

## Press Release

28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### **Shanks receives planning approval for Kettering MRF**

Shanks Waste Management Limited (Shanks) is pleased to announce that a planning application to develop its Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Kettering, Northamptonshire has been approved by Northamptonshire County Council.

Following a £7 million investment, the site (which has historically been used to process construction and demolition waste) will focus on the processing of industrial and commercial material. The facility will process both co mingled recyclates and general waste; extracting and sorting materials for recycling and also producing a renewable fuel.

The development will increase the amount of material that can be processed on the site from 125,000 to 215,000 tonnes per annum and create 25 new jobs.

Commenting on the development, Shanks' UK Managing Director, Ian Goodfellow, said 'The new facility, which incorporates technology and experience from across the Shanks Group, will further increase our ability to extract value from the material we handle. The location and capacity of the MRF will mean that customers from across the region benefit from increased recycling and diversion from landfill'.

The development will also see the construction of a canopy over existing outside processing equipment.

- ENDS -

For further information please contact:

Austen Lees, Head of Corporate Communications, Shanks Group Plc  
Telephone +44 (0)1908 650580, mobile +44 (0)7773 813210, email [austen.lees@shanks.co.uk](mailto:austen.lees@shanks.co.uk)

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 4074 employees and last year it handled 7.39 million tonnes of waste achieving an overall recycling and recovery rate of 74%. 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 2010 it reported annual revenues of £684 million and trading profits of over £50 million. The company was established in 1880 and is based in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

For more information visit [www.shanksplc.co.uk](http://www.shanksplc.co.uk).