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BUSINESS EXPANSION AT NORTHERN TRUST'S ROTHBURY ESTATE!

Existing tenants, R W Joinery North East Limited have taken a 3 year tenancy agreement of a 2,719 sq ft unit on Rothbury Industrial Estate in Northumberland in a move that has seen them expand from a circa 550 sq ft unit on the same estate.

R W Joinery North East Limited manufacture windows, doors and other timber products from renewable resources and urgently required larger accommodation to house timber stocks and machinery due to rapid expansion of their business.

Steve Brown, Regional Property Manager for Whittle Jones (North East), agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust Co. Ltd said; "We are delighted that R W Joinery North East Limited chose Rothbury Industrial Estate as the location to expand their business. Their decision to take these units was influenced by the flexible lease terms that Northern Trust Company offer and the speed with which they were able to take occupation".

Rothbury Industrial Estate provides approximately 25,500 sq ft of workshop/industrial accommodation and is owned by Northern Trust Company Limited, part of the Northern Trust Group based in Chorley, Lancashire. Northern Trust Company's North East portfolio currently comprises circa 2.7 million sq ft in over 1,200 units.

Rothbury Industrial Estate is one of the more rural estates owned by Northern Trust in the North East and continues to perform well with a steady demand for premises. Units have generous parking/loading areas, and following this latest letting there are only a small number of units remaining available.

The estate is situated on the outskirts of Rothbury in the heart of Northumberland. The main A697 road lies approximately 5 miles to the east with Newcastle approximately 29 miles to the south.

Property particulars and further details can be obtained from agents Whittle Jones (North East) 0191 221 1999.

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