

INTRODUCTION

A brief outline of some of Shell's recent history in community, environment and safety matters worldwide, and how they have already been reflected in their activities here in County Mayo.

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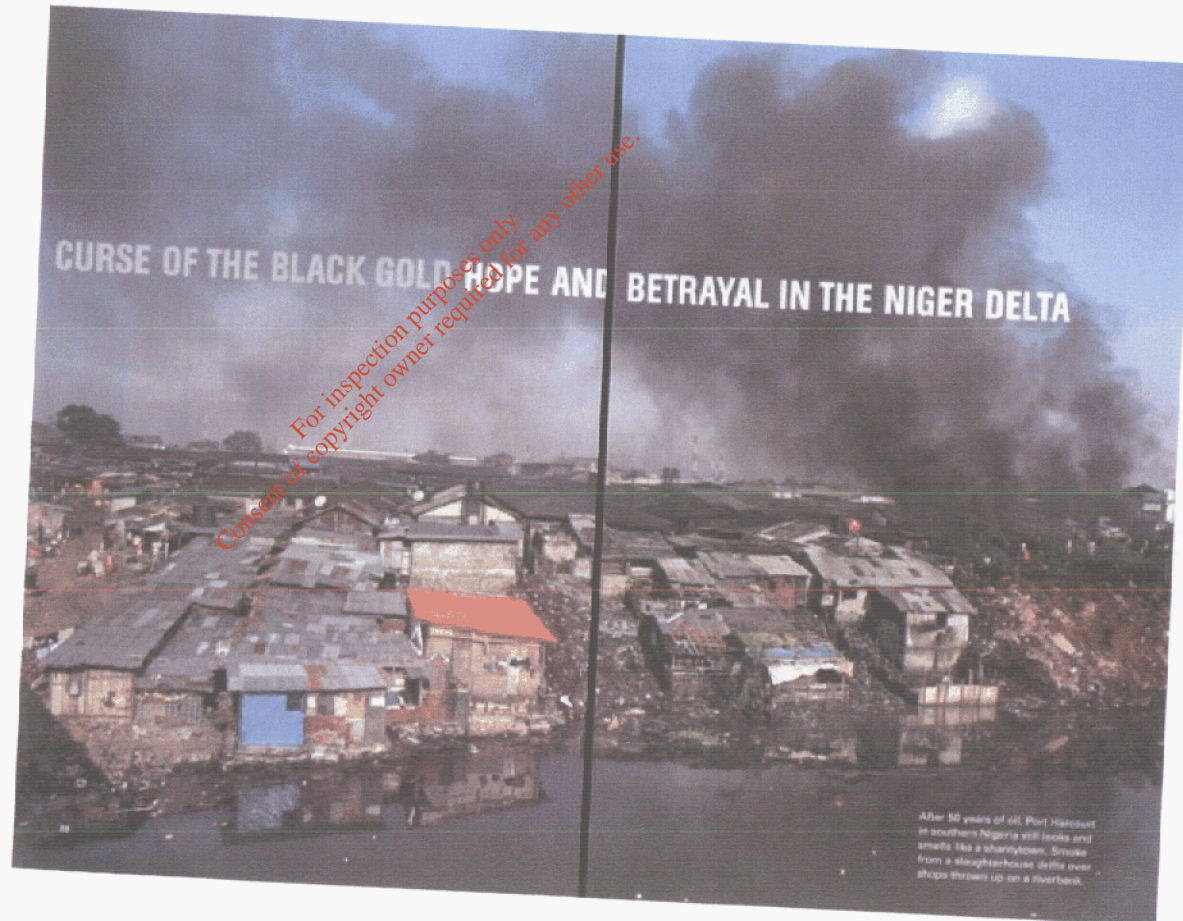
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NIGERIA ... Niger Delta [1]

PORT HARCOURT

environmental
devastation

"After 50 years of oil,
Port Harcourt in
southern Nigeria still
looks and smells like a
shantytown"



NIGERIA ... Niger Delta ^[1]

