

## News Release

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### **Energy Institute elects new President – James Smith, Chairman, Shell UK**

James Smith FEI, Chairman of Shell UK, was elected Energy Institute (EI) President at the EI's Annual General Meeting at the Institute of Directors in June.

In response to his election, James Smith FEI, President, Energy Institute, says, 'It is an honour to be President in succession to Sir Roy Gardner HonFEI who did such an excellent job. It has never been a more exciting time to be involved in energy. There is so much at stake – the world needs more energy and less carbon dioxide. The Energy Institute is at the heart of the energy challenge as a professional body that encourages debate, disseminates knowledge and builds skills. The Energy Institute is right up to date with the range of technologies that are going to be needed in a more energy efficient, lower carbon world.'

Louise Kingham FEI FRSA, Chief Executive, Energy Institute, adds, 'As a long-standing supporter of the EI, I am thrilled with James' recent election. The energy industry is undergoing its most significant period for some time, coupled with the challenge of current international economies and a keen interest to reduce energy demand in an ever-developing world. I look forward to working alongside James in continuing to deliver professionalism and good practice to support our members in working towards a sustainable future.'

James Smith was appointed Chairman of Shell UK in 2004. He has been with Shell since 1983 and has worked in all the Group's major businesses including on the board of Shell Chemicals. He has been head of resourcing, which involved ensuring there is a talented and diverse group of leaders for the top 200 jobs in Shell. Much of his early career was in upstream oil and gas production. He lived for 4 ½ years in Malaysia and Brunei and has been involved in Shell business in a number of Middle Eastern countries and in the US.

James chairs the Advisory Board of the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership. He is on the boards of Opportunity Now and Race for Opportunity, the employer groups supporting gender and racial diversity in the workplace.

James has a degree in physics and is a chartered accountant. Before joining Shell he worked with Accenture.

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**Notes to editor:** With a combined membership of over 14,000 individuals and 300 companies across 100 countries, the Energy Institute (EI) is the leading chartered professional membership body for those studying and working in energy. Providing a powerful voice to engage business and industry, government, academia and the public, the EI promotes the safe, environmentally responsible and efficient supply and use of energy in all its forms and applications. In fulfilling this purpose the EI addresses the depth and breadth of energy and the energy system, from upstream and downstream hydrocarbons and other primary fuels and renewables, to power generation, transmission and distribution to sustainable development, demand side management and energy efficiency. Offering learning and networking opportunities to support career development, the EI provides a network to all those working in energy, and a scientific and technical reservoir of knowledge for industry. For further information, please visit [www.energyinst.org](http://www.energyinst.org)