

Press Release

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Shanks helps Heineken to go green

Leading international waste management business, Shanks Group plc ("Shanks"), is pleased to report that its new Van Tuijl glass recycling business has been awarded a contract to recycle 15,000 tons of glass bottles for international brewer, Heineken.

Heineken has traditionally bottled its beer into both brown and green coloured bottles, but the company recently announced that it will in future produce all of its beers in its famous green bottles. As a consequence, Heineken will need to recycle its entire inventory of brown bottles, some 15,000 tons of glass, and the contract has been awarded to Van Tuijl.

Shanks acquired Van Tuijl in 2011 and has since invested in the business to double the recycling capacity. A new recycling installation was commissioned this year that both expands the business and significantly improves the quality of the glass recyclate produced.

Michael van Hulst, Managing Director of Shanks, Benelux, said: "*Heineken is a key customer for us and we are delighted to be helping them transition to green bottles as part of their stated ambition to be the greenest international brewer in the world. This contract clearly illustrates how Shanks enables its customers to achieve their sustainability targets.*"

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Shanks Group plc is a leading international sustainable waste management business with operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom and Canada.

The Group provides a range of recycling and energy recovery solutions to customers in both the public and private sector. The Group employs over 4,000 employees and last year it handled 7.8 million tonnes of waste achieving an overall recycling and recovery rate of 78%.

The Group has a significant organic waste treatment capacity of over 1 million tonnes.

Shanks is a FTSE 250 company listed on the London Stock Exchange. In May 2012 it reported annual revenues of £750 million and trading profits of £53.4 million. The company was established in 1880 and is based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

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