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# Renewi officially opens innovative closed-loop biofuels plant in Canada

Leading international waste-to-product company, Renewi plc (LSE: RWI) has officially opened its Organics Biofuels Processing Facility in the City of Surrey, part of the Metro Vancouver area. This facility creates the first fully integrated closed-loop organics waste management system in Canada.

The facility is the largest of its kind in North America with the capacity to process 100% of the City's organic waste over the 25-year contract term, along with commercial organic waste. It will significantly contribute to Metro Vancouver achieving its regional 70% waste diversion target and will be instrumental in reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions will reduce by approximately 49,000 tonnes per year, which is the equivalent of taking over 10,000 cars off the road annually, eliminating the City's corporate carbon footprint.

The facility can process up to 115,000 tonnes of organic waste every year. It will convert the City's kitchen and garden waste, along with commercial waste from across the region, into renewable biomethane gas. The biomethane gas will be used to fuel the City's fleet of natural gas powered waste collection trucks. The facility will also produce a compost product that will be suitable for landscaping and agricultural applications.

The state-of-the art facility leverages Renewi's extensive international experience and is underpinned by a public-private partnership (P3) contract with the Government of Canada. It has also been awarded the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision Platinum award. The Envision rating system rates sustainable infrastructure across the full range of environmental, social and economic impacts. The Surrey facility is the first waste sector infrastructure project in North America to earn the prestigious Envision award for sustainability.

### Mike Leopold, General Manager of Renewi's Canadian business said:

"We are delighted to officially open this state of the art facility in Surrey, following the acceptance of first waste in December last year. The facility shows how we are using innovation to bring our 'waste no more' vision to life and play a connecting role in the circular economy. We now look forward to the first gas production at the facility in the early summer, with Full Service Commencement expected soon after."

### City of Surrey Mayor, Linda Hepner said:

"Surrey has established a new sustainability benchmark in Canada with a state of the art facility that converts organic waste into renewable energy. The facility will be instrumental in reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 49,000 tonnes per year, which is the equivalent of taking over 10,000 cars off the road annually. This reduction



in greenhouse gas emissions will also completely eliminate the City of Surrey's corporate carbon footprint of 17,000 tonnes per year."

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#### **About Renewi plc**

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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