



Press Release

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Shanks delivers first fuel to Ferrybridge Multifuel Facility

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has delivered the first waste derived fuel to the Ferrybridge Multifuel 1 ('FM1') Facility in West Yorkshire. FM1 is owned by Multifuel Energy Limited ('MEL'), a joint venture between SSE and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., and is being built on land next to the existing Ferrybridge 'C' coal fired power station, at Ferrybridge, near Knottingley.

Shanks will deliver 200,000 tonnes of waste derived fuel to the facility each year from its Mechanical Biological Treatment ('MBT') facilities in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham ('BDR'), Cumbria and its processing centre in Wakefield.

FM1 will process around 570,000 tonnes of waste derived fuel, from various sources, each year to produce low carbon electricity, enough to power around 160,000 homes*. The £300 million facility has taken three years to construct, but wouldn't have been possible without early involvement and commitment from Shanks.

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

"As a leading waste-to-product business that is focused on avoiding landfill, we are proud to deliver the first fuel to be turned into low carbon energy at FM1. By creating high quality fuels, not only are we able to make more from waste, but we are also helping to meet the renewable energy needs of our customers under long term agreements."

Rhys Stanwix, Director of Thermal Development at SSE said:

"Shanks and MEL began working together very early on in the development process of FM1. Having Shanks on board helped MEL to secure some of the large local fuel contracts, which helped to secure the £300 million investment needed to build FM1. The first fuel delivery to FM1 marks a huge milestone for this partnership."

Gary Aguinaga, Managing Director of Wheelabrator Technologies UK operations, said:

“The delivery of the first fuel from Shanks is a major milestone for the FM1 project. This milestone marks the beginning of a thorough period of commissioning, leading to the plant being fully commercially operational before the end of 2015.”

FM1 has created over 500 construction jobs and involved many local and regional companies. As a result of the construction phase, the local economy is expected to have benefitted from around £10 million of additional business for local hotels, restaurants and other service providers. The FM1 operations team, comprising of 46 full time equivalent staff that are needed to bring the plant through commissioning and into full commercial operations have now started their roles on-site, following a successful recruitment period.

MEL has applied to build and operate a second Multifuel power station (known as FM2) at the Ferrybridge site. If planning permission is granted for FM2, MEL hopes that the benefits that the local area has experienced would be repeated.

*Based on the industry average annual consumption of 3,300 KWh of electricity and using a base load of circa 70MW net export capacity utilized for 8,000 hours per annum.

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About Shanks

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

For more information, visit: www.shanksplc.com

About MEL Ltd.

MEL is a 50:50 joint venture between SSE and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. MEL is currently constructing a £300m multifuel generation facility at SSE's Ferrybridge 'C' power station in West Yorkshire – known as Ferrybridge Multifuel 1 – and together the joint venture partnership has a pipeline of UK development projects.

SSE is one of the UK's largest generators of electricity with around 11,700 MW of generation capacity in total (UK and Ireland) from the most diverse portfolio of power stations. It is the leading generator of electricity from renewable resources with a total generation capacity of around 3,400MW. Through its renewable development division, SSE Renewables, it is involved in the development of new renewable energy projects covering wind, wave, tidal, and hydro electricity.

Wheelabrator is a world leading energy from waste (EfW) company operating in North America, Europe and China. Wheelabrator is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Capital Partners, an energy-focused private equity firm with over \$13 billion in capital commitments. Wheelabrator has developed, owned and operated EfW facilities for nearly 40 years. Today, it currently owns and/or operates 19 energy facilities in the United States, 15 of which are EfW.