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Renewi plc

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Renewi and Essity partner to develop innovative solution for the care sector and municipalities in the Netherlands

International waste-to-product company, Renewi plc (LSE: RWI) and Essity, a leading hygiene and health company, are developing an innovative solution for the processing of used baby nappies and incontinence materials from the care sector and municipalities in the Netherlands.

Renewi and Essity (a producer of well-known branded products such as TENA and Libero) are developing a sustainable solution to recycle nappies and incontinence materials. In the Netherlands 400,000 tonnes of this material, between 5 to 8% of residual waste, is currently sent to incineration per year. The recycling of these nappies and incontinence materials would make a significant contribution to the ambitious goals of the Dutch government who aim to increase recycling rates for household waste to 75% in 2020 and for a full circular economy without any waste by 2050.

Renewi has been working on a method to process and recycle incontinence materials over the last few years with a focus to recover the valuable raw materials. One of the main components is a high quality cellulose fibre. Renewi will reuse the cellulose recovered in the recycling process as a secondary raw material for the chemical industry, where cellulose is widely used.

In this new partnership, Renewi is working with one of the largest producers of nappies and incontinence products. Essity will provide knowledge about these products and their specific markets. Renewi will be responsible for the source segregation and collection of these materials from the customer base and the further development of a recycling solution that will enable the recovery of the cellulose. The focus of this new partnership is to maximise recycling and close the materials value chain.

Eric Segers, Director Specialties in Renewi's Netherlands Commercial Division said:

"We are always looking for new, innovative ways to process waste streams into valuable raw materials. The amount of nappies currently sent to incineration is not sustainable, we look forward to working with Essity to recycle more of these materials and achieve our 'waste no more' vision."

Wilma Venes, Public & Regulatory affairs manager at Essity said:

"Essity has been involved in the government's nappies project since its started at the end of 2014. We are also member of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's CE100 network which helps companies to develop circular solutions. As a member of CE100, Essity generates new insights



and ideas, which we convert into innovations and concrete solutions, of which this project is a good example."

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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

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Essity

Essity is a major international hygiene and health company that is committed to improving welfare with products and solutions for daily use. The name Essity is a combination of the words essentials and necessities. Our sustainable business model creates value for man and nature.

Sales take place in around 150 countries through the leading international brands TENA and Tork, and other strong brands such as Jobst, Leukoplast, Libero, Libresse, Lotus, Nosotras, Saba, Tempo, Vinda and Zewa.

Essity has around 48,000 employees and the net turnover in 2017 amounted to around SEK 109 billion (EUR 11.3 billion). The head office is in Stockholm, Sweden, and Essity is listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm. Go for more information to www.essity.com

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