

Press Release

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Shanks opens new Vliko site in the Netherlands

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc has opened its new innovative and environmentally friendly Vliko site in the Netherlands which will improve efficiency and enhance customer services. The Vliko site is a part of the Netherlands Commercial Division.

The new Vliko site is located in Zoeterwoude, towards the west of the Netherlands. It is in a more industrial location than the previous site and is conveniently located close to road networks and customer hubs. The site's location will enable Vliko to be more responsive to customer needs and provides a platform for further improvements to customer service going forward. It has two modern state-of-the-art recycling halls covering almost 8,000 m² which are used to store and separate the waste which Shanks collects from its customers in the Leiden and Alphen regions.

Both recycling halls have been designed with energy efficiency and sustainability in mind, for example using a partially transparent roof to maximise natural light. The use of solar energy will make the site completely energy neutral. A new weighbridge and refurbished office space completes the relocation.

The relocation of Vliko will further enable Shanks to increase efficiency through improved logistics and the processing of waste on the advanced sorting line at nearby Van Vliet Contrans, which opened last year.

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

"I am delighted to have opened our new Vliko site which uses innovation and lean production methodology from the outset to set new standards for the sustainable treatment of waste. We will reduce our carbon footprint, serve customers better and increase productivity at the same time. This is fully aligned with "making more from waste".

Vliko previously operated for over 50 years from a materials recycling facility (MRF) in rural Leiderdorp. Shanks last year built an advanced sorting line at its Van Vliet Contrans location to process waste from Vliko.

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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 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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