

## Press Release

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### Shanks begins construction of new Vliko site in the Netherlands

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has started the construction of its relocated Vliko site in the Netherlands which will save cost through capacity optimisation.

Vliko, a subsidiary of Shanks' Netherlands Commercial Division, previously operated a materials recycling facility ('MRF') in Leiderdorp but following a fire in 2013, the sorting line and two sheds were badly damaged. Shanks has since built an advanced sorting line at its Van Vliet Contrans location to also process waste from Vliko. The new line saves operational cost and helps Shanks' customers to meet government's increasingly stringent recycling targets.

The new Vliko site will be located in Zoeterwoude, towards the west of the Netherlands. It is in a more industrial location which is conveniently located closer to road networks and customer hubs. The site will have two recycling halls, a weighbridge and staff offices. It is expected that the construction activity will be finished next summer.

Michael van Hulst, Managing Director of Shanks' Netherlands Commercial Division, said:

*"I am excited to begin construction of the new Vliko site which, in conjunction with combining processing at our sorting line, will increase efficiency in making more from waste. The move is also completely in line with our strategy to drive cost efficiency to increase returns. I now look forward to opening the Vliko site next summer and to our ongoing capacity optimisation continuing to benefit our entire division."*

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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 three divisions that reflect our markets: Hazardous, Commercial and Municipal. It has operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, UK and Canada and employs approximately 3,500 people.

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