

## **Press Release**

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### **Shanks launches ambitious new Corporate Responsibility targets**

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has launched an ambitious set of five year Corporate Responsibility ('CR') targets, which support the Group's clear plans to deliver its waste-to-product vision.

The new targets are wider in scope and more demanding than Shanks' previous CR targets, and are the result of an extensive assessment of the most important issues for the company's different stakeholder groups. The five year programme covers four overarching objectives within the areas of: health and safety, sustainability, community engagement and employee satisfaction. Each of these four key areas has a principal target, underpinned by supporting targets. Shanks will measure progress against all these targets, and will report publicly each year on its performance.

The principal objectives are:

- Lowering risk by maintaining our dedication to health and safety
- Striving to be the most respected waste-to-product company by keeping sustainability at the heart of all we do
- Making a positive contribution to life in the local communities in which our sites are located
- Developing our people to accelerate growth, providing them with a safe and inspiring workplace

The launch of the new objectives and accompanying targets follows the successful completion of Shanks' previous five year CR objectives. These objectives, which were set in 2010, were in the key areas of recycling and recovery, carbon avoidance and health and safety. The company achieved all three of these goals, with a recycling and recovery rate increased from 74% to 82%, carbon avoidance nearly doubled to 1.41 million tonnes and a reduction in serious accidents over the period of 39% against a target of 25%.

Peter Dilnot, Chief Executive of Shanks Group plc, said:

*"Sustainability is at the heart of all we do at Shanks, and being a responsible business is integral to our vision to be the most respected waste-to-product company. We are delighted that we have achieved our last set of CR objectives but we are determined to improve our performance further through these new demanding targets. We are already well underway with focused programmes to ensure that we meet these ambitious new goals and I look*

*forward to seeing the benefits they will bring, not only for our business, but for all of our stakeholders.”*

More detail on the scope of the new targets can be found in Shanks' 2015 Corporate Responsibility Report, available at: [www.shanksplc.com](http://www.shanksplc.com)

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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 four divisions that reflect our 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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