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NEW OFFICE SUITES SET TO LAUNCH AT THE BEEHIVE BUSINESS CENTRE, BLACKBURN

Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust Company, are pleased to announce that work is underway on the top floor of The Beehive Business Centre in Blackburn, to create a range of office suites.

The Beehive is a 3 storey Business Centre offering a range of flexible office suites from 2 persons (163 sq ft) upwards. The top floor is being divided into suites ranging from 393 sq ft up to 2,707 sq ft to facilitate expansion space for both current occupiers and businesses looking to relocate to the area. The Centre is home to over 30 different businesses, supporting over 200 jobs.

Nick Hemmings, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones North west, commented "The Beehive Business Centre is an extremely well located and established asset within the Northern Trust portfolio, which has operated at near full occupancy in recent months. The additional space created by subdividing the top floor will offer huge potential for local SME's who can benefit from a professional modern business environment, with break-out space and EV charging.

We have already agreed two pre-lets on the top floor, despite the refurbishment only being due for completion by the end of August, which is testament to the high quality space the Business Centre has to offer."

The Beehive is ideally located close to Junction 5 of the M65, and provides a managed reception and visitor welcome service, along with meeting room facilities.

Donna Jackson, Business Centre Manager added "We have seen strong demand for the smaller range of office suites over the last 12 months. The Beehive offers excellent facilities in an easily accessible location, making it the ideal solution for businesses looking to expand or relocate." For more details about The Beehive please visit the dedicated website at www.thebeehive-blackburn.co.uk or call Donna on 01254 693520 or email djackson@whittlejones.co.uk to arrange a viewing.

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Northern Trust is a family owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land regeneration.

The existing property portfolio extends to over 8 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 5,000 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and new development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones**, which has regional offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the Whittle Jones website.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with over 625,000 sq ft currently under construction or in the development pipeline.

Northern Trust has also secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last two years, and with the current projects covering more than 50 sites where there is potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward strategic land regeneration opportunities

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at www.northerntrust.co.uk