

Shanks Group plc

Interim Results 2014/15





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H1 2014/15 Interims



Revenue & Profits

- Revenue in H1 down 1% at constant currency
- Underlying PBT down 35% at constant currency

Benelux Solid Waste

- Lower market volumes and intense competition
- · Adverse pricing, mix and recyclate values
- Improvement initiatives on track

Growth Divisions

- Hazardous Waste on track for strong H2 following capacity investment
- 13% increase in trading profit from UK Municipal

Cash flow & Financing

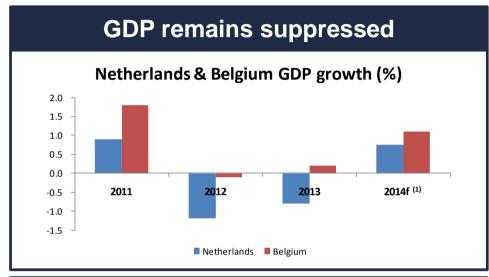
- Tight cash management with debt lower than expectations at £150m
- Balance sheet robust with Net Debt: EBITDA at 2.1x

Dividend

- Interim dividend maintained at 1.1p per share
- Reflects Board's continuing confidence in medium term

Market Context: H1 Focus







Continued challenging macro situation

- Belgium GDP growth in Q2 was 0.1% from 0.4% in Q1
- Dutch GDP growth was 0.7% in Q2 versus -0.3% in Q1
- Eurozone concerns increased in H1

Dutch construction activity remains at 60-year lows

- Market volumes down 5-7% over summer
- Latest 2014 forecasts suggest flat year-on-year (versus 3%+ growth originally)

Commercial and infrastructure activity in NL still low with industry overcapacity

- Poor recent results from Heijmans, BAM, Ballast Nedam and Volker Wessels
- Claims of "irresponsibly low pricing"

Intense competitive situation

- VGG and Indaver up for sale
- Smaller players fighting to survive

Focusing on 'controlling the controllables' in tough markets



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Income Statement Six months ended September 2014

	Sep 14 £m	Sep 13 £m	Char £m	_	Excluding currency change %
Revenue	304.8	323.8	(19.0)	-6%	-1%
Trading Profit	18.1	25.9	(7.8)	-30%	-25%
Net Interest Income from associates and JVs	(7.2) 0.3	(7.7) 0.1			
Underlying profit before tax	11.2	18.3	(7.1)	-39%	-35%
Non-trading and exceptional items	(19.8)	(5.5)	(14.3)		
(Loss) profit before tax	(8.6)	12.8	(21.4)		
Taxation	(1.1)	(3.2)			
(Loss) profit after tax	(9.7)	9.6	(19.3)		
Discontinued operations	(0.1)	(27.2)			
Loss after tax	(9.8)	(17.6)	7.8	45%	40%
Continuing operations:					
Basic earnings per share (p) Underlying earnings per share (p)	(2.5) 2.1	2.4 3.4	(4.9) (1.3)	-38%	-33%
Dividend (pence per share)	1.1p	1.1p	-		



Divisional Performance Solid Waste Benelux

Six months ended	Sep 14	Sep 13	Cha	nge
	€m	€m	€m	%
Revenue				
Netherlands Solid Waste	108.8	112.3	(3.5)	-3%
Belgium Solid Waste	53.5	54.9	(1.4)	-3%
Belgium Others	31.7	35.2	(3.5)	-10%
Intra-segment	(7.9)	(10.1)	2.2	
Total Revenue	186.1	192.3	(6.2)	-3%
Total Revenue (£m)	149.6	164.4	(14.8)	-9%
Trading Profit				
Netherlands Solid Waste	4.5	7.7	(3.2)	-42%
Belgium Solid Waste	2.7		, ,	-21%
Belgium Others	4.6	6.1	, ,	-25%
Divisional central services	(4.8)		-	2070
Total Trading Profit	7.0	12.4		-44%
Total Trading Profit (£m)	5.7	10.6	(4.9)	-46%
Trading Margin				
Netherlands Solid Waste	4.1%	6.9%		
Belgium Solid Waste		6.2%		
Belgium Others		17.3%		
Total Trading Margin	3.8%	6.4%	-	
Return on operating assets				
Netherlands Solid Waste	5.0%	4.9%		
Belgium	43.2%	32.5%	_	
Total Return on operating assets	9.2%	9.0%		

