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Shell plans 400 job cuts at Dutch projects and technology department – Reuters

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LONDON (Reuters) – Royal Dutch Shell Plc plans to cut more than 400 jobs in the Netherlands in its major projects and energy technology operations, as the oil giant shifts its business model in response to lower oil prices, according to an internal document seen by Reuters.

The world's second-largest oil company by market capitalization said in a statement responding to questions from Reuters that "approximately 400 (staff) are potentially at risk of redundancy during the third quarter of 2017/first half of 2018".

That represents around a quarter of the roles at the department, according to the staff count seen by Reuters. The group employs 92,000 worldwide.

"Shell is transforming into a simpler company," a spokesman said, adding the final number of cuts will be subject to consultation with employees. He declined to answer detailed questions about the internal document.

The proposed restructuring, which will also see dozens of research roles move from the Netherlands to Bangalore, India, highlights how lower oil prices are prompting the Anglo-Dutch oil giant to shift focus to the mega-projects which have been its focus for over 20 years.

It also underscores an increasing shift of higher-value roles, such as research to lower cost operations.

"There will be fewer one-of-a-kind highly complex mega-projects and proportionately more simpler, more complex projects... This heralds a more 'commoditised' world for project delivery, said the spokesman. The document was given to royaldutchshellplc.com, an independent website used by Shell staff, and seen by Reuters.

In addition to staff cuts, Shell aims to reduce costs by outsourcing more "lower value-added" work and by reducing the number of staff on expensive expatriate employment packages and by cutting back on project management in its project and technology operations.

"The industry as a whole has become less efficient over the last 1-2 decades, whilst automation and solar and wind, for example, have become more efficient," it said.

The oil industry has been cutting jobs including around 12,500 at Shell – and capital investment has fallen in recent years as lower oil prices have rendered many previously profitable projects uneconomical.

While the second quarter saw a rebound in many companies' earnings, analysts say strong growth in operating costs at U.S. shale oil fields means a significant recovery from the around \$50/bbl price that crude has traded at over the past two years is unlikely anytime soon. That price is around \$40/bbl.

traded at over the previous six years.

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