“From a potential model nation, Nigeria has become a dangerous country, addicted to oil money”

- “There is no electricity, no clean water, no medicine, no schools. Fishing nets hang dry; dugout canoes sit unused on muddy banks. Decades of oil spills, acid rain from gas flares, and the stripping away of mangroves for pipelines have killed off fish...”
- “It’s not fair” Felix James Harry muttered in the meetinghouse... close to the oil and gas complex. “We can hardly catch fish anymore. Surviving is very hard.”... Their fishing community once stood on the other side of a small inlet, where fuel storage tanks the size of cathedral domes now loom... “We can’t support our families anymore,” Harry said.”

NIGERIA ... Niger Delta [1]

OWEIKOROGBA

neglected
communities

“Like most Delta
settlements, the village
has no power or clean
water”



NIGERIA ... Niger Delta [1]

“The government documented 6,817 spills – practically one a day for 25 years – but analysts suspect the real number may be ten times higher”

- “Since its discovery in 1956... oil has brought both riches and woes to Nigeria... There was no federal environmental protection agency until 1988.”
- “... Hundreds of flares have burned nonstop for decades, releasing greenhouse gases and causing acid rain. Communities complain of corroded roofs, crop failures, and respiratory diseases. After first ordering companies to eliminate flaring by 1984, the government keeps pushing back the deadline. **Shell**, the main offender, recently announced that despite making considerable progress, it could not meet the latest target date of 2008.”

NIGERIA ... Niger Delta [1]

“The companies didn’t consult with villagers. They handed out cash to the chiefs. It wasn’t effective at all.”

- “Well 13 in **Shell’s** Yorla field had been leaking for five days... Puffs of smoke drifted from the iron structure. Oil dripped from its sides into a spreading lake. “We’re expecting **Shell**, but no one has come yet”, a villager said. “Soon the oil will leak into the creek over there and spoil our drinking water.”
- “... the leak at well 13 had become a fire... black smoke was flooding the sky above the palm trees... “**Shell** keeps promising to come, but they say they need more foam and special equipment because the fire has grown so large...”
- Well 13 would burn for two more months before a **Shell** team arrived to extinguish it.” *National Geographic Magazine - February 2007 [1]*

NIGERIA ... Niger Delta

Ijaw Win N210 Billion Suit Against Shell

“THE Federal High Court in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, has ordered **Shell** Petroleum Development Company, **SPDC**, to pay \$1.5 billion about [€1.1 billion] into the coffers of Central Bank of Nigeria, in favour of the Ijaw Aborigenes of Bayelsa State, between last Friday and noon tomorrow.

The order, Friday, by Justice Okechukwu Okeke followed an appeal of stay of execution on a judgment delivered in February, in which the **SPDC** was ordered to pay the Ijaws the amount as compensation for the damage done to their land for nearly 50 years.”

www.allafrica.com - May 2006 [2]

RUSSIA ... Sakhalin

DEFORESTATION

environmental
negligence

“All small streams
come to salmon
spawning rivers”



RUSSIA ... Sakhalin

“Shell’s Sakhalin in River Strife”

“A consortium led by Royal Dutch **Shell** has not fully complied with environmental guidelines when laying pipelines in east Russia, documents showed on Sunday.

The consortium denied, however, that it misled the public and potential lenders who are mulling \$6 billion to \$7 billion in loans for the project.

Documents obtained by conservation group WWF and seen by Reuters, showed that contractors working for **Shell-led Sakhalin Energy** did not follow all the environmental guidelines...

One report noted 10 instances of non-compliance at a river crossing, while another noted five instances at a second river.”

RUSSIA ... Sakhalin

“A spokesman for **Sakhalin Energy**, Matthew Bateson, confirmed the authenticity of the reports, which were compiled by independent monitors hired by the consortium...

As part of its effort to secure EBRD [European Bank for Reconstruction and Development] consent, **Sakhalin Energy**, which is 55 percent owned by **Shell**, provides the bank with updates on the river crossings and publishes what it says are unvarnished reports on its web site.