Netherlands Solid Waste

- Volumes flat overall with declines in rubble, glass, wood and landfill
- Pricing and mix adverse
- · Lower recyclates: glass, rubble, metal, paper

Belgium Solid Waste

- 1% volume growth but commercial prices down 2%
- Margins impacted by soil & SRF Gent

Belgium Others

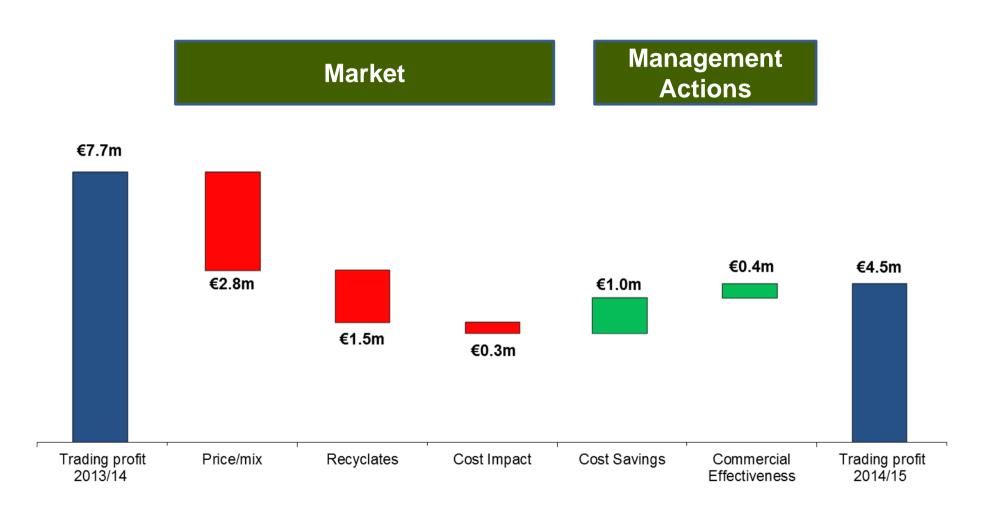
- Lower Q2 demand in Shanks Wood Products
- Weak industrial cleaning activity Wallonia

Offset to some extent by improvement actions

- Commercial effectiveness progress
- Ongoing benefit from restructuring activities



NL SW Trading Profit Bridge





Divisional Performance Hazardous Waste

Six months ended	Sep 14	Sep 14 Sep 13		Change	
	€m	€m	€m	%	
Revenue	86.1	88.1	(2.0)	-2%	
Total Revenue (£m)	69.2	75.2	(6.0)	-8%	
Trading Profit					
Hazardous Waste	10.8	14.1	(3.3)	-23%	
Divisional central services	(0.8)	(1.1)	0.3		
Total Trading Profit	10.0	13.0	(3.0)	-23%	
Total Trading Profit (£m)	8.0	11.1	(3.1)	-28%	
Trading Margin	11.6%	14.8%			
Return on operating assets	28.5%	35.6%			



 Robust trading performance affected by annual shutdown timing & installation of new equipment

Soil performance

- Thermal soil intake strong
- Volumes and price impacted by old ESP
- ESP replacement now completed
- Soil washing exited during period

Water treatment

- Intake overall broadly flat
- Some volatility in volumes

Industrial Cleaning sound

- Pricing pressure at key accounts
- Delays in major shutdowns
- Shanks Total Care growth: 4 new contracts



