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IT FIRM MOVES INTO LONG LANE TRADING ESTATE

Whittle Jones; managing agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust are pleased to confirm that they completed the letting of Unit 17, a 956 sq ft unit to Orbits IT on their popular Long Lane Trading Estate in Blackheath.

Working with over 200 SMEs, charities and public sector organisations, Orbits IT is a provider of IT support and related services to businesses throughout South Wales West Midlands and the South West. With offices in Cardiff, Bristol and Birmingham they deliver customer focused, cost-effective and technically adept IT services that have seen them become a leader in the sector.

Jim Lewington, Managing Director at Orbits IT commented "Orbits IT are delighted to be relocating their Midlands operation to this new purpose built unit in Long Lane Trading Estate. It gives us the extra space and facilities we require in a very visible location which we need as we look to expand the business over the coming year. The process has been handled impeccably by Whittle Jones from start to finish and I look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship." For more information please visit the website <u>www.orbitsit.co.uk</u> or call 0121 270 3377.

Caroline Jones, Lettings Manager at Whittle Jones added "We are delighted to welcome Orbits IT to our Long Lane Industrial Estate and wish them the best of luck."

Long Lane Trading Estate comprises 20 purpose built industrial units to let arranged in 3 blocks, with sizes ranging from 930 sq ft up to 1,985 sq ft. Following this latest letting there is only 1 vacant unit available.

Long Lane Trading Estate is located on the A4034 on the outskirts of Blackheath town centre in a mixed industrial and retail location offering good visibility on this busy main A road.

Blackheath lies to the North West of Central Birmingham and has easy access to Junction 2 of the M5 motorway which is approximately 1.5 miles away.

For more details and current availability please visit Whittle Jones Midlands on 0121 523 2929 or email <u>midlands@whittlejones.co.uk</u>

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

The existing property portfolio extends to almost 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.

Northern Trust works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward regeneration opportunities; and has already secured planning for circa 4,500 homes. Our current projects covering more than 30 sites incorporate a mixture of uses including the potential of bringing forward a further 5,000 new homes.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with a further 0.5 million sq ft currently under construction or with planning being prepared for commencement on site within the next year. The company also benefits from a supplementary land bank for the longer term.

The Commercial and Industrial portfolio contains circa 4,000 individual units with 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 development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones.** Whittle Jones have 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 <u>Whittle Jones website</u>.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and regeneration initiatives throughout the UK. For further information on Northern Trust please visit our website at <u>www.northerntrust.co.uk</u>