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QUEEN BEATRIX OF THE NETHERLANDS VISITS BSP

Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands visited the Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd (BSP) Head Office yesterday morning as part of her two-day official state visit to the country.

Her Majesty the Queen arrived yesterday morning by helicopter with Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Orange and Princess Maxima of the Netherlands with the company of the His Royal Highness Prince Hj Al-Muhtadee Billah, the Crown Prince and Her Royal Highness Pengiran Anak Isteri Pengiran Anak Sarah.

Welcoming the royal families at the event was Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia Dr Hj Mohammad Yasmin Hj Umar, the Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office (EDPMO) and Yang Berhormat Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Kerna Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Hj Abu Bakar, the Minister of Education along with Ken Marnoch, BSP's Managing Director.

Upon arrival at the BSP Head Office, Her Majesty was greeted 150 children from Panaga School who waved Brunei and Dutch flags, singing in unison.

Other attendees at the event included Ministers and the Queen's delegation from the Netherlands and senior government officials.

Their visit included an overview of BSJV companies and its contributions towards the country followed by live link to the offshore platform Champion in BSP's Atrium.

The visit concluded with an aerial tour of the Heart of Borneo to showcase the country's rich biodiversity.

His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam visited Netherlands in January 2011, where he toured the Royal Dutch Shell Headquarters (RDS) to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the partnership between the Brunei Government and RDS, before proceeding to the Shell Exploration and Production International Centre in Rijswijk.

The two-day state visit is Her Majesty's first official visit to Brunei since both countries established diplomatic relations in 1984. The shared values of commitment and diligence are what have maintained close relations between the Brunei Government and Royal Dutch Shell.

Both the Netherlands and Brunei continues to promote diversity in non oil and gas sectors and are looking to expand economic relations.

Currently there are more than 300 Dutch citizens residing in the country, mostly working with BSP and other companies in the oil and gas sector.

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Notes to Editors: Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd (BSP) should be referred as BSP or Brunei Shell Petroleum for abbreviation or headline purposes. Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd's activity is primarily for the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas from

onshore and offshore fields. The Government of Brunei Darussalam and a company in the Royal Dutch Shell Group of Companies each owns a 50% stake in BSP.