Divisional Performance Organics

Six months ended	Sep 14	Sep 13	Cha	nge _
	€m	€m	€m	%
Revenue				
Netherlands	10.0	10.3	(0.3)	-3%
Canada	8.2	8.5	(0.3)	-4%
Other Organics	2.0	2.7	(0.7)	-26%
Total Revenue	20.2	21.5	(1.3)	-6%
Total Revenue (£m)	15.7	18.4	(2.7)	-15%
Trading Profit				
Netherlands	1.4	2.3	(0.9)	-39%
Canada	1.8	1.8	-	0%
Other Organics	0.1	-	0.1	n/a
Divisional central services	(8.0)	(0.5)	(0.3)	
Total Trading Profit	2.5	3.6	(1.1)	-34%
Total Trading Profit (£m)	1.9	3.1	(1.2)	-39%
UK Joint Venture (£m)				
Revenue	1.2	0.9	0.3	33%
Trading Profit	0.3	0.1	0.2	130%
Trading Margin				
Netherlands	14.0%	22.3%		
Canada	22.0%	21.2%		
Other Organics	5.0%	0.0%		
Total Trading Margin	12.4%	16.7%		
Return on operating assets				
Netherlands	1.8%	6.9%		
Canada	8.5%	9.6%		
Other Organics	-0.1%	-0.4%		
Total Return on operating assets	3.6%	6.7%		

Netherlands

- In line with expectations
- Renewal of long term contract for Biocel at lower margins
- Amsterdam AD steady
- Canada bid costs

Canada

- Improving operational performance
- London volumes down due to Toronto
- York contract extended and increased

Other & Joint Ventures

- Improved returns from Belgian AD
- Record performance from Cumbernauld AD



Divisional Performance UK Municipal

Six months ended	Sep 14 Sep 13		Change	
	£m	£m	£m	%
Revenue	74.9	70.5	4.4	6%
Trading Profit				
UK Municipal	7.8	7.2	0.6	8%
Divisional central services	(2.5)	(2.5)	-	
Total Trading Profit	5.3	4.7	0.6	13%
Trading Margin	7.1%	6.7%		



Existing contracts

- Good overall performance from existing contracts
- Wakefield and Derby initial services contracts performing well
- Wakefield and BDR construction moving towards completion
- ELWA permission gained to restart operations

Pipeline

 Derby Financial Close in August & construction started with interim services extended

Directors' valuation of the PFI portfolio maintained at £110m



Non-trading & Exceptional Items

Six months ended	Sep 14 £m	Sep 13 £m
Amortisation of acquisition intangibles	(1.0)	(1.1)
Impairment of goodwill	(11.1)	-
Restructuring charges	(3.3)	(2.1)
Contractual issues in Organics Canada	(3.0)	(0.1)
Cost relating to the fire at ELWA	(1.0)	-
Exit from Jaartsveld soil washing activities	(0.3)	-
Acquisition costs	(0.2)	-
Impairment of assets in the Netherlands due to fire	-	(3.2)
Other asset impairments	-	(0.6)
Hazardous Waste net litigation recovery	-	1.4
Change in fair value of derivatives	0.1	0.2
Total non-trading and exceptional items	(19.8)	(5.5)

Continuing operations only

- Non-cash impairment of Solid Waste Netherlands goodwill due to market conditions
- Restructuring charges below forecast, benefits on track
- Ottawa arbitration ruling appeal has been lodged
- ELWA fire costs in H1 with insurance recovery expected in H2



Cash Flow Performance

- Core EBITDA impacted by H1 performance
- Working capital strong including phasing
- Ratio of replacement capital expenditure to depreciation of 87% (2013: 33%) due to ESP fume scrubber at ATM and Belgium truck replacement
- Interest and tax payments phasing
- Positive timing on PFI investments
- Other includes pension deficit payment (£1.5m) with the prior year offset by sale of Netherlands Head Office

