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**Renewi plc**

Press release

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## **Renewi reports steady CSR progress and ambitious targets based on its key position in the growing circular economy**

International waste-to-product company, Renewi plc (LSE: RWI) has reported steady Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) progress in the year ended 31 March 2018 and has announced ambitious new targets in its first full year CSR Report which was published today.

Renewi's CSR activities are driven by its unifying purpose of giving new life to used materials. This purpose places sustainability at the heart of what Renewi does and positions the company as an important link within the circular economy. Renewi has three clear areas of focus for its CSR activities: keeping its people safe and well, protecting and preserving the planet and building strong partnerships in its local communities. In conjunction with its new values, Renewi's CSR ambitions serve as a guiding principle for the realisation of its waste-to-product strategy.

The company improved its greater than three-day accident rate by 14% and also increased its near miss close out rate to 83%. Renewi has today announced plans to raise its safety standards to the best in the industry with a goal to operate to similar safety levels as construction and manufacturing which typically have much better safety records than the waste sector. The company also focused on diversity and equality, increasing the number of female employees, in addition to growing female representation on its Board and Executive Committee.

Sustainability is at the very heart of Renewi, particularly in terms of the amount of secondary raw materials and energy it produces. Over the past year Renewi recycled or recovered a greater percentage of the waste that it handled, increasing its recycling and recovery rate to 89%. Renewi adds value to its customers by improving the sustainability of their operations and maximising recycling. This will continue going forwards and in parallel Renewi will over the next year put in place programmes to further improve the sustainability of its own operations.

Forging strong relationships in local communities and bringing innovations to help society towards a more sustainable future has been another area of focus for Renewi. Waste collection and recycling are typically activities that can have impact also on local communities. The company has focused on minimising the impact of its operations, reporting a 37% reduction in the number of environmental complaints received during the last year.

In addition to its existing 2020 CSR objectives, Renewi has launched more stretching targets to be achieved by 2023. These new targets support Renewi's innovative Green Finance



Framework and enable the company to benefit from lower interest rate payments by achieving the following objectives:

- Overall recycling and recovery rate of 91% (89% in 201/18)
- 50% of truck fleet compliant with Euro VI standard (24% in 2017/18)
- 0.220 Carbon avoidance intensity ratio (0.214 in 2017/18)
- 1,130 >3-day accident rate (1,505 in 2017/18)
- 3.05 Litres of fuel used per tonne waste collected (3.15 in 2017/18)

**Peter Dilnot, CEO at Renewi said:**

*“Our desire to create a sustainable world underpins the decisions we make and actions we take so I’m pleased to report that we are moving in the right direction with our environmental CSR objectives. By working closely with our customers and suppliers, our people deliver our CSR initiatives every day. Indeed, it is their commitment to and passion for our mission statement – Waste no more – that underpins our central role in the growing circular economy. We are looking forward to continuing this work over the coming year and to really making a difference to our people, planet and the societies we serve each day.”*

Renewi’s full CSR Report can be found on the company’s website: [www.renewiplc.com](http://www.renewiplc.com)  
The document will also be available in French and Dutch by the end of July.

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**About Renewi**

Renewi, created in 2017 by the merger of Shanks Group plc and Van Gansewinkel Groep B.V., is a leading waste-to-product business ideally positioned to be part of the solution to some of the main environmental problems facing society today: reducing waste, avoiding pollution, and preventing the unnecessary use of finite natural resources.

We are listed on the London Stock Exchange and are a constituent of the FTSE250 index. With over 8,000 employees in Europe and North America, we have deep expertise and an extensive breadth of waste management products and services.

For us, waste is a state of mind, an opportunity. When we take away someone’s waste, we then give it new life. We transform a wide range of used materials into useful products and raw materials for our customers, like recycled paper, metal, plastic and glass, woodchips, compost, energy, fuel, and other products.

In the process we protect the world from contamination, preserve finite natural resources, and enable customers to meet their sustainability goals. With our deep international expertise we also provide our customers with an extensive product range, combined with local service and attention.



Above all, our team is committed and passionate about our mission: waste no more. Renewi operates across five divisions:

- Netherlands Commercial – Collecting, sorting, treating and recycling commercial and household waste in the Netherlands
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- Hazardous Waste – Treating soil, water and packed chemical waste at our flagship ATM facility and conducting specialist industrial cleaning in the Netherlands
- Monostreams – Managing a range of waste streams which focus on specific end markets such as glass, electronic goods, organics and minerals in Europe
- Municipal – Operating long-term waste management contracts with local authorities in the UK and Canada

For more information, please visit: [www.renewiplc.com](http://www.renewiplc.com)

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