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Received by BHRRC from Shell plc regarding assessment of exposure to and steps taken in response to forced labour issues in XUAR as documented by Sheffield Hallam University, among others, 7 July 2023.

## (1) Assessment of exposure & (2) Steps taken in response

"In line with our Shell General Business Principles (SGBP) and Code of Conduct, Shell\* seeks to work with contractors and suppliers who operate ethically and responsibly in all respects, including the economic, environmental, and social aspects of their business. We do pre-contract screening of all direct suppliers, including screening against sanctions lists and adverse media checks where evidence of unethical business practices could be identified. Any findings of concern with respect to worker welfare or human rights are assessed by our subject matter experts and, where necessary, followed up prior to awarding a contract. Shell has specialists who investigate concerns or allegations about a breach of our Code of Conduct.

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