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### **£2.3 MILLION INVESTMENT AT SEFTON BUSINESS PARK**

Work is nearing completion on a 2.5 acre development site which, when completed will comprise 33,000 sq ft of workshop space at Sefton Business Park, Aintree, Liverpool. Developers for the scheme Delma Developments, part of the Northern Trust Group plan to create 15 workshops with a scheme value of around £2m.

The site was acquired from the Northwest Development Agency, and Delma Developments has secured nearly £800,000 of grant funding towards the development through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the Atlantic Gateway programme.

The scheme will be ready for occupation by September 2006, and will provide 15 workshop units in sizes ranging from 990-4180 sq ft, which will be available to let on flexible tenancy agreements. Units over 1000 sq ft will benefit from 10% office space, with all units including heating, lighting and security shutters. The Park will benefit from a remotely monitored CCTV system, secure perimeter fencing, with access to the site via electrically operated gates.

Andy Dunsmore, Project Manager with the Atlantic Gateway Team at Sefton Council said, "This scheme is a key part of the Atlantic Gateway programme aimed at creating new employment opportunities and will build on the success of previous developments in this area."

Mike Grindrod, from Delma Developments commented, "High demand due to a lack of suitable quality workshop space in the area is the primary motivation for developing the workspace at Sefton Business Park. The site will be attractive to security conscious

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occupiers and is situated in an established location, which has benefited recently from significant investment, particularly to the local infrastructure. We are confident of high levels of interest from local businesses.”

Sefton Business Park is located on Deltic Way, Aintree, just off the A59 close to Aintree Racecourse. It is convenient for local amenities and is close to the M57, providing excellent links to the national motorway network.

Based at Ackhurst Park, Chorley, Northern Trust has a portfolio of over 8m sq ft of industrial and office accommodation located in the north and midlands with over 3,200 tenants, and 2,000 acres of land.

Agents for the Scheme are Whittle Jones (North West) tel: 01257 238666, and Matthews & Goodman LLP tel: 0151 236 8732

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**Notes to Editors:**

Atlantic Gateway is one of eight Strategic Investment Areas (SIAs) on Merseyside identified as having the greatest potential for economic growth with the help of European Funding.