# **SAFEWASTE LIMITED**

Registered Number 2485860

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

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# SAFEWASTE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the Company was the operation of landfill sites, recycling and the provision of skip hire services until 2007. Operating losses for 2008 were £166,000 (2007: £179,000 loss). The loss on ordinary activities before tax for 2008 was £175,000 (2007: £190,000 loss). The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend in respect of 2008 (2007: £Nil). The loss transferred to the reserves for 2008 was £223,000 (2007: £146,000 loss).

#### **FUTURE OUTLOOK**

All operating activities have now been discontinued and the Company now functions solely to meet its obligations for the aftercare and restoration of its closed landfill site.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shanks Group plc. Risks are principally managed by Shanks Group plc for the Group as a whole. The principal risks and uncertainties of Shanks Group plc are discussed in its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Given the straightforward nature of the business following the discontinuance of the Company's principal activity, the Directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors who held office during the year, and up to the date of this report, were as follows:-

F A N Welham R I Cartwright (appointed 5 November 2007) M C E Averill (resigned 30 September 2007)

# SAFEWASTE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT - continued

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with Section 234ZA(2) of the Companies Act 1985 the Directors confirm:

- (a) so far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) the Directors have taken all the steps they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

# SAFEWASTE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT - continued

## **AUDITORS**

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the Company's Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

R I Cartwright

Director

22 December 2008

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFEWASTE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Safewaste Limited for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of recognised gains and losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

### Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

The Directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding Directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and

• the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

22 December 2008

# SAFEWASTE LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

|   | <u>Note</u> | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000 |
|---|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| TURNOVER on discontinued activities Cost of sales   | 2           | (166)                | <b>1,190</b> (1,131) |
| GROSS (LOSS)/PROFIT Administrative expenses   |             | (166)                | <b>59</b> (238)      |
| OPERATING LOSS ON DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES BEFORE FINANCE CHARGES AND TAX Finance charges: |             | (166)                | (179)                |
| Other finance costs - discount unwind   | 6           | (9)                  | (11)                 |
| LOSS ON DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES   |             | <del></del>          | <del></del>          |
| BEFORE TAX  | 3           | (175)                | (190)                |
| Tax   | 7           | (48)                 | 44                   |
| LOSS ON DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES AFTER TAX AND LOSS  |             |                      |                      |
| RETAINED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR   | 13          | (223)                | (146)<br>———         |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

# **SAFEWASTE LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2008**

| *  | <u>Note</u> | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000 |
|--|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS Tangible fixed assets   | 8           | <u>-</u>             |                      |
| CURRENT ASSETS Debtors   | 9           | 1,410                | 1,520                |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS   |             | 1,410                | 1,520                |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES | 10          | 1,410<br>(283)       | 1,520<br>(170)       |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS   |             | <u>1,127</u>         | 1,350                |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Profit and loss account                   | 12<br>13    | 100<br>1,027         | 100<br>1,250         |
| TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS   | 14          | 1,127                | 1,350                |

Approved by the Board of Directors on 22 December 2008.

R I Cartwright Director

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of waste streams processed and other services provided including landfill tax but excluding value added tax.

(c) Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, except for freehold land which is not depreciated, and less any write down for impairment.

Depreciation is provided on assets other than land to write-off their cost by equal annual instalments over their estimated useful economic lives. The expected lives are:-

**Buildings** 

10 years 3 to 10 years

Plant and machinery

(d) Aftercare

Provision is made for the Net Present Value of the total future post closure costs based on an annual re-assessment of the level of these costs.

(e) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of timing differences arising between the treatments of certain items for tax and accounting purposes. Deferred tax assets in respect of trading tax losses are only recognised where the tax losses are expected to be recovered. Deferred tax provisions have not been discounted.

(f) Pensions

The Company is a member of a group pension scheme which covers employees on both a defined contribution and on a defined benefit basis. For the defined contribution section, pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account as the payments to the scheme fall due.

