

## Press Release

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### Shanks secures six year ICOPOWER® contract

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc, has secured an important six year contract extension with Heidelberg Cement Group for the supply of ICOPOWER® energy pellets.

Under the contract, Icopower, part of Shanks' Solid Waste Division will supply Heidelberg Cement Group with an increased volume of 54,000 tonnes per year of its unique ICOPOWER® energy pellets. Shanks has developed a tailored production process to make the pellets using a unique combination of sorting, drying and pelletising technology. The fuel is used to power cement kilns and is also used to produce cement clinker. This strategic partnership provides Heidelberg Cement Group with guaranteed high-quality sustainable fuel while also securing an outlet for Shanks' fuel production for the next six years.

Shanks uses specifically collected commercial waste to ensure the high calorific ICOPOWER® energy pellets meet strict production specifications. Unlike solid recovered fuel (SRF) or refuse derived fuel (RDF), ICOPOWER® energy pellets are not classified as a waste product in the Netherlands – this is due to their consistent and specific chemical composition. Shanks is one of only a few companies in the world who makes this type of high quality fuel product.

To store its stock of the pellets, Shanks is investing in a 2,300m<sup>2</sup> storage shed at its Icova site in Amsterdam which will optimise operations, increase efficiency and reduce costs. The new storage shed, which is due to be completed in September, will store the ICOPOWER® energy pellets ahead of its shipment to Shanks' customers in Scandinavia.

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

*“The extension of this important contract is in line with our strategy of making more from waste. It provides us with a guaranteed outlet for our energy pellets for the next six years and also generates cost savings through increased efficiencies. The production of these high-quality energy pellets is an excellent example of Shanks being a leading waste-to-product company.”*

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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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