

## Press Release

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### BDR Contract reaches full service commencement

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc (LSE:SKS), today announces that its majority owned joint venture with SSE plc, 3SE (Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham) Limited ('3SE'), has reached full service on its £750M contract with Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham ("BDR") Councils.

Under the 25 year contract, Shanks will operate mechanical biological treatment ("MBT") and anaerobic digestion ("AD") facilities at its Bolton Road site in Rotherham. Shanks will divert up to 96.5% of the waste it receives from landfill in addition to saving the equivalent to 114,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> at its facility every year.

The BDR facility will treat up to 265,000 tonnes of household waste from the three councils and turn it into various products such as recyclates, biogas for energy generation, a nutrient-rich digestate and a waste derived fuel. Shanks will provide waste derived fuel to Multifuel Energy Limited, a 50/50 joint venture between SSE and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., for use in their new multi-fuel facility at Ferrybridge which is currently going through its commissioning phase.

Peter Eglinton, Managing Director of Shanks' Municipal Division, said:

*"We are delighted to reach full service on this important contract with Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils. As a leading waste-to-product company, we are excited to divert up to 96.5% of waste from landfill in addition to making a significant CO<sub>2</sub> saving at our facility. Reaching this important milestone means that we can now work closely with our customer to continuously improve the plant and accelerate making more from waste."*

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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 approximately 3,500 people.

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