For the defined benefit section, the Company is unable to identify its share of the assets and liabilities of the group pension scheme and is then permitted under FRS 17 to treat this section of the scheme as a defined contribution scheme. For the defined benefit section, pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account as the payments to the scheme fall due.

### 2 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The turnover and operating loss were wholly attributable to the Company's business of waste management in the United Kingdom. All of the Company's business, turnover and operating loss relate to discontinued operations.

## 3 LOSS ON DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX

|   | <u>2008</u> | 2007  |
|---|-------------|-------|
|   | £'000       | £'000 |
| The loss is stated after charging:              |             |       |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets           | •           | 43    |
| Hire of plant and machinery on operating leases | -           | 76    |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets              | -           | (12)  |
| Re-assessment of aftercare provision            | 166         | -     |
|   | . <u></u>   |       |

The auditors' remuneration for the year has been borne by a fellow group company.

### 4 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The Directors were not remunerated for their services to the Company. The salaries of the Directors were paid by other Shanks Group plc undertakings. As in the prior year, none of this remuneration relates to their services to the Company as the services rendered were not significant.

#### 5 EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees employed by the Company in waste management during the year was Nil (2007: 12). The total remuneration of employees comprised:

|  | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs | -                    | 297<br>24<br>12      |
| Other pension costs  |                      |                      |
|  | <del></del>          | 333<br>———           |

## **6 FINANCE CHARGES – OTHER**

Other finance costs relate to the unwinding of discount of £9,000 (2007: £11,000) on long term landfill liabilities (see note 10). It is treated as a finance charge in accordance with FRS12.

## 7 TAX

The tax charge/(credit) based on the loss for the year is made up as follows:

|  | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Corporation tax at 30% (2007: 30%) - current year - prior year | (54)<br>122          | (325)<br>7           |
| Deferred tax - current year - prior year                       | 2<br>(22)            | 269<br>5             |
|  | <del></del>          | (44)                 |
|  | <del></del>          | ===                  |

The corporation tax assessed for the year differs from the United Kingdom standard rate of corporation tax of 30% (2007: 30%). The differences are explained below:

|  | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Loss on ordinary activities before tax                             | (175)<br>———         | (190)<br>——          |
| Tax credit based on UK tax rate Tax effect of the following items: | (53)                 | (57)                 |
| Capital allowances   | (1)                  | (113)                |
| Other timing differences   | -                    | (156)                |
| Items not allowable for tax  | -                    | 1                    |
| Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior periods               | 122                  | 7                    |
|  |                      |                      |
| Corporation tax charge/(credit) for the period                     | 68                   | (318)                |
|  |                      |                      |

## 8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|   |   |                      | Landfill<br><u>site</u><br>£'000 |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Cost:<br>At 1 April 2007 and at 31 March 2008   |                      | 393                              |
|   | Depreciation:<br>At 1 April 2007 and at 31 March 2008                                     |                      | 393                              |
|   | Net book value:<br>At 31 March 2008   |                      | -                                |
|   | At 31 March 2007  |                      | -                                |
| 9 | DEBTORS   |                      |                                  |
|   |   | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000             |
|   | Amounts owed by group undertakings<br>Corporation tax<br>Deferred tax asset (see note 11) | 1,157<br>233<br>20   | 1,219<br>301<br>-                |
|   |   | 1,410                | 1,520                            |

### 10 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

|                                     | <u>Aftercare</u><br>£'000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| At 1 April 2007<br>Provided in year | 170                       |
| - operating costs                   | 166                       |
| - finance charges (see note 6)      | 9                         |
| Utilised                            | (62)                      |
|                                     | <del></del>               |
| At 31 March 2008                    | 283                       |
|                                     |                           |

#### Aftercare

The total post closure costs of landfill sites, including such items as monitoring, gas and leachate management and licensing, have been estimated by management based on current best practice and technology available. These costs may be impacted by a number of factors including changes in legislation and improvements in technology. The dates of payment of these aftercare costs are uncertain but are anticipated to be over a period of approximately twenty five years from closure of the relevant landfill site in 2007.

