

M.A. VAN DEN BERGH

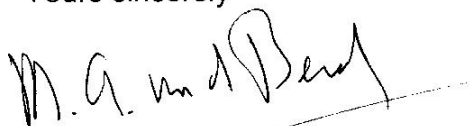
29 January 1999

Mr A Donovan
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Dear Mr Donovan

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 1999 which has been passed to our solicitors, D J Freeman. There is nothing to be gained by direct correspondence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.A. van den Bergh', written over a horizontal line.

M A van den Bergh
Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Managing Directors
of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies and
President of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company