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### Renewi works with Rodepa Plastics and Sphere to launch an innovative and circular concept for plastic film

Leading waste-to-product company, Renewi plc (LSE: RWI) is working with plastic recycling specialist, Rodepa Plastics and bag manufacturer, Sphere to launch an innovative and circular concept for plastic film.

Renewi collects soft plastics, such as plastic film, from many of its customers. The collection of these plastics is often combined with paper and cardboard. Under the new concept, the plastic film will be collected in a fully circular bag which makes it easy to separate and transport plastics in an efficient way.

Renewi can make new, top-quality collection bags from the waste plastic collected. The bags will be recycled by Rodepa Plastics to create recyclate, which will then be used by Sphere to make new plastic bags. The circular concept eliminates the use of raw materials and results in significantly lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

This fits well with Renewi's ambition to help customers meet their sustainability targets. Renewi has also set itself ambitious targets to improve its own sustainability in areas such as its recycling rate and carbon avoidance. Working with partners in the supply chain is helping Renewi to reach these targets.

**Gijs Derks, Commercial Director for Renewi's Commercial Waste Netherlands Division said:**

*"Circular business practices don't need to be difficult. Often it is just a question of having a shared ambition, working together and getting on with things. Through this success, Renewi, Rodepa Plastics and Sphere are showing that we have a shared ambition to make the circular economy a reality."*

**Adriaan Pierik, Commercial Director of Sphere said:**

*"This is yet another project that fits in with our objectives perfectly. We started producing waste bags from recycled material at our manufacturing site in Hardenberg more than 40 years ago now. Even back then, we were working on a circular economy. It is good to see that many parties share the same thoughts and ambitions. After all, it is only if everyone in the chain works together that we will be able to make a success of sustainability."*

**Mark Langenhof, Managing Director of Rodepa Plastics said:**

*"We have been recycling plastic waste for more than 10 years. Circular thinking is in our DNA. We turn one person's waste into the next person's raw material. Collaboration is an essential aspect of this. Our successful collaboration with Renewi and Sphere is also saving on CO<sub>2</sub> and is providing us with the drive to continue development."*



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## About Renewi

Renewi is a leading waste to product company that gives new life to used materials every day. We have more than 8,000 employees working at 200 sites across Europe and North America. Our extensive operational network means we are always close to our customers.

For Renewi, waste is a state of mind, and an opportunity. Our many years of knowledge and experience, combined with a broad range of services, allow us to offer sustainable, practical recycling solutions. We use innovation and the latest technology to turn waste into useful materials such as paper, metal, plastic, glass, wood, building materials, compost and energy. In other words, we turn today's waste into tomorrow's raw materials.

The result of our work is less waste and contamination, a smarter use of scarce raw materials, and a reduction in carbon emissions. This means that we are contributing towards a cleaner, circular world in which we "waste no more".

Renewi was created in 2017, following the merger of Shanks Group plc with Van Gansewinkel Groep BV, and is listed on the London Stock Exchange. Visit our website for more information: [www.renewiplc.com](http://www.renewiplc.com). Images are available at [www.renewiplc.com/imagelibrary](http://www.renewiplc.com/imagelibrary).

## About Rodepa Plastics

The De Paauw group first began recycling plastic waste some 60 years ago, originally starting out as a trading company. In 2006, however, Rodepa Plastics began processing plastic waste itself, producing recyclate. Over the years, the organisation and its machinery have undergone development to such an extent that it now manufactures recyclate to very high quality levels and to individual customer specifications. Currently operating 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, the company produces around 1,000 tons of recyclate every week.

The organisation's expertise when it comes to plastic waste streams, recycling and the possible ways in which recyclate can be used means that Rodepa Plastics is well positioned to create circular connections between various parties. Rodepa Plastics will continue its efforts to achieve this in the future too.

## About Sphere

The Sphere Group was founded in France in 1976 by John Persenda. With 14 manufacturing sites across Western Europe, 1,335 employees and revenues exceeding €600 million, the Sphere Group has grown over the course of 40 years to become the market leader in household packaging.

The Sphere Group has been working to reduce the environmental impact of its activities for many years now. It does so by launching products that fit with its "Innovation for environment" strategy.

For this, we focus on recycled raw materials, organic-based ingredients and biodegradable materials. The company has set itself the aim of no longer using any raw materials originating from fossil sources from 2022 onwards.