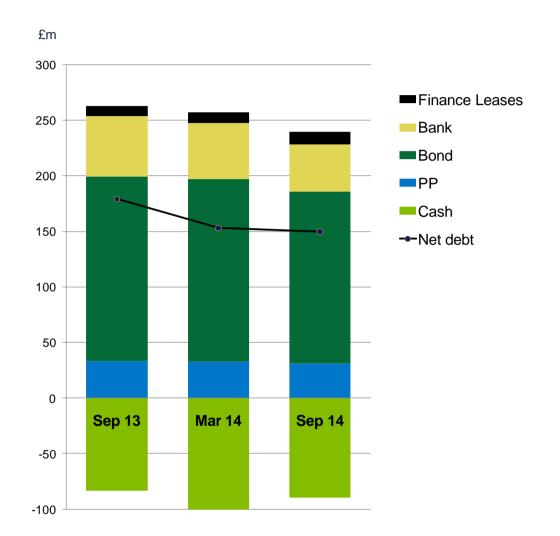
	Sep 14 £m	Sep 13 £m
EBITDA Working capital movement and other Net replacement capital expenditure Interest and tax Underlying free cash flow	38.4 (0.5) (17.4) (7.8) 12.7	(9.4)
Growth capital expenditure Acquisitions and disposals Restructuring spend Dividends paid PFI funding Other	(5.4) 0.4 (3.6) (9.3) 1.8 (3.1)	(12.6) 1.3 (4.6)
Net core cash flow	(6.5)	(10.7)
Free cash flow conversion	70%	95%

Free cash flow conversion is defined as underlying free cash flow divided by trading profit Cash flow includes both continuing and discontinued operations

Cash performance better than expected



Movement in Core Net Debt



- Core net debt reduced by £3m
- Euro borrowings hedged against Euro earnings
- Interest cover fallen due to weak last 12 month average which will reverse in H2

	Sep 14	Sep 13
Debt Headroom	£98m	£57m
Net debt / EBITDA	2.1x	2.1x
Interest cover	3.1x	3.9x

Long term debt from multiple sources



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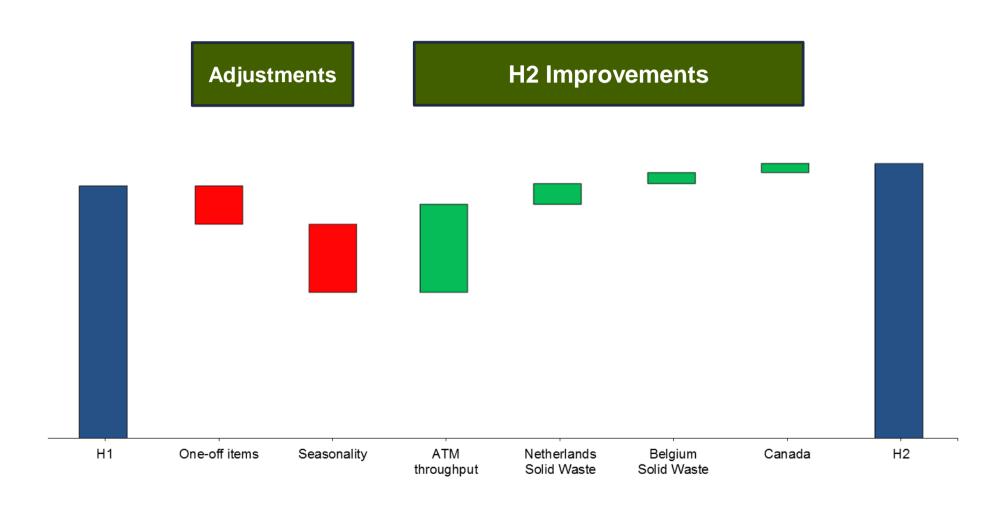
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Shanks Making more from waste