However, the “Winter Crossings Report” on its web site for December 15-28, 2005, covering the period during which the two rivers referred to in the leaked reports were crossed, does not make reference to the 15 instances of non-compliance that the independent monitors noted.”

RUSSIA ... Sakhalin

“WWF said **Shell** had tried to mislead the EBRD and green groups.

“It appears they have hidden the truth. WWF does not see how the EBRD can trust **Shell** to deliver this project to meet acceptable standards,” said James Leaton, senior policy adviser at WWF’s U.K. unit.

Sakhalin Energy’s Bateson offered no reason why the non-compliance was not mentioned in the river crossing reports on the web site but denied there had been any attempt to mislead.”

The St.Petersburg Times - May 2006 [3]

RUSSIA ... Sakhalin

DEFORESTATION

environmental
negligence

no more trees
no more salmon



NORTH SEA ... Brent Bravo

OFFSHORE RIG

safety failures



NORTH SEA ... Brent Bravo

“Shell guilty over gas leak deaths”

“Oil giant **Shell** has admitted three charges over the deaths of two workers in the North Sea two years ago.

Sean McCue and Keith Moncrieff died on the Brent Bravo platform after being overcome by gas while working on pipes in a leg of the installation...

The Brent Bravo is one of four oil production and storage platforms in the UK northern sector of the North Sea that make up the Brent field.

... A **Shell** spokesman confirmed the firm had pled guilty to three amended charges under the Health and Safety at Work Act in relation to the incident.” *news.bbc.co.uk – March 2005* [4]

NORTH SEA ... Brent Bravo

“Shell in the safety firing line”

“**SHELL** is facing a major new top management scandal following startling disclosures of how it persistently ignored critical safety warnings on its UK Flagship Brent Field in the North Sea by running its four platforms “Flat out” while allegedly violating operating procedures, falsifying maintenance records and corruptly failing to maintain safety critical equipment.

... Bill Campbell, a former **Shell** International group auditor in The Hague, reveals how in the late 1990s the top directors of **Shell** Expro in Aberdeen ... allegedly sanctioned a policy widely known as Touch Fuck All (TFA), whereby offshore installation managers were told to stop any work with the potential to cause unplanned shutdowns.” www.oilc.org - November 2006 [5]

NORTH SEA ... Brent Bravo

“Shell accused over oil rig safety”

“... Bill Campbell, who worked directly for **Shell** for 24 years, says he brought his concerns to the attention of directors as far back as 1999 - and again in 2004 - but still feels safety is compromised.

... **Shell** was fined £900,000 [€1.3 million] after pleading guilty to safety lapses on the Brent Bravo platform following an accident in 2003 when the facility was hit by a gas leak in which two oil workers died.”

... He [Campbell] told directors about false reporting, fire pumps on Brent Bravo being used for cooling drilling equipment and a 14% level of critical maintenance compliance. He felt, however, his concerns were not taken seriously.” *The Guardian – June 2006* [6]

IRELAND ... Erris, County Mayo

- **BROADHAVEN, GLENGAD & SRUTH FADA CONN ... damage**
- **GLENGAD ... access road**
- **ROSSPORT ... septic tank**
- **ROSSPORT ... 5**
- **LEENAMORE ... welded pipeline**
- **BELLANABOY ... surface water**

ERRIS ... July 2005

GLENGAD

wildlife



ERRIS ... July 2005

GLENGAD

cliff face



ERRIS ... July 2005

BROADHAVEN

dredging



ERRIS ... September 2005

BROADHAVEN

marine effects



ERRIS ... October 2001

**SRUTH FADA
CONN**

fluid spill



ERRIS ... September 2005

SRUTH FADA
CONN

fluid spill



ERRIS ... June 2005

SRUTH FADA
CONN

site runoff



ERRIS ... June 2005

LEENAMORE

site runoff



ERRIS ... June 2005

SRUTH FADA
CONN

boggy silt



ERRIS ... June 2005

SRUTH FADA
CONN

boggy silt

