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Pass the parcel The saga of Nigeria's oil block OPL245





"Etete and Abacha had abused their positions in the past, while in office, to award themselves the OPL 245 at a ridiculously low price"







Shell statement 21 May 2012 "Shell was not aware that that money was to be paid to Malabu".

Shell statement 11 November 2012 "inspection of Malabu's company records as part of due diligence did not establish any connection between Dan Etete and Malabu"

Ben Van Beurden May 2015

"We have never been anything but transparent about this – there is no risk or nothing extraordinary about this transaction that should concern our shareholders... we believe the payment was entirely made in accordance with the law of Nigeria and international practice, morally okay".



Shell Email 5 May 2000 "Apparently there is no connection between Etete and Malabu so we will have to find out who is holding shares on his behalf"

Eni Due Diligence Report 2010 "Whatever the formal ownership structure of Malabu, all of the sources to whom we have spoken are united in the opinion that Dan Etete is the owner of the company."



Email forwarded to Shell CEO Peter Voser Etete can smell the money. If, at nearly 70 years old he does turn his nose up at 1.2 bill he is completely certifiable and we should then probably just hold out until nature takes its course with him. But I think he knows its his for the taking.



Shell Statement 10 April 2017 "Over time, it became clear to us that Etete was involved in Malabu and that the only way to resolve the impasse through a negotiated settlement was to engage with Etete and Malabu, whether we liked it or not". He added Shell knew that the Nigerian government "would compensate Malabu to settle its claim on the block".







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No pki- apologies its died.

Long meeting yesterday in Paris- salient points:

 Etete claims he has and has shown (though not copied) a letter from President reiterating malabu's 100pc equity/contract "award"

2) This letter clearly an attempt to deliver significant revenues to GLJ as part of any transaction

3) Our source says this letter "has really damaged deal" as etete now "uncontrollable"- he stated deal was almost there on a proposed 50/50 split with RDS. I made no comment.

4) Italians look like they might abandon whole thing as they realise there will be no RDS agreement on this basis and the letter has torpedoed reasonable discussion with chief.



OPL245 Brief for ECMB Call with Descalzi - 23rd August 2010

Background Information

- OPL245 receiving attention recently at Presidential level;
- In country view is that the President is motivated to see 245 closed quickly driven by expectations about the proceeds that Malabu will receive and political contributions that will flow as a consequence – reinforces need for a solution quickly;





SPLIT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND COMPANY TAKE ON OPL 245 OVER ITS LIFESPAN

At \$70 per barrel

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Source: Resources for Development Consulting • •



In conclusion, the Resolution Agreement as proposed is highly prejudicial to the interest of the Federal Government, more so when there is considerable leverage on the part of the FGN irrespective of the outcome of the arbitration. Government should therefore re-evaluate the proposal with a view to securing for the FGN a more advantageous out come from any resolution of the matter.

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Consequences

- Law enforcement action in Italy, Netherlands, Nigeria, UK, US and Switzerland
- Ongoing criminal trial in Milan of Shell, Eni, senior executives and Etete
- Eni and a Shell Subsidiary charged in Nigeria together with the former Attorney General and Etete
- Questions raised over both company's having agreed US deferred prosecution agreements in 2010



Questions?