H1 to H2 Bridge



Clear and identified levers to achieve H2 targets



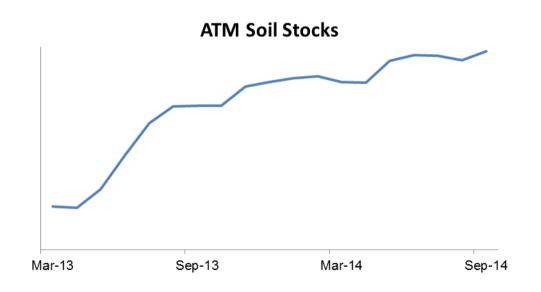
ATM H2 Throughput

Increased soil throughput vs H1

- 180k greater tons theoretical capacity
- Potential improvement in mix
- Record soil stocks available to process
- Pipeline strong: >2m tons under negotiation

Increased water processing vs H1

- Improved mix to drive greater throughput
- Strong commercial funnel



Operational gearing to deliver strong H2



Other H2 Actions

NL SW Actions

- Commercial Effectiveness
 - Focus on profitable segments
 - Pricing action
- Structural Cost Programme
 - Shared Service Centres
 - Procurement
- Short term actions
 - Offtake management
 - Operational grip
- Continuous Improvement to increase productivity

BE SW Actions

- Increased demand
 - Wood products for electricity generation
- Product Management
 - SRF improved specification
 - New SRF outlets
 - Offtake management
- Operational Improvements
 - Short term cost action
 - Improved productivity

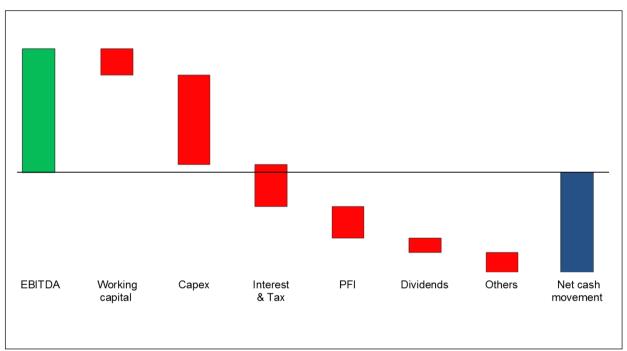
Canada

- Increased volumes
 - Operational readiness
 - Municipal SSO uplift
- New inputs
 - Commercial and Industrial to supplement SSO
- Operational cost reduction
 - Offtake improvement
 - Treatment efficiencies

Risk adjusted target driven by cost and commercial actions



H2 Cash Outlook



- Year end net debt still expected to be £185m (at €1.25:£1)
- Capex includes Hazardous
 Waste projects, Vliko relocation
 and new sorting line
- Interest includes annual payment re 2010 Belgian Bond
- Others includes pension fund payments and net restructuring costs

	Mar-15	Sep-14
	Forecast	Actual
Net debt / EBITDA	2.4x	2.1x
Interest cover	3.5x	3.1x

Capital discipline to deliver year end net debt in line with initial plan

2014/15 Summary



- Difficult first half due to markets and one-off operational capacity restrictions
- Increased capacity and execution of current programmes to deliver benefit in second half
- Ongoing capital discipline drives robust cash flows and debt levels

Delivering current year actions while building medium term growth

Our Refined Vision



The
LEADING PROVIDER

of
SUSTAINABLE
WASTE
MANAGEMENT
SOLUTIONS
in our
TARGET MARKETS

Refined Vision

"To be the most respected WASTE-TO-PRODUCT company"

Customers



Employees



Investors

<u>Sta</u>keholders



Communities



Reflects our unique position and future direction



Strategy for Growth



'To be the most respected waste-to-product company'

Improve profitability of Solid Waste

Broaden
Hazardous Waste
scope

Expand Organics footprint

Grow
UK Municipal
contracts

Develop world class capabilities from across the Group

Actively manage business portfolio





Commercial effectiveness

Structural cost programme

Plant productivity

Building capability and advantages to capture value from recovery

Continuous improvement

Procurement

Route / fleet optimisation









NL SW Improvement Signs



Volumes expected to increase

- · C&D
 - > 3% forecast growth in construction
 - > Stable recycling rates
- I&C
 - ➤ 1% forecast growth
 - Higher recycling rates expected

