

WIPO panel allows use of SHELL trade marks in domain names of criticism websites

The World Intellectual Property Organisation's Arbitration and Mediation Centre has refused to order the transfer of the domain names *royaldutchshellgroup.com*, *royaldutchshellplc.com* and *tellshell.org* from a registrant who used the names to link to a website critical of Shell's activities, holding that the registrant had a legitimate right to use the domain names to exercise his freedom of expression and had not registered them in bad faith.

Law stated as at 16-Aug-2005

Resource Type

Legal update: archive

Jurisdiction

International

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