

Press Release

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Shanks begins construction of advanced sorting line in the Netherlands

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc, has started the construction of an advanced sorting line in the Netherlands which will increase its market presence, improve productivity and deliver market-leading recycling rates.

The new line will be based at Shanks' Van Vliet Contrans site in Wateringen, part of its Solid Waste Benelux Division. In addition to replacing an outdated line at Van Vliet Contrans, the line will also provide processing capacity for Shanks' Vliko operations, following a fire which destroyed their sorting line last year.

The new advanced line will provide Shanks with new capabilities which will enable them to serve their customers better, reduce operational costs and meet the Dutch government's increasingly stringent recycling targets. Shanks is investing €4.6 million in the new line, which will process almost 135,000 tonnes of waste each year. Once operational, the new line will be one of the most advanced construction and demolition waste sorting lines in Europe.

Michael van Hulst, Managing Director of Shanks' Benelux Solid Waste Division, said:

"Installing the new advanced sorting line is consistent with our strategy to be the lowest cost operator and also increases our ability to make more from waste. We are actively increasing efficiency and utilisation throughout the Solid Waste Division to capture more share as the construction market recovers. I am confident that this new investment will generate returns in Shanks' target range."

Removal of the old sorting line at Van Vliet Contrans started in December and construction of the new sorting line is now underway. The new sorting line will be accepting waste before the summer.

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The Group uses a range of cost-effective sustainable technologies to make valuable products from what is thrown away. We produce green energy, recovered fuel, recycled commodities and organic fertiliser.

Shanks meets the growing need from public and private sectors to manage waste sustainably without damaging the environment. Our solutions reduce greenhouse gas emissions, recycle natural resources and limit fossil fuel dependency.

Shanks operates in four divisions that reflect its markets: Solid, Hazardous, Organics and UK Municipal. It has operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Canada and employs around 3,600 people.

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