

## Press Release

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### **Shanks increases ATM's water storage capacity by 100%**

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has finished the construction of three new water storage tanks at its flagship ATM facility in the Netherlands, ahead of them becoming operational next month.

ATM, part of Shanks' Hazardous Waste Division, is one of Europe's largest sites for the treatment of contaminated water and soil, as well as for the disposal of a broad range of hazardous waste such as waste paints and solvents. The new 10,000m<sup>3</sup> tanks form a key part of Shanks' Hazardous Waste Investment Programme and will serve the growing waste water market.

Contaminated water is either removed from ships at ATM's jetty or received on site from trucks. The water is stored in the tanks before being put through a decanter to remove solids and oils. After treatment, the process produces clean water which is put back into the municipal sewer system.

In total, the new tanks have the capacity to hold the equivalent of twelve full-sized Olympic swimming pools. Once operational, they will increase waste water storage capacity at ATM by approximately 100%.

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

*"The water market is one of our key growth markets and we continue to process growing volumes of waste water at ATM. Once the new storage tanks are operational, we will be able to take in water when our customers require it and store it for optimal processing, thus improving our production and service. The process produces clean water from highly contaminated industrial and maritime sources, demonstrating how we help the environment as a waste-to-product business."*

The build of the new tanks commenced in March 2014. The tanks are currently being tested with surface water ahead of becoming operational in April 2015.

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**Notes to editors**

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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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