Incinerator gate fees increasing

- NL excess capacity now taken-up by imports and outlook similar
- Capacity 'balance' is leading to increased gate fees (spot market)
- Incinerator prices have second order effect on recycling gate fees

Increasingly supportive legislation

- New taxes drive need for more recycling
 - ➤ Incinerator tax from 1 January 2015
 - ➤ Landfill tax started in 2014, continues at adjusted level in 2015
- New Government initiatives to increase recycling rates

Potential market consolidation

- Highly fragmented market beyond Sita, VGG and Shanks
- Larger players rumoured to be assessing strategic options
- Smaller players under pressure and in some cases ceasing to trade⁽¹⁾

Timing of the benefits is uncertain

Hazardous Waste Strategy



Market	Demand Drivers	Shanks Position	Investment Plan	Current Status
Thermal Soil Treatment	 Continued slow NL construction Steady EU flow of clean-up projects Dutch regulation increases supply 	 Largest scale thermal plant in NL Proven technology leadership Environmental excellence 	 Enhanced emissions control increases kiln capacity by 10% Iron sludge capability opens up new niche market 	✓ NOW LIVE ✓ NOW LIVE
Waste Water Treatment	 Higher ship traffic in Rotterdam Imminent control on ship degassing Steady industrial cleaning volumes 	 Advantaged proven technology Waterside locations Integrated ATM/ Reym processes 	 Increased water storage capacity maximises volume throughput at ATM Equipment to degas ships meets regulatory need 	✓ ON TRACK Q2 15 ✓ NOW LIVE
Industrial Cleaning & Total Care	 Steady base volumes in NL Growing need for integrated services Continued tight safety regulation 	 Market leader in NL industrial cleaning (including offshore) Unparalleled range of businesses in Group 	 New facility in Rotterdam supports Total Care' growth close to growing market Ultrasonic cleaning equipment maintains technology leadership 	✓ ON TRACK Q2 15 ✓ NOW LIVE

Hazardous Waste Investment

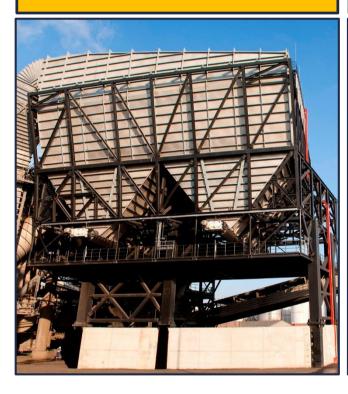


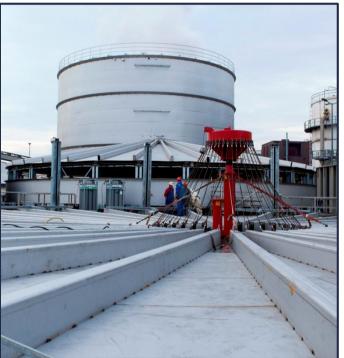
Main Construction Projects – October 2014

Thermal Soil Treatment

Waste Water Treatment

Industrial Cleaning & Total Care Centre







Growth plan being executed, returns expected at higher end of range

Organics Growth Strategy



EU Business Outlook

- Most NL composting renewals now secured
- Further investment planned to increase capacity in Cumbernauld JV
- Focused funnel of BD opportunities to "co-process" with Dutch A-brand customers
- Continued evaluation of new technologies

