-price-Firm-discontinues-Arctic-exploration-as-first-well-disappoints>

…Meanwhile, Shell, in partnership with BHP Billiton, General Electric, Statoil and RWE, among other energy companies, is set to announce the launch an [energy advisory group](http://invezz.com/news/equities/20377-Shell-share-price-Oil-major-to-set-up-energy-advice-group" \t "_blank) today…The so-called Energy Transitions Commission will consult governments on how to efficiently transition to greener energy portfolios.

## Blue&Green Tomorrow: Shell abandons Arctic oil drilling: indications not sufficient to warrant further exploration 28.09.15

http://blueandgreentomorrow.com/2015/09/28/shell-abandons-arctic-oil-drilling-indications-not-sufficient-to-warrant-further-exploration/

#### Shell announced today that it was abandoning further work on the controversial Burger J exploration well, located in Alaska’s Chukchi Sea.  The Burger J well is approximately 150 miles from Barrow, Alaska, in about 150 feet of water.

**Reuters - Shell, Statoil among energy companies forging climate advice group. 25.09.15**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/24/us-energy-climatechange-group-idUSKCN0RO21620150924>

Representatives from energy companies including oil heavyweights Shell and Statoil have joined forces to advise on making cleaner energy decisions, the latest push by energy firms to become more pro-active on climate issues.

**Business Green - Will Shell funded energy transitions commission help or hinder the low carbon economy? 25.09.15**

<http://www.businessgreen.com/bg/analysis/2427603/will-shell-funded-energy-transitions-commission-help-or-hinder-the-low-carbon-economy>

Oil giant Shell is backing a new organisation that is being set up to lobby governments to step up their investments in low carbon technologies, with the twin aims of boosting economic growth and tackling climate change.

**Financial Times - Shell, BHP and GE to advise governments on climate change. 24.09.15**

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ebd4ae20-62bd-11e5-a28b-50226830d644.html#axzz3n1Tw2hVR>

The oil group, [Royal Dutch Shell](http://markets.ft.com/tearsheets/performance.asp?s=uk:RDSA), has teamed up with the McKinsey management consultancy and other large companies to advise governments on how to combat global warming without weakening their economies

**Quartz - What’s wrong with this picture: Fossil fuel companies want to advise governments on climate change. 25.09.15**

<http://qz.com/511171/whats-wrong-with-this-picture-fossil-fuel-companies-want-to-advise-governments-on-climate-change/>

China’s announcement of [a cap-and-trade program](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/25/world/asia/xi-jinping-china-president-obama-summit.html) to limit its emissions is yet another sign that the world’s governments are finally getting serious about addressing climate change. And some of the world’s biggest fossil fuel-dependent companies are eager to help.

**Seeking Alpha: Shell, BHP, GE to advise governments on climate change 24.09.15**

<http://seekingalpha.com/news/2795666-shell-bhp-ge-to-advise-governments-on-climate-change>

**Climate Change News - What’s with Shell’s new energy transitions commission? 23.09.15**

<http://www.climatechangenews.com/2015/09/23/whats-with-shells-new-energy-transitions-commission/>

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**The Climate Coalition - What’s with Shell’s new energy transitions commission? 23.09.15**

<http://www.theclimatecoalition.org/news/2015/09/23/what%E2%80%99s-shell%E2%80%99s-new-energy-transitions-commission>

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**London South East; Alliance News, Shell BHP to Advise Governments on Climate Change**

<http://www.lse.co.uk/AllNews.asp?code=iv1lj7mx&headline=PRESS_Shell_BHP_To_Advise_Governments_On_Climate_Change__FT>

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**Energy and Carbon - Does Shell’s energy transitions commission signal a new strategy? 23.09.15**

<http://energyandcarbon.com/does-shells-energy-transitions-commission-signal-a-new-strategy/>

Royal Dutch Shell will launch next week an initiative with multiple partners which it says will investigate and inform how the world can shift to a low-carbon economy.

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**Fortune – Shell chairman: we won’t abandon energy, but we will evolve. 28.09.15**

<http://fortune.com/2015/09/28/shell-chairman-energy-evolve/>

Shell, the leader in oil and gas, says it will pursue solar power and other alternative energy—if that’s where the market is going. Chad Holliday, chairman of oil giant Shell, said Monday the company aims to change according to data gathered by a new industry commission it is helping to form—even if the information leads it away from its current businesses.

[MENTIONS ETC BUT NOT CARBON TRACKER]

**Fortune – Big business creates a new non-profit to help fix climate change. 28.09.15**

<http://fortune.com/2015/09/28/climate-change-non-profit-data/>

Includes comment: “It’s like game wardens taking advice from poachers on where to look for illegal hunters.”

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**Fortune – Chad Holliday announces the Energy Transitions Commission (video). 28.09.15**

<http://fortune.com/video/2015/09/28/chad-holliday-energy-transitions-commission/>

**National Geographic - 3 Reasons why Shell halted drilling in the Arctic. 28.09.15**

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/energy/2015/09/150928-3-reasons-shell-halted-drilling-in-the-arctic/>

After months of controversy and hundreds of protesters, including kayaktivists who paddled in front of an icebreaker to block its path, Shell announced Monday that it has ended its exploratory oil drilling in the Arctic for the “foreseeable” future.

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**StockHouse USA - Royal Dutch Shell (RDS.B) to scrap Alaskan off-shore oil plans. 28.09.15**

<http://www.stockhouse.com/news/newswire/2015/09/28/royal-dutch-shell-rds-b-to-scrap-alaskan-off-shore-oil-plans>

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**Montreal Gazette - Discouraging signals for Canadian Beaufort exploration as Shell abandons Alaska. 28.09.15**

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/business/discouraging+signals+canadian+beaufort+exploration+shell+abandons/11396943/story.html>

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**Toronto Star - As Shell abandons Alaska, what next for Canada’s arctic? 28.09.15**

<http://www.thestar.com/business/2015/09/28/as-shell-abandons-alaska-what-next-for-canadas-arctic.html>

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