

## **Press Release**

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### **Shanks wins prestigious safety award in the Netherlands**

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has won the prestigious CASOS (Contractor Alliance for Safety On Shell operations) Golden Best Practice safety award in the Netherlands.

Reym, part of Shanks' Hazardous Waste Division, won the award for the Crawler: its safe, fast and cost-efficient cleaning system. The Crawler uses a unique mix of high and low-pressure systems to remove contamination quickly and easily. It benefits from requiring only one person to operate it and it has a range of up to five metres, significantly more than the standard alternatives. As such, it can work faster and is more cost-efficient than manual cleaning.

The Crawler has magnets within it which enable it to easily move along uneven carbon steel surfaces, during which it can strip paint or remove coatings, rust or thick deposits. The Crawler also benefits from a vacuum feature, which sucks up and disposes of the waste which the cleaning process generates. As the Crawler does not need scaffolding, it eliminates the need to work at heights and also reduces the need to enter tanks when cleaning, making it a much safer alternative to traditional manual cleaning.

Jonny Kappen, Managing Director of Shanks' Hazardous Waste Division, said:

*"The safety of our people is our top priority. We are constantly reviewing our technologies and operations to ensure we are working safely and efficiently across all of our activities. Our Reym industrial cleaning business aims to be at the forefront of safety innovation so I am delighted to win this prestigious award which recognises our efforts."*

The CASOS Golden Best Practice Awards encourages businesses to share their safety knowledge. The awards were established in 2011 to encourage contractors working for NAM and Shell to work together on achieving an accident-free workplace.

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### Notes to editors

Shanks Group is a leading international waste to product business.

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 three divisions that reflect our markets: Hazardous, Commercial and Municipal. It has operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Canada and employs around 3,600 people.

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