

Press Release

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Shanks welcomes new Responsibility Deal between Government with the waste and resource sector

Shanks welcomes the new 'Responsibility Deal' announced today.

Tom Drury, Chief Executive of Shanks Group Plc said;

"The Responsibility Deal sets out actions that will make a real difference to reducing the amount of waste produced in this country while recognising the potential of waste as a resource.

The Deal's commitment to help businesses do the right thing is something we are passionate about at Shanks. A lot of businesses are unaware of the impact of waste on their bottom line and through our Recycling Stars programme, we are working with businesses large and small providing advice on how to improve their recycling rates.

The Waste Policy Review was a missed opportunity in providing clear targets and timelines to help us become a zero waste economy, but we are hopeful that this Deal will go some way in delivering progress."

Note to editors:

Sponsored by Shanks, The National Recycling Stars scheme recognises UK organisations that are committed to increasing the amount of waste they recycle and improving the environmental awareness of their staff.

Organisations can be awarded up to three stars depending on their level of recycling excellence. In order to ensure that this level is sustained, Stars are reviewed on an annual basis.

Star holders will be provided with a certificate, annual newsletter and entry on to the Recycling Stars website to enable like minded organisations to work together.

For more information visit: <http://www.nationalrecyclingstars.co.uk/>

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Shanks Group Plc is Europe's largest listed independent waste management business with operations in the Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom and Canada.

The company provides a range of recycling and energy recovery solutions to customers in both the public and private sector. The Group employs 4246 employees and last year it handled 7.7 million tonnes of

waste achieving and overall recycling and recovery rate of 77%. 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 2011 it reported annual revenues of £717 million and trading profits of £49.7 million. The company was established in 1880 and is based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

For more information visit www.shanksplc.co.uk.