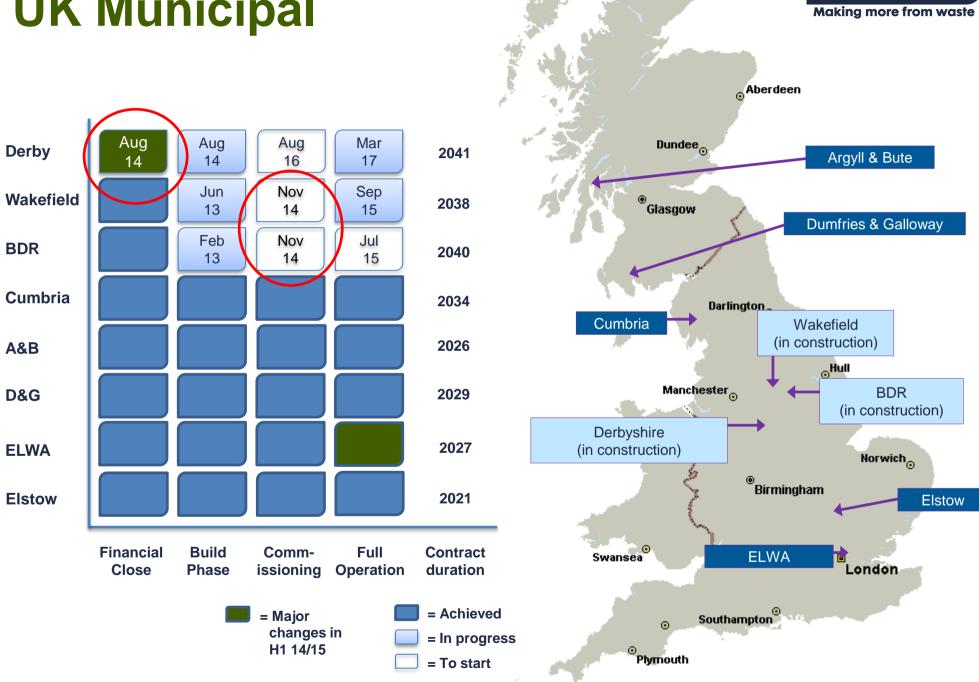
Canada Funnel Developments

- Canada organics market set for sustained growth as diversion from landfill prioritised
- Significant number of potential opportunities, prioritised where returns favourable⁽¹⁾
- Shanks well-placed to win, but bidding with capital discipline⁽²⁾
- Advanced stages with two flagship City processes

⁽¹⁾ Municipal long-term contracts; composting or dry AD technology; located in target regions; built on zoned sites

⁽²⁾ Proven Dutch technology; deep UK PFI experience; established Canadian footprint; local partner network

UK Municipal



Shanks

UK Municipal Investment



Aerial Photo of Wakefield - August 2014



Over £300m being invested in new infrastructure currently under construction

Divisional Strategies



Division	Shanks Position	Growth Strategy	FY15 Profit	Future Profit
Solid	 Market leader in Benelux Linked to NL construction Strong commercial presence 	 Lowest cost and leading productivity Commercial effectiveness High quality innovative products 		
Hazardous	 Market leader in EU thermal soil treatment Advantaged water technology Integrated & synergistic model 	 Fast-tracked waterside expansion Broader range of treatment inputs Increased regional presence 		
Organics	 <u>Market leader</u> in Netherlands Differentiated operating model Growth footprint in Canada 	 Ramp-up EU assets profitably Canada growth leveraging NL/UK Co-processing with EU A-brands 		
UK Municipal	 Market leader in UK MBT Proven operational excellence New infrastructure being built 	 Sustain operational contract delivery Commission BDR, Wakefield & Derby New volumes to utilise capacity 		

Actively managing business portfolio



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Appendices



Other Financial Information

Investment Programme by Division



Pre-tax Return on Operating Assets of 16-20% compares to post-tax target of 12-15%

Division	Div'n ROA	Prog ROA	Spent	Allocated	Comment
Solid	9.2%	16.0%	£29m	£-	 Investment returns well above Division average and meet target No new assets under construction
Hazardous	28.5%	46.8%	£19m	£15m	 Investment returns very strong due to impact of soil and water storage Focus for further investment
Organics	3.6%	9.4%	£82m	£-	 Returns still ramping, diluted by central and bid costs No new assets under construction Focus on Canada bid funnel
Total	13.2%	18.4%	£130m	£15m	

