# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May, 2011

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**Royal Dutch Shell plc** 

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ROYAL DUTCH SHELL PLC FIRST QUARTER 2011 SCRIP DIVIDEND PROGRAMME REFERENCE SHARE PRICE

The Board of Royal Dutch Shell plc ("RDS") today announced the Reference Share Price in respect of the first quarter interim dividend of 2011, which was announced on April 28th, 2011 at \$0.42 per A ordinary share ("A Share") and B ordinary share ("B Share") and \$0.84 per American Depository Share ("ADS").

#### Reference Share Price

The Reference Share price is used for calculating a Participating Shareholder's entitlement under the Scrip Dividend Programme, as defined below.

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Reference Share price (US\$) 34.986

The Reference Share Price is the US dollar equivalent of the average of the closing price for the Company's A Shares listed on Euronext Amsterdam for the five dealing days commencing on (and including) the date on which the Shares are first quoted ex-dividend in respect of the relevant dividend. The Reference Share Price is calculated by reference to the Euronext Amsterdam closing price in euro. The US dollar equivalent of the closing price on each of the dealing days referred to above is calculated using a market currency exchange rate prevailing at the time.

#### Reference ADS Price

ADS stands for an American Depositary Share. ADR stands for an American Depositary Receipt. An ADR is a certificate that evidences ADSs. ADSs are listed on the NYSE under the symbols RDS.A and RDS.B. Each ADS represents two ordinary shares, two ordinary A Shares in the case of RDS.A or two ordinary B Shares in the case of RDS.B. In many cases the terms ADR and ADS are used interchangeably.

The A Reference ADS Price will apply to holders of A ADSs who are subject to Dutch withholding tax. The Alternative Reference ADS Price will apply to holders of A ADSs who are not subject to Dutch withholding tax and all holders of B ADSs.

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A Reference ADS price (US\$) 71.208 Alternative Reference ADS price (US\$) 71.022

The Reference ADS Price equals (i) the Reference Share Price of the two A Shares underlying each new A ADS plus (ii) the UK stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT"), which is chargeable at 1.5 per cent. with respect to each new A ADS. The A Reference ADS Price will also include an amount equal to the Dutch withholding tax rate of 15 per cent. on the SDRT. The Alternative Reference ADS Price will not be adjusted to reflect Dutch withholding tax.

### Scrip dividend programme

RDS provides shareholders with a choice to receive dividends in cash or in shares via a Scrip Dividend Programme.

Under the Programme shareholders can increase their shareholding in RDS by choosing to receive new shares instead of cash dividends if declared by RDS. Only new A Shares will be issued under the Programme, including to shareholders who currently hold B Shares.

Joining the Programme may offer a tax advantage in some countries compared with receiving cash dividends. In particular, dividends paid out as shares will not be subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax (currently 15 per cent) and will not generally be taxed on receipt by a UK shareholder or a Dutch corporate shareholder.

Shareholders who elect to join the Programme will increase the number of shares held in RDS without having to buy existing shares in the market, thereby avoiding associated dealing costs.

Shareholders who do not join the Programme will continue to receive in cash any dividends declared by RDS.

Shareholders who held only B shares and joined the Scrip Dividend Programme are reminded they will need to make a Scrip Dividend Election in respect of their new A shares if they wish to join the Programme in respect of such new shares. However, this is only necessary if the shareholder has not previously made a Scrip Dividend Election in respect of any new A shares issued.

For further information on the Programme, including how to join if you are eligible, please refer to the appropriate publication available on www.shell.com/scrip.

Royal Dutch Shell plc The Hague, May 18, 2011

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its
behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Royal Dutch Shell plc

Date: 18 May 2011 By: /s/ M.C.M. Brandjes

Name: M.C.M. Brandjes Title: Company Secretary