

Shanks Waste Management has started commissioning its new £7 million Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Kettering, Northamptonshire.

At full capacity, the two hectare facility will create 35 new jobs and will take Shanks' UK recycling capacity to over 1.2 million tonnes.

Due to be fully operational in early 2012, the MRF will process over 200,000 tonnes of non-segregated industrial and commercial waste, achieving a 70 percent recovery rate. The facility will also sort co-mingled dry mixed recyclables to extract the maximum useful resource, including ferrous and non-ferrous metals, cardboard, paper, plastic and wood.

Commissioning of the Kettering MRF follows the recent official opening of Shanks' new MRF and Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facilities in Glasgow, and the commencement of construction of its new 60,000 tonnes per year AD facility in Bicester.

Ian Goodfellow, Shanks' UK Managing Director said:

“At Shanks, we continue to invest in highly automated recycling and recovery technology to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and incineration. We see waste as a valuable resource and are very pleased that with the opening of our new MRF in Kettering we can recover even more material.”