Additional £300m investment in BDR, Wakefield and Derby underway to add growth to UK Municipal

Focused, market based investment programme delivering superior returns



Return on Capital

	Sep 14	Mar 14	Sep 13
Post tax ROIC (on depreciated capital base including goodwill)	5.8%	6.0%	5.8%
Return on operating assets – continuing operations (trading profit on depreciated operating assets excluding debt, tax and goodwill)	13.2%	15.1%	14.8%
Post tax project returns – fully operational projects in £250m programme (on the original invested capital)	13.3%	13.5%	14.3%



Segmental Analysis

	Revenue		Trading Profit			
	Six months ended			Six months ended		
	Sep 14	Sep 13	Variance	Sep 14	Sep 13	Variance
	£m	£m	%	£m	£m	%
Solid Waste Benelux	149.6	164.4	(9)	5.7	10.6	(46)
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Group central services	-	-		(2.8)	(3.6)	22
Inter-segment revenue	(4.6)	(4.7)		-	-	
	304.8	323.8	(6)	18.1	25.9	(30)

Trading profit = operating profit before amortisation of acquisition intangibles and exceptional items

Comparatives for 2013 have been restated following the adoption of IFRS 11 and the requirement to equity account for joint ventures



Balance Sheet

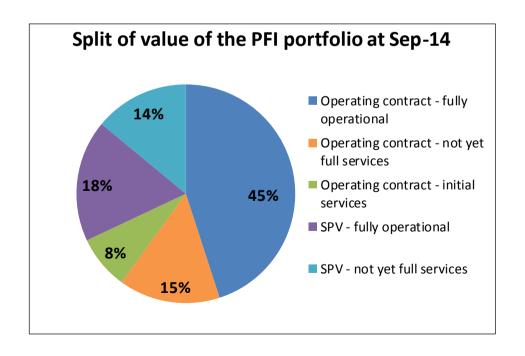
	Sep 14 £m	Sep 13 £m
Tangible fixed assets	308.1	330.3
Goodwill & other intangibles	186.5	230.4
Non current PFI/PPP financial assets	214.3	145.2
Trade and other receivables	2.2	2.8
Investments	8.6	8.2
Non current assets	719.7	716.9
Working capital	(63.2)	(31.7)
Current PFI/PPP financial assets	28.2	9.8
Assets classified as held for sale	3.5	11.8
Pension deficit	(19.3)	(12.9)
Taxation	(28.7)	(34.3)
Provisions and other liabilities	(42.8)	(51.2)
Net core debt	(149.8)	(179.1)
PFI non recourse net debt	(193.2)	(121.3)
Derivative financial liabilities	(24.2)	(16.7)
Net Assets	230.2	291.3



PFI Directors' Valuation

- Portfolio valuation includes the four fully operational contracts, plus BDR,
 Wakefield and Derby under construction
- Valuation based on the cash flows of the financing vehicles and the operating contracts - discounted at 8% and risk adjusted
- Valuation maintained at £110m

Portfolio split £m	Sep-14
Operating contract - fully operational	50
Operating contract - initial services	8
Operating contract - not yet full services	16
SPV - fully operational	20
SPV - not yet full services	16
-	110





Glossary

AD Anaerobic Digestion

C&D Construction & Demolition

CHP Combined Heat & Power

GHG Greenhouse Gases

I&C Industrial & Commercial

MBT Mechanical Biological Treatment

MRF Material Recycling Facility

PFI Private Finance Initiative

PPP Public Private Partnership

RDF Refuse Derived Fuel

ROC Renewable Obligation Certificate

SRF Solid Recovered Fuel

SW Solid Waste

TAG Tar containing Asphalt Granulate