

Press Release

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Shanks sends first shipment of ICOPOWER® energy pellets from its Amsterdam quay

International waste-to-product business, Shanks Group plc, has sent its first shipment of ICOPOWER® energy pellets from its Amsterdam quay.

Shanks invested in its own quay in the Amsterdam port to underpin the servicing of a six year contract with Heidelberg Cement Group. Under the contract, Shanks supplies 54,000 tonnes per year of ICOPOWER® energy pellets which are used to power cement kilns and to produce cement clinker. In addition to driving efficiency on the contract, the opening of the quay will optimise operations and save significant costs.

Also underpinning the contract is a new 2,300m² storage shed which opened in September at Shanks' Icovia site in Amsterdam. The storage shed stores the ICOPOWER® energy pellets ahead of their shipment to Shanks' customers in Scandinavia, which maximises production efficiency.

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

"The opening of our own quay and storage shed at Icovia not only drives efficiency and saves cost but also optimises our operations to effectively service this contract. We are delighted to have this important infrastructure in place to support and maximise the production of our unique energy pellets for the future."

Shanks uses specifically collected commercial waste to ensure the high calorific ICOPOWER® energy pellets meet strict production specifications. Unlike solid recovered fuel (SRF) or refuse derived fuel (RDF), ICOPOWER® energy pellets are not classified as a waste product in the Netherlands – this is due to their consistent and specific chemical composition. Shanks is one of only a few companies in the world to make this type of high quality fuel product.

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Notes to editors

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 around 3,600 people.

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