### 11 DEFERRED TAX ASSET

|   |                      | Deferred<br>tax<br>£'000 |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| At 1 April 2007<br>Provided for the year      |                      | 20                       |
| At 31 March 2008 (included in debtors)        |                      |                          |
| The deferred tax asset is made up as follows: | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000     |
| Capital allowances                            | 20<br>               |                          |

As a result of changes announced in the 2007 Budget, UK corporation tax will reduce from 30% to 28% effective from April 2008 and the deferred tax impact of this has been included above. There will also be a phased withdrawal of industrial buildings allowances over a period of 4 years and a reduction in general pool writing down allowances from 25% to 20% which will be enacted in the Finance Act 2008. Any deferred tax adjustments arising from these changes will be included in the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009.

| 12 | SHARE CAPITAL   | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000          |
|----|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|
|    | Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid 100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each | 100                  | 100                           |
| 13 | RESERVES  |                      | Profit and loss account £'000 |
|    | At 1 April 2007 Loss sustained for the year                                       |                      | 1,250<br>(223)                |
|    | At 31 March 2008  |                      | 1,027                         |
| 14 | RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FI                                   | JNDS                 |                               |
|    |   | <u>2008</u><br>£'000 | <u>2007</u><br>£'000          |
|    | Loss sustained for the year   | (223)                | (146)<br>——                   |
|    | Net movement in equity shareholders' funds<br>Opening equity shareholders' funds  | (223)<br>1,350       | (146)<br>1,496                |
|    | Closing equity shareholders' funds  | 1,127                | 1,350                         |

# 15 NOTE OF THE HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

For the year ended 31 March 2008 there is no material difference between the reported losses for the year and those that would be reported under the historic cost convention.

#### 16 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company's principal pension scheme is the Shanks Group Pension Scheme which covers eligible employees and has both funded defined benefit and defined contribution sections. Pension costs for the defined benefit section are determined by an independent qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method. The total pensions charge for the year for both sections for the Company was £Nil (2007: £12,000).

The Company is unable to identify the share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the defined benefit section of the Shanks Group Pension Scheme that relates to its business and is permitted under FRS 17 to treat this section of the scheme as a defined contribution scheme. The Scheme has been fully included and disclosed in both the consolidated and entity financial statements of Shanks Group plc.

It should be noted that Shanks Group plc has adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and hence the Scheme has been included in its financial statements under the principles and disclosure requirements of IAS 19 – Employee Benefits. There are no material differences between the valuation and accounting principles and disclosure requirements of FRS 17 (as used by this Company's financial statements under UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and IAS 19 (as used by Shanks Group plc in its financial statements under IFRS). Full disclosures relating to the pension scheme of which this Company is a member are therefore contained in the financial statements of Shanks Group plc.

#### 17 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company is a member of a HMRC Group VAT registration and as at 31 March 2008 had a contingent liability of £1,273,000 (2007: £232,000) under this registration.

The Company is also a member of a HMRC Group Payment arrangement for Corporation Tax and as at 31 March 2008 had a contingent liability of £Nil (2007: £Nil) under this arrangement.

The Company, along with other fellow group undertakings, has in normal course of business given guarantees and performance bonds relating to the Group's contracts totalling £8,849,000 (2007: £9,070,000).

### 18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As permitted by FRS8, the Company, being a wholly owned subsidiary of another company which prepares a statement of related party transactions including that of this Company, has not prepared such a statement itself.

### 19 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shanks Group plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Shanks Group plc, which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1.

## 20 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate holding company during the year was Shanks Waste Management Limited which is registered in England. The ultimate parent company is Shanks Group plc, a company registered in Scotland. Copies of the Group Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Shanks Group plc, Dunedin House, Auckland Park, Mount Farm, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK1 1BU.