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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2014.

## Principal activities and business review

The principal activities of the Company were the operation of landfill sites, recycling and the provision of skip hire services until 2007. The Company now functions solely to meet its obligations for the aftercare of its closed landfill site.

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation for the year was £161,000 (2013: £11,000 loss). The Directors do not recommend payment (2013: £nil). The loss transferred to the reserves for the year was £143,000 (2013: £20,000).

### **Future outlook**

The Company functions solely to meet its obligations for the aftercare of its closed landfill site.

## 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.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shanks Group plc. Risks are managed at a local level in accordance with the risk management framework of Shanks Group plc. The principal risks and uncertainties of Shanks Group plc are discussed in its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.

## Financial risk management

A discussion of the objectives and policies employed in managing risk and the Company's use of financial instruments can be found in the Shanks Group plc Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.

## **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the year, and up to the date of signing the financial statements, were as follows:

D K Mulligan (appointed 1 April 2014)
P D Eglinton (appointed 15 April 2013)
J J C Simpson (resigned 31 March 2014)

### Independent auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT - continued**

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and 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 2006. 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.

#### Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

In accordance with Section 418 of the Companies act 2006, the Directors confirm that:

- (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 that 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.

By order of the board

D K Mulligan Director

5 September 2014

## Registered office:

Dunedin House Auckland Park Mount Farm Milton Keynes Buckinghamshire MK1 1BU

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFEWASTE LIMITED

## Report on the financial statements

## Our opinion

In our opinion the financial statements, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

This opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements, which are prepared by Safewaste Limited, comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2014;
- the profit and loss account for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

### What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report") to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SAFEWASTE LIMITED - continued

## Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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.

John Waters (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors** 

London

5 September 2014

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		£'000	£'000
Administrative expenses	-	(150)	
Operating loss		(150)	• -
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(11)	(11)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3	(161)	(11)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	18	(9)
Loss for the financial year	11	(143)	(20)

All the activities of the Company relate to discontinued operations.

There is no material difference between the reported losses for either year and those that would be reported under the historical cost convention.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than those set out above. Accordingly, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		£'000	£'000
Fixed assets Tangible assets	6	-	
Current assets Debtors	7	1,102	1,176
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	-	(4)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,102	1,172
Provisions for liabilities	9	(198)	(125)
Net assets		904	1,047
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Capital and reserves Called up share capital	10	100	100
Profit and loss account	11	804	947
Total shareholder's funds	12	904	1,047

The financial statements on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

D K Mulligan Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except where noted.

## (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements for the year have been prepared under the historical cost basis and comply with applicable law, the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

## (b) Going concern

After making enquiries, the Directors have formed the view, at the time of approving the financial statements, that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that the Company's business is a going concern. For this reason the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## (c) Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and less any write down for impairment.

#### Landfill

Site development costs, including engineering works and the net present value (NPV) of final site restoration costs, are capitalised. These costs are written off over the operational life of each site based on the amount of void space consumed.

## (d) Aftercare

Provision was made for the net present value (NPV) of unavoidable post closure costs at the Company's landfill site. Similar costs incurred during the operational life of the site were written off directly to the profit and loss account and were not charged against the provision.

#### (e) Taxation

The credit for taxation is based on the loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### 2 SEGMENT REPORTING

The losses relating to discontinued operations were wholly attributable to the Company's business of waste management in the United Kingdom.

## 3 LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Audit costs of £1,000 (2013: £1,000) have been borne by a fellow group undertaking. There were no employees of the Company during the year (2013: none). The Directors were not remunerated for their services to the Company in the current or prior year; neither did the Directors accrue any retirement benefits in respect of service to the Company. None of the emoluments paid to the Directors by the other group companies related to the services of this Company (2013: £nil), which were of negligible value.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 - continued

## 4 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

Finance costs comprise the unwinding of discount being £11,000 (2013: £11,000) on long term landfill liabilities (note 9).

## 5 TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Corporation tax		
Current tax	(25)	4
Adjustments in respect of prior years	` 7 <sup>°</sup>	5
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Tax (credit)/charge on loss on ordinary activities	(18)	9

The corporation tax assessed for the year differs (2013: differs) from the United Kingdom standard rate of corporation tax of 23% (2013: 24%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(161)	(11)
Tax credit at UK tax rate	(37)	(3)
Tax effect of the following items: Other permanent adjustments Adjustments in respect of prior years	12 7	7 5
Corporation tax (credit)/charge for the year	(18)	9

## Factors that may affect the future current and total tax charges

The March 2013 budget statement announced an intention to reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 21% (effective from 1 April 2014) and then 20% (effective from 1 April 2015). These changes were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013 and will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 - continued

## 6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

			Landfill site £'000
	<b>Cost:</b> At 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014		393
	Accumulated Depreciation: At 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014		393
	Net book value: At 31 March 2014		
	At 31 March 2013		
7	DEBTORS		
		2014 £'000	2013 £'000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Corporation tax	1,077 25	1,176 -
		1,102	1,176
	The amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free.	repayable on o	demand and
8	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
		2014 £'000	2013 £'000
	Corporation tax		4

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 - continued

## 9 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Aftercare £'000
At 1 April 2013 Additions Unwinding of discount (note 4) Utilised in the year	125 150 11 (88)
At 31 March 2014	198

#### 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.

## 10 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

		2014 £'000	2013 £'000
	Authorised, allotted and fully paid: 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
11	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
		•	£'000
	At 1 April 2013 Loss for the financial year		947 (143)
	At 31 March 2014		804

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 - continued

#### 12 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Loss for the financial year	(143)	(20)
Net movement in shareholder's funds Opening shareholder's funds	(143) 1,047	(20) 1,067
Closing shareholder's funds	904	1,047

## 13 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company is a member of a HMRC Group value added tax registration and as at 31 March 2014 had a contingent liability of £986,000 (2013: £4,682,000) under this registration.

The Company, along with other fellow group undertakings, has in the normal course of business given guarantees and performance bonds relating to the Group's contracts totalling £27,211,000 (2013: £28,140,000).

## 14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 Related Party Transactions not to disclose transactions with companies which are wholly-owned undertakings within the Shanks Group plc group.

#### 15 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 (Revised) 'Cash flow statements'.

## 16 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking is Shanks Waste Management Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Shanks Group plc, a company incorporated in Scotland. Shanks Group plc is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 31 March 2014. The consolidated financial statements of Shanks Group plc can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Shanks Group plc, Dunedin House, Auckland Park, Mount Farm, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK1 1BU.