

# Shanks and Wheelabrator announce a cooperation agreement to bid for waste-to-energy projects in the United Kingdom

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**HAMPTON, N.H. - July 7, 2008** - Shanks Group plc. and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. today announced the signing of a cooperation agreement to provide a waste-to-energy solution to local authorities in the United Kingdom who have made the decision to procure energy from wastefacilities to address their residual waste disposal needs.

“We are delighted to be working in partnership with Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. We believe the widening of our technology offering in the private finance initiative (PFI) market not only satisfies the needs of a number of local authorities but also complements our Ecodeco MBT Solution,” said Ian F Goodfellow, managing director, Shanks UK.

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc.— the largest environmental services company in North America — is a recognized market leader in the design, construction and operation of waste-to-energy and independent power facilities, with 21 facilities across North America.

“We are very pleased to be teaming with Shanks, a recognized leader in the European waste sector,” said Mark A. Weidman, president of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. “The combination of Shanks’ established position in the industry and Wheelabrator’s 35 years of proven waste-to-energy experience offers a unique and competitive solution for the UK market. This project will also help us work toward Waste Management’s goal of doubling the amount of renewable energy produced by the year 2020.”

Shanks’ experience in the UK waste PFI sector coupled with Wheelabrator’s track record in energy from waste will deliver an innovative and affordable WTE solution for local authorities.

## About Shanks

Shanks Group plc is a modern waste and resource management company serving customers in the UK, Belgium and Holland. Shanks offers a wide and often innovative range of waste management solutions within its various collection, transport, recycling, treatment and disposal services. Shanks UK division successfully operates three PFI/PPP local authority contracts and are preferred bidder in a fourth.

## About Wheelabrator Technologies

A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management of Houston, Texas, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator’s 17 waste-to-energy facilities provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates five independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, tires, waste coal, and natural gas. In addition to producing electricity, some of these facilities also produce steam sold to nearby government and commercial establishments. Wheelabrator’s 22 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 896 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 985,000 homes. To learn more, visit [www.wheelabratortechologies.com](http://www.wheelabratortechologies.com).

## About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides

collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more, visit [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) or [www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com).

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