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## Renewi plc

Press release

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### Renewi awarded prestigious social enterprise accreditation

**Van Gansewinkel, now part of leading waste-to-product company Renewi, has been awarded prestigious certification to recognise its social enterprise efforts in the Netherlands.**

The Prestatieladder Socialer Ondernemen (PSO) is a nationally recognised accreditation in the Netherlands which recognises efforts in inclusive enterprise, particularly the importance of employing people who are at a disadvantage in the labour market. Within the legacy Van Gansewinkel workforce around 100 people are included in that category and in the newly formed Renewi business, around 130 people. Due to its efforts in striving to employ disadvantaged job seekers, the company was awarded the step 1 certification, skipping the initial applicant stage altogether.

Renewi employs an 'above average' number of people with a disadvantage in the labour market compared to organisations of a similar size. In addition, the company meets other requirements regarding appropriate work, integration, functioning, development and guidance for these employees.

Peter Dilnot, Chief Executive Officer of Renewi said:

*"We are very proud to have been awarded this prestigious PSO certification. We make every effort to help people with disadvantaged prospects in the labour market to find suitable employment. We are proud to employ more than 130 of such people at Renewi currently and they make a valuable contribution to our company. Inclusive employment is something we are passionate about and we benefit greatly from our diverse workforce."*

By 2018, Renewi is aiming for 5% of its work population to be those who are disadvantaged in the labour market. It is also striving to be awarded the step 2 PSO certification within the next two years.

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### **About PSO**

The Social Enterprise Performance Ladder is managed, positioned and awarded by PSO-Nederland. The Social Enterprise Performance Ladder is a nationally recognised instrument and quality mark that makes the extent to which organisations are social enterprises objectively visible. The Social Enterprise Performance Ladder was developed as a collaboration between the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research, PSO-Nederland and the market.

### **About Renewi**

Renewi was founded in 2017, following the merger of the Shanks Group plc with the Van Gansewinkel Group BV, and is a leading waste-to-product company. As such, it is ideally positioned to play a role in solving a number of the greatest environmental challenges facing society today, namely reducing waste, avoiding pollution and preventing any unnecessary use of finite natural resources. The organisation employs more than 7,000 staff in 9 countries in Europe and North America, benefits from extensive knowledge and offers a wide range of waste management products and services. To us, waste represents a way of thinking, and an opportunity. When we collect waste, we give it a new lease of life. We process a broad range of waste materials for our clients, turning them into usable products and raw materials, such as recycled paper, metal, plastic, glass, wood chips, compost, energy, fuel and other products. Through this process, we protect the world against pollution, preserve finite resources and make it possible for our clients to achieve their sustainability targets. Using our deep-rooted international expertise, we also offer them a comprehensive range of products, combined with local service, care and attention. Above all, our team is committed to and passionate about our mission: Waste no more. [www.renewi.com](http://www